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12/3/2020 15:39	Yvette Melby Garcia	<p>Appeal for change Good evening/morning, Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I will be as brief as possible. I also hope to join tomorrow evening's meeting to speak to this issue. My name is Yvette Melby Garcia and I would like to tell you about my recent walk in Sugarhouse park and appeal to you, as the city council, for change. Two Saturdays ago, November 21, 2020, my friend and I took a walk in Sugarhouse Park to enjoy the afternoon sunshine. I had my 9 month old baby and dog, and she had her dog as well. As we walked the popular circle with many other Salt Lake folk that day, we were accosted by a long chain of vehicles carrying signs and flags in support of Q and Donald Trump. My friend and I were wearing masks and many people in that group shouted at us to take off our masks. This was only slightly alarming compared to what we came across next. Shortly after rounding the last turn, we saw that most of the vehicles had pulled over. Among those exiting those vehicles were several men carrying what appeared to be high caliber assault rifles. They stood by, along the side of the road, in a threatening manner. One boy, who appeared to be underage, followed us as we walked, after I told him several times to back away and stop following us. As we had to drive back through this rally to exit the park, the friend who I was with, who is Black, was verbally accosted by another armed man who said to her, "we are going to kill Black people." He also used vulgar language. There are so many layers to this event that are troubling, it would take some time to break them all down. The most notable, in addition to the racially charged threats, is that my friend and I, two women and a baby, were unable to go safely on a walk in our own public neighborhood park. For this reason I am appealing to you today, as our city council, to encourage those in a position to do so, to put in place an ordinance or a law that prohibits the use of the open carry of weapons in public parks. I strongly bell've that we can all agree, regardless of political view or party, race or gender, that we should all feel safe enough in our neighborhoods and public spaces to take a sunny Saturday afternoon walk in the park. In support of this measure, I have created a petition and am currently collecting signatures from concerned community members. I am happy to share these with you once collected. Thank you so much for your time and attention to this matter. Longtime Salt Lake City Community Member, Yvette Melby Garcia</p>

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12/8/2020 10:52	Rhea Lisonbee	<p>Message----- From: Rhea Lisonbee [REDACTED] Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 9:53 AM To: Council Comments <Comments.Council@slcgov.com> Subject: (EXTERNAL) Idiot contractors I'm offended that nobody responded to my last email about the lovely 2000th East project. However here we are on December 8 listening to jack hammers and breathing toxic cement dust AGAIN because the idiots at Geneva Rock forgot to imprint our street name Claybourne on the freaking sidewalk!!! What a stupid reason to ruin our lives! PLEASE do not hire those fools again for any city projects! They are clowns who have disrupted our neighborhood with hellacious noise and toxic dust since May 2019! They have FAILED to inform us of what's happening even refusing to answer questions and tortured us for nearly nine months! They refused to mitigate the dust during the evenings and weekends. They stupidly swept the street when finished without vacuuming, creating more huge clouds of toxic dust, after we had cleaned the filthy dust off our windows, houses and furnace ducts at great effort and expense! And now here we are again! What a farce this has been ! And the only person I've been able to contact and get information from is Josh Thompson. He's talked me off the ledge several times and deserves a bonus. Where is the Mayor and Amy Fowler? They hide behind Covid 19 and layers of worker bees I guess. It feels like we don't have city representation at all! Not a word from them personally for 9 months! Sad and very trumpian! Rhea Lisonbee SLC 84106 Sent from my iPhone</p>
12/8/2020 12:23	Robert Langworthy	<p>Speeding on 2700 South-D7 Hello Sir, It has been a month since your email and I has seen no change in the traffic on 27th south and have not received an update or communication of any kind. Do I need to call KSL to see if Gephart may be able to get some answers? Seriously I am very frustrated. Thank you! Robert Langworthy Wednesday, October 7, 2020 4:21 PM To: City Council Liaisons <City.Council.Liaisons@slcgov.com <mailto:City.Council.Liaisons@slcgov.com> > Subject: (EXTERNAL) Speeding on 2700 South Good day, I was wondering what we have to do to get SLCPD to enforce the 25MPH speed limit on 2700 S from 13th East to 20th East? I have contacted them and was informed that they have been reassigned to other priorities and basically it doesn't matter that we have drivers doing 40-45 or higher up and down the street even with 2 schools on this street. I have sent messages to the Mayor's office and not received a reply I have also contacted my state representative since she lives very close by and she told me she passed it on to Ms. Fowler. We need as a minimum more speed limit signs and we really need SLCPD to start enforcing. Thank You Robert Langworthy</p>

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12/11/2020 13:55	Tim Smith	<p><Amy.Fowler@slcgov.com <mailto: Amy.Fowler@slcgov.com> > Subject: (EXTERNAL) Concerned Constituent ? Councilwoman Fowler, I've written previously with other concerns and have actually never received a response from you. I am hoping you will respond this time. I have two issues I could use your help with. First, the scene of the truck accident on 2100 S 2300 E where the statue of Parley Pratt was is an absolute mess. Even weeks after the crash there is a significant amount of debris and more concerning diesel fuel remaining. I'm not really concerned with what will happen with the statue. My concern is when will that area get cleaned up. It can't be good for our environment to have all the diesel fuel residue and oil sitting there. Secondly, there is an increased homeless encampment presence by the mouth of Parleys Canyon. There is someone living under the Foothill Overpass on the Parleys way exit. There is a lot of garbage and human waste accumulating there. Last week at night, I was taking that exit and an individual with a bike was crossing there on his way to camp. I nearly hit him. It is unsanitary and unsafe. There are also more camps just east of where the Shoreline Trail crosses I-80. Those camps are about a mile east of the bridge. This is in an area where people often walk and hike. The camps again are filled with garbage and human waste. There is a large camp below a ravine about a quarter mile east of the bridge and another smaller camp further east up the old asphalt road there. There are definitely health issues at these locations. I really hope I get a response from you with some guidance on where I go or what to do to deal with these issues. Best Tim Smith Living within the boundaries of District 7 for 20+ years</p>

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12/15/2020 10:35	Zachary Nold	<p>Dear City Council, Thank you for choosing to do a Zero Based Police Budget for policing. I think this model will help cut the budget in ways that will save the city money and time and therefore allow money to be allocated in a better way. I do have a few ideas about where to cut it. As an Officer I think my insight may be helpful. First and foremost our Organized Crime Unit which focuses on hookers and johns probably could be downsized, although this is a visible issue on both North Temple and 1300 South State Street. Who really cares about sex workers? What you may not realize is our Organized Crime Unit is the Unit catching all the pedophiles and child rapists that are making the news. In the two years they have been doing this they have caught well over a 100+ child predator's proactively. Even the DA did a news piece on this he himself congratulated the hard work of the department and the DA's office. It has been proven that if these individuals were allowed to keep roaming free they would actually rape children. We all have kids or family that have children and no matter where we fall on the political spectrum we can agree this is bad. If the budget is cut this unit will disappear and patrol officers can't do this type of work. It is too time intensive and specialized. Did I mention this unit has already been gutted? It went from 7 Officers over the last year to 4 and now it is being combined with narcotics investigations so it will have only 5 Officers to combat both pedophiles and drugs... Which brings me to my next cut, Narcotics. Who cares about drugs, its not like it matters right? How about when they drive so high that they run a red light in their Camaro and kill a pregnant 26 year old... then they get out of their car in front of the cop, (me), yell I am God and throw their keys at me as I have to chase them down the street and fight with him to serve some sort of justice.... there is not justice for her death. But yes let's get rid of narcotics, who are understaffed and supported anyway. Let's let drugs run wild and legalize them because no one undercuts the market and people who do dope are violent, don't commit burglaries, home invasions, or theft in an effort to sell items or get more money for their addiction.</p> <p>*Continued 1/3*</p>

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	Zachary Nold	<p>The problem with society today is they think everything is solvable and goals mean the crime or objective has been achl'ved. If people actually spent time in study of Leadership they would understand that companies and communities which think infinitely about a problem or goal end up in the long term with better gains. Some problems will never disappear. According to Simon Sinek and his book, The Infinite Game a police department that thinks of crime as something that can never be defeated has a better chance of suppressing it and offering appropriate resources with proper support. Crime will never go away, homelessness will never go away, drugs will never go away. If you want to mitigate these crimes support for the police needs to increase not decrease. Boundaries must be set for those committing crimes so they are punished accordingly and offered resources, however, they can't be forced to take them. The people in charge of the police, chief mayor city council etc. need to make them feel safe, trusted, trained and valued as a resource for this community. LT. Colonel Dave Grossman stated there are three professions in this world that are necessary for a society to survive. A doctor, a lawyer, and a warrior. Of the three the warrior is the most important because the doctor can't treat the ill if evil won't allow him to. The lawyer can't mitigate or litigate issues unless there is someone there to defend and enforce societies values. No one said that police can't improve. Yet, they haven't even been invited to the table. You want improvement it takes time and effort, understanding, and most importantly an understanding that the answer we need to give the MOB is NO. It is okay to say NO. There is a reason we are police Officers and they aren't because we know how to say NO and be told NO. You are already down 60-70 Officers with no replacements coming any time soon. More will leave of natural attrition and even more will leave if budgets are cut. *Continued 2/3*</p>
	Zachary Nold	<p>* Continued 3/3* My serious recommendation to save money is to stop this audit, stop paying an outside company. Actually meet with Officers and the union, come do a ride along and hang out with specialty units and see what is actually needed. I hope you enjoyed my recommendations. Respectfully, Detective Zachary Nold P.S. Make sure you don't forget to recommend the Public Order Unit for the cut. It isn't like multiple Offers including myself suffered serious injury trying to protect a community that doesn't seem to support them anyway. If it wasn't for the police and this unit you wouldn't have a city to be a council over right now....</p>

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12/15/2020 10:36	Mikah Lindquist	<p>To Whom It May Concern: The fundamental logistical problem right now in the department is staffing. Patrol staffing is extremely low. An ill-conceived effort was made by the administration to augment patrol numbers by pull detectives from their positions and placing them in patrol. The immediate and obvious result of this lack of staffing is officers are unable to respond in a timely manner due to the sheer volume of calls. I recently had an encounter with a man who was a victim of theft and was so angry he would not even meet with the police who responded to the call (20-220080) due to the time it took officers to respond. Most people are more understanding, but that empathy is waning. Another consequence of this lack of staffing is patrol officers are daily forced to make a choice between the quality of service provided on each call verses the quantity of calls responded to. More and more providing citizens with a service that they appreciate is sacrificed for the sake of trying to cut down the number of calls holding. The this dilemma persists the more a culture of poor service will become the standard. With a greater back log officers are forced to deal with fewer lower priority calls which are held in reserve until the slower time of day when citizens either give up or are forced to deal with an issue telephonically because the time for action has passed. During the busiest time of day officers deal with more frequent and higher priority calls. Officer not only endure greater stress, but are being placed at greater risk regularly. Officers frequently have to stage nearby on high priority calls waiting for a backing officer who may be minutes or approaching hours away. As these officers face greater danger, greater stress with fewer resources they can take comfort in the calming words of the mayor that they are welcome to work someplace else. At what point is the mayor and city council held accountable for their actions? The response to the rise in calls is that many well-intentioned sergeants actively review calls looking for any opportunity to cancel request by citizens calling police emergency and non-emergency dispatch for help. *Continued 1/3*</p>

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	Mikah Lindquist	<p>A Police sergeant has been assigned this very task in dispatch. In truth this does make sense though. A natural consequence of defunding the police is when you call 911 no one answers. The aforementioned ill-conceived concept of augmenting patrol with detectives is also not without its consequences in patrol. It is generally understood that if there is a case or call that needs follow-up to be completed it will not be done by detectives. No offense to the detectives, but they are stretched too thin. According to a Fox 13 news article, A new study shows that SLC is among the worst cities in the U.S. when it comes to stolen vehicles. In fact, Salt Lake City ranks No. 4 overall.? (https://www.fox13now.com/news/local-news/salt-lake-city-one-of-worst-u-s-cities-for-stolen-vehicles) Yet our Compstat, science driven administration, thought it logical to cut detectives including Auto theft detectives by half. I think it is a safe prediction that those statistics will not be going away any time soon. If they do it's because the car thieves that get a thrill from evading police just get bored Diminishing the detective bureau will only serve to create a poor overall work product in the Salt lake city Police Department. Cases that were unable to be completed in the field, but have potential for resolution will go unattended. Victims seeking resolution of their cases might as well hear a recording when calling the SLCPD, We are sorry but due to call volume who are not able to address your needs at this time. *Continued 2/3*</p>

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	Mikah Lindquist	<p>*Continued 3/3* The SLCPD fleet is poor condition. The city is willing to pour money into Ford Fusions ill suited not only to police work, but to weather (snow storms etc). The Mayor, city council and this police administration has bought into the concept that if you want fewer questionable police involved shootings then you must train less on handguns and rifles. As if confidence in any activity comes not from practice and training, but inactivity and atrophy. In the administrations opinion 25 or so rounds every trimester is plenty of training to prepare one's self for that shooting which will change your life forever. Myopic. The same concept is seen in the application of physical force (hands on). The more someone has experience and training the less likely they are to make mistakes that someone without confidence might make. Yet to have that kind of training problem falls back on the original problem, staffing. There are not enough officers to cover the beats in Salt Lake City. I will say that again for clarity in repetition. There are not enough officers to cover the beats in Salt Lake City. Even with stripping detectives to well past the point of inefficiency there are not enough officers. How can we expect to achI've proper standards of training under those circumstances? How can we expect to have superior standards of training? Finally, there is a general malaise or culture of apathy developing in SLCPD. When I started my now eight years at SLCPD, I was impressed by the spirit of service, of devotion to one's city akin to the military's devotion to one's country. Somehow, the Mayor, the city council, and this administration have squandered and continue to squander every ounce of good will left in the department. In speaking with officers from other Police departments I have always felt that Salt Lake City PD was one of the best if not the best. Today, while I still love respect and admire those officers I serve with, I am ashamed at what the SLCPD is becoming. I am not and never will be embarrassed to say I am a police officer, but I am embarrassed to say that I work for Salt Lake City. Officers want the training to do their job. Officers want to do the best job possible. What is lacking is any kind of support logistical and otherwise from the Mayor, the City Council and the Administration. Sincerely, Mikah Lindquist SLCPD Patrol, O50</p>

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12/15/2020 10:37	William Woods	<p>May I remind you that in the midst of your "enthusiasm" to blame police for events 1200 miles away this past summer, you 1.) defunded police to the tune of \$ 5 million, resulting in 2.) a cancelled annual academy police academy class and 3.) condemned the lawful (and ethical) shooting of a criminal in Salt Lake City. The result is now that we have seen an escalation in violent and property crime in the city. You all should be ashamed of your mismanagement of the city's law enforcement assets. I don't expect anything good from the mayor---she is a committed ideologue who refuses to see reality. You on the city council need to step up to plate, defend the police and stop de-funding them because your current policies are spreading homeless tent encampments (resulting in spread of disease) and discouraging qualified police officers from doing their jobs. Now please fix it and restore funding and morale to the SLCPD. William Woods</p>