

Topic	Name	Comment	District
Construction	Melissa Regan	Dear City Councilmembers- Please find the attached letter and supporting exhibits on behalf of Verizon Wireless providing comments regarding the Ordinance“ Amendment to Require Notice for Permits to Work in the Public Way. Verizon Wireless representatives will be in attendance at the City Council meeting on Tuesday and available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you, Melissa *See Corresponding Attachments*	n/a
Homelessness	Colby Laveder	Hi, I live in the Fairgrounds neighborhood and there is a house that has set up a kind of tent city on their property. No one is wearing a mask and they seem to be having fires during the night to keep warm. It looks like it a homeless camp within someone's private property. Who would I contact to look into this? Thanks	1
Homelessness	Frank Travort	This voicemail was left by Frank Travort. Frank is concerned about the increasing number of people experiencing homelessness gathering by his business at 998 S 3200 W. He asked for someone to reach out and contact him about his options.	2
Homelessness	Amon	Amon is upset with the City's policies towards homelessness. He is particularly upset with the encampment on 700 S.	n/a
Parks and Trails	Camilla Flint	Dear Council members, I recently was surveyed on a plan to develop new trails in Salt Lake City. I love the idea of new trails, but I think the money would be better spent at this time to take better care of the ones we already have. I no longer walk on the Jordon River Trail that is close to my neighborhood (I live in the Fair Park Neighborhood) because of the amount of garbage along the trail. My child and my dog love to go to Cottonwood Park, but I have seen used needles there, our car window got smashed there and things stolen, and we have seen people, apparently indigent, on the grass and felt like we needed to check if they were alive or not. Those things make it not so pleasant. I would suggest that in addition to hiring more people to pick up garbage, Salt Lake devotes whatever resources it has to expanding the amount of mental health and addiction beds and increasing enforcement of public drunkenness or drug use laws, squatting laws, and littering laws. I also think that urban camp sites should be set up with trash collection and sanitation with frequent police presence in some areas. All along the river at Cottonwood park are camps set up. Some are tidy and the inhabitants do not interfere with the intended uses of the areas; but some aren't. Making the existing recreational areas function better as recreational areas and not as homeless camps, and providing better options to unhoused people, should be a much higher priority than creating new trails. Sincerely, Camilla Flint	n/a

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PD and Community	Dan White	To whom it may concern, Over the course of the last year, I have been appalled at the handling of the riots and the treatment of our police department in Salt Lake City. During one of the riots, the rioters stopped my car, threw bottles at it at 500 south and state, flipped me off, danced in front of my car, cursed, all while the police were not allowed to do anything about it. I felt so sorry for them that I went and bought a bag of treats and sodas, hoping to apologize for the brutal abandonment by Mayor Mendenhall and all leadership. In my opinion, she, the city council, and the chief of police should be investigated for sedition for what they allowed to occur. The day after the destruction of the DA's office, once again I bought pizzas, made cupcakes, and wrote a thank you note to the officers and dropped it off at the police station; and then volunteered to clean the paint and broken glass left by the criminals who violated the building. I wonder how many times the leadership has done the same for these brave people or volunteered to clean up the mess that they themselves created? My own brother was killed by police last summer in another state, and I am biracial, and I do NOT support one bit the lashing that the police have received, and the mayor and leaders should be absolutely ashamed of what they allowed to occur. My race and circumstances of my family should not have any bearing in what is right and correct, but due to the political zeitgeist, I have to qualify my opinion now with those facts, otherwise I am not allowed a dog in the fight because I would not be perceived as having any right to speak my mind. The city leadership has let the mob of a minor few, who have mouths, tempers, and lack of restraint, to speak for us. STOP LISTENING TO THEM! Somehow the first amendment has become the newest gym for people; I have to exercise my 1st amendment right today; gotta get 20 more reps in before lunch. What would happen if people exercised other rights with the same vehemence that has run rampant with the 1st? What if people exercised their 2nd amendment right with the same unchecked restraint?! Why is it then any different for those who incite violence with their words; who damage our community; who let the homeless camps take over; who glorify criminals, who were caught breaking the law, with murals? What is wrong with the leadership who now redefine words, that racism is now included with a qualifier of not only being against another race, but against another race by those in authority? That is subjective at best. Where is the line where you can stop and say, I guess we went too far now? The fact that the city painted a black lives matter mural proves their hypocrisy and idiocy. Instead of inspiring and encouraging us to be Americans first, and to only judge by the content of character, the mayor and her subordinates have systematically said and done, time and again, that they are racists by separating us. The mayor, and those who serve with her, have now created isolation and segregation through their hubris and perverse interpretation of diversification, so congratulations. Enough is enough. Dan White	n/a
Skateboard	Andy Bonjean	Hello - I am trying to find out who my council member is - the map/page to determine my district is not functional. I live at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. There is constantly skateboarding outside my apartment which causes disruptive noise, damages the wood benches, and poses a dangerous risk to many pedestrians. Wondering if something could be done. Thank you. Best, Andy Bonjean Nexus on 9th	5

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January 15, 2021

VIA E-MAIL

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Re: Salt Lake City – Municipal Code – Amendments to Sections 14.32.030 and
14.32.035 to Require Notice for Permits to Work in the Public Way

Dear City Council Members:

We serve as counsel to Verizon Wireless. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on and participate in Salt Lake City's proposed amendments to Sections 14.32.030 and 14.32.035 to require notice of permits to work in the public way ("SLC Wireless Code"). Verizon Wireless wishes to work with City Council and City Staff to adopt revisions to the SLC Wireless Code that address the City's concerns of ensuring residents whose properties are adjacent to above groundwork that will be performed in the public way while balancing an efficient notification process prior to construction that falls within the parameters of what is permitted under federal and state law. Verizon Wireless currently provides notice to adjacent property owners after it receives its permit, which is typically 48-72 hours prior to performing its wireless and wireline work. The current process is efficient, notifies the correct property owners, provides notice at the appropriate time during the process, and complies with federal and state law. Verizon Wireless recommends City Council codify the notification process that currently is in practice. This letter outlines the notification process currently in place, provides comments regarding the proposed Sections to align with the process currently in place, and addresses the policy questions outlined in the City Staff's agenda.

1. Current Verizon Wireless Notification Process of Wireline and Wireless Work in Public Way

Currently, for each Verizon Wireless small wireless facility deployed in public ways in Salt Lake City, Verizon Wireless notifies adjacent property owners (where work will be conducted in the public way) of its wireless and wireline work 48-72 hours in advance of performing the work. The notification process Verizon Wireless follows is:

- *Notice - Door Hanger Template.* Verizon Wireless prepares a door hanger notification template for the above ground work it performs in the public way with respect to the small wireless facility. The door hanger template includes name, company identifying information, description of the work and where it will be performed, an email address, informational website, and phone number. A copy of Verizon Wireless's door hanger notification template is enclosed as **Exhibit 1**. Verizon Wireless's wireline counterpart also prepares a door hanger for notification template for the fiber work it performs in the public way and submits it with their application. This door hanger includes name, company identifying information, description of the work and where it will be performed, and an email address. A copy of wireline door hanger notification template is enclosed as **Exhibit 2**.
- *Notice Door Hanger Template submitted with Permit Application.* The door hanger template is submitted as part of Verizon Wireless's permit application, and the fiber contractor also submits its door hanger template as part of its permit application for the fiber work. The City provides the applicant notice if the door hanger template is not provided, and the applicant is provided the opportunity to submit the door hanger template.
- *Scope of Door Hanger Notification - Adjacent Property Owners.* The door hangers are placed on the properties of adjacent property owners. Adjacent property owners are defined as all residential properties directly adjacent the path of the above-ground construction work being performed in the public way or directly impacted by the route of the work to the location of the proposed small wireless facility (*e.g.* the homes affected by boring and directly around the site construction).
- *Timing of Door Hanger Notification.* After the permit application is approved by the City Engineer, Verizon Wireless places the door hanger notifications on the residential adjacent property owners approximately 72 hours prior to when the work is commenced in the public way. The timing of the notification aligns with the City's goal to provide notice to adjacent property owners that work will be performed that may directly impact those property owners.

As the City Staff notes in its January 12, 2021 memo, the current notification process is not a written requirement at this time in the SLC Wireless Code or the City's Design Guidelines

or application requirements. Importantly, Verizon Wireless has followed this notification process for the past two years commencing in 2019. The notification process the City currently uses is efficient and provides adequate notice because: 1) the notice is provided after the permit is issued and 48-72 hours prior to the construction work in the public way and notifies adjacent property owners that work is going to be performed; 2) the notice notifies “adjacent property owners” whose property is adjacent to the public way where work will be performed; and 3) the timing of the notification complies with the goal of the City to notify property owners that work will be performed and is within the scope of what the City may do with respect to approval of small wireless permits under state and federal law.

2. Verizon Wireless’s Comments to Proposed Amendments to Section 14.32.030 and 14.32.035

Verizon Wireless requests City Council kindly accept the following comments concerning the proposed Sections on behalf of Verizon Wireless. Also, attached you will find a redline of the proposed SLC Wireless Code with Verizon Wireless’s proposed changes and suggestions as set forth in detail below.

a. Section 14.32.030(A)(13)

- i. *Proposed Language in Ordinance:* For all above ground installations, evidence that the applicant has provided notice to all property owners whose properties are adjacent to the portion of the public way where the work is being performed. The notice shall contain the name of the permit holder, the purpose of the construction, and a contact phone number and email for the permit holder. Such evidence shall be satisfactory to the City Engineer that all adjacent property owners have received notice.
- ii. *VZW Comment - Timing of When Notice Is Required.* The proposed amendment is in the section titled “Permit Application Requirements.” Under the proposed amendment, the applicant will have to provide evidence that “the applicant **has provided notice**” to adjacent property owners before it submits the permit application. Verizon Wireless respectfully requests that an applicant be required to provide the notification template that it will use to provide notice at the time it submits its application permit and, then, an application will provide the notification to the adjacent property owners 48-72 hours in advance of the work to be performed in the public way. This proposed timing is consistent with the current notice practice where an application submits the template with the permit application and, then, posts notice shortly before the work commences. It is not a logical step in the process to require an applicant to post a notice for construction work when the applicant does not yet have a permit. To do so may confuse the adjacent

property owners as it may indicate the applicant has started the construction process when it has not yet started.

Also, this proposed timing of notice aligns with the City's goal of providing notice about the work that will be performed in the public way. Providing the notice in advance of the permit being issued does not allow the applicant to specify when the work will be done and may raise questions and confusion if the notice is provided weeks in advance of when the work will be performed.

Further, providing notice in advance of the application permit may improperly suggest that the City may consider any public input as part of its decision making process to approve the permit. Small wireless facilities in the right-of-way; and the co-location, installation, operation, modification, maintenance or replacement of small wireless facilities are a permitted use by right in any zone and subject only to administrative review. Utah Code Annotated § 54-21-204(1). The Utah Legislature determined, in enacting S.B. 189 that deployment of small wireless facilities is most effective in rights-of-way to ensure that all citizens in the state will have access to advanced technology and information and is a matter of statewide concern and interest. By declaring that placement of small wireless facilities or networks in the right-of-way are "a permitted use under the authority's zoning regulation and subject only to administrative review", the statute furthers the legislative declaration that small wireless facilities should be deployed most effectively in public way. Under S.B. 189, a local authority has the power to give consent to any wireless provider to erect poles or construct any small cell facilities or small cell networks in public rights-of-way. However, the local authority's consent cannot be unreasonably withheld and Utah Code Annotated § 54-21-103 specifies the limitations on a local authority's permitting authority.

Given the City is limited on when it may withhold its consent for a wireless provider's permitted by use of the public way, it is important to be mindful of this as to when the City requires notice to adjacent property owners. If the City requires notice prior to the issuance of a permit, adjacent property owners may view this as providing discretion and consideration of their comments and the opportunity for valid applications to be denied in a process where a statutory right involved. To allow for any public input into this review process improperly conveys that the City Engineer may consider any public input as part of its decision making process. The City Engineer cannot improperly deny an application where the applicant has satisfied these requirements or the city will be in violation of state and federal law.

- iii. *VZW Comment - Evidence of Notification Requirement.* Verizon Wireless respectfully requests that City Council clarify the type of evidence that will be required to demonstrate an applicant has satisfied the notification requirement. Verizon Wireless recommends the City accept a one-page construction drawing that denotes which adjacent property owners the applicant notified of the work to be performed in the public way, the signature of the applicant representative that provided the notices, and the date the notices were provided. A copy of a sample of the proposed one-page form to evidence the notification is enclosed as **Exhibit 3**. This one page construction drawing is an excerpt from the construction drawings that are submitted to the City and approved as part of the permit application. The wireline / fiber provider would also provide a similar drawing after their notices have been provided, subject to whether notices are required for fiber work in the public way. The applicants would upload this document to the City's system after the notices have been posted.
- iv. *VZW Comment - Definition of Adjacent Property Owner.* The proposed amendment does not define the term "adjacent property owner." Verizon Wireless respectfully requests City Council adopt the definition that currently is used in the notification process. Adjacent property owners are defined as all properties directly adjacent the path of the above-ground construction work being performed in the public way or directly impacted by the route of the work to the location of the proposed small wireless facility (e.g. the homes affected by boring and directly around the site construction).

This is the correct scope of which property owners should be notified as it aligns with the City's goal of notifying the property owners who may be directly impacted by the above ground work and are directly adjacent to where the above ground work will be performed. The Utah state statute already provides wireless providers with the right to deploy small wireless facilities within the public way. If the application complies with state law and the City's code, the City shall approve the application. No factual basis is given to expand the scope of adjacent property owners to properties within a certain radius or blocks of the proposed facility, and adds an impermissible regulatory burden when the current process is working well and fairly for all concerned.

- v. *VZW Comment - Purpose of Construction.* Verizon Wireless respectfully requests that City Council clarify the purpose of the notice and what is to be included in the description of the "purpose of construction". Currently, Verizon Wireless's door hangers include a description of the work and where it will be performed. This notice correctly and already aligns with the

City's goal to provide notice to property owners that construction is commencing and the application complies with local, state, and federal requirements.

- vi. *VZW Comment - Above-Ground Work in Public Way.* Verizon Wireless respectfully requests City Council clarify the definition of “above ground work” and whether it includes work such as excavation to run conduit or lay fiber. Verizon Wireless proposes that notification be provided if the primary purpose of the work to be performed in the public way is above-ground work such as constructing a wireless facility. If the primary purpose is to run conduit underground, then, the applicant is not required to provide notice of work in the public way. Currently, an adjacent property owner likely receives two notifications – one for above-ground wireless work and one for fiber work – and these notices may occur at different times. This may cause confusion for the property owners regarding what work is being performed and by which entity.

b. Section 14.32.030(A)(14)

- i. *Proposed Language in Ordinance:* Any other information that may be reasonably be required by the City Engineer.
- ii. *VZW Comment.* This provision is significantly overbroad and allows for substantial amount of discretion on the part of the City Engineer as there are no limitations on “other information” that could be required. The current application process already requires all of the information needed under Section 14.32.035(A), and this provision was reviewed when the City Council enacted the provision, so no new regulation is needed. Further, the term “reasonably” is subject to varying interpretations. Verizon Wireless respectfully requests City Council remove this provision or provide more specificity as to what type of “other information” the City Engineer may request. One potential alternative may be “Any other technological, engineering, or construction information that may be reasonably required by the City Engineer subject to the requirements under federal, state, and local law.”

c. Section 14.32.035(A)(8)

- i. *Proposed Language in Ordinance:* Evidence that the applicant has provided required notice to adjacent property owners.

- ii. *VZW Comment.* Verizon Wireless respectfully requests City Council adopt its proposal set forth in Section 2.a.iii above as to what is sufficient evidence for the applicant to submit to show it provided the required notice.

3. City Staff Report – Policy Questions

In the City Staff Report regarding the proposed amendments to Sections 14.32.030 and 14.32.035, the City Staff includes six policy questions for City Council to consider. Verizon Wireless provides its comments and guidance on those policy questions that are appropriate for the City Council's consideration based upon its experience with the current notice it provides in Salt Lake City as well as its experience with notice requirements in other jurisdictions through the west region.

1. For the properties that would be included in the notification, the Council may wish to consider expanding the requirement beyond the proposal of adjacent property owners.

For the reasons set forth in Section 2.a.iv above, Verizon Wireless respectfully requests City Council focus the notification to the adjacent property owners. As noted in the City Staff's report, the purpose of the notification is to ensure that adjacent property owners whose properties are adjacent to the above groundwork receive notice that will be performed in the public way and where the work is being performed. Focusing the notification to only adjacent property owners accomplishes the City's objective and would be compliant with state and federal law in responding to those comments and denying permits.

2. If the Council has questions about the timing of when the notice must be given to when the permit is granted, the Council may wish to ask the administration to explain the process for when the notice must be given before receiving the permit for construction.

For the reasons set forth above in Section 2.a.ii, Verizon Wireless respectfully requests City Council require a notice template to be submitted with the permit application and the actual notice be provided after the permit is issued and 48-72 hours before the work commences in the public way. This also aligns with the City's goal to provide timely notice to property owners when work in the public way may occur that is adjacent to their property.

6. The Council may wish to ask about options to address issues when the noticing requirements are not followed.

Verizon Wireless proposes that if there is an issue when the notice requirements are not followed, the City provide the applicant with notice and either require the applicant to resubmit the notice template or provide the applicant with the contact information of any individuals or entities who did not receive the requisite notice and the applicant will be required to contact that individual or entity within 24 hours.

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Again, Verizon Wireless appreciates the opportunity to comment on Salt Lake City's proposed amendments regarding notice requirements for work in the public way. Verizon Wireless wishes to work with Salt Lake City to enact regulations that which conform to state and federal law, are reasonable for implementation, and which are fair to all stakeholders. Verizon Wireless believes that such results can be accomplished. Verizon Wireless representatives will be in attendance at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 19 and available to answer any questions you may have. We would appreciate the opportunity to talk to you with you and discuss these matters. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Reagan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Melissa K. Reagan

Encl.

cc: Ms. Kimberly Chytraus (via email)

Hello Neighbors:

Over the next several weeks, construction crews will be working in your neighborhood to enhance the Verizon Wireless network.

We will be installing a small cell facility on your block.

For more information about small wireless facilities, please contact:

VZWNetworkUtah@verizonwireless.com

Or

Visit our website:

<https://improveyourwireless.com/slc/>

We will not be doing any work on your private property – all work is performed in the public right-of-way and pursuant to permits issued by Salt Lake City.

Roads may be closed and parking restricted during this time. Notices will be posted in the necessary spots in advance of any closure. We will do our best to minimize any disruptions to you and we are grateful for your understanding and cooperation.

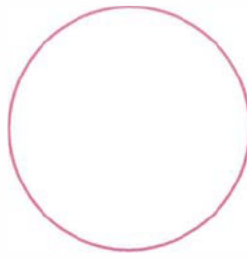
If your residence has any kind of private utility not located by Utah 811 please advise by using the email address provided above.

24-Hour Construction Emergency,
please call 801-260-8888

Sincerely,

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Verizon Wireless Salt Lake City Team



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801-318-9948

This door hanger is to notify you that LightLink Communications, or one of our subcontractors will be performing underground and or aerial utility work near or around your property in the next few days. If you have any question at anytime during the construction of this project, please use the contact information below for assistance.

Job Number:

MCI communications

Field Supervisor: Jayson Seely

If you have any questions, please Email me at:

Jayson@lightlinkinc.com

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- HORIZONTAL CLEARANCES: 5'-0" CLEARANCE REQ'D FROM ANY SEWER RELATED ITEMS (PIPES, MANHOLES, LATERALS, CLEANOUTS, ETC). 3'-0" CLEARANCE REQUIRED FROM ANY WATER RELATED ITEMS (PIPES, VALVES, VAULTS, METERS, ETC). 3'-0" CLEARANCE REQ'D FROM ANY STORM DRAIN RELATED ITEMS (PIPES, CLEANOUTS, INLETS, ETC). 3'-0" CLEARANCE REQ'D FROM ANY CITY OWNED FIBER (CABLES, CONDUITS, HANDHOLES OR VAULTS).
- VERTICAL CLEARANCES: 18" OVER AND 12" UNDER, CANALS REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 5' DEPTH BELOW BOTTOM (CLARIFY WITH CANAL OWNER PRIOR TO INSTALL).
- ALL UTILITY CROSSINGS ARE TO BE BETWEEN 45 AND 90 DEGREES.
- SEWER LATERALS ARE NOT MARKED BY BLUE STAKES, THE CONTRACTOR IS REQ'D TO LOCATE AND PROTECT THEM DURING CONSTRUCTION, CONTACT TAMMY WAMBEAM @ 801.483.6746 FOR LOCATION RECORDS FOR SEWER LATERALS. PROVIDE 5'-0" MINIMUM CLEARANCE FROM ALL SEWER LATERALS.

DISCLAIMER: THESE DRAWINGS WERE PRODUCED BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC (AERIAL PHOTOS, COUNTY PARCEL INFORMATION, UTILITY MAPS, ETC) AND WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A SITE SURVEY OR A TITLE REPORT TO VERIFY EXISTING EASEMENTS FOR POWER LINES, RIGHT-OF-WAYS, EXISTING UTILITIES, OR HEIGHTS SHOWN. THE CONTRACTOR SHOULD HAVE ALL PROJECTS BLUE STAKED PRIOR TO STARTING AND SHOULD PROVIDE 3' MINIMUM CLEARANCE TO ALL EXISTING UTILITIES WITH THEIR CONDUITS AND POLE FOUNDATION.

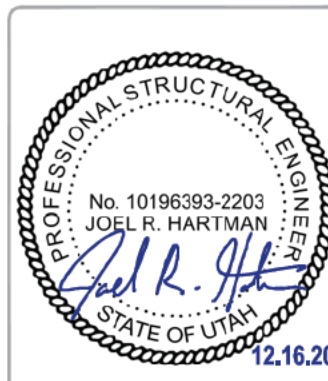


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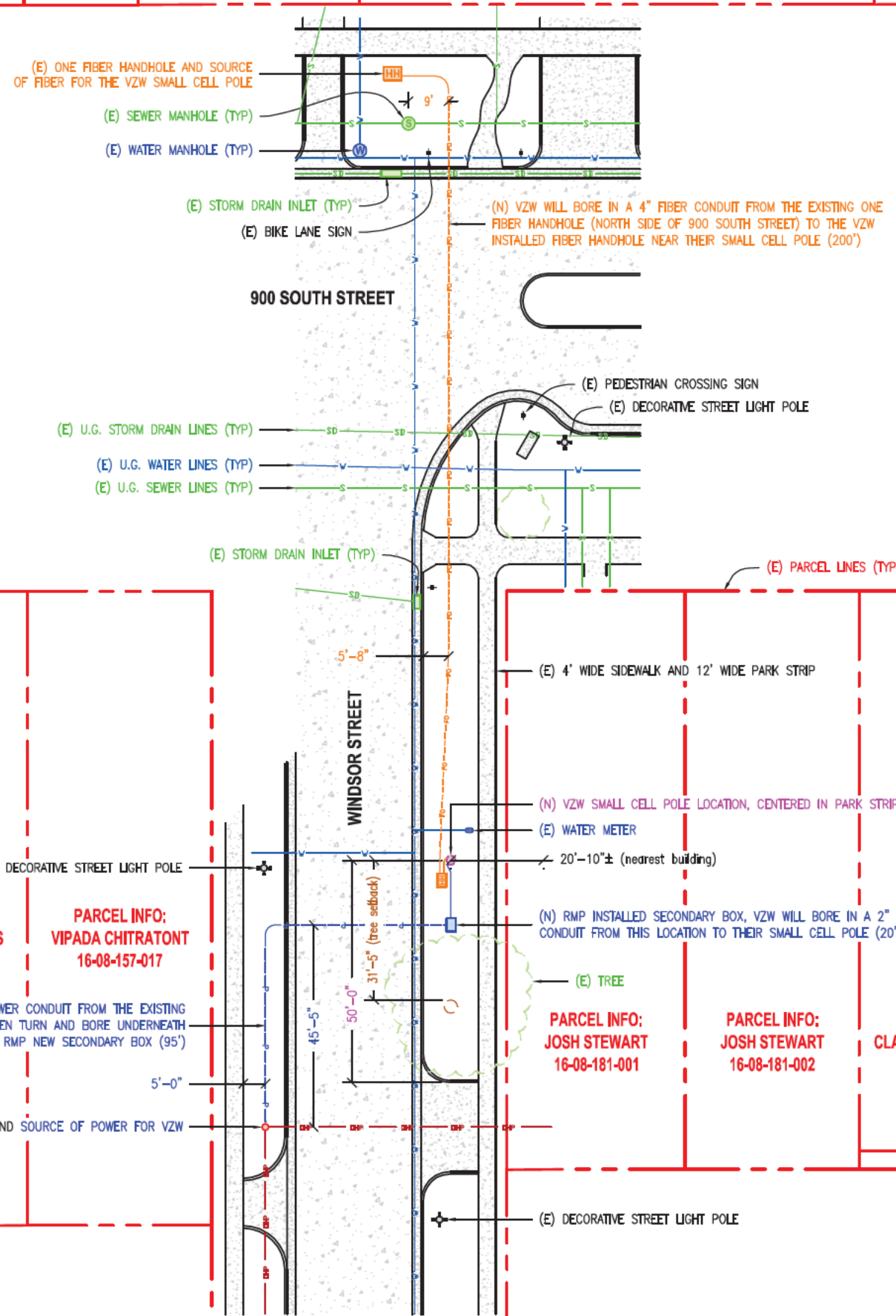
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1/11/2021 13:01	David Glover	I consider the city council and Mayor Mendenhall actions as the major reason why police are leaving and more importantly, why crime in Salt Lake City is up 25% for the year. Your decisions to support anti-police groups are wise and irresponsible. If the crime and negative attitude towards police doesn't change soon, I will be actively encouraging everyone I know in Salt Lake City to vote you all out.
1/11/2021 13:38	James Ream	I am a resident of washington county. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget for the people, that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of lethal force against residents of color. Empty gestures and suggestions of ?reform are unacceptable. I am demanding the voices of this movement be heard, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for marginalized communities is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, while social services and education--proven to better promote community safety than policing--stagnate. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, when too often paid out to officers responsible for harassing unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx residents, is deeply insulting. I am demanding that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of impacted Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering the police forces that tear us apart. Although City Council has thus far avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund care, not criminalization and incarceration. You must adopt a budget for the people. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, James Ream

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1/11/2021 13:39	Oceania Haley	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget for the people, that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of lethal force against residents of color. Empty gestures and suggestions of ?reform are unacceptable. I am demanding the voices of this movement be heard, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for marginalized communities is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, while social services and education--proven to better promote community safety than policing--stagnate. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, when too often paid out to officers responsible for harassing unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx residents, is deeply insulting. I am demanding that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of impacted Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering the police forces that tear us apart. Although City Council has thus far avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund care, not criminalization and incarceration. You must adopt a budget for the people. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS] [YOUR EMAIL] [YOUR PHONE NUMBER] Sent from my iPhone
1/13/2021 11:25	Brendan O'Leary	It has come to my attention that SLC is considering hiring more police officers, citing crime as a primary reason for doing so. I would hope the lessons of 2020 have not been forgotten so quickly. That money would be far better invested into aid programs for Utah's vulnerable than into the police department. Millions of Americans have slipped into poverty as a result of Covid 19, and thus, theft of food and other items has increased. Bolstering the police force in response is not an ethical, or sensible, solution to this problem. Additionally, SLCPD has not seen the reformation promised after last year's George Floyd protests. Hiring more officers, and putting more money into the department, would be a slap in the face to our community. It is cold outside. Help our desperate and homeless community members with aid efforts, instead of increasing the size of the police force that regularly destroys their encampments in the middle of winter, in the middle of a pandemic. -B

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1/13/2021 11:26	Jake Trimble	Hello, I wanted to advocate before the meeting tomorrow for a continuation of the hiring freeze that was created in response to the summer protests. It is important to remember that an increase in theft is a result of a poor economy and wage disparity, not lack of policing. Increasing the presence of law enforcement in our city as a response to an uptick in so-called violent crime is a sorry excuse to further militarize our community and oppress poor people. Regardless of the yearly trends, violent crime has long been a code word for crimes committed by the poor. The term obscures the violence of tax evasion, wage theft, and other white-collar crimes. Fighting violent crimes means imprisoning poor people? disrupting already precarious lives. Increasing law enforcement presence on the street and the corresponding spike in funding will not make our community safer, even if so-called violent crime statistics drop. Look at rape stastics, reported, convicted, and it is clear that the police are ineffective in addressing the occult violence in our society. If we want to prevent prison recidivism, people coming in and out of jail like Mike Brown's "revolving door", we need to put our money on missing key community resources like transitional housing and job security for folks fresh out of prison. We must work as a community to increase our capacity to heal, not cause trauma. Please continue to defund and downsize the police so we can find real ways of keeping our community safe. Jake Trimble west side constituent

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1/15/2021 15:19	Kaitlinn Neal	<p>Dear Council, As a citizen in Utah who frequently volunteers in the SLC area I would ask all council members to vote against the proposal to lift the hiring freeze. My reasons for continuing the hiring freeze are as follows: 1. You all voted to implement this hiring freeze until the SLCPD made major improvements for diversity and sensitivity training. They showed none of this in 2020 and actually made it a RECORD YEAR FOR POLICE VIOLENCE AND SHOOTINGS. 30 people dead at the hands of our officers is OUTRAGEOUS. They have also shot at CHILDREN and THOSE WITH DISABILITIES. Continually showing that all the SLCPD plans to do is continue to train officers to use deadly force as the first option in every situation. 2. Police have no evidence they are mitigating COVID transmissions. These claims from the SLCPD are blatant lies. I have never once seen a cop disperse a group and give the reasoning of COVID risk as the reason for doing so. If anything, their increased presence will alert the community and cause more gatherings in protest of this RIDICULOUS need. 3. They say there is a need for officers now but it currently take months/up to 18 months to train these officers. If there is a need, getting more will not be a good short term fix. Also, the SLCPD has one of the largest police force budgets in the NATION and they are one of the WORST police departments in the nation. (Refer back to the 30 murders at the hands of policy and the harassment and shooting of a CHILD with AUTISM.) 4. Due to the failure of our government in the times of this pandemic, more people have been left homeless and jobless than ever before. And the SLCPD thinks the best way to help these people is to continually uproot their lives and tear down encampments, often ILLEGALLY AND WITHOUT PROPER NOTICE, which causes further damage to these CITIZENS AND HUMAN BEINGS in the community. SLC government has FAILED to expand any homeless resources/COVID relief for these individuals. Quite frankly, the disregard but the SLC Police Department and the SLC local government to try to protect and assist these individuals is violent and disgusting. (As someone who supports the Utah Harm Reduction Coalition, it's disheartening to see the lack of compassion towards individuals who are homeless and struggling to survive.) 5. Furthermore, I would encourage the council to force the SLCPD police chief to ACTUALLY change his policies as was promised to the community BEFORE granting him more funding and bodies that will increase violence and tensions in our community. I urge the Council to use their upmost judgment when reviewing this information and voting on this proposal. (Take a look at Ogden PD and everything they've done to improve in the last year. SLCPD should take note.) Kaitlinn Neal</p>

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1/15/2021 15:21	Cindy Stam	Hello The hire freeze needs to stay in place. If Utah can send police officers to clean up unsheltered people camps, take their belongings and break the law. In place because of covid stating to leave them alone. Then we do not need more police officers. Please do not hire more police officers. Thank you Cindy Stam Murray, UT
1/15/2021 15:22	Miguel Trujillo	To whom it may concern: I urge our city council to vote against lifting the SLCPD hiring freeze. The issues cited for hiring more police (protests, homeless encampment cleanups, COVID mitigation) are not going to be solved with more police. Limited city funds should be spent on non-police social services to focus on the root of these problems. As a city, we should want to be proactive rather than reactive; inherently policing is a reactive measure. More police will not end protests for social justice, provide people with more affordable housing, or encourage greater cooperation with public health measures. If, for some reason, you absolutely have to give more money to the police force, that money should go towards ensuring our current officers have the training and skills needed to do their jobs. Hiring new, untrained officers, takes time for them to be acclimated to the position. They will not be prepared to address these issues immediately; and if they are tasked with that, will probably do so poorly. A police force unprepared to work with diverse populations, or unable to provide the resources our community needs, is why citizens are so frustrated to begin with. Prioritizing our community is not the same as prioritizing policing Please show your constituents that their voice matters. Thank you.
1/19/2021 9:54	Erica Wood	Just this past summer you seemed dedicated to trying to make a real impact on police violence through a taking a hard look at funding and a hiring freeze. but less than a year goes by and you all are lifting it? in no other profession would such abysmal outcomes be met with more staffing. instead, keep your promises to slc residents, especially those who at an increased risk for police violence by nature of their skin color, their healthcare needs, or their housing status. do the work to put time, energy, and money into real community care. start to think differently, creatively, and push yourselves to be innovative. your goals of increased patrolling of protests, policing of homeless encampments, and COVID mitigation could all be accomplished through other agencies, departments, and nonprofits. we've been taught to believe that cops are a solution, but they are the knee jerk, bandaid - only worse - because they are truly harming this community. be a leader and let the nation look to us for our dedication and care for all salt lake residents. sincerely, erica holeman wood 84116

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1/19/2021 9:46	Nicole Taylor	Dear City Council, Please vote to keep the hiring freeze of police officers! The three stated reasons are not compelling--especially not the idea of cleaning up homelessness. Being without a home should NOT be a crime. Instead of hiring police officers, we should hire a team of social workers who can help our community rather than penalize it. This last year has been so hard on so many families. Fines and punishments are only further pushing people down, not helping them up! We can do better than that! Sincerely, Nicole Taylor
1/19/2021 9:52	Maeve Wall	Dear City Council, I am writing to urge the City Council to vote against lifting the SLCPD hiring freeze. You cite the increase in crime as motivation for turning back on the promises to our community to decrease reliance on police in our community, however 2020 was the 3rd lowest in crime rate out of the last 7 years in SLC. Furthermore, every article explaining 2020's increase in crime since the previous year attributes it to the pandemic, a problem that will not be solved by the police. Police spokesperson Keith Horrocks himself said it takes about 18 months to train new officers and get them prepared to work a shift on their own. Lifting the hiring freeze will not fix this issue quickly, or at all. Chief Mike Brown has stated the police are the most expensive and probably the least effective at addressing our community's struggle with mental health, substance use, or homelessness. So why do we keep putting them up to the job with no power to fix these issues only to put our community in danger of continued police violence? There is no quick fix to this. let's stop throwing our money at the police and instead invest in long-term solutions to community safety - increasing access to basic needs including housing, healthcare, mental health and substance use services. Vote to maintain the hiring freeze and continue to shift resources and responsibility from the police towards meaningful, long-term community support. Thank you, Maeve Wall -- Maeve Wall (she, her, hers)
1/19/2021 9:47	Gracie James	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City, writing to urge the City Council to vote against lifting the SLCPD hiring freeze. Reasons for lifting the hiring freeze, such as homeless encampment cleanup and presence at freedom of speech events, reveal the need for the freeze in the first place. Rather than hiring more officers to do this work, I would like to see the city invest in long-term solutions to community safety and inequity - increasing access to basic needs including housing, healthcare, mental health and substance use services. This is the humane and economically responsible path. Vote to maintain the hiring freeze and continue to shift resources and responsibility from the police towards meaningful, long-term, sustainable community support. Thank you, Gracie James

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1/19/2021 9:48	Amanda Swain	<p>Hello, My name is Amanda Swain. I am a student at Salt Lake Community College. I am writing on behalf of the people of SLC, and out of my own concern for a community that I love and spend a lot of time in. I am writing to urge the City Council to vote against lifting the SLCPD hiring freeze. You yourself cite the increase in crime as motivation for turning back on the promises to our community to decrease reliance on police in our community, however 2020 was the 3rd lowest in crime rate out of the last 7 years in SLC. Furthermore, every article explaining 2020's increase in crime since the previous year attributes it to the pandemic, a problem that will not be solved by the police. Police spokesperson Keith Horrocks himself said it takes about 18 months to train new officers and get them prepared to work a shift on their own. Lifting the hiring freeze will not fix this issue quickly, or at all. Chief Mike Brown has stated the police are the most expensive and probably the least effective at addressing our community's struggle with mental health, substance use, or homelessness. So why do we keep putting them up to the job with no power to fix these issues only to put our community in danger of continued police violence? There is no quick fix to this. let's stop throwing our money at the police and instead invest in long-term solutions to community safety - increasing access to basic needs including housing, healthcare, mental health and substance use services. As a student in this city, I urge you to vote to maintain the hiring freeze and continue to shift resources and responsibility from the police towards meaningful, long-term community support. I strongly urge you to take my words into consideration. I am very worried at the state of our community and I feel adding more police presence would only show more distrust when what we need is healing and support. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Amanda Swain</p>
1/19/2021 9:50	Kyle Sanderson	<p>Hello, I'm writing to encourage the City Council to vote against lifting the SLCPD hiring freeze. Of the three reasons cited for ending the freeze, all of them should not be left to the police to handle in the first place. Abatements of the houseless population of SLC is completely inappropriate for the police to be doing. Rounding up and forcing the houseless population to relocate without providing any additional resources or help is only making a dangerous living condition more dangerous. This also seems to directly contradicts the "COVID mitigation" reason for lifting the freeze as it forces groups into smaller areas each time they are moved and further distances them from any services they need. THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM POLICE ARE CAPABLE OF SOLVING. The funds that are proposed for new officers should go towards long term solutions such as housing, healthcare, mental health, and substance use services. We need to move away from using the police when mental health and community support is a more appropriate and safe option. Regards, Kyle Sanderson</p>

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1/19/2021 9:56	Dyani Wood	I am writing to urge the City Council to vote against lifting the SLCPD hiring freeze. You cite the increase in crime as reasoning for this. Please don't take the easy way out and please actually look into the reasons for any crimes you think warrant this, instead of being reactionary and hiring more officers. Do the hard work, solve the base problems, don't use bandaids. 2020 was the 3rd lowest in crime rate out of the last 7 years in SLC. Furthermore, every article explaining 2020's increase in crime since the previous year attributes it to the pandemic, a problem that will not be solved by the police. Police spokesperson Keith Horrocks himself said it takes about 18 months to train new officers and get them prepared to work a shift on their own. Lifting the hiring freeze will not fix this issue quickly, or at all. Chief Mike Brown has stated the police are the most expensive and probably the least effective at addressing our community's struggle with mental health, substance use, or homelessness. So why do we keep putting them up to the job with no power to fix these issues only to put our community in danger of continued police violence There is no quick fix to this. let's stop throwing our money at the police and instead invest in long-term solutions to community safety - increasing access to basic needs including housing, healthcare, mental health and substance use services. Vote to maintain the hiring freeze and continue to shift resources and responsibility from the police towards meaningful, long-term community support. - Dyani Wood, Poplar Grove west resident

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1/19/2021 9:53	Kether Murphy	<p>My name is Kether Murphy. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, writing to you now in regards to the upcoming vote on whether or not to lift the hiring freeze on the SLCPD. Reasons given for lifting this hiring freeze are; management of protests and free speech events, maintenance of homeless abatement camps, and mitigating the spread of COVID. However, police are not equipped to handle these issues, and hiring more officers will misallocate fundings that could otherwise go towards genuine, long-term solutions to these problems. Even if there was some semblance of relief that the police would be able to provide in this regard, it is by no means a quick fix. It takes 18 months to train an officer before they are ready to operate on their own. Simply put, there is no short-term remedy. Attempts at fixing these issues quicker will only prolong them further. Rather than attempting to mitigate or combat protests, the City Council should be meeting with community organizers to understand the frustrations and demands of the citizens. In regards to both COVID and homelessnes, causes include depleted finances, inability to access healthcare, lack of childcare, lack of internet, and difficulty affording food & utilities. To reiterate; The police are not equipped to handle these problems. We do not need more officers on the streets. We need humanitarian relief efforts. Therefore, I am urging the council to vote against lifting the hiring freeze on the SLCPD.</p>

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1/19/2021 10:11	Amanda Swain	<p>Hello, My name is Amanda Swain. I am a student at Salt Lake Community College. I am writing on behalf of the people of SLC, and out of my own concern for a community that I love and spend a lot of time in. I am writing to urge the City Council to vote against lifting the SLCPD hiring freeze. You yourself cite the increase in crime as motivation for turning back on the promises to our community to decrease reliance on police in our community, however 2020 was the 3rd lowest in crime rate out of the last 7 years in SLC. Furthermore, every article explaining 2020's increase in crime since the previous year attributes it to the pandemic, a problem that will not be solved by the police. Police spokesperson Keith Horrocks himself said it takes about 18 months to train new officers and get them prepared to work a shift on their own. Lifting the hiring freeze will not fix this issue quickly, or at all. Chief Mike Brown has stated the police are the most expensive and probably the least effective at addressing our community's struggle with mental health, substance use, or homelessness. So why do we keep putting them up to the job with no power to fix these issues only to put our community in danger of continued police violence There is no quick fix to this. let's stop throwing our money at the police and instead invest in long-term solutions to community safety - increasing access to basic needs including housing, healthcare, mental health and substance use services. As a student in this city, I urge you to vote to maintain the hiring freeze and continue to shift resources and responsibility from the police towards meaningful, long-term community support. I strongly urge you to take my words into consideration. I am very worried at the state of our community and I feel adding more police presence would only show more distrust when what we need is healing and support. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Amanda Swain</p>

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1/19/2021 10:12	Erik Griffin	<p><https://read-receipts.canarymail.io:8100/track/5870668117C0EA3E8B3B55F660227891_8272623B17A68E2602BD94296CE12CF7.png> Hi Amy, I am writing to urge the City Council to vote against lifting the SLCPD hiring freeze. You cite the increase in crime as motivation for turning back on the promises to our community to decrease reliance on police in our community, however 2020 was the 3rd lowest in crime rate out of the last 7 years in SLC. Furthermore, every article explaining 2020's increase in crime since the previous year attributes it to the pandemic, a problem that will not be solved by the police. Police spokesperson Keith Horrocks himself said it takes about 18 months to train new officers and get them prepared to work a shift on their own. Lifting the hiring freeze will not fix this issue quickly, or at all. Chief Mike Brown has stated the police are the most expensive and probably the least effective at addressing our community's struggle with mental health, substance use, or homelessness. So why do we keep putting them up to the job with no power to fix these issues only to put our community in danger of continued police violence There is no quick fix to this. let's stop throwing our money at the police and instead invest in long-term solutions to community safety - increasing access to basic needs including housing, healthcare, mental health and substance use services. Vote to maintain the hiring freeze and continue to shift resources and responsibility from the police towards meaningful, long-term community support. No new police need to be added until a complete reform of their training and place within the community has been established. Best, Erik Griffin</p>

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1/19/2021 11:09	Melissa Stamp	<p>Hello Councilman Mano and Mayor Mendenhall, Today, as our nation honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., I write to encourage you to tackle some key reforms to our justice system. The recommendations below are taken from the final episode of season 3 of the Serial podcast, a podcast I highly recommend you listen to: https://serialpodcast.org <https://serialpodcast.org> . The podcast shares the disturbing and heart-wrenching stories of various court cases at a Cleveland courthouse over the span a year. It exposes how broken our system is, and has inspired me to push you to make some bold changes in hopes that we can do better. Specifically, please take the following steps toward justice: 1. Don?t pile multiple charges onto a single crime just to pressure a defendant to take a plea deal. 2. Don?t incarcerate non-violent offenders. It wastes money and resources that would be better spent on social services and creation of economic opportunities. 3. Get out of the business of punishing people, and instead focus on fairness. (Does anyone truly believe that punishing homeless people with crimes and jail time will somehow magically solve homelessness? That jail time for drug addicts will magically solve the opioid epidemic?) 4. Commit to keeping better data: keep track of who gets charged for what crime, what sentence they get, what race and economic status they are, and what their life looks like 3 or 4 years later. This is the only possible way to know whether what we are doing is effective or not, and currently, we don?t have a clue. 5. Pay public defenders twice their current salary, and don?t allow judges to choose them. 6. Consider eliminating the grand jury. 7. Admit that police officers sometimes lie under oath. 8. Accept that our current system is WRONG. It is not the best in the world. Yes, it serves privileged white people like myself, and serves those with money, power, and access. But it is not fair, it is not just, and things need to change NOW. Thank you both for your service to our community. I am encouraged by the City's creation of a new Commission on Racial Equity in Policing. I hope the commission will push for new tools and approaches that are more fair, more just, and more equitable. Thank you for taking the time to read this and to consider my thoughts. Best regards, Melissa Stamp From: MELISSA STAMP Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 9:09 AM Subject: Rethink the police Hello Councilman Mano and Mayor Mendenhall, Thank you both for your service to our community. You are both thoughtful, intelligent, and compassionate politicians and I value that enormously. I am writing to add my voice to the chorus of Salt Lake City citizens asking you to rethink our police force. *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Melissa Stamp	<p>* Continued 2/2* I use the term "rethink" because I think that the solutions are more systemic and complex and long-range than the term "defund" can encompass. I appreciate your recent reduction in the police budget and your push for better citizen review options. However, we are long past time for a complete re-boot of the concept of policing. Body cams aren't going to get it done. Training isn't going to get it done. Minor budget adjustments aren't going to get it done. Banning a few lethal techniques isn't going to get it done. Please take a cue from Camden NJ and consider cleaning the slate and requiring the entire police force to re-apply for their jobs. Start fresh, from scratch, with a wholly new culture and approach. Eliminate qualified immunity. Think about drastic reductions to the numbers of heavily-armed "warrior mentality" on the streets; their utility is very limited. Instead consider creating a "peace force", trained in social work and de-escalation and drug treatment and mental health. No guns, just empathetic people who can make sure that non-violent situations stay non violent and that people get the help they need to live lives of dignity. I am a privileged white woman, writing you from my peaceful backyard in my safe corner of the city. I can walk my dog after dark and not feel scared for my life. Our current police force serves and protects people like me, but they terrorize far too many people in our community. The status quo is not good enough. We need to do better. I recognize that it is politically daunting to take a stance against the entrenched, powerfully unionized "military police complex". But I know you both are brave enough to take this on. Thank you for taking the time to read this and to consider my thoughts. Best regards, Melissa Stamp</p>