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Crime in District Five	Matt Haydon	Amy, The meeting with the chief hasn't done anything for us. We are having more issues with the homeless and drugs in the neighborhood. We have people yanking on the doors trying tget in. This is the way that someone is going tget hurt or killed. This is out of control. Matt	5
Police	G.S. Giauque	<p>I just read twnews articles about the cœtown meeting (if it can be called that) held via Zoom with Mayor Mendenhall, Chief Mike Brown, and the Commission on Racial Equity in Policing, and possibly members of the City Council. <a href="https://www.ksl.com/article/50096965/common-threads-emerge-in-publics-comments-during-salt-lake-city-session-on-racial-equity-and-policing">https://www.ksl.com/article/50096965/common-threads-emerge-in-publics-comments-during-salt-lake-city-session-on-racial-equity-and-policing</a> and <a href="https://www.newslocker.com/en-us/sport/utah-jazz/as-salt-lake-city-considers-police-reform-residents-oer-praise-and-stories-of-negative-encounters/view/">https://www.newslocker.com/en-us/sport/utah-jazz/as-salt-lake-city-considers-police-reform-residents-oer-praise-and-stories-of-negative-encounters/view/</a> At the meeting, the issue of how the police deal with autistic persons came up. I am the father of an autistic person. Fortunately, he is high-functioning. Nevertheless, he has faced some diicult and frightening situations, some of them with police oicers. Fortunately, again, these have not occurred recently. But they could occur again. Tthe point: Dthe following names mean anything tany of you? Sgt. Jody Sampson, Det. Joseph Taylor. Over a period of about 3 years, I have had several email exchanges with Sgt. Sampson and Det. Taylor, and left several messages on an answering machine at SLPD, all regarding autism. I talked with each one, once, regarding the SLPD Autism Registry. But nothing came of those conversations. In June 2020, I had an email exchange and phone call with Det. Taylor. I hope you can read this email: <a href="https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&amp;ogbl#search/%22joseph+taylor%22/QgrcJHrtvWsgkCNcBzFkSJIGbBkLmLhwDSb">https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&amp;ogbl#search/%22joseph+taylor%22/QgrcJHrtvWsgkCNcBzFkSJIGbBkLmLhwDSb</a> I wrote a pointed email tChief Mike Brown on 16 Oct. 2020 [REDACTED]</p> <p><a href="https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&amp;ogbl#search/%22autism%22/KtbxLrjRfvfRtsPhGksJccWSJzNQjdfKLq">https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&amp;ogbl#search/%22autism%22/KtbxLrjRfvfRtsPhGksJccWSJzNQjdfKLq</a> He never responded. Several more of my emails tthe SLPD are still in my inbox on my laptop. Can you see that I have made multiple attempts to get some action? I am frustrated that although lip service is being paid about autistic people, I see nreal progress among the law enforcement sector in helping them. <b>1 of 2 *Continued Below*</b></p>	n/a

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Police	G.S. Giaque	<p><b>2 of 2 *Continued Above*</b>Very specifically: I am very frustrated that the SLPD has not made any effort whatsoever, in years, to create an autism registry worthy of that name, or of any use. In fact, the SLPD's registry is unappealing in its presentation that only 5 families have signed up on it, according to this site: <a href="https://kjzz.com/news/local/salt-lake-city-police-ask-people-to-register-their-loved-ones-with-autism-10-15-2020">https://kjzz.com/news/local/salt-lake-city-police-ask-people-to-register-their-loved-ones-with-autism-10-15-2020</a> The autism safety registry has existed for a few years, but just five families have signed up, according to Mayor Erin Mendenhall. Here is the site: <a href="https://slc-gov.force.com/slccrm/s/Request?rt=a0400000JGSWNEA5&amp;category=Safety">https://slc-gov.force.com/slccrm/s/Request?rt=a0400000JGSWNEA5&amp;category=Safety</a> But it is buried in a site called Online Police Reporting. <a href="http://www.slcpd.com/resources/online-report/">http://www.slcpd.com/resources/online-report/</a> It asks for almost no information: name, phone number and email. It does not even say if it is the autistic person who should register (in our case he could be 50 yrs. old but has no computer), or the caregiver's data. Let none make any assumptions about who should fill out the registry! It should be stated on the form -- shouldn't it???? The Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake developed, several years ago, a much more useful autism registry. <a href="https://updsl.org/page_services_autismRoster.php">https://updsl.org/page_services_autismRoster.php</a> The point person for CIT (Crisis Intervention Team i.e. autism) in their department is Det. Leeann Frederick, if I am not mistaken. I have talked with her on the phone a couple of times, but even she seems to be overwhelmed with other assignments as well. She answers my phone calls once in a blue moon. But I digress. The issue is the SLPD's interest in autism. Actually it appears to be a problem for the entire LE sector everywhere. When I suggested to Det. Joseph Taylor at SLPD that the UPDSL registry could be used by SLPD, I received excuses why it could not. It is almost as if the two agencies will not talk to each other. Have I heard that kind of thing before? Turf wars. I truly do hope that the Commission, the Mayor, the Police Chief, and the City Council, will take this email extremely seriously. The SLPD Autism Registry online form needs to be made much more complete like the one on the UPDSL site. It needs to have its own dedicated website, and not be buried in another webpage. With irritation, after years of trying to get some progress on this issue G. S. Giaque A Salt Lake City Taxpayer</p>	n/a
Homelessness	Scott Ingham	<p>Ana, We met during the campaigns for David Ibarra and then again Erin for Mayor. I own an office building at [REDACTED] in your district. I also live in this building and can't believe the number of calls to police I have had to make in the past year regarding homeless people both entering the building or seeking shelter and making a huge mess. While I am sympathetic, picking up human feces, drug paraphernalia, trash or fielding calls from tenants and having tenants move out as a result of this isn't why I want to live or own properties in this city. It has never been worse. I thought things were bad under the previous administration, but those look like good times! The police left me a voice mail that perhaps I should buy a gate that rolls down and secures my parking. Is this something the city wants to partner on so that they don't get called 4-6 times per month? Please advise. I have called the police on our other listings like 700 South State so that I might show the property without a homeless camp out front. The police have told me their hands are tied and that the camps may or may not be removed. When was trespassing in mass ok? Or the continuing homeless encampment on 100 South and 300 East? Clearly the city needs a better plan and outreach with mental health care and not having every unfortunate soul wandering, sleeping in my trash bin or relieving themselves all over my parking garage. Please advise when you can discuss your plans for improving your district and the citizens and businesses that occupy it. Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you directly and hearing your ideas for improving the city. Thank You, Scott Ingham</p>	4

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Vehicle Registration	Joelle	<p>HellCity Council Members, I am writing task you tplease stop the enforcement of vehicle registration tags in the city. During my run today I saw SLC parking enforcement ticketing cars with stickers of 12/20. It's incredibly tone deaf and disgusting of this city tdthis. People are unemployed and struggling, barely able tpay for necessities tlive. People are DYING. It is ntime for you guys tbe doing a money grab from your residents. Please actually help the people of this city for once. This is a menial, useless thing tenforce. Especially disgusting tbe actively checking EVERY car parked on a street. Please put a temporary stop tthis until more of our population is vaccinated and the spread of the virus is under control.</p>	n/a
Elderly Saftey	Ima Jardine	<p>January 28, 2021 Dear Mayor and SLC City Council, My name is Ima Lucambio. I am a naturalized citizen from Venezuela: My husband and I are elderly and live in downtown Salt Lake City at the lower end of 2nd Avenue. Most of our neighbors our elderly. I am very concerned about safety in our city: We try tdmuch of our shopping in either Bountiful or in Millcreek where we feel safer. Aggressive individuals have intimidated/harrassed us when using local SLC shops. Our sense of insecurity in SLC has continually declined since moving downtown from East Millcreek in 2007. Our safety concerns heightened last summer as large groups were allowed trove through the city spray-painting, defacing, and destroying property. These roving groups forced elderly individuals like us tfurther '~quarantine' in our residences fearful tfreely use the very streets our tax dollars pay for. In response tthese roving groups in the summer, the LDS Church put up metal fencing around their beautiful garden area from South Temple tNorth Temple and from State Street Main Street. This is an area where we, and many others, enjoy walking. We could alsee armed police on the roof of some of these LDS buildings whappeared tbe there tmonitor for violence and property destruction. Scenes like these create fear, concern, and a sense of insecurity - particularly among the elderly citizens of our city! At the same time, we heard some city leaders praising the actions of those causing the fears. Our condominium building is broken intfrequently. Our own storage unit in the secure parking garage has been broken inttwor three times. My husband and I witnessed a man in late afternoon (11/30/20) brazenly exiting our parking garages with several large bags of stolen items, one of which was a cellhe had stolen from a storage unit. We reported this incident tthe police and were told the man was later arrested while committing another crime. These incidents make us feel unsafe tenter our own parking garage late at night. None of burglaries in our building make the SLC daily police logs. We wonder how many other crimes are left out of the daily police log. How many crimes aecting everyday SLC residents goeunder the radarDisordarly camps of people roving all over the city increase our sense of insecurity and make many parts of the city unwalkable. We believe these groups/camps are full of individuals committing crimes. We alsbelieve these camps are health hazards. We mention the unsightly camps going down Victory Road where they seem ttraic in stolen bicycles and car parts. We alsee these intimidating and unsightly groups all over previously enjoyable areas of town where we used twalk, but now feel we need tavoid. For example, for months there were large unsightly groups gathered around the perimeter of the Episcopal Church property on the northeast corner of 100 South and 200 East, or surrounding the boundaries of the 7-11 on the southeast corner of 300 East and 100 South, or now on the northeast corner of State Street and 700 South. There are alsgroups whcontinually gather on the northeast corner of State Street and 200 South whseem thave forced the fast-food restaurant on the corner completely out of business. There are alsthe groups of people always standing on the southwest corner of State Street and 1300 South or camping under the I-80 Freeway overpass on 700 East. <b>1 of 2 *Continued Below*</b></p>	4

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Elderly Saftey	Ima Jardine	<p><b>2 of 2 *Continued Above*</b> WE UNDERSTAND HOMELESS IS A DIICULT ISSUE - but DNOT UNDERSTAND WHY OUR CITY SEEMS TBE AT THE MERCY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS and whatever they decide tdor wherever they decide tgo. These individuals and groups often seem tbe in charge of our city, not our elected oicials. These groups and camps of individuals wander wherever they choose without much consequence for their actions, while the rest of the community and business owners are left with little say and can only avoid these roving camps and groups. Visitors used tuniformly consider Salt Lake City as clean and beautiful. It was part of our city's œbrand for many decades. SLC would nlonger be considered beautiful. Roving groups and individuals trash every area of the city they wander through and having a œclean city does not seem tbe part of the actions of city employees. In Spain, cities take pride in their cleanliness. We find it sappealing and attractive. For example, when I asked people on the street in both Granada in Southern Spain and San Sebastian in Northern Spain what was unique about their city, they would say with pride that their cities were clean. In fact, the woman in charge of a laundromat in San Sebastian bragged knowledgeable about their town receiving an award as the cleanest city in Spain. It breaks my heart that keeping our city clean isn't important tanyone elected in Salt Lake City. It alsdoesn't seem tbe important tany of our SLC city employees either. I would hope the Mayor and City Council will take aggressive steps tmake elderly citizens in the city feel safe and enriched by: 1) increasing all safety measures; 2) strengthening law enforcement; 3) requiring roving groups of campers tcomply with city regulations; and 4) writing and enforcing appropriate laws that place lawful, tax paying citizens first sthat all city streets are inviting and safe for its law-abiding citizens - particularly seniors. Whelse can seniors count on but our elected city oicials? In is very disheartening when it appears that our elected city oicials are ignoring the city's senior citizens and their safety. If you, and other elected oicials and civic leaders, can dthese things, we will feel deeply grateful tyou! Sincerely, Ima</p>	4
EV Ordinance	Noelani Derrickson	<p>Salt Lake City Council, Please find attached a letter of support from Tesla on Salt Lake City's proposed Electric Vehicle Ready Parking ordinance for multi-family units. Passage of the proposed ordinance is an important step in supporting higher levels of electric vehicles. <b>*See Corresponding Attachment*</b> Thank you, Noelani Derrickson</p>	n/a
376 East Broadway	Ira Hinckley	<p>City Council, I am writing in regard tthe above listed address which is under review for destruction. It is a beautiful, historic old building with much charm and character and an example of a rapidly disappearing Salt Lake City. This area in particular is going tsee rapid infill with disappointing, bland, monstrous apartment buildings. It would be wonderful tsee this charming apartment building preserved. I understand there was some slight brick damage from the earthquake, but that it doesn't amount tmuch. Please vote nagainst the destruction of our history. regards, Ira Hinckley</p>	3



January 25, 2021

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RE: Salt Lake City EV Readiness Ordinance – 21.A.44.050.B.3

Salt Lake City Council,

I am writing on behalf of Tesla to express our support for Salt Lake City's proposed electric vehicle (EV) readiness ordinance, which requires that multi-family developments provide a minimum of 20% EV-ready<sup>1</sup> parking spaces.

Tesla's mission is to accelerate the world's transition to sustainable energy, and we are proud to be helping Salt Lake City meet our shared goals. As both a manufacturer of EVs and a provider of charging infrastructure for our customers, Tesla brings a unique perspective to the discussion on EV readiness measures for new buildings and construction on existing buildings.

Access to EV charging represents one of the more fundamental challenges impairing demand for electric vehicles. Without easy and convenient access to EV charging, drivers will be less inclined to choose an EV over a conventional vehicle. Since most charging occurs at home or at work (80%), ensuring that Level-2 charging is generally available in residential and workplace parking structures provides an additional sense of reliability and convenience for current and future EV drivers.

We commend Salt Lake City for its leadership in accelerating transportation electrification and proposing EV-readiness requirements for multifamily buildings. Salt Lake City will join a growing

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<sup>1</sup> EV-ready is defined by Salt Lake City as meaning a parking space that is designed and constructed to include an electrical panel capacity with a dedicated branch circuit, a continuous raceway from the panel to the future EV parking space, and conduit to terminate in a junction box or 240-volt charging outlet. Available at <http://www.slcdocs.com/slccgreen/Proposed%20EV%20Readiness%20Ordinance%20Presentation%20Slides%20-%20Oct%2014%202020.pdf>

list of cities across North America including Atlanta, Chicago, and Vancouver, that are adopting EV readiness requirements at 20% or higher for new parking spaces. Given the important role EV charging infrastructure will play in helping Salt Lake City meet its pollution and emission reduction goals, we urge the adoption of this EV-readiness ordinance.

Sincerely,

Noelani Derrickson  
Policy and Business Development Advisor



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1/20/2021 16:24	Mike Brack	<p>Ana, This message is from Mike Brack, a D4 constituent, leaving his comment on BAM #6, specifically the part of the Amendment regarding the lifting of the hiring freeze in the Police Department. Here are the notes from this message: * Mr. Brack encourages you to not make any changes to the PD budget regarding the onboarding of new PD officers. * Mr. Brack states the City should make an active and intentional effort to defund PD and not step back from the progress made in the summer of 2020. * Understands what the Country is going through right now with the pandemic, increased crime, riots on January 6th that some people may believe police or the military will help them feel safer, but states police does not decrease crime or protect people. * Mr. Brack believes that instead of spending money on PD, the City should instead use funding to spend on community programs that uplift people and create opportunities. Thank you, Austin Kimmel Salt Lake City Council Staff OFFICE of the CITY COUNCIL SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION</p>
1/20/2021 16:31	Frank Tervort	<p>Hi Andrew, As Bobby mentions below, our office received a call from Frank Travort who is a business owner. Frank is concerned about campers and RVs parked in the area near his business. I called Frank back this afternoon and spoke with him for about 15 minutes. Here are the notes from this conversation: * Frank notices RVs and campers in the area near his business frequently. He states they typically come in caravans. Frank is concerned about this and worries it attracts crime near his business. * Frank has called PD about this several times in the past but the RVs never seem to go away. * Frank would like to see the City do something about this matter and wants to help in any way he can. * I let Frank know that I would report this issue to the City's Homeless Services and Parking Enforcement offices. I also shared with him SLC Mobile and urged him to frequently report issues he views in this area. I shared with him the more frequently the Administration receives a report for an issue the better they can allocate resources to address an issue. Frank plans to take advantage of SLC Mobile and I let him that I will keep him updated on any developments I receive. * Frank believes additional policing is needed in this area of the City. I informed Frank that the Administration has proposed additional funding for police hiring to the Council and that I would share his concerns with the Council about this. * I gave Frank our email addresses and he plans to reach out if any other issues come up in the area.</p>

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1/21/2021 16:36	Andy Bonjean	<p>&lt;mailto:Comments.Council@slcgov.com&gt; &gt; Subject: (EXTERNAL) Skateboarding at 9th &amp; 9th 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]. 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</p>
1/26/2021 18:23	Michael Pepe	<p>You promised the communities of Salt Lake to freeze new police hires. Our demands have not changed. Please vote to keep the freeze and do not hire more officers. We need community control now. Michael Pepe Millcreek, UT</p>
1/26/2021 18:24	Sandra Luo	<p>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.</p>



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1/26/2021 18:26	Stephanie Burdick	Hi Ana, I live off 200 S and wanted to reach out about the police hiring freeze. I understand and value the significant importance of racial justice in our policing and justice system. But I am concerned that the hiring freeze is an inadequate way to get there. I do think there needs to be done more for crime prevention and I would love to see the city move towards a prevention model such as the Cure Violence methodology being used in cities across the country. Can the city look at alternative hiring and training practices that can be working toward racial equity? I think we are having issues getting the current victims cases resolved and I'm not sure how a hiring freeze will help that. I would prefer the police work towards increasing community policing, partnering with social workers and community advocates to address complex issues like mental health, and solving cases more quickly thru established relationships with community members, but I don't think extending the hiring freeze is good policy. Thanks for your work to represent us. Hope you're well and safe. Stephanie Burdick
1/26/2021 18:27	Logan Gardner	Dear council members, I respect my unhoused neighbors and value their lives. Police literally steal their belongings and threaten their existence. The fewer the police, the better. FTP. Love, Logan
1/26/2021 18:28	Emily Radivoyevich	Hello City Council Members, I am writing to you today to add my voice to the collective voice of the community in strongly urging to vote against grant applications B1 & B2, as well as voting against any portions of budget amendment No. 6 that call for staffing additions or changes to SLCPD. The needs of the community do not call for any additional resources, funding or training for SLCP. It's a new year and it's still defund the police, always! We definitely do not need anymore police officers to force out and harass our unsheltered neighbors from their encampments. Also, they certainly aren't doing anything to mitigate against the spread of covid-19 in public places. Police are not the solution to our unsheltered communities' needs, mental health crises, and public safety. Please stop giving them funds and instead invest in long-term solutions to serve the entire community. Thank you, Emily Radivoyevich
1/26/2021 18:30	Stephanie Cao	Hi, My name is Stephanie and I want to make a comment to KEEP the hiring freeze for SLCPD. There is clear issues with the police force at an institutional and systematic level that needs to be addressed. More officers won't help and will most likely only exacerbate the issues of communities at hand.

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1/26/2021 18:31	Katie Buda	Hello Council, I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am kindly asking that the council votes to end the police hiring freeze. The issue is very personal to me as I was a victim of aggravated assault in my neighborhood recently and due to understaffing, the response time and investigation/follow up from police has been horrifyingly non-existent. I am terrified daily knowing that the crime rates are spiking in our city yet our police force is dwindling and is not able to keep up. I know there is a lot of press around continuing the hiring freeze but I believe this is coming from people who have not experienced the violent crime I have and therefore have the privilege of protesting the police. Thank you for your time and I hope you make the right decision for all citizens of Salt Lake City. Best, Katie Buda
1/26/2021 18:33	Kevin Fawkes	Council member Wharton, Thank you for listening to your constituents and lifting the hiring freeze for the police. You are absolutely right, police reform will be a long road, but the safety of our community cannot be kicked down the road any longer. There are hefty proposals at the legislature to address mental health care and social services. The city should support these, of course, but the #1 responsibility of the city government is the protection of the citizens. This is the biggest issue my neighbors and I face in Marmalade. We deal with crime almost on a daily basis. Our property is stolen or vandalized frequently. We also see open air drug dealing constantly. We have learned that when we call the police on anything that is not life/death, we will not have a police response. Simply unacceptable. One of my best friends just moved out of Marmalade for Davis County because his home was broken into while he was in it and the police did not show up for an hour. You have a lot of voices to listen to, and I understand there is a real need to have a more diverse and reformed police department, but crime has taken over our city and you did the right thing by moving to hire more officers. Thank you for your courage in doing this. Please continue to prioritize public safety Kevin Fawkes Marmalade resident

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1/26/2021 18:34	Amber Adams	<p>To Whom it May Concern, 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.</p> <p>Sincerely, Amber Adams</p>
1/26/2021 18:36	Ira Hinckley	<p>Hi, I am happy to see that our city is starting to replace our officers who have been leaving in droves over the past year, but you are taking credit for trying to fix a problem that you created. I think an investigation needs to be done to see why SLC is having such a difficult time keeping qualified peace officers. I have learned that when that many employees quit, there is a good reason. Usually low morale and bad treatment. I believe this to be the case in SLC. Because of the bad leadership regarding policing by our mayor, city council and chief of police they have put the lives and property of our residents in jeopardy. Our city has become dirty and crime infested. It is time that you bring crime under control in our city or step aside and let someone more responsible take the wheel. sincerely, Ira Hinckley</p>

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	Rob Udarbe	<p>Thanks to each one of you, the Salt Lake City Council, for your diligent efforts on behalf of our city. I've heard about the crime problems in the ballpark neighborhood. I've also heard that the west, North Temple area is as bad or worse. Crime is the number 1 issue for the people living in these neighborhoods. What matters more when a person hears gunshots next door and has drug dealers across the street? I applaud your decision to lift the hiring freeze for the Police Department. The police officers are our true heroes. They put their lives on the line for us, as citizens, every day. Defunding the police was an experiment that has not worked. Our city is not safer because of it. Last summer, there was talk about increasing training for the police. That would be good, but it takes money. And if the police are understaffed, there is no time for training. I encourage you to increase funding for the police, even beyond their budget from before they were defunded. Each of us deserves a peaceful neighborhood in which to live. And that requires a sufficient number of well trained police officers. Thank you for your service. Rob Udarbe</p>