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6/2/2021 7:45	Micheal Repp	I personally feel that defunding will bring greater instability. It would seem that reallocating funds to the areas of Police Department that need the most reform such as citizen interaction chaos training high stress situation de-escalation training and appropriate weapons training would be appropriate. My husband Owns an LGBTQ I a bar here in Salt Lake and we have a phenomenal relationship with Salt Lake PD we understand the sensitivity and inconsistency in the interactions in the community and certainly hope that others both from the police departments and local governments and citizen populations are able to build and respect your relationship that is needed!	Police Funding

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6/2/2021 8:18	Michael Braak	<p>Hello Council Member Valdemoros, I'm writing today in solidarity with other concerned residents of your district to ask you to consider the mayor's budget for FY '21/'22. As I'm sure you're aware, the current recommended budget allocates upwards of \$80 million to the Salt Lake City Police Department. I would like to encourage you to defund the police department by 50% in order to reprioritize our city's financial priorities in favor of supportive housing, mental health resources and harm reduction programming. I ask that you strongly consider the following specific changes: * Reduce the number of police and administrative personnel in the SLCPD by 50%, from 711 full-time employees (FTEs) to 356. * Reduce the police department budget by 50%, from \$79 million to \$39.5 million. * Take steps to eliminate the funding from the non-departmental budget and other departments reserved for policing operations. * Invest the funds diverted from the police department into supportive community programs. I am sure that you are aware of the current headlines and statistics about increases in crime nation-wide over the course of the last year, and I have no doubt that you're concerned about violent crime especially. I am also concerned. While others in the city may believe these concerns will be addressed by increasing police funding by 5.4 % from last year - I have to ask that you resist this fear mongering that prioritizes criminalization and incarceration over equity and public safety. The safest communities are not the most policed, the most surveilled, or the most ticketed. The safest communities are the communities with the most resources, including not just money, but also the social infrastructure to thrive and demonstrate resilience in hard times. Our communities do not have affordable housing - we have wealthy developers with access to people in power. Our communities do not have living wages, or comprehensive affordable healthcare - we have low paying jobs that disproportionately exploit people with historically marginalized identities. Our communities do not accessible trash cans, public restrooms, showers, harm reduction services or accessible free transportation - we have bulldozers, jails and a state culture of displacement and violence. Divest in the police, invest in our community. All the best, Mike Braak District 4 Resident</p>	FY21 Budget

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6/2/2021 16:55	Scott Rosenbush	Subject: (EXTERNAL) Police budget Dear Chris, I know that you have had much input recently. I would like to add my voice to those who ask you to NOT reduce the Police budget. There are many reasons for my opinion but I will provide just one here - I support the City's addition of social workers to work alongside Police in appropriate cases. This alone will increase the total cost to the City and should be funded. Thank you for considering my opinion. Sincerely, Scott Rosenbush [REDACTED]	Police Funding
6/2/2021 21:24	Gary Bowen	Hello, My name is Gary Bowen and I work for Cotopaxi located on 74 South Main. The homeless situation continues to worsen and we need an action plan on resolving the problem. Our employees are getting more nervous about heading into the office as well as potential customers of our retail store at the street level (corporate offices are upstairs). There have been numerous instances that I've witnessed and have been reported by our employees including homeless people doing drugs, having their pants pulled down exposing themselves, the filth on the sidewalk, shouting profanities at each other at times (homeless to homeless), trash left by homeless people, aggressive panhandling. These behaviors make it difficult for our retail store to conduct business, for our customers to come in, retail store employees to feel safe and for our employees to come down to the office. I realize this is a challenging problem. Many of the people on Main are mentally ill. The Starbucks attracts a lot of the homeless (nothing against Starbucks). Are there laws against loitering? What options are being considered? I'm very interested to hear what the latest plans are to deal with it. Respectfully, the current situation can't continue or we will lose the downtown area. Thanks for your time. Respectfully, Gary Bowen	Homelessness
6/2/2021 21:27	Hong-yen Hoang	Hello, I'd like to make a public comment on this ordinance. I believe this should be rejected to protect the families that have lived in those homes. I am worried they will be displaced and not properly compensated to obtain a new home in Rose Park. Breaking up communities to make way for commercial gentrifiers is kind of well, shitty. Thanks, Hong-Yen Hoang	FY21 Budget

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6/2/2021 21:33	Lacy Hawes	Hello just wanted to email about the proposed police budget... I recommend the police department being the heart of safety for the City should receive more funding. 1. Raises for the police officers 2. Funding for quarter de escalation trainings via web/ or in person 3. Funding for the hire and training of new officers *Also I recommend screenings being more in depth for future recruits... and I do feel there should be more accountability for officers who are on prolonged admin leave... Slcpd will get better. They are amazing at what they do. Thank you.	FY21 Budget
6/2/2021 21:38	Anonymous Constituent	Constituent called in to express his appreciation for the police department and his support for social workers.	Police Funding
6/3/2021 16:56	William Woods	In the council's consideration of a new budget, I urge you to consider the damage inflicted on the police department by the city council and mayor during the past 12 months. Since you cannot retain officers through your "competitive benefits" package, I urge you to consider cash bonuses paid over a 3 year period. Consider a lump sum of \$20,000 per officer: \$5,000 upon hire, \$5,000 upon completion of the academy, \$5,000 upon completion of probation and \$5,000 at the end of three years. Given how morale has plummeted, this is likely the only way to retain officers for a decent period of time. Thank you, William Woods	FY21 Budget

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6/3/2021 17:01	Justus Salazar	<p>Hi Mayor and City Council Members, I get and support Police system reform... Let me see that again bad police system reform. It's not the place that's the problem is the people that are in charge and the rules and the laws that are in place that do not hold bad apples in the police department accountable for their actions. There needs to be an independent organization that investigates police officer issues it has no affiliation with their superiors or people they work with so there's no bias. They would consist of ex police officers, community members, lawyers who can provide legal input, and community leaders who have access to the officer cameras, the officer files, the officers records, and access to anybody else's involved as far as leadership. Defunding the police is about the stupid thing I've ever heard Or Slc Mayor and City councils new policies of hands off the homeless, we book and release at the jail for misdemeanors and even felonies at this point I'm seeing where a felon can get arrested five times in the same night and nothing is done about it. So with that said.... Why in the hell would you ever want to be a police officer where your job is to protect and serve the community you work in and are not given the tools to do your job but yet the leadership expect you to do your job but yet everything you do is scrutinized, held back or policies that you're not able to even do your job so what the hell is the point. Our police officers are not psychologists and counselors they're job is not to give advice to people, if a homeless person is on drugs their jobs not to give them counseling on oh here's a center you can go to get off drugs. Their job is enforce the law if drugs are illegal then they need to enforce it. If someone's doing something they shouldn't be doing they need to enforce it their job is not to tell them to stop doing it and refer to some public service. It's funny I guarantee if something happened where mayor mendenhall had to call 911 for her family because someone broke in and you were put on hold to wait in the order in which your call is received and then the police showed up and they couldn't really do much about it because of the policies I guarantee shit would change. Thanks, Justus Salazar</p>	Police Funding

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6/3/2021 18:31	Anonymous Constituent	<p>Dear City Council, Please do not approve the PROPOSED Consolidated Fee Schedule Change (CFS). I'm making this request based on: 1-What if the proposed changes decrease permit fee revenue? 2-How do we know the proposed changes will not decrease fee revenue? 3-How do we know the proposed changes will increase fee revenue? 4-How do we know the current CFS is not adequate? 5-How do we know the Code is being used together with the CFS? 6-The Code supports the CFS and the Code should be referred to when interpreting the CFS 7-The CFS was recently updated and making a change so soon could be a big mistake without giving it time 8-Making a change during a global pandemic when there's economic uncertainty could be a big fiscal mistake With utmost respect, please DENY the proposed changes to the CFS. Sincerely, Concerned Citizen</p>	FY21 Budget
6/4/2021 14:55	Camilla Greenwood	<p>The three things we've had problems with in my neighborhood (Fairpark) are a large number of people living on the street or in other public spaces, litter, and theft. We've had our car broken into twice and a package stolen within the last year. There is a lot of litter on the street and in the park, including occasionally used needles. I'm worried for my son's safety, and my dog is always trying to eat (and does eat when I am not quick enough to stop him) discarded food, including chocolate. Worse of all are the people who are living in terrible conditions. A woman two blocks up died of carbon monoxide poisoning trying to keep warm in her tent. I was stopped by a woman who said she was freezing (literally) and had nowhere to go. She wasn't making a whole lot of sense. Unfortunately, I had no idea how to help her. Another man stopped me one time without shoes in the dead of winter. I tried to give him an old but functional pair of my husband's, but he just swore at me. Please, put all the resources you can into addiction help, mental health care, and housing, and also into law enforcement. We need to provide the help these people need, and people like me also have a right to a safe environment. People don't belong on the streets. Camilla</p>	Homelessness

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6/4/2021 15:41	Graham Stork	Councilman Wharton, Regarding SLC Policing. I do not support defunding SLC police. I do support better training, access to mental health support for interventions when it makes sense, and serious attempts to reduce violent interactions between police and citizens. I understand that this takes money and that money often comes from taxes. Graham Stork	Police Funding
6/5/2021 12:03	Spencer Ferguson	I am a resident ([REDACTED]) and business owner (Wasatch I.T., [REDACTED]) in Salt lake City. We purchased our business location in January, and will be moving our 50+ employees downtown later this month when remodeling is complete. Unfortunately, there are homeless people who have zero desire to use city services or improve thier situations that constantly disturb our block. They sell/use drugs, defecate, and perform sexual acts in front of tourists, familys, and (soon) our employees. The only thing that moves them away from our business is police presence. Unfortunately, the attrition of our police force and reduction in patrols means these criminals are doing whatever they want with little fear of consequences. Please fund our police force and add more officers so our streets can be patrolled and criminals will stop hurting our business!	Police Funding
6/6/2021 14:39	Samantha Finch	Hello Council, As a resident of Salt Lake City, I would like to voice my general approval of the Mayor's FY 21-22 budget. Specifically, a capital city needs a well funded, highly paid police force. Due to our position as Utah's captial city, we disportionally experience protest movements and rallies. We also have a homeless problem with a lot of population growth. Being a police officer is a hard, dangerous job. Each member of our police force deserves to be appropriately compensated and supported in their work. Additionally, I support the elevation of the SLC Parks and Public lands to a department level position. I want to see our Parks and Public Lands play a larger role in city government. A department level position will permit the Director to set policy and objectives around the deparment instead of within the Departement of Utilities. This promotion signals that the Mayor and Council consider our outdoor environment to be a vital aspect of our city's future. thanks for reading, Samantha Finch	FY21 Budget

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6/6/2021 18:00	Anonymous Constituent	the budget for police is a step in the right direction. Funding the police is necessary for the safety of our citizens, businesses and visitors. If we want tourism, businesses to move to the city, the thousands of apartments filled, we must have a safe city. When in need, people call the police. They risk their lives for others. Whether the caller wants them funded or not. They make such minimal salaries and their families are constantly put in danger due to the risk of the job. Police funding should be vast and hit the needs of the department and community to keep safe and accomplish goals. this budget should in no way be reduced as it relates to police funding.	FY21 Budget
6/6/2021 18:05	Anonymous Constituent	Fund the police. Ask anyone who went to school, some teachers are awful. Complete failures at their job and some break the law in the process. Nobody ever suggests defunding teachers. Why would it be different here? The current budget relating to police funding should be approved or increased, never decreased.	FY21 Budget
6/7/2021 11:05	Anonymous Constituent	The budget must be approved without reducing any of the police funding. If anything, it should be increased, but given the climate, I doubt theres a shot at that. However, at a minimum, it must be approved to fund the police as presented. No matter what anyone thinks about the police, they're still who you call when you need help. It is critical for our city to keep our residents, visitors and business owners safe.	FY21 Budget
6/7/2021 11:07	Anonymous Constituent	We need to fund more officers to monitor and work on Main to keep the homeless issue under control. As such, we cannot reduce any funding to the police and must pass the budget with the amount here, if not more created to help this. Im not sure if the video will attach on the next page, but this is just some of what we have happening on our PREMIER block of main street. FUND THE POLICE. They are critical in keeping our city safe.	FY21 Budget
6/8/2021 8:43	Anonymous Constituent	The caller wanted to express her support for the Mayor's budget. She is in specifically in favor of the funding for the police.	FY21 Budget

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6/8/2021 9:01	Matthew Givens	<p>Hi, I noticed on the meeting agenda for today that there is an item concerning the Station Center area of the city. The idea of that district becoming the premiere transit-oriented district in the state is an exciting one, and I love the idea of having a university presence there. I appreciate the RDA's efforts in getting all of this off the ground but I have to make a comment concerning the Rio Grande Depot. In past presentations up until and including today's, the old station has been considered a "barrier to development." I know that members of the city council and RDA have seen the plan to make the Rio Grande Depot the centerpiece rail station of the entire Utah rail transit network by digging a cut-and-cover trench for trains under the 500 W right-of-way and opening the old railyards to development. Said plan is reminiscent of Denver's Union Station redevelopment and I think would have comparable positive economic and urban impacts for Salt Lake City. I would love to hear what members of the RDA have to say about this idea, its feasibility, and whether or not there have been discussions to incorporate into existing plans for Station Center. Thanks!</p> <p>Matthew Givens</p>	FY21 Budget
6/8/2021 10:14	Matthew Givens	<p>Hello, Apologies for not keeping it to one email. The 650 Main TRAX stop is a great idea and I'm looking forward to seeing it constructed soon! My idea for this is to name the new stop "Midtown" station to acknowledge the efforts of the Midtown District Community Organization that has been focusing on building community in this area that is south of downtown. Said area, which is currently separated from the rest of downtown by significant pedestrian barriers/distance, is growing rapidly and would benefit from an official designation like the name of its TRAX stop, which I feel would help legitimize it and give it a more unique sense of place. Thanks! Matthew Givens</p>	FY21 Budget
6/8/2021 10:44	Anonymous Constituent	<p>Approve the proposed funding in the budget for the police. Theyre essential.</p>	FY21 Budget