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9/11/2024 9:25	Jeffrey Wood	Jordan River Trail closure, State fair, and get to the river festivities - a fervent plea for change	<p>Dear City Council &amp; Mayor, I write to you today with deep concern and a fervent plea for change. The recent closure of the vital corridor connecting the north side of the Jordan River to North Temple, particularly during the "Get to the River" festival, is a stark reminder of the inequities that persist in our city. Get to the river info: <a href="https://jordanrivercommission.gov/get-to-the-river-festival/">https://jordanrivercommission.gov/get-to-the-river-festival/</a> This closure, ostensibly for safety during the State Fair, rings hollow when juxtaposed with the daily realities faced by residents in the surrounding neighborhoods. The Jordan River Trail, a cherished community asset, is abruptly deemed 'unsafe' only when it inconveniences fairgoers. This not only frustrates us, but it's an affront to the dignity and well-being of those who call the West Side home. New article: <a href="https://kutv.com/news/local/utah-state-fair-fences-off-jordan-river-trail-to-reduce-crime-keep-fairgoers-safe">https://kutv.com/news/local/utah-state-fair-fences-off-jordan-river-trail-to-reduce-crime-keep-fairgoers-safe</a> This reactive approach to safety perpetuates a cycle of neglect and discrimination. It echoes the redlining practices of the past, where specific neighborhoods were deemed undesirable and unworthy of investment. It reinforces the harmful narrative that the West side's challenges are temporary inconveniences to be swept under the rug rather than systemic issues demanding sustained attention. If residents from other parts of our city could witness the daily struggles faced by those in the West side, they would be rightfully outraged.</p> <p>Perhaps then, we will see the collective will to address these issues locally and at the state level. Recent legislation aims for equitable resource distribution, recognizing the disproportionate burdens placed on Salt Lake City. Yet, actions like this closure undermine that very goal, masking the true nature of our challenges. We cannot achieve equity by hiding our problems; we must confront them head-on. I implore you to reconsider this closure and commit to a proactive, comprehensive approach to safety and revitalization in the West side. The urgency of this matter cannot be overstated. Let us not squander this opportunity to build a truly equitable and just city for all residents. The time for change is now. Thank you for your time and consideration. Jeffrey Wood</p>
9/11/2024 10:10	Tanya ANDREW	Prevent North Salt Lake from Choking on Dust	<p>. Mr. Wharton, This batching plant is inconsistent with M-1 zoning goals. The commission is allowing the applicant to game the system to qualify its application. The commission's recommendations for mitigation are inadequate and in many cases meaningless. It is not "reasonable" to allow the applicant to exploit existing residents in the area, and operate a facility that will cause significant health harm to people who are already victims of environmental injustice, given the multiple sources of pollution they are already exposed to. This application should be denied. Sincerely, Tanya T Andrew</p>

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9/11/2024 10:11	Anton Burtsev	Fw: (EXTERNAL) Comment on Concrete Manufacturing Facility in North Salt Lake	<p>Dear members of the Salt Lake City Council I would like to argue against allowing construction of a new concrete staging plant in North Salt Lake. Every time I pass the gravel pit north of Salt Lake (I guess it's owned by Lakeview Products) I am horrified -- it got 4-5 times larger in the last 5 years, and it's _so_ close to the city. Even the slightest wind starts a dust storm around it due to erosion of the mountain blowing the dust over the hills into Salt Lake City. And I am honestly worried. Worried to the point that I am thinking of relocating elsewhere. While Salt Lake City has a green average over the entire year, such averages are misleading as they mask severe unhealthy air events (see for example, <a href="https://www.iqair.com/us/usa/utah/salt-lake-city">https://www.iqair.com/us/usa/utah/salt-lake-city</a>). The question of another concrete plant is the choice between the health of one million people living in the valley and profit margins for a company which is trying to save on transporting concrete from a healthy distance. I hope you are clear on this choice. A concrete plant will create a minimal number of jobs, will have no positive impact on the valley (even for construction purposes the cost of ordering concrete is a tiny fraction of most concrete projects), but will only further jeopardize the health of one million people. I hope today you will make the choice to protect the people which you represent. Anton Burtsev, PhD Assistant Professor Kahlert School of Computing, University of Utah</p>
9/11/2024 10:13	Kimberly Bailey	Granite Construction	<p>Please reconsider the proposal for Granite Constructions' plan to put in concrete batching plant. The air is bad already and especially a windy day. There is dust everywhere. I'm sure there are areas outside of the vicinity of the city that can be used. Already it has made air quality poor, and don't need it to be worse. We need to consider the health of residents who live here, not just the profit of a company.</p>
9/11/2024 10:14	Michelle LeBaron	Fw: (EXTERNAL) North Salt Lake batch plant hearing 9/11/24	<p>Hello Chris, I would like my comments below to be included in the records of the 9/11/24 meeting addressing possible approval of a batch plant in north Salt Lake by Granite. construction. In addition to a dismal track record of Granite Construction to consider the concerns of nearby residents, my main concern is the severe air pollution risk, including toxic dust, and diesel emissions, which are proven to cause significant health problems, for and citizens located along the Wasatch front. Dust blown by valley winds from concrete batch plants covers barbecue pits, patios, playgrounds, roofs and cars, making it difficult to live outside 7 months of the year. I strongly urge you and your colleagues to oppose approval of this project. Michelle LeBaron</p>
9/11/2024 10:16	Neal Patwari	(EXTERNAL) Granite Construction's plans to build a concrete plant	<p>Councilperson Chris Warton, Regarding Granite Construction's plans to build a concrete plant just North of Salt Lake City, I urge you to vote against their plans. We desperately need cleaner air in SLC, and Granite Construction is currently one of our big polluters. We all pay the price with our health, but this will affect the most vulnerable -- children, elderly, and people with asthma or respiratory disease. We need our SLC leadership to take action to protect our city residents (since no one else in Utah will). Please stand against permitting another dirty industrial source from polluting our air. Neal Patwari</p>

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9/11/2024 10:18	Stacey Cole 1/5	(EXTERNAL) Oppose Granite Constructions' proposal for concrete manufacturing facility	<p>Dear Rylee, Vitoria, Alejandro, Chris, Eva, Darin, Dan, and Sarah, I am strongly opposed to Granite Construction's proposal for a concrete manufacturing facility and urge you to oppose it as well. The many serious reasons to oppose this are listed below.</p> <p>Stacey Cole, 1809 S 1700 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84108 801-808-9249 Comments on Granite Construction's proposal for a concrete manufacturing facility UPHE sent the following comments to the Salt Lake City Planning Commission ahead of their September 11, 2024 meeting to hear Granite Constructions permit for a concrete manufacturing. Summary In summary, this batching plant is inconsistent with M-1 zoning goals. The commission is allowing the applicant to game the system to qualify its application. The commission's recommendations for mitigation are inadequate and in many cases meaningless. It is not "reasonable" to allow the applicant to exploit existing residents in the area, and operate a facility that will cause significant health harm to people who are already victims of environmental injustice, given the multiple sources of pollution they are already exposed to. This application should be denied. Comments to: rylee.hall@slc.gov Dear Mr. Hall: The signers of these comments formally request that the Salt Lake City Planning Commission rescind their recommendation for approval of a conditional use for a concrete manufacturing facility at 1055 N Warm Springs Rd, for the multiple reasons outlined below. The Staff Report Errors in Concluding the City is Obligated to Approve the Application The report states, "State and City code require that a Conditional Use be approved if reasonable conditions can be imposed on the use to mitigate any reasonably anticipated detrimental effects of the use. A conditional use can only be denied if the Planning Commission finds that reasonably anticipated detrimental effects cannot be mitigated with the imposition of reasonable conditions." The health hazards associated with concrete batching plants can vary tremendously depending on the precautions and pollution controls used by the operator. But even in ideal circumstances they are significant sources of air pollution of numerous types-particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, and volatile organic compounds, water and noise pollution. The terms "reasonable," and "mitigate" are extremely vague, they make this standard very much subject to individual interpretation, and do not obligate the city to approve the application. Is it "reasonable" to allow a business that is virtually guaranteed to harm the health of nearby residents and property owners? What constitutes mitigation? How much reduction of known health hazard qualifies as "mitigation"? In the statement of intent for 2A.28.010 of Zoning Standards for M-1, it states that the intent of the manufacturing district is to "enhance property values..." This project hardly enhances the property values of nearby property owners, whether they are residents or businesses. Further, in the purpose statement of 2A.28.020 it states, "The purpose of the M-1 Light Manufacturing District is to provide an environment for light industrial uses that produce no appreciable impact on adjacent properties, that desire a clean attractive industrial setting, and that protects nearby sensitive lands and waterways." None of the above stated goals is consistent with a concrete batching plant, as the pollution, truck traffic, and noise all constitute an "appreciable impact on adjacent properties, that desire a clean attractive industrial setting..." Recommendation number 7 says that, "No portion of the use (including any accessory uses) can be within the portion of the property that is within 1,000 ft. of a single or two-family zoning district. Otherwise, the use would be prohibited." Previous commenters have noted the planning commission has allowed Granite to game the system with the way they have drawn the center point of the 1,000 ft. set back radius.</p>

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9/11/2024 10:20	Morgan Parham	(EXTERNAL) Opposed to proposed Granite Batch Plant	<p>Dear Legislator, I am writing you today to voice my opposition to the proposed Granite Construction's North Salt Lake concrete batch plant. As there are many reasons I am opposed to this plant I want to highlight the increase in air pollution this plant would most certainly cause. The significant health risks linked to air pollution from concrete batch plants, including harmful dust and diesel fumes, are a major concern for nearby residents. In Harris County, TX, people living close to these plants have expressed serious worries about their health. One resident said, "Breathing is difficult with a concrete plant right in your backyard." This highlights the difficulties faced by those constantly exposed to these pollutants. Another resident described the situation by saying, "Dust from concrete batch plants covers everything—roofs, cars, even barbecue pits. People can't go outside or host friends." This paints a clear picture of how pervasive the dust is, making everyday life much harder for those affected. The health consequences of this exposure are well-known, leading to increased respiratory issues and other serious health problems for residents. The severe impact of toxic dust and diesel emissions underscores the need for stricter regulations and more effective safeguards to protect the health and quality of life of affected communities. Thank you for your time and I hope you can vote to oppose this concrete batch plant to prioritize the health of Salt Lake City's residents. Best, Morgan Parham</p>

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9/11/2024 16:47	Jeffrey Haverkos	the Capital City Revitalization Zone	This constituent is extremely opposed to the Capital City Revitalization Zone. He will not vote to reelect anyone who supports it. He emphasized one of his major concerns is the use of the word revitalization. It comes across as the City adopting the Smiths group's language. Like propaganda. The City should be including alleged or purported if they want to use revitalization. "In its current state the plan has major changes proposing to destroy the rest of poor Japan town and Abravanel Hall..." "If the state really wants this revitalization zone, they can take it to SLC County, and they can take the Jazz with them too" "I thought the Eccles Theater was going to be the one to revitalize downtown" "A project of King and Queen Smith"
9/11/2024 16:50	Alicia Ramirez	Rejected grant application	I am happy to say that even though my application for grant funding for the proposal I made to victoria petro earlier this year asking the city to put funding aside for landscape projects to help the elderly and the disabled no longer able to tend to their yards and asked mike Ribe if he would allow me to clean up his yard for him with donated services by me with no money coming out of his pocket and I got an email back from victoria petros assistance telling me that victoria would get back at me in June to discuss this plan but never heard from her and then i saw my idea on the city website with the option to apply for a \$500 grant which i did but it got rejected so I took it upon myself and ordered and paid for the mulch I needed to finish this project I started and having it delivered to Mike's from Sutherlands. What was really upsetting to me that after all these years of mikes yard being neglected and nobody seemed to care of pay attention or think that an elderly man or someone disable might of lived there for his yard looking the way it did and not even a visit from the city until i started working on it and then the city came and posed a notice on mike's dor stating that if he didnt get his yard cleaned up he was going to be fined \$25 a day. This to me made no sense why the City do that to an elderly man when it was my idea to begin with and already in progress cleaning it up. Thank You all but the project is done.
9/11/2024 16:51	Virgil Preston	Subject;having pets in your lap while driving.	Hi council member,I have nearly been in traffic accidents twice recently,because other driver had a pet in his lap.pet caused him to not concentrate on the road.i noticed a couple of states banned having pets in your lap while driving.would the council consider that,or is not up to you to decide.



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9/11/2024 16:52	Katie Pappas	Comment about Warm Springs Concrete batching plant	The Salt Lake City Planning Commission should rescind their recommendation for approval of the concrete batching plant on Warm Springs Road for a number of reasons. M-1 Zoning standards don't allow for this type of business in their statement of intent. It is not possible for this type of business to positively impact the surrounding area. Even without the refineries, airport, large gravel pits and industry in the Salt Lake valley, we would struggle to maintain our air quality due to the geography of our valley. Dust from concrete is especially toxic due to its components. We've all seen the dust clouds coming off local gravel pits on windy days. No amount of water can suppress it. West side residents have already been over-burdened with most of the health impacting businesses, rail yards, truck traffic, freeways and the inland port. The only way to stop worsening the air quality is to locate these types of businesses outside our airshed. This concrete batching facility will not solve the concrete shortage because it doesn't address the cement shortage. Katie Pappas Salt Lake City
9/11/2024 16:54	Alicia Ramirez	Homeless	<p>what job do you think is available for me with the city having lived experience and peer support in homelessness and addiction, I have been an advocate for the homeless and addicts in Rosepark, I am a humanitarian and an advocate and have done many hours in outreach and collecting donations from schools and businesses for the homeless and addicts population . Every year i collected donations for the homeless and delivered food, clothing, blankets , wood pallets, and other items to those who couldn't get to the places where they could get the resources they needed and now that I am homeless myself due to no fault of my own and because of domestic violence and have lived experience and still advocating and still doing outreach on my own to collect food and items to help others out here on these streets. I graduated from the Westside Leadership Institute from the U of U in 2021 to become one of the leaders on the Westside, I'm one of the members who rallied at the capitol against the inland port trying to protect our wildlife habitat, our air quality and our health. I'm also a member of The Warm Springs Alliance and a volunteer for, Noxious weed program, Jordan trail and river clean ups and plant a tree programs in our Community . I am known as the Go Getter Girl in Rosepark and in the Rosepark Community Group on Facebook when I used to do Landscaping in our Community from 2019-2024 but due to my disability I can no longer do physical labor. I want to work for the City and I have had great support from this support including from Wayne the owner of Sutherlands who has donated garbage bags, rakes, brooms and other supplies to help me continue doing the clean ups on the river trail and parks on my own volunteer time. I also got support from John the owner of Cornell Apts in loaning me the skid steer and providing the dumpsters and paying for dump fees on the project i started on Mike Ribe's property on 216 N Cornell Street to clean up the property and proposed my idea to Victoria Petro requesting the city put aside funding for all adult seniors and disabled home owners/renters who could no longer tend to their yards and the funding could help with the yard clean ups but all i got was an email from her assistant that told me Victoria would get back at me in June and never heard from her to discuss this plan but then seen the grant funding on the city website of my idea and applied for the grant and got denied the funding and mike got served a notice on his door after I started this project that he would be fined \$25 a day if the yard wasn't cleaned up even though I told victoria and the governor and the mayor of my plan. My crime victims advocate gave me a form to fill out against anyone who abused me or violated my civil rights and i will be filling out one against victoria petro for also taking my idea requesting for a safe place to park at night when she asked me what i suggested the city can do for the homeless and i suggested a safe place for us who have vehicles to park to sleep at night. My ideas are my intellectual thoughts that i should be compensated for to continue helping the homeless.</p>

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9/11/2024 16:55	Alicia Ramirez	Green Space	<p>I'm not only an advocate for the Homeless and the addicts on these streets, but I'm also a member of the Inlandport Coalition fighting to preserve our Wetlands on the West Side to save our Wild life species who thrive to survive , our Air Quality for our children and our gand children who live on the Westside and for our own health. I am also a member of the Warm Springs Alliance bringing back the Warm Springs Building back to life , Noxious weed volunteer to take out the intrusive weeds, Trail and river clean ups to keep our enviroment clean and safe for our children and grand children and also Plant a tree volunteer to help keep trees alive in this community and our Air purification and healing energy also comes from plants and trees. My Love for Nature, Animals and for People is expressed in the things I strongly advocate for and have been doing for many years. I suggest perserving more of our green space and planting more trees <a href="https://www.deseret.com/2019/9/18/20872416/utah-inland-port-pollution-protest-study/">https://www.deseret.com/2019/9/18/20872416/utah-inland-port-pollution-protest-study/</a></p>
9/12/2024 16:58	Lisa Raty	Abravanel Hall	<p>Please do not tear down Abravanel Hall. I don't think you'll read further than that first line, but I am concerned about a city that would tear down a cultural icon that serves the community beautifully to serve the whims of a millionaire that simply doesn't understand or value classical music. Please don't try and rebut that with the east/west argument, it is beneath us both (as someone that lives west of State). I raised my children to attend, play and serve in Abravanel Hall. We may be in the minority, but no less important than the hockey playing minority. There is enough space for both. Please look to someplace that could use and welcome the new team. Thank you,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lisa Raty</p>

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9/12/2024 17:00	Max Olivier	Please act now to save the Fleet Block murals of Darrien Hunt, Bobby Duckworth, George Floyd, et al	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, You must act immediately to preserve the memorial Fleet Block murals. I believe it is still possible to save the original murals. It is a disgrace that the beautiful, undeniably powerful, and historically significant murals of Fleet Block are not being preserved. This whole situation is highlighting the city's treatment of Black people and indeed all people of color in the following way: these murals weren't a high priority for Salt Lake City when they were created, which is why they ended up on an abandoned building that is now condemned and slated for destruction. They are now an icon of Salt Lake City, widely loved and recognized. The memory of individuals depicted there, such as Darrien Hunt, Bobby Duckworth, and George Floyd, is not disposable or forgettable. You can salvage this very bad look for your city and indeed Utah as a whole. You need to figure out how to either save the original walls and murals or copy the walls and murals exactly. Just imagine – how would it look to show the entire world these murals at the Olympics? And how would it look to the entire world if these murals were destroyed? How do I know this can be done? I have seen it, in the Cité de l'architecture et du patrimoine in Paris, France, which is translated on Wikipedia as Architecture and Heritage City. It is a museum which displays entire portals of cathedrals which are casts of the originals, plus copies of historic murals and stained glass and other architectural models and materials. I have already contacted the museum asking for more information about this process, but they might pay a little more attention if a local government, mayor, or historical society reached out to them. Of course, our country also has architecture museums which could help, like the National Building Museum, but I have not yet personally visited any such museum in the US. I understand that the city has already agreed to create a permanent installation memorializing these individuals who were killed by police, which may be included in the same block as it is redeveloped. I also understand that such a space would include newly-commissioned artwork. I say, the problem of police brutality against people of color is so important that BOTH a new space should be created AND the old should be preserved! It can be done. This is not a novel situation in the world. My name is Max Olivier, I use they/them pronouns, I am a graduate student in social work, and I speak for myself as a private citizen and a concerned constituent. Please acknowledge receipt of this message and indicate what has already been done to save the murals now that they are slated to be destroyed and what options have not yet been exhausted. I would love to help if I can. This needs to be a top priority for our city. Thank you for your time. -</p> <p>Max Olivier (they/them)</p>

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9/13/2024 9:48	Nancy Boskoff	Genuinely Grateful - D/7	<p>Thanks in part to a Project Support grant from the Salt Lake City Arts Council, the Performing Arts Coalition (PAC) successfully presented “Pictures at an Exhibition: ReFramed” to a full house at the Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center on August 24. PAC is most appreciative of the financial and philosophical support for the arts that Salt Lake City provides, knowing that you recognize the multiple levels of value that the arts bring to the Capital City. PAC was organized in late 80s to assist in the fundraising, design and community support for what is now the Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center, a world class public cultural facility and the home of the six companies that are PAC members. In 2012, PAC embarked on a public campaign, through an annual performance at the Rose, to thank the community and welcome the community into this gem of a theatre in the heart of downtown. Each show is one-of-a-kind, one-time only, professionally produced and performed by these six companies in a collaborative and creative spirit: Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company, Gina Bachauer International Piano Foundation, SB Dance, Pygmalion Theatre Company, Repertory Dance Theatre and Plan-B Theatre Company, For a little insight into the creative process, the underlying musical theme: Mussorgsky’s “Pictures at an Exhibition” was selected, a playwright was engaged to write the script that tied the sections together, and the companies each performed what they do best - music, dance, theatre - built around the music and the script. The audience, as mentioned, arrived with enthusiasm to fill the house and thoroughly enjoyed this collage created by six of Salt Lake’s best performing arts companies. PAC also engages American Sign Language interpreters for the show and custom invitations are sent to agencies, college clubs and nonprofits that serve the Deaf and hard of hearing communities.</p>
9/13/2024 15:28	Alicia Ramirez	SLC Allocates \$58.1 Million to Community Projects   Council Meeting Recap - 8/27	<p>can we use some of that money to improve the neighborhood in jordan meadows west of redwood road from north temple to 700 north? This neighborhood has been my home for over 20 years and have not seen any upgrades in the streets besides the parks . the alley ways streets and side walks are terrible and parking strips are not upgraded . this neighborhood as you can visibly see has been neglected for many years</p>
9/13/2024 15:30	Bernie Hart	A simple question....	<p>Hi All, The following was sent go a friend who is concerned about the chronically homeless in Salt Lake City: When it comes to "helping" the chronically homeless mentally ill and addicted we talk in circles. If you are a Socialworker, jail is not the answer.. programs are. If you are a police officer arresting someone for the 9th time, who has been in 10 addiction programs and in a number of treatment programs... jail seems like the only answer. If you are an elected official trying to make good decisions... who do they believe? They can't both be right, but they could both be wrong. I think we need to hire a couple of accountants who are charged with directing the limited funds that are available to programs that have data that show how effective they are. The representatives and spokesperson for the police or social work efforts or drug intervention programs must have the data available. If no data is available and the lack of data might impact funding... they will find it ... or insist that there is funding available for research... because they're sure research will show that the programs and treatment that never worked in the past... really work. But.. an observation. If the programs aren't as effective as everyone claims, will they ask for funding for research? Is the Social worker sure that programs work, and does the police officer really believe jail is the answer? I want to jump into the middle of all this. What is working? A simple question, Bernie Hart</p>

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9/16/2024 12:20	Karen Stirland	Homeless situation   D1	I grew up in what was Morton Meadows, now Jordan Meadows, from 1971 until my family moved away because of what we saw happening to the city and neighborhood. I loved growing up in Morton Meadows, we used to walk to rose park to the playground. It was a fun time. My dad still lives in my childhood home so I still see the areas I grew up in. I've seen the ugliness that has changed the area. Driving down 6th north by the Jordan river & saw all the homeless. I see people setting up shop on the lawns of the shopping centers. I don't know how people raise families around all this. The city keeps just kicking the homeless around. The city needs to implement some kind of a plan to help these people get off the street. I do not understand why it is so out of hand. Some kind of a community needs to set up for them to be off the street. What plans does the city have.
9/16/2024 13:25	Chris Gay	Wilson Bird Park Cleanup	Hi Dan. I'm Chris Gay , volunteer today and frequent bird park walker and citizen. Thanks for your efforts in showing up to make our community better. I'm glad you got re-elected and happy to watch how our city works and participate when I can. i'm a private practice family physician, downtown x 16 y and at UU 14 y prior, a transplant with good roots here after leaving Oregon PNW and family behind to create my own here. i'm interested in more city and park involvement in future, especially as I slowly retire over next few years.
9/16/2024 3:17 PM	Sam Higginson	School Buses	My name is Sam Higginson and I live in the Jordan Meadows area. I know you and I haven't had a chance to meet yet but I'm sure we will have that opportunity. I currently am in a position to probably be voted in as Vice Chair or the Northwest Community Council working alongside Terry here in the West side I was recently speaking with a member of my family that works for the Salt Lake City School District in the bussing department. They mentioned to me that they have seen an increase in people going around the busses while the Red Lights are flashing. Due to the increase in situations across the state where children have been struck by cars this caused some concern to myself and others. Is there a way this can be addressed within the City Council so we can possibly reverse this trend? I know the drivers and parents would appreciate some manner of resolution or prevention. Thanks For you attention Sam Higginson
9/16/2024 16:39	Paul Cahoon	Downtown Sports District	I am very concerned about the plans to turn downtown Salt Lake City into a Professional sports district. The plans, it seems, are being made by private entrepreneurs and city government officials with very little public input. The idea to remove existing businesses, the Abravanel Hall and an existing hotel, a financial business and other business to fulfill the dreams, aspirations and pocket books of sports business people and professional athletes without so much as a public referendum and vote is unconscionable. There are many locations in the outskirts on the city that could meet their needs without destroying the character of the city. I am also opposed to raising the city's sales tax to fund these activities. i enjoy a good hockey game, and watch one occasionally on TV. Professional baseball can be interesting to watch on TV occasionally, but to dedicate the center of a city which was founded and built by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a sacrilege. Yours truly, Charles Paul Cahoon
9/16/2024 16:43	Margaret Holloway	Please rethink this. Just does not add up...	<a href="https://utahstories.com/2024/09/why-the-salt-lake-city-council-should-reject-a-new-salary-raise/?mc_cid=c62bf9c99a&amp;mc_eid=d49404f347&amp;fbclid=IwY2xjawFU8ddleHRuA2FibQlxMQABHXa_WikSk0TpDagKnrX6zFc_sqNiqFjGKcaxvyoB36RWIBSNRkQV7-2izA_aem_cPWdZ3WSKq5Hw6msQVksmQ">https://utahstories.com/2024/09/why-the-salt-lake-city-council-should-reject-a-new-salary-raise/?mc_cid=c62bf9c99a&amp;mc_eid=d49404f347&amp;fbclid=IwY2xjawFU8ddleHRuA2FibQlxMQABHXa_WikSk0TpDagKnrX6zFc_sqNiqFjGKcaxvyoB36RWIBSNRkQV7-2izA_aem_cPWdZ3WSKq5Hw6msQVksmQ</a> Margaret Holloway
9/17/2024 3:19	Tyler F Jones	Listen to the people - Abravanel Hall	Clearly people want to keep Abravanel Hall. As a Salt Lake City home owner and community member, I add my voice to the many thousands who have spoken up about this issue. Please, listen to your constituents.

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9/17/2024 10:51	Don Butterfield	First Responders	I would like to support and honor our city's First Responders and support staff by giving them "Shop Local First" discount shopping cards. Do you remember the "Happenings" coupon book? It is the same concept that has just been brought up to date. How many First Responders and support staff are employed by Salt Lake City?
9/17/2024 12:43	Margaret Morin	Please preserve and protect Abravanel Hall for future generations.	<p>Hello Salt Lake City Council, please use your time on the Salt Lake City Council to preserve and protect Abravanel Hall for future generations. Specifically, please apply to Abravanel Hall the same precedent being established by Salt Lake City and the Smith Entertainment Group proposed Entertainment District, that of "protecting historic or emotionally valuable segments of the proposed Entertainment District." By all means, protect Japantown but most certainly include Abravanel Hall in that same language. Abravanel Hall is an irreplaceable piece of SLC cityscape and cultural life. The building that houses Abravanel Hall is beloved by all who use it and is in very good condition. What it needs is better maintenance by its landlords. I strongly suggest that it's in the very best interests of residents, including myself, for Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County to use the taxing and bonding powers the Legislature has granted them to preserve and protect Abravanel Hall for future generations. I hope I can count on your support here. respectfully, Margaret R Morin</p>
9/17/2024 12:45	Jeff WHITE	Manufactured Housing District 2	Good Day Members of the city council, I'm Jeff White, working with the Salt Lake Housing Authority to promote HUD-approved, energy-rated manufactured homes for affordable homeownership. Two rezoned lots are ready for activation. I'm including a recent example from California: <a href="https://www.vox.com/policy/371561/affordable-housing-crisis-economy-hud-california">https://www.vox.com/policy/371561/affordable-housing-crisis-economy-hud-california</a> . The Legacy Challenge Grant for Section 108 Financing increases funding threefold, but the deadline is in November. Please support us in moving forward with these lots for affordable homes quickly. Respectfully Jeff White
9/17/2024 13:10		Affordable Housing	SLC owns small parcels of land on the west side good for first time , low income home buyers. The city is terribly slow at releasing this property. We have plans that could have really decent, affordable factory built homes ready in less than six months. We would like to talk to the city council about this as soon as soon as possible.

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9/17/2024 13:59	Alek Konkol	Comment on Amendment to Prohibit Demolition of Dwelling Units for Parking Uses	<p>Hello City Council, My name is Alek and I am a resident of District 4, represented by Eva Lopez Chavez. I live and work right downtown and am an avid walker and biker on our streets. I am writing this email to convey my full support for the amendment to ban destruction of housing for parking lots. Even though we are 70 years late on this proposal, and so much of our neighborhood has been lost to parking, now is better than never. In my years living downtown, I have witnessed tragic losses of architecture and housing for parking. The Greek Orthodox church destroying the La France apartments near my home was heartbreaking. The loss of the Utah Pantages theatre for yet another parking lot is ridiculous. Downtown has thousands of parking spots, the last thing we need is more. Parking is a tax on downtown residents for the benefit of suburban commuters. Why should we have to pay the fees associated with plentiful parking if all it does is harm us? Creating more parking creates more traffic, which causes air/noise pollution, increases risk of injury and accident for people walking/biking, and creates eyesores in the neighborhood. Additionally, it increases the cost of living downtown for all, as developable land is used for housing cars instead of people. If every surface level parking lot was used for housing, I'm sure we would be farther along in our war on housing costs. Salt Lake of the early 1900's was developed on nearly every block. There was no need for parking because everything a resident could want was located on the city block. It's time to turn our sights back towards creating a downtown that served its residents, instead of a downtown that served weekday suburban commuters. I urge and beg you to pass this amendment to ban the destruction of housing for the creation of parking. Thank you. Alek Konkol</p>
9/17/2024 16:46	Andre Joseph	GSL Water Diversions	<p>A 20% decrease in agricultural diversions from the lake's tributaries is equal to a 100% reduction in municipal diversions. Total agricultural output accounts for 2.6% of the state's GDP, with a significant portion of those proceeds coming from exported products. Please ensure this context is at the forefront of all conversation about household water conservation. It helps, but it will not come close to solving the problem. Any genuine long term solution comes via reduction of agricultural uses.</p>