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9/18/2024 15:37	Mary allison Sutinis	9/17 Formal Meeting Comments	Hi there, My name is Mary Allison Sutinis, D3. I won't be attending tonight's formal meeting in person because masks are not required, but I'd like to comment on the Public Hearing item "Ordinance: City-wide Text Amendment for Gas Station Standards." I support these new standards to better protect our water and public spaces, but I'm still concerned by the 2022 statistic that 1 in 4 underground tanks tested were not in compliance with regulations, with leaks in 7% of tested facilities. I'd like to see more protections for the air and soil around gas stations even when they are 350 ft from a water source/public space. I know the Mayor's office has explained that the Fleet Block murals must be demolished partly because of the contaminated soil beneath. So, I'm thinking about the future when these gas stations are no longer operating, leaving behind contaminated soil. There are connections to be made between our gas stations, refineries, environmental racism, and genocide. Today, Chevron fuels Israel's genocide of Palestinians. With all of this in mind, I'd like to see CC push for higher standards of gas station facilities in the future to reduce that 7% leakage statistic mentioned earlier. Best, Mary Allison Sutinis
9/18/2024 15:39	Bernie Hart	Fun stuff...	Hi All, Sometimes doing good can be a lot of fun. I am really tired of waiting for "the system" to find a way of helping the mentally ill and addiction population in Salt Lake City. The inability of the current "we can help you" programs to get the unhoused into housing and into jobs is making life difficult for just about everyone in Salt Lake. I'll be creating a temporary solution. This morning I will be starting a new effort. It will focus on helping people living on the street find ways of panhandling more effectively. We will be starting a "Creative Panhandling Program" and we will hold sessions in front (dah... dah) of SLCPD. We take referrals, Bernie
9/18/2024 15:41	Heather Wilkins	Giving homeless poeple free beer on the street?	We already have a huge drug issue, prostitution issue. But really free beer. The guy just opens his truck and asks the homeless women what she wants? This city dies not manage their resources, police or miney very well at all.
9/19/2024 11:20	Joe Jacoby	Homeless Camps, Abandoned buildings affecting my business.	To whom this may concern, We are running a small business downtown, Jacoby Architects. I am hoping for your assistance in a civil enforcement & planning matter. We have developing concerns about homeless encampments that have been growing in frequency in front, and adjacent, to our property. Each morning we arrive to trash, rude language, intimidation by campers, human excrement, and more. This has been negatively impacting our business now for the past year, and it's only getting worse. Clients feel uncomfortable visiting our office. One of the main reasons we see these homeless encampments is the abandoned building at 421 South 400 East, which is a magnet for the campers as there are many hiding spots and space to spread out. The appearance of the building has deteriorated. The size of the graffiti increasing. One potential solution that we see, is to expedite approvals on demolition of the neighboring abandoned building (421 South 400 East) and installing a tall perimeter fence the moment it's demolished. In the meantime, on our end, we are currently working with the police department to get official no-trespassing signage through the trespassing affidavit application. We kindly ask for your assistance - this is now negatively affecting our business every day. Much appreciated and Thanks, Joe Jacoby
9/19/2024 13:45	Erik OBrien	900S Bike path railway crossing	Good Afternoon! I noticed that the bike corral before the crossing at the 900S railway line has been removed during the current construction project. As a daily commuter on the 9 line I hope that the corral does NOT make a return as the openness allows for easier movement over the trax line. Thanks to whomever OK'd its removal! -- Erik O'Brien Phone

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9/19/2024 16:37	Bernie Hart	Old horses can only do what old horses can do ...	Katherine, I am often asked what I think about the new jail/mental health bond. It used to be that when the County or Salt Lake City decided to build a new shelter or mental health anything for the "poor" homeless almost everyone applauded and were all in. This time everyone seems to be asking more and more questions, or in the case of N Salt Lake rejecting more of the same old. I let those who ask know my opinion is that we are just building a new barn for an old horse. It is not the barn that does the work, it is the horse and an old horse will only do what an old horse can do. To expect more just gets us mad at the horse for not being able to do what we wanted or needed it to do.... and what we are asking it to do just can't be done by our old horse. Building new barns for old horses and expecting them to plow more fields because we built the barn is what ... I was about to say "The Utah Way", but I won't say it... Whose decision was it to build the barn? Surely not the horse's. Bernie
9/19/2024 16:39	Alek Konkol	Comment on Amendment to Prohibit Demolition of Dwelling Units for Parking Uses	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
9/23/2024 9:47	Joseph Crook	Walkability	I don't live in Salt Lake, but I work there. I absolutely love the design of Main Street. I like the trees, I like the walkability, I like the good design. I just wanted to thank whomever needs to be thanked, and say I would love more of this.
9/23/2024 15:51	Keiko Jones	Thanks	Dear city council members: I just want to express my thanks for coming to the west side last week. And thanks for your generosity to provide dinner for everyone. Ale, thanks for making this happen and making it an annual event. This gave many west side residents an opportunity to come in a somewhat more relaxed setting and express their concerns. It was important. Thanks again. Keiko Jones P.S. My only regret is that we couldn't see Darin dance this year. 🥺
9/24/2024 6:32 AM	Karen Ellis	Please oppose the sports district	I strongly oppose subsidizing a sports district by taxing Salt Lake City residents. Please vote no on this.

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9/24/2024 13:26	Jennica Krummenacher 1/3	Plea for Help Defending Low Income Individuals Against Proposition 11	<p>The addition of apartment buildings in the central 9th area have brought many elements into the community. The revitalization of abandoned buildings and increased number of residents in this area has promoted the growth and addition of local businesses, drastically increased property value for homeowners, decreased an alarming amount crime and loitering including theft, drug use, and violence, decreased litter such as used drug syringes and discarded items, contributed to an aesthetic, fresh, and welcoming environment, aided in the distribution of population in utah, and has transformed a once crime ridden, deteriorating section of the city into an up and coming neighborhood. It cannot statistically be denied that homeowners in this area have benefited by the addition of our apartment. However, they want these benefits without the draws that come with these benefits: the new residents *of this same exact neighborhood* using public parking. There are certain areas that parking restrictions are imposed to benefit the neighborhood, such as around colleges, as this prevents individuals who are NOT residents of the neighborhood to disrupt the area or not use the private parking provided by the institution. In the case of guests to the neighborhood, this case makes sense. However, this proposition would be directly discriminating against individuals in their own neighborhood. By passing this proposition, you would be perpetuating the idea that lower income individuals who cannot afford property do not deserve the same rights in public areas as higher income individuals who can afford property. This is an insult to equality within our nation, state, city, neighborhood, and individual self. This promotes the idea that even though we are all tax paying citizens who all contribute to our neighborhood, certain members of the neighborhood are denied their rights to the public land that their taxes help pay for and maintain. It is giving public land that we all pay for to private individuals. This is a disgusting disgrace to democracy. Within this proposition, homeowners of this neighborhood would receive a total of 5 parking spaces. 3 personal spaces and 2 guest spaces. Not only does this show a clear favor for higher income individuals who, within this proposition, would be in a place that they could have not one, but three vehicles, it also shows that the city cares more for the guests of these individuals more than residents of the actual neighborhood. It does not make logical sense that guests, who do not contribute to this neighborhood, are allowed more rights than the individuals residing within the neighborhood. Again, this perpetuates the idea that lower income individuals that can only afford apartments deserve less rights than not only homeowners, but also homeowners guests. With nearly all of the local apartment units being between 200-500 square feet, it is a misuse of power to let these private individuals claim public land that we are already so desperately in need of. Additionally, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to understand the environment that they are purchasing. Salt Lake City became the capital of Utah in 1896. It is common knowledge that the capitals of states typically contain an elevated population. The population and further development of Salt Lake City specifically has been increasing since the 1980's. That is 30 years of steady and then 14 years of exponential growth, totaling 44 years of an increasing population and city. As a potential home owner, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to understand the environment that they are living in. If they are unhappy with the environment, homeowners have the right to sell their property and find a location that matches their desires. Again, this is the responsibility of the homeowner to make these decisions. This responsibility also includes knowing that they are purchasing property that does NOT have private parking, does not include a private driveway, and that the road in front of their residence is public parking that the public can use and does not belong to them.</p>

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9/24/2024 13:26	Jennica Krummenacher 2/3	CONTINUED!! Plea for Help Defending Low Income Individuals Against Proposition 11	<p>With the knowledge that the homeowner is within a growing city and knowing that conditions change, they have the right to create private parking for the individual within the limits of their private property. They do not reserve the right to revoke public parking access from fellow residents, which they knew to be a public parking area when purchasing their residence. They should not be able to punish the neighbors around them with restrictions due to their own personal choice in housing location and property features. Within these individuals property lines includes an area of road behind their house that some have utilized as private parking for their residence. If homeowners want private parking within their neighborhood, they reserve the right to create private parking within their property borders. However, they do not reserve the right to discriminate against others and claim public land paid for by tax payers due to their own unhappiness with their houses features. Additionally, this proposition will be harming far more individuals that those it is benefiting. To simplify this issue, I will be indicating the clearly sectioned neighborhood which includes the two proposed areas and those reflected over 900 south, who then are backed by a barrier to the central 9th district via the freeway. This is the location that is most populous and is subject to parking limitations. Within these 4 blocks, approximately 626 apartment units and multiple houses and condos currently have access to parking in these areas as well. Additionally, there are at least 15 businesses that also reside in this area, who also utilize the public parking in the surrounding streets. The proposed areas are the only areas available with public 45° parking, which allows for many cars to be parked in the public street. Some limited 90° parking exists along the furthest South-West block. There are a few 2 hour 45° parking spots along 900 South intended for patrons of the local businesses. Other than this, all additional spots are parallel parking along the road or privately owned parking. Additionally, numerous areas of parallel parking are not available due to fire lanes and the Trax line running through this area. It does not logically make sense to distribute rights over public land via approximately 250 parking spots to 50 households, while 714+ households within the apartment buildings alone receive none. That is at least 714+ individuals paying the same taxes as at least 50, yet giving the benefits of this to only those 50. That is giving approximately 70% of the available parking to approximately 6% of the population in just an area of 4 blocks. This is clearly an uneven distribution of public services that caters to a specific group of individuals within our neighborhood if this was implemented. This proposed parking restriction do not make any logical sense when evaluating the parking needs of the neighborhood. I understand that even with this evidence, it is unlikely that my voice will be listened to. I know that the majority of this power is unfortunately left to home owners. However, YOU have an opportunity to create a proposal that better fits the needs of this community while still following law. My proposition that I feel is fair and beneficial is to remove the overnight restrictions proposed, as this is a time where individuals in the community are in the greatest need of parking, and guests are likely to have left the neighborhood, leaving 2/5 of the parking empty while lower income, apartment residing individuals continue to struggle. With 3 private and 2 guest parking spots per house allotted to a small concentration of the community, overnight restrictions being removed would recognize the core issue present and at least demonstrate an understanding of our community needs. Additionally adding marked parking in these streets to allow lawful, organized parking and reduce parking spaces being too tight</p>
9/24/2024 13:26	Jennica Krummenacher 3/3	CONTINUED!! Plea for Help Defending Low Income Individuals Against Proposition 11	<p>. I think it would be beneficial to consider the addition of 45° parking along Washington street between 9th and 10th to create more parking for residents and patrons of the local businesses. It is highly unlikely that, if required parking limits were checked, it would be found that these areas do not meet the minimum parking requirements. If you truly are serving our community to improve our great city and state, I implore you to look at the statistics and evidence within this proposition and improve our city using this concrete evidence instead of deciding this based on the opinion of several homeowners who do not want the public to use public land. Throughout the beliefs of this nation, it has been a core value that all men are created equal. We are residents of this neighborhood too. We are citizens too. We pay for the taxes that create and maintain this street parking. We deserve equal rights as homeowners when it comes to public land. It would be a disservice to our great nation to go against this core belief. Jennica Krummenacher</p>

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9/24/2024 15:21	Murry Mullenax	against sports district proposal / D5	<p>Hi Darin – I would like to re-iterate my opposition to the proposed sports district and the accompanying sales tax hike. If Smith Entertainment Group wants to threaten Salt Lake City with moving their sports teams out of the city - I say good riddance. I'd rather not have the added congestion, infrastructure wear-and-tear, and air pollution associated with them. Plus, I'm tired of getting a tax increase for seemingly everything. The anonymous online survey the Salt Lake Tribune recently reported is an example of how the public is being hoodwinked on this deal. Please vote against this proposal; it is not in the best interest of city residents. Thank you – Murry Mullenax</p>
9/24/2024 16:13	Lynn Pershing	Against proposed increased city sales tax	<p>Dear Council I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on any proposed increase in SLC sales tax to support the proposed Smith Sports complex Our downtown has always been more than just a “sports district” and it should continue to be so. Creating a vibrant downtown requires a diverse combination of cultural arts, exciting expositions for different age groups, and restaurants with insured public safety for all. Key to attracting ALL of residents is use of our TRAX public transportation to alleviate parking headaches and providing diverse fees for those many diverse attractions. increasing the attendance at ALL attractions should be encouraged. Top tier sports have very expensive ticket prices which many “city residents” will not be able to afford. If a sales tax is needed to support this “sports district” it should be paid by those who attend, not just SLC Lynn K. Pershing, Ph.D.</p>
9/24/2024 16:20	Anonymous Constituent	Phone call to City Council	<p>Hi, I'm calling in regarding the demolish the old salt lake building (Fleet) I'm concerned that the criminal pictures that's been painted on it. All these young kids see them as their heroes, I just want to make sure that this memorial arts is going with it because if not, I'm afraid it will cause a problems. Thank you!</p>
9/24/2024 16:26	Anonymous Constituent	Voicemail to City Council	<p>I'm calling to see if there's more lighting down here at 400 S and 1200 W and pacific ave and we need more lights, I've called a couple time and nobody's fixed anything but please put more lights. Thank you!</p>

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9/25/2024 9:15	Margaret Holloway	(EXTERNAL) UTA Benches	<p>It was a good interview and article... Kevin did an awesome job along with the reporter. He came to my house looking for help in this article..I sent him to Kevin. . I mentioned the brackets needing to be removed at least one of them,, I understand you don;t get it about the brackets. I was looking out for the people needing to sit down... Kevin mentioned it for me, But the examples of UTA not providing the promised covers and benches is always a hassle. We understand the pick up and riders numbers.... but that still doesn;t get them off the hook. But to bring up the fact that people are afraid of homeless using them... It just gives them an excuse to put them off from installing. then. I have yet to see any kind of quantity of persons misusing them. Have you can you give me a spot?.. I wish you hadn;t brought that up.. It takes away from our need of them ..for everyone else.... You could have supported the need to remove one of the brackets like I have been begging you to do... But because I ask you and have asked you to ask them... to remove one not both. for people who maynot fit. I just don't get it. I have NEVER asked for things that didn't help other people.. I see a need an ON the ground NEED and bring it up..... but is never goes anywhere. because you are too busy looking at things that are so large that the it is not going to effect our everyday living .... the port is being run by the state, they are not building it like they thought it is being sent out to the counties. The Millers are going to build what they want, how is it going to effect everyday people You gave them permission. the Smith group is going to build what they want. NONE of that helps everyday citizens use benches at the bus stop. Not benches in the park... But to keep bringing up how we have homeless we know that and the river path is not being monitored. the dead trees are allowed to stay for months along with the tall weeds on NT. The parks department laughed at the fact they hadn't paid attention to the redoing on 300 west and the irrigation system... So the trees are having a hard time. These are the things we as westsiders see and want fixes because these things effect us. Not an Inland Port out west. Not the promise of a stadium at least years years out. We want the weeds pulled on NT the potholes filled, yes maybe a few extra resources in OUR part of the city,..... What they do downtown is downtown.... Everyone knows we have homeless situation but you could make it a bit better....</p> <p>Margaret Holloway</p>

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9/25/2024 15:35	Nathan Starley 1/2	*Urban Forestry & Housing Concerns/Suggestions	<p>Hello, all! I hope everyone is having a great Wednesday. I wanted to cc several departments including the Mayor and the council, since this email is not only about urban forestry, it's also about a larger picture that includes housing, and the future of our city. I hope you can all thoughtfully consider my suggestions and have us work solutions out. I'm also happy to jump on a call and/or meet with anyone in-person to discuss solutions in more detail. --- Subject: Proposal for Communicating Vegetation Requirements and Water Conservation to Our Community/ Housing Concerns I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to discuss a critical issue concerning our neighborhood vegetation regulations and the need for effective communication with our community. Our current regulations mandate that properties must maintain at least 33% vegetation coverage, even if residents choose not to have traditional grass lawns. This vegetation still requires regular watering and maintenance. It is imperative that we address the issue of residents cutting down grass and leaving areas with dead weeds, as this poses fire hazards, creates unsightly appearances, and violates city regulations. Additionally, it has come to our attention that neglecting water to parking strips is causing significant harm to our trees. Many trees now have dead leaves, dead branches, and some are even dying. This not only negatively impacts our local environment but also contributes to increased temperatures in our area. Properly watering and maintaining both grasses and trees can help mitigate these issues, leading to cooler temperatures and a healthier, more attractive neighborhood. Furthermore, the deterioration of many of the city's parking strips and overall lawn care is devaluing homes and neighborhoods in surrounding areas, making them less desirable places to live. This affects everyone in our community. When did it become an option to care and maintain a home? To address this, we need to push for more primary home ownership and also lowering the cost of public water, and absolutely pushing to take care of our existing green spaces, which includes our public spaces, but also our homes/neighborhoods before we build a giant "Greenloop". This ties heavily into homeownership, and people who own their homes typically take better care of their property, fostering pride and morale in home ownership. If a home is rented, we need to enforce regulations against negligent landlords, and must have them verify their business license, take the Good Landlord class, and educate them on how to maintain a yard while renting it. Many owners that are renting out their single-family homes are the ones with the most neglected homes. This also ties into the issue of having too many rentals in the city. We must mandate that any new developers prioritize primary home ownership within their builds, and we need to be regulating rentals much better. To support our community's desire to conserve water, we now have the option of planting Utah State-approved hybrid Bermuda grass. This type of grass can go up to six weeks without water and still remains green and dense. Promoting this grass is likely our best option, as it allows us to maintain green spaces that reduce temperatures while also conserving water. There are better options to conserve water and help save our planet than simply letting lawns die. In addition, with our city recently announced as the host of the 2034 Winter Olympics, we have a unique opportunity to set a global example. The eyes of the world will be on us, and we can showcase how to merge conservation of natural resources with maintaining a high quality of life, including beautiful, well-maintained yards. Over the next decade, we should strive to be world leaders in innovative landscaping and sustainable practices, reflecting our pioneering spirit and commitment to new ideas.</p>

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9/25/2024 15:35	Nathan Starley 2/2	CONTINUED!! *Urban Forestry & Housing Concerns/Suggestions	<p>To ensure compliance and community safety, I propose that we begin distributing clear and comprehensive information to all neighborhoods, and must be sent to anybody ripping out their lawns. Our communications should emphasize the following points: 1. Mandatory Vegetation Coverage: Even without traditional grass, properties must have at least 33% vegetation that requires regular watering and upkeep. 2. Prohibition of Dead Weeds: Cutting down grass and leaving dead weeds is not acceptable due to fire hazards and aesthetic concerns. 3. Alternative Landscaping Options: Provide information on drought-tolerant grasses, including the Utah State-approved hybrid Bermuda grass, and other plants that comply with our regulations. 4. Realistic Maintenance Expectations: Clarify that removing a lawn does not eliminate the need for maintenance and watering. Property ownership involves ongoing upkeep regardless of landscaping choices. We must clarify “Zero-scaping” vs. Xeriscaping: a.) Xeriscaping (the correct term) refers to landscaping that reduces or eliminates the need for supplemental water from irrigation. The goal is to use drought-tolerant plants, native species, and efficient irrigation practices to conserve water, and not ripping out all life and putting just rocks in a yard. b.) “Zero-scaping” is often mistakenly used to mean the same thing, but in reality, it’s not a recognized term. Many people associate it with barren, lifeless landscapes devoid of plants, which is not the goal of xeriscaping. 5. Environmental Impact: Highlight the importance of watering and caring for trees and grasses to prevent tree death and reduce local temperatures, creating a win-win situation for our community. 6. Enforcement and Accountability: Make it clear that residents who do not adhere to these regulations will be fined and held accountable. Recent grants encouraging the removal of grass have led to unsightly, unkempt parking strips and neighborhoods that appear neglected. It is crucial to communicate what is acceptable and what is not to maintain the aesthetic and safety standards of our community. 7. Water Conservation Alternatives: For residents concerned about water usage, provide information on more impactful measures, such as reducing the consumption of animal products. The majority of water usage in the country is attributed to animal agriculture, far exceeding the water used for lawn care. By adopting a diet with reduced agricultural consumption, residents can make a significant impact on water conservation. 8. Promotion of Home Ownership: Emphasize the importance of primary home ownership in maintaining property values and neighborhood desirability. We need to encourage more home ownership to foster community pride and ensure proper property maintenance. Any new developments must prioritize primary home ownership to help maintain values and enhance the overall community. 9. Opportunity to Lead: With the upcoming 2034 Winter Olympics, we have a chance to demonstrate how to balance environmental conservation with maintaining a beautiful living environment. This is a critical moment for us to innovate and set an example for the world in sustainable and aesthetically pleasing urban landscaping. By proactively providing resources, design options, and guidelines, we can help residents make informed decisions and maintain their properties in a manner that aligns with our community standards. It is crucial to convey that the cost and effort of maintaining alternative vegetation will not significantly differ from traditional lawn care. I believe this approach will foster better understanding and compliance within our community, ultimately enhancing the safety and appearance of our neighborhoods. Thank you for considering this proposal. I look forward to discussing how we can effectively implement this communication strategy. Best regards,</p>
9/25/2024 15:40	Bill Davis	Abravanel Hall	<p>Dear City Council I am writing in support of preserving and retaining Abravanel Hall in the proposed Sports and Entertainment District. Isn't a symphony and a performing arts venue a form of entertainment!!!! I'm confused that this is even being discussed. In addition to a performance venue, it is a tribute to Maurice Abravanel. You cannot duplicate history and heritage. I am aware that you will be discussing the Participation Agreement soon. I have been attending symphony performances there for decades now. Please vote to preserve this lovely piece of history for future generations! Bill Davis SLC, Utah</p>
9/25/2024 16:28	Anonymous Constituent	Millcreek Canyon	<p>Many of us who enjoy the Millcreek canyon and I don't know why it's been a couple years that they are trying to winding the road. when you are doing that is gonna make people more speeding when they are already speeding. I don't know why you don't representing us but pocket money for the developer.</p>

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9/25/2024 20:52	Laura Horiuchi Gaddie	Japantown's revitalization	<p>Recently I had the definition spelled out to me. It was explained it's not really a "town" but simply a street. It's considered historic because it houses the last remnants of Japantown. As a child I visited Japantown frequently because it was a community center. It housed the fish market, the manju shop, City Cafe, Aloha Cafe, Dawn Noodle House, Star Pool Hall, Pagoda Restaurant, fruit and vegetable market, plus many more Japanese run businesses. The community was vibrant and energetic. Now two churches are left. Eminent domain vanquished the culture. My vision to honor this bygone era is to beautify the street with cherry blossom trees or a pedestrian garden.</p>
9/26/2024 10:28	Chris Barker	Trails plan	<p>Thanks Dustin, Tyler and Councilman Wharton, I appreciate you gathering up and sending this information. I went through all of it to refresh my memory. I think my overall frustration is we seem to be doing a second round of expensive planning that's covering a lot of the same ground - and three years is a lot of trail building seasons lost. I get that some of the new trails don't look great, particularly the hiking trails along the rim of City Creek Canyon, but we were building in an arid environment in a drought. And I think you did a great job on the sorely needed downhill-only 19th Avenue MTB trail - I took a guy from Flagstaff (outdoor Mecca) on that the other day and he couldn't stop talking about how great it was. I like the idea of enforcement - I'm disappointed by the amount of people with multiple off-leash dogs who are roaming far and wide. No way that waste is being picked up, and it is intimidating for others. Here are a few questions: I'm not seeing a lot of plans for trailhead parking expansion, beyond the expansion of the Popperton Park trailhead (maybe I missed it?). I think if you're refocusing on more beginner-level trails, which makes sense, most people can't ride up to access without having to drive up and park. Are there plans to expand trailhead parking beyond Popperton? I am a fan of dogs and I get how happy they are to run free but I feel like the entire area is currently treated as an off-leash dog park, particularly post pandemic after more people got pets. So I worry that despite the presence of off leash areas like City Creek and Lindsay Gardens, it's going to be hard to change that behavior. Is there a plan to offer specific off-leash dog areas for hiking, with enforcement? Do you have consistent participation/representation from the mountain bike community in the process, particularly the high school teams, in the process? Finally, when will trail building start? Thanks again for engaging with me on this topic. It's an incredible resource I want to hand over to my kids and their kids in good shape. Chris</p>
9/26/2024 10:31	Margaret Morin	preserve and protect Abravanel Hall for future generations.	<p>Hello Chris Wharton, 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 should 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>

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9/26/2024 16:21	Dennis Bangerter	Rezoning M-1A Northpoint	Dear Council Members, My concern with the Push for the rezoning is to appease a few developers and Business men to profit from this. Without a clear cut lay out for Power easement (not all over head) & alternate Roads and not a 25' wide Fire access road they slid in 6 months after a project had started, which is now their main business access for 2420 N. Making it unsafe for 5 homes to exit their driveways safely.. 2200 West can not handle this Development from both sides of the road. This (Large)area. And a freeway overpass 2100N. is already overloaded with traffic from all directions. Please let us have a Clear cut path for Alternate Power, Roads, and safety. for the People that live here.. Thank You for your time, Dennis Bangerter
9/27/2024 9:17	Jen Stewart	SLC needs ownership stake for SEG investment / D5	Hello Darin, I think the city should get an ownership stake for their \$900 million investment in SEG. Why is the council not pushing for an ownership stake? If I am paying for it, I want an ownership stake. I also want the benefit of "a permanent exclusion from taxable income of capital gains from the sale or exchange of an investment in a qualified opportunity zone fund, if the investment is held for at least 10 years."  <a href="https://www.slc.gov/ed/businessresources/salt-lake-citys-opportunity-zone-incentives/">https://www.slc.gov/ed/businessresources/salt-lake-citys-opportunity-zone-incentives/</a> That is huge and would be qualified right after the 2034 Olympics. Meaning that if SEG sells after that, they keep all of the gains, no tax and no benefit for the people. An ownership stake would give the people a piece of that. As it is, we are paying with more than money and they keep the gains. I suspect the expiration of this extremely valuable capital gains exclusion from the federal Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 is why there is rush to get this done and why they did not decide to build south of the city. As my council representative and with your history as a planner and developer, I expect you to negotiate for a fair percentage for this investment. Please seriously consider getting me and my fellow residents a rightful stake for this investment which is near 30% of the purchase price of the 2 sports franchises. Sincerely, Jen Stewart
9/28/2024 10:19	Karen Kido	Preserving Japan town	Japan town long ago was a bustling area of shops, restaurants and open air markets. I remember as a child the scent of fish market. There was the Pagoda located downstairs, Dawn Noodle which was operated by my uncle and a pool hall. I think if a plaza is made, can it not include the Japanese Church of Christ and the Buddhist church? I can see the Obon dance and the Spring festival (Hana Matsuri) being held in the plaza and being a wonderful way to include these historic cultural spiritual celebrations. There are many fans in Salt Lake of these events that is evident by the large attendance. It would make so much sadness to eliminate them from this particular location. Please consider this inclusion. Sincerely. Karen Kido
9/29/2024 14:56	Alan Jones	Save Abravanel Hall	Tearing down Abravanel Hall would be a monumental mistake! No amount of money can guarantee that we can replicate the musical experience of Abravanel Hall with a new building. Many modern concert halls have fallen short of the remarkable acoustics we have in the landmark building we have enjoyed far more often than any of the sports venues in Salt Lake City -- and I'm an athlete and a sports fan. Do you want to be remembered as the council member that destroyed an irreplaceable landmark, or the council member who saved it?

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9/30/2024 13:07	Dave ITIS	1700 S Canal Trail and Westside Trails Plan	<p>Dear Councilpersons Petro and Puy, I am writing to see what you can do on opening and creating more trails in your council districts. The first and easiest trail to open is the Canal Trail by Glendale Park. This would only take opening up a gate to make this a connection. This is so simple yet hasn't happened. Additionally, I would like to propose a Salt Lake City West Side Trails Plan for soft-surfaced trails that would include the canal trail, the Jordan River trail on the opposite side of the river from the paved trail, the canal trails and other such trails in the NW area by the water treatment plant, the trails in the 2200 N area/3600 W area between the airport and the lake, and some of the roads/trails in the west side by the prison/Inland Port. A Salt Lake City West Side Trails Plan would give west side residents a chance to connect with nature on soft surface trails (which bring one closer to the earth) nearby rather than having to drive to the foothills. Please consider adding trail signage in the area around the water treatment plant and the canals on the NW side of SLC. If you look at Google Maps, there are tons of opportunities for a network of soft surface trails on the west side. This would be a great amenity to west side residents and given that the trails are in existence now, this would be an easy and great win. Please let me know your thoughts the canal trail gate opening and the Salt Lake City West Side Trails Plan. Thanks Dave Ittis</p>
9/30/2024 14:23	Jeannine Marlowe	Stolen Harris Glad	<p>Mr. Dugan, Last night our Harris-Walz sign was stolen from our front yard. We had two small American Flags attached that were thrown on the ground. I walked around the blocks and no other signs were taken. We had been handing out yard-size American Flags to people with like signs hoping the message that the American Flag belongs to everyone. No other signs were taken as far as I can tell (except for one possibly on Military Way. I want to report this to the police who cover our area. Can you tell me who this is? Along with the terrible Bonneville vandalism I feel very uncomfortable in the neighborhood. Jeannine Marlowe</p>
9/30/2024 15:01	William Hewitt Jr	City Council Meeting	<p>Dear Ms. Petro: I had fully intended to attend and participate in the SLC City Council meeting on 20 September at the Sorenson Unity Center. Unfortunately, I have contracted a bad head cold and did not feel up to it. I work as a para-professional at the Meadowlark Elementary school, and so I probably caught it from one of the kids. Such are the risks of working with small children. If you get the time, you should come by and see the great work that is being done with the children. Anyway, what I had intended to bring up is two questions: First, 1000 North from Redwood Road to 900 West. It is in deplorable condition and feels like a "washboard" when you drive over it. I have checked into the City Streets department website and see if it is on the schedule for repaving. I see nothing. I have e-mailed them and (when they answer) all I get is "we are aware of ther issue." I know it is too late this year for any work to be done. But, can you look into this and find out when and IF 1000 north is scheduled to be repaved? Second, I have recently noted a lot of abandoned shopping carts in our area from the Lucky Market on Redwood Road near 700 North. Many years ago, Mayor Anderson addressed this problem. You may remember the many shopping carts from Smith's and the Lucky Market that were abandoned in our area. To his credit, Mayor Anderson somehow forced the stores in SLC to install anti-theft technolgy that prevented shopping carts from being taken from their parking lots. The system at Smith's on 600 North sometimes works too well if you park too near a parking lot exit, which causes the cart wheels sometimes lock up before you can get to your car. But, the system worked well for sveral years and the problem seemed to be solved in Rose Park, Morton Meadows, and West Pointe. But now the problem has returned. I see many carts from the Lucky Market littering the area in the streets near the store. I asked the manager of the store if he was aware of the problem and he said yes. I asked him why the anti-theft system was no longer working. He said it is broken and he has no idea if it will ever be repaired. Is there anything that can be done to eliminate this eyesore in our neighborhood? Sincerely: William E. (Bill) Hewitt Jr</p>

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9/30/2024 16:02	Scott Johnson 1/2	Urgent Request to Delay Sales Tax Vote and Expedite Further Economic Analysis	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, Comments for Submission to the Public Record I am writing to formally submit comments to the Public Record for the "Capital City Revitalization Zone PA" portion of both the Tues., Oct. 1 Council Work Session and Formal Meetings. The main objective of my comment is to request a delay in the vote on the proposed SLC sales tax increase by +0.5%. My request stems from my analysis leveraging my professional experience in understanding and influencing consumer and retailer behavior at companies such as Kraft-Heinz and PepsiCo. Based on 1) my own consumer behavior, 2) very heavy influence from my professional background and 3) an initial assessment for my current involvement in a data-analytics project through the University of California-Berkeley extension, I believe this increase poses meaningful risks to Salt Lake City's revenue. This was reinforced in a recent conversation I had with a Harvard Economics Professor regarding the analytical framework I am using to consider the impact of this increase. This consultation has further validated concerns about the potential risks, including the Tax Elasticity of Border Sales (TEBS) effect, which could result in sales declines in SLC due to purchases shifting to outlying communities, especially immediately bordering ones like NSL, SSL, WVC, Murray, etc. if not fully considered. Key Concern: Risk of Revenue Loss Due to TEBS It is well established that sales tax increases can drive both local residents and nonresidents to shift their purchases to surrounding areas with lower tax rates—a phenomenon known as the Tax Elasticity of Border Sales (TEBS). Given that nonresidents and businesses currently account for a significant portion of Salt Lake City's sales tax revenue, these spending patterns could be at risk if the proposed tax increase goes through. If Salt Lake City's sales tax becomes 1% higher than that of neighboring cities (as will be the case if pending increases take effect), the city could experience a substantial revenue loss as both local residents who shop outside the city and nonresidents who avoid higher taxes shift their spending elsewhere. This could undermine the very revenue the city hopes to generate through the tax increase, especially since Salt Lake City is so dependent on nonresident contributions, at least according to the analysis by Natalie Gochnour and the Kem Gardner Institute. Request for Data and Assistance to Complete Analysis In order to fully assess these risks and provide a robust analysis of the TEBS effect, I am urgently requesting the City Council's assistance in accessing critical data needed for the analysis and demanding the state's cooperation in providing this data. I will do everything possible to facilitate the requests but will be looking for data sources such as : • (Mandatory) Historical sales tax revenue broken down by sector (e.g., retail, hospitality, construction materials) • (Mandatory) Consumer spending data specific to Salt Lake City • (Desirable) Any existing studies or reports that analyze how much of Salt Lake City's tax burden is exported and how much local businesses might shift that burden back onto residents. My team and I are eager to conduct this analysis in a timely manner as part of a project deadline in mid-October.</p>

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9/30/2024 16:02	Scott Johnson 2/2	CONTINUED!! Urgent Request to Delay Sales Tax Vote and Expedite Further Economic Analysis	<p>I believe the results will be highly beneficial in understanding the broader implications of the proposed tax increase, and I would appreciate your urgent cooperation in sourcing this data. Analysis of the 2019 Tax Increase and the Missing TEBS Impact In the 2018 analysis leading up to Salt Lake City's 0.5% sales tax increase, the split between resident and nonresident contributions was estimated at 40%/60%. However, the Gardner Institutes estimates now place the split at 25%/75%, a dramatic shift that hasn't been fully explained. One potential explanation for this shift is the Tax Elasticity of Border Sales (TEBS) effect, where local residents—being more aware of the tax increase—have already begun shifting their purchases outside the city to avoid higher taxes. Nonresidents, meanwhile, may be less sensitive to the difference, contributing to a larger share of the city's tax base. This raises an important concern: if Salt Lake City is so dependent on nonresident spending, what happens if these nonresidents begin to avoid the city due to the proposed tax increase? Pushing the tax rate even higher could further accelerate revenue leakage, leading to unintended consequences for the city's long-term financial health. The Moral Hazard: Why the State and SEG Aren't Worried It's no wonder neither the state legislature nor SEG seem worried about the potential revenue risks from the existing 'Funding Our Future' 0.5% increase. the state won't notice if Salt Lake City's sales leak to North or South Salt Lake, West Valley City, or Millcreek—because the state will still collect its full portion of the overall sales tax revenue. Legislators representing suburban districts, like those who sponsored the tax, may even benefit from more spending in their areas. As for SEG, their funding is secured through bonding, making them largely immune to the potential financial impacts on Salt Lake City. That leaves you, the City Council, as the only ones truly responsible for protecting Salt Lake City's revenue and long-term financial stability. I urge you to delay the vote until a proper analysis is conducted to ensure the best outcome for the city. Potential Legal Risks Additionally, I would like to raise the concern that moving forward with the vote before these critical analyses are complete could open the city to constitutional challenges. With the recent Utah Supreme Court findings of unconstitutionality in cases involving legislative overreach, including the proposed Amendments A and D, the legal risks of implementing this tax without full analysis are heightened. In particular, Section VI, Article 29 of the Utah Constitution may expose the city and state to lawsuits if the tax is shown to disproportionately harm city residents without providing clear benefits. My expertise is in consumer behavior and spending, not the law, but I submit that any reduction in the city's infrastructure spending from potentially decreased "Funding Our Future" revenue due to leakage from this tax could provide legal standing for citizens to challenge the tax. Thank you for considering these important points. I urge the Council to delay the vote until these risks—both economic and legal—can be fully evaluated. I stand ready to help you analyze the potential risks of the increase to city revenue ASAP. Sincerely, Scott Robert Johnson</p> <p>MBA, Carnegie Mellon University MS, Northeastern University</p>

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9/30/2024 16:03	Mercedes Smith	OPPOSE Sales Tax	<p>To Our City Council Members, I am strongly opposed to the Capital City Revitalization sales tax. Why hold another public hearing on the sales tax? Is this to give SEG a chance to pack the room with pro-tax voices, since they've struggled to rally support so far? A Deseret/Hinckley poll last month showed that 54% of people oppose this tax.</p> <p>Suspicious after last week's push poll, I read every public comment received by phone and email, which are available here. What I found was staggering: 96% of the comments you received are against the tax. Have you read them? If so, there's no need for another hearing. The message is clear: OPPOSED: 416, MAYBE: 10, IN FAVOR: 7. (Here's how I counted: those marked 'OPPOSED' specifically spoke against the tax or asked for it to be put to a public vote. I didn't count comments primarily about saving Abravanel Hall or Japantown—if I had, the opposition would have doubled. The few 'MAYBE' comments were supportive of revitalizing downtown, but only if 0% went to SEG or the arena. Those 'IN FAVOR' were clearly in favor and often revealed how they'd benefit personally, such as UMOCA board members wanting a new building.) Perhaps you dismiss the 96% as anti-tax grumbling, but many commenters thoughtfully cited decades of data showing that public subsidies for stadiums don't work. Yet, you're ready to funnel \$525M directly into a privately-owned arena and another \$375M to privately-held surrounding development. Chris, you've said your hands are tied, that the legislature forced this bill on the council. But at the same time, Victoria was advocating for it on Capitol Hill. Eva, you nearly convinced me that losing the Jazz could cause a tax revenue shortfall so severe the city might have to cut services. You promised to share those numbers, but after repeatedly asking, I've received nothing. I can only assume those numbers don't hold up—otherwise, you'd have led with them, right? And as for the legislature stepping in if you don't—at this point, I might trust them more. At least they read and responded to public comments about preserving Abravanel Hall, despite not owning or operating it. Next, most of the public does agree that the convention center's layout is problematic. Reject this deal and work with the county on a smaller tax for rebuilding a multi-level convention center on the old post office lot. The public voted for a tax to build Abravanel Hall, so there's a chance they'll support something similar here and new development will still indirectly help support the arena. There are ways to fix the convention center problem and create win-wins for everyone without directly subsidizing a billionaire. And if the teams leave, no, downtown won't turn into a ghost town: <a href="https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/keyarena-turns-a-bigger-profit-than-it-ever-did-with-the-sonics/">https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/keyarena-turns-a-bigger-profit-than-it-ever-did-with-the-sonics/</a> Finally, numerous public records requests have been made for documents we know exist yet the city claims there are no responsive records. This, along with your continued unanimous support for this tax, despite overwhelming evidence against it, is raising suspicion among many voters that something corrupt might be at play. There is still time for you to do the right thing. -Mercedes Smith, Resident, District 3</p>

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9/30/2024 16:05	Lori Wike	OPPOSE sales tax increase for Capital City Revitalization Zone	<p>Dear Council Members, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the sales tax increase for the Capital City Revitalization Zone. This tax increase is estimated to generate 1.2 billion dollars of taxpayer money, 900 million of which goes to a billionaire to renovate a privately-owned sports stadium and to additional private developments around the stadium that will generate additional money for SEG. What is ASTONISHING and headline-worthy is the fact that 96% of public comments have been opposed to this sales tax increase and yet our City Council representatives have unanimously supported this plan, over and over, and will doubtless do so again in this vote to adopt the sales tax increase. Please consider your duty to represent your constituents and change course. Please do not cite the “public benefits” as reason for why you support the sales tax increase. The Revitalization Zone Committee specifically mentioned that approval of the public benefits account from the ticket tax is outside the scope of their approval. That’s because the public benefits come from an ENTIRELY SEPARATE AND ADDITIONAL TICKET TAX that this council is trying to claim as benefits of the 0.5% sales tax increase. Which they most certainly are not. Do you think your hands are tied and that this will happen with or without your approval (and are you using that as justification for your support)? Well, ask yourself if a state government body can impose a municipal tax increase. No, that is not possible. Your constituents OVERWHELMINGLY oppose this sales tax increase. Please vote against it. Or vote to put it to the voters. Sincerely, Lori Wike Salt Lake City resident, District 5</p>
9/30/2024 16:06	Richard Steiner	Gift to Ryan Smith	<p>Council members, Approving the sales tax hike for the sake of a billionaire is an outrage. I for one will be sure to make all high price purchases outside of SLC and will avoid shopping within city limits to the best of my ability. No money for park improvements (SLtrib article), curtailing trail building but taxing those least likely to be able to afford the “amenities” of the entertainment district is a dereliction of duty. At the very least please advocate for not making the tax applicable to food. Taxing food purchases is already placing a burden on the least affluent in our community. Richard Steiner</p>
9/30/2024 16:41	Jeffrey Wood	Pedestrian bridge at Cottonwood dog park barricade issues and increase in drug use.	<p>. Hello, I wanted to reach out to you and recommend a review of the Parks department's strategy for closing the pedestrian bridge. The current measures are clearly ineffective; someone has already removed the fencing, and people are consistently ignoring the closure signage. This morning, my partner had to reprimand a man for ignoring the detour with his dog. If the bridge is unsafe, there needs to be a more permanent closure until it's repaired. The high traffic in the area, even among dog park visitors, demonstrates the need for a more effective barrier. Additionally, I'd like to express my concern about the escalating drug use on the trail. Yesterday evening, we encountered two individuals injecting drugs and another group smoking fentanyl. This all seems to be a focal point around the people's garden. This morning there are two individuals next to the detour sign at 39 m smoking fentanyl. This morning, we found evidence of drug use near trail marker 39m, and there were several individuals congregating near the People's Garden with their belongings strewn about, potentially engaged in drug-related activity. Probably 36 tiny pieces of tin foil of black streaks across them. Yesterday I picked up for syringes. Despite calling police both yesterday and today. It's disheartening to see the progress made on the trail seemingly reversed. The situation feels out of control, and it's incredibly frustrating. I urge you to address these issues to ensure the trail remains safe and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.</p>

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9/30/2024 21:11	Kavindra Malik	Opposed to public funding for the Ryan Smith sports entertainment district and tax increase	As stated, I wish to express my opposition to public funding for the Sports Entertainment District and the tax hike on the residents of SLC for this venture. If the mayor and the city council feel it is in the best interest of the city, they ought to have the courage to let the citizens vote on this issue.
10/1/2024 6:02	Brigitte Allison Eberly	Hospital at old sears site	I am a 38 year Home owner on 800 south, and I am in support of a hospital at the old sears site. I feel it would be of great benefit to the neighborhood and community at large. I am in support of any zoning that would be needed to have this occur. I do not feel that any hospital should have to do some percent of some sort of ground floor requirements. This is a medical facility for patients. I am a retired nurse. The safety of the patients and staff needs to be the priority. The security needs to be able to control who is on the campus, especially at night. Food trucks don't belong on a hospital campus, I'm sorry, I listened to the previous council work session, and I didn't feel the council expressed any understanding of what it's like to keep a hospital campus secure or safe. Please don't delay this project any longer. I am in support of what ever patient housing, parking, height is needed, for the community to have this asset to 800 south.
10/1/2024 9:14	Wilma Odell	SEG	We spoke about my resistance to subsidizing Smith EG. The average resident cannot afford tix to the Jazz or Hockey & should not have to pay more tax (which could harm business for local enterprise). Don't let Smith bully us!
10/1/2024 9:15	Debra Anderson	sales tax increase and ryan smith's robbery	City Council Members and Mayer Mendenhall, I am expressing my position on the .05% sales tax increase that the legislature and you are so 'generously' offering to BILLIONAIRE Ryan Smith. This is unconscionable for many reasons. As citizens you and the legislature have circumvented the voters who have every right to have had this put to a vote for the people to decide if they want to fund a BILLIONAIRES billion dollar project. Raising the sales tax for those in Salt Lake City is a penalty put upon us that the rest of the valley/state does not have to shoulder. Many lower income folks just cannot sustain another tax increase with recently raising your salaries, utility cost going up, cost of groceries and gas, and property taxes increasing! This is insulting that you are gifting \$900,000 of taxpayers money without our consent to a BILLIONAIRE! Your claims that this will benefit all is absurd. The 'sports and entertainment district' will benefit the wealthy and the developers. Trickle down economics has been proven a fallacy. I am so very angry about this whole debacle!! Put this to a vote for the people to decide. Anymore, between the mayor, city council and the legislature, the will of the people and respect for the people are being ignored!! Make the right honest decision of putting this to a vote to the people! Debra Anderson

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10/1/2024 9:15	Ben Grant Williams	Opposition to SECC Sales Tax	<p>Good morning, Mr. Wharton - I am a resident of the Avenues neighborhood and one of your constituents (who happened to vote for you). I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed 0.5% sales tax to fund the Sports Entertainment Culture &amp; Convention District currently under consideration by city council. I am a strong proponent of investing in our city and of the development needed to make it truly world-class. Local government plays a vital role in advancing projects like affordable housing, parks, public services, the arts, transportation, etc. and will always have my support as projects like these directly serve our citizens and the public at large. While at a high level I support the proposed SECC district, I must emphatically oppose the proposed tax increase tied to it though. Subsidizing non-essential, private development like this places an unfair burden on the citizens of Salt Lake City and will undoubtedly hamper our overarching economic goals for the city. I believe it is fundamentally unfair to create a new tax specifically for the purpose of funneling taxpayer money into a private stadium whose revenues won't come back to Salt Lake, but go instead into the already massive coffers of Smith Entertainment group. Smith Entertainment has no shortage of revenue, capital, and investors, any of which it could leverage to fund and advance this project on its own - without forcing SLC-ers like us to foot the bill. I strongly urge you to oppose the proposed sales tax to fund the SECC district, or if nothing else, at least allow Salt Lake voters to vote on this directly. Thank you for your time &amp; consideration! - Ben Williams</p>
10/1/2024 9:16	Thomas Lombardi	please vote NO on proposed 0.5% sales tax increase for Capital City Revitalization Zone	<p>Members of the Salt Lake City Council, I am a resident of Sale Lake City. I am writing to ask that you VOTE AGAINST the proposed 0.5% sales tax increase for the Capital City Revitalization Zone at the vote that is scheduled for October 1, 2024. I find it offensive that a regressive taxing mechanism is being proposed for a development which seems to disproportionately benefit the more well-off in our society (SEG, developers, and those who can afford to purchase services at the proposed zone). It is strange that a single city is being asked to support funding an entity that benefits the entire Wasatch Front. Also, it is disappointing that citizens of Salt Lake are not allowed to vote directly on this matter as part of an election. I am hopeful that you will take my concerns into consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Tom</p>
10/1/2024 9:18	Jim Ngo	Vote NO on the tax increase for the billionaire's sports district	<p>He owns the Delta Center. He has his own wealth. He has access to the worldwide capital market. To put \$1 Billion on city businesses and residents to pay for a billionaire's benefit is unconscionable. If the capital market thinks it's a money making idea, they will be lining up to fund it. If it is a losing idea, then you are socializing the losses and risk by taking our money and giving it to him. I encourage all Salt Lake City council members to vote no on the tax increase proposal. Sincerely, Jim Ngo</p>
10/1/2024 9:20	Anonymous Constituent	Email to City Council	<p>As a registered voter living in Salt Lake City, I find it troubling that the SLC council would consider both a bond to rebuild West High School and Highland High Schools and also a 0.5 % sales tax hike to support the SEG Group. Although the bond would substantially increase my property taxes, I feel supporting our public schools is the responsibility of the general public and I am willing to vote in favor of it in November. The increase in sales tax, however, appears to be a cost to SLC residents that is without warrant. I would urge the SLC council to vote no on this and will await to see who on the council votes for and against this increase. Also, I find it troubling that both hearings for the Sprort, Entertainment, Culture and Convention District and the bond for the rebuilding of the high schools is on the same day and time. A concerned citizen.</p>

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10/1/2024 9:29	Anonymous Constituent	Voicemail to City Council	Hi, I am a concerned citizen wondering why on earth SLC is passing a .05% sales tax increase for a new sports stadium when none of us voted on that. I would love an answer from City Council and will probably be calling back a couple more times. I feel like it would be wise to release a statement on the matter. Thanks.
10/1/2024 9:35	Zachary Novack	Phone call to City Council	I urge the City Council to vote no on the SEG tax increase. This should be a ballot initiative. Having a private vote is taxation without representation. Shame on the Council If they vote yes. Why are we giving money to billionaires? The citizens can not afford more increases. Vote no and stop thinking of yourselves over what is best for constituents. Also, shame on you for voting on your own salary. That should also be a ballot initiative.
10/1/2024 12:23	Lynne Olson	Capital City Revitalization Zone Participation Agreement	I would like to comment on item B1) Capital City Revitalization Zone Participation Agreement, Project Area, and Citywide 0.5% Sales and Use Tax Has anyone disclosed where the Utah Jazz will play and practice while the Delta Center is being demolished and replaced with the proposed new downtown sports/entertainment project? Does the owner expect the new (presumably temporary) location to attract the same crowds of fans that are coming to the Delta Center? If so, for what reason would the owner then go to the trouble/expense of returning the team to the downtown SLC location? Would the NBA encourage them to return to the downtown venue? It's not easy to relocate a franchise that is selling out most of their games. Lynne Olson
10/1/2024 13:56	Anonymous Constituent	No new Sales Tax	Let the sports revenues themselves generate any additional money needed for any future redevelopment. Then and only then when they raise the necessary funds should the redevelopment begin. Those of us who are not sports or other entertainment or arts fans should not be taxed any further than the taxes we already pay in the SLC city and county. Enough is enough. Many of us are already on a tight budget and have limited income, and we cannot even "splurge" to go on an occasional art or sports event whose seats are already expensive, even if we wanted to! If you are going to tax us, then give each city resident who pays the sales tax a FREE ticket annually for an up-close seat to a concert, basketball or hockey game etc to show your REAL appreciation!!!
10/1/2024 15:23	Sasha Zaharoff Zaharoff	Vote no on the 0.5% sales tax increase / D5	Voicemail transcription: Hi Darin, this is Sasha Zaharoff, one of your constituents in District 5. Just calling on behalf of all of my neighbors and community members here in trying to vote against and not approve the half percent sales tax increase. I know groceries are exempt, but there are so many other goods out and I have neighbors in apartment buildings whose rent is probably similar to folks with mortgages in the neighborhood, and half a percent definitely adds up for them. They definitely won't be getting any benefit from buying expensive sporting tickets so I know you've considered it and have kind of been a voice for these kinds of things, but please stand strong and don't approve the half percent sales tax increase.
10/1/2024 15:48	Ryan Timme	Vote No on the Sports District Sales Tax Increase / D5	Hi Darin, You are my city councillor. Thanks for representing our portion of the city. I understand that you will be voting on the sales tax increase today to help fund the sports and entertainment district. I ask that you please vote no. Why are public funds going to subsidize a multimillionaire? Study after study have shown that publicly-funded professional sports stadiums are drains on cities and do not positively contribute to the economy. Let's focus our public funds on helping the public through public education, public transit, funding small businesses, and building a safe walkable city (not just for cars). Thanks! Ryan Timme

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10/1/2024 15:56	Patrick Zunk	Opposition to Sales and Use Tax Increase	Councilmember Petro, I am writing your office as your constituent to voice my opposition to the proposed increase of sales and use tax for the development of the Revitalization Zone. It is absurd to ask the working- and middle-class members of this city, who may not even have an interest in pro sports or the Zone's other offerings, to pay for this project. Despite the alleged benefits of this project, I remain unconvinced that a sales tax increase is the right way to fund it. I do not believe such a measure would pass if put up for a vote from the city's residents, and this ordinance should not be adopted. Regards, Patrick Zunk District 1 voter
10/1/2024 17:11	Brent Koga	Sports Entertainment Culture Convention	There is still more to do to make the Salt Lake Buddhist temple and the Japanese Church of Christ thriving and functioning utilities on Japan town Street. As previously stated packing is not adequately addressed, minimizing loading and unloading should be eliminated not minimized. SEG updating the Japan town community sounds like no voice only telling the community what war does to them the previous 6 months. This sounds like the tail wagging the dog. Approving projects with little detail sounds like the city is not in charge.
10/1/2024 17:32	Eldon Montgomery	General Comment	Compensate drivers \$10/day for the traffic diversion No oh wow the horrible impatient drivers even 45 mph in 20 zone Even passing on the right and left Item #2 Convict + imprison the drug users and dealers on the Jordan River please
10/1/2024 17:55	Tony Guzman	General Comment	Mayor and Engineer Staff: Side-walks and streets. Please take a serious look at a sidewalk across Rice Eccles Stadium and the U of U. It needs to be replaced. Looks like a block of cement protruding above ground level. I crossed this block on my bike at High speed downhill!! After I went flying off my bike and ended up in VA Hospital with fractured hip and arm. Please respond, thank you! Tony Guzman
10/1/2024 18:01	Jennifer Madrigal	General Comment	I'm hoping for an update on the plans for the Riley Elementary land which borders my property - we're already seeing trash-dumping & overnight stays % I don't want the closure to negatively impact my neighborhood. I also want to know what is going to happen to the land so that I can make my own developments to my property. I will also put in a quick 2 cents - I support Glendale High at this location, regardless of whether it can be opened as a full-sized school. We don't need a fancy school for our kids, we need access to a school for the development of the future leader of our community! XOXO thank you!
10/1/2024 18:16	Brittany Reynolds	General Comment	Two subjects: First, my neighbor is in trouble. He has Multi-Personality Disorder, and many homeless and other unsavory persons know this and are taking advantage of it. They live out of his house, eat his food and cause damage to property. He is becoming scarily thin and malnourished. He came up to me saying there are weird people in his home. But when police come he only babbles nonsense and the police can't kick the homeless out. I also see them exchange what I assume are drugs from his house. Second, a long term fix for the homeless we could really benefit having a prison camp for the homeless. Just a plot of land that they are sent to when they break the law. It would be locked up and patrolled so they can't leave until they are sober and ready to try and live as a member of society. There are a lot of other parts to this plan. How could I start something like this?
10/1/2024 18:48	West side Public	Public/General Comment	Safety along the JRN River Trail! Remove the homeless along the JRN River Trail - Please!!! :) Sure nice when the drug dealers and users are not on the Jordan River. Thank for all drivers paid \$10/day for inconvenience from 4 months traffic diversion Redwood Rd and 300 N