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2/5/2025 12:33	Erik Sansom	(EXTERNAL) February 11th Work Session	<p>Hello Salt Lake City Council members and Planning Division. My name is Erik Sansom and I reside in Poplar Grove. I have been working with Alejandro who has been assisting me in making a petition to make some changes to the current residential building codes. I received the transmittal that will be presented at the upcoming February 11th work session and have taken some time to make some suggestions for your consideration during that meeting. I've been attempting to build a new home in poplar grove and have run into several roadblocks from the city preventing me from partaking in this endeavor including a failed attempt at a variance. I'm very interested in this process and would love to help in any way possible. Please take the time to read through my document before your work session and hopefully consider some of my input. Any one in this email thread can contact me at any time via email, phone or text. Please leave a voicemail if I happen to miss your call. Thank you for your time and consideration. Erik Sansom</p>
2/5/2025 12:40	Matthew Gephardt	(EXTERNAL) LIVABLE STREETS	<p>Hello, Dan- My name is Matt Gephardt. I live at REDACTED. I greatly appreciate the work that has been done to slow traffic on 1100E - my kids cross it daily to get to school. However I believe there has been an unintended consequence of the changes to the road that has created a different safety issue. With parking now prohibited on certain sides of the street, I have noticed more cars trying to cram into the limited parking spaces on the opposite sides of 1100E, often breaking city codes (as I understand them) that prohibit parking within 30 feet of an intersection to maintain clear sightlines. I can tell you that trying to turn onto 1100E from Laird Ave (about 1200 S) is often done blindly with cars parked right up to, and frequently past, the corner. Perhaps the problem could be solved with no parking signs or a little red paint on the curb. I'd appreciate any thoughts you have on this as well as any attention you can give it. Thanks! -Matt</p>
2/5/2025 13:08	Alice Rathofer	Salt Lake City Utilities Rate Increase	<p>Mr. Dugan, I am concerned with the Utility department yet again discussing rate/fee increases for water, sewer, and stormwater. They just increased these and other fees last year and added two more fees to our costs of getting water and other services from the city. This is appearing to be an annual discussion resulting in another fee/rate increase. When does this stop? Many residents are retired and trying to live on the fixed income that retirees deal with every day. How much longer are those of us in this situation expected to be able to continue to pay higher and higher rates and fees every year? Or maybe the city government just wants to price us out of our homes forcing us to move to another less expensive area of Utah, away from family support who cannot move due to employment. Or maybe you all just want us to move out of Utah all together. Stop this annual fee and rate increase that is now happening all too often. Sincerely, Alice Rathofer District 6 Resident</p>
2/5/2025 13:17	Walt Booker	Fire prevention	<p>Hi Dan, Could you please include Fire Prevention as an ongoing agenda item for council meeting's Maybe our Fire Department can lead this item. This has to started soon as summer is not far away. I can't be on this zoom call unfortunately but my good friend and neighbor John Blankevoort will be zooming in. He has many great ideas and being an engineer is a well thought out individual. You probably already know him I'm sure. He told me about this meeting as I'm on a short trip right now. Best Regards, Walt Booker</p>

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2/6/2025 11:59 AM	Margaret Holloway	UTA and overdoses mayor rep response	<p>I attended the Rose Park Community council meeting last night 2-5-25.. Mainly to address an issue that had come up that morning on A t POST. It was about a neighbor who had gotten on the UTA Trax to go home from the airport at 10:30 pm There was a man on there will drugs and foil and burning something he thought was fentanyl,.. The man proceeded to collapse on the floor. people got on and off. He figures since he came form at least North Temple and it sat there for a while he was on there well over 30 minutes. There are cameras in the cars to be seen what is going on. He moved to the next car at the next stop as did the others but nobody helped the man. He called the number that is posted see something say something... No body came to get the man off the car. There a multiple stops coming front he airport and at anytime the police or the UTA security could have met the Trax train and either sat next to him until the next stop to then have an ambulance waiting. so not to interrupt the other travelers.. But NOBODY DID ANYTHING. These could be tourists coming into our city. It is bad enough that the Trax goes along North Temple showcasing the people using drugs and sleeping on the street. But this Man was contained not roaming around but in a rail car.. . I emailed Josh and Victoria Petro a clip of the post. and had told them i was bringing this up at the meeting Unfortunately Detective Oliver was not there. But Josh answer was he people have to have somewhere to go... Blue code The temperature was in the 50s that night. What has that got to do with a drug overdose, shall we just say hey take Trax get your fix. Don't mind the people flying in from the airport. we can showcase our city even better maybe offer a choice of drugs as they are going to their hotels I understand this is UTA but when i get an answer from the mayor's office about oh well... not our area. It infuriates me.....He could have said we will get ahold of UTA executives and see what happened and the police to see why We get posts about the UTA wants to build more lines around the city , Maybe more can can overdose then just take them to the U Of U to off load. I asked for Josh to follow up with me and he said he would but he is too busy with the legislature. He never follows up. How long does it take to send to other departments and ask them to respond Victoria said she was sending this up the ladder and was going to try to get someone to call me and help with answer what happened... I don't know if the guy died because he got off at his stop in Glendale.. But i gave him addresses and for some contacts in UTA and the addresses here. Pleaded with him to push it because he was the eye witness But he pulled the post because of the comments he was getting. The problem is people will not go up the chain like I do until i get an answer. I am sending a copy of the post for you to see in his own words how people were stuck in the vapors of his drugs and the driver did nothing. I want an answer as to why this is allowed? Did the guy die? Do they take the train car out of service to thoroughly disinfect it?</p>
2/6/2025 12:34	Susan Skankey	Green Loop	<p>I'm not happy about the proposed Green Loop and feel the walkable/biking idea doesn't fit our needs at all. Weather plays a part in making the idea unworkable and most people don't bike or walk to go downtown. The streets through the city are already difficult enough with changes that have been made. It seems we've lost our green space by covering it with cement. Sugarhouse is is a good example. I wonder how emergency and garbage trucks even have room to go along 11th East as it is so narrow. What a sorry situation. Vote NO on the Green Loop because it will attract no one! Thanks for reading this as I voted for you with good expectations, but so far the improvements haven't improved anything. Susan Skankey</p>

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2/6/2025 12:43	Helen Poelman	Donner Park	Please do not marr the natural setting and use of Donner Park by putting in unnecessary art or history markers. We already have plenty across the street for that purpose at This is The Place Heritage State Park ! Perhaps Laird Park could use the "excess" money for a few more trees and picnic tables instead. Thank you, Helen Poelman Presidential Club resident
2/6/2025 15:29	S K Hawker	CITY PRIORITIES	Hello Dan, I live in our Indian Hills Elementary neighborhood, and have been quite amazed and confused at changes in our roads... one lane each direction on wide streets, cement barriers jetting out to announce crosswalks (where cars can't even drive straight if they want to in places like 11th east from 13th south to about 2100 S.), bike lanes with NOBODY in them for most of our streets, and speed limits that anger even the slowest drivers. Many of us are EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED AND FRUSTRATED WITH THE USE OF OUR TAX-PAYER MONIES! Then I went to the Salt Lake City CEMETERY on Monday, only to find pot-holes a foot deep ALL OVER the Cemetery streets. I am embarrassed by the upkeep of a cemetery that generations of my family have loved and chosen to be buried in! I may be mistaken, but I think the Cemetery is part of our City maintenance, and I am disgusted with the priorities of our City. Bikers' rights reign and the dead literally have no say. I do not want a form letter for a response. I know you are extremely busy, but would appreciate hearing from you to see what your priorities are, and hear your thoughts on these issues. I have lived in Salt Lake City my entire life, and am sad to see the direction of MY city! Best, Suzanne Hawker
2/6/2025 18:22	Paul Keene	Rose Park Roads	Good afternoon, I moved into Rose park 5 years ago from Davis County and am not used to the inattentive manner in which SLC road problems are handled. I work at Fort Douglas so I travel across the city everyday and am very conscious of the road construction and repairs that are on going. I have seen 3rd Ave be replaced when it wasn't in disrepair. University Ave be reconstructed with special pavers and speed bumps as well as many more. Yet, in 5 years 900 W and 1000 N have remained horrible at best. We complain and the city fills a few pot holes, but putting frosting on a turd doesn't make it a cupcake, it's still a turd. We are tax payers as well as the east side and deserve to have the same amount of money spent on our roads and infrastructure. What you are doing by neglecting Rose Park is against the law and if things don't change we as a community will sue and when in court. I want to see the city roads and engineers plans to remedy for this problem. Please let me know when I can receive them. If not plan other actions being taken in state or federal court!
2/7/2025 12:23	Jim Jenkin	Grant Application: Better Connections for a Great Street – South Temple	Dear Chris, South Temple remains the only Arterial within the Avenues, and the two lane Left turn from E Street is essential for traffic flow to and from out dense residential district to 500 and 700 East. The consensus speed on South Temple remains 30 mph, despite lane restriction and reduced speed limits, and traffic back-up West of 700 East continues, all of which indicate a failure of the attempt to divert traffic to 100 South, and possibly a failure of 1st South to accommodate it at peak times. Since 1st Avenue already fulfills many of the goals of the green loop program, and further restrictions on South Temple will divert more traffic to residential streets in the Avenues, I do not see further restrictions of South Temple as appropriate at this time. Jim Jenkin Chair, Land Use Committee Greater Avenues Community Council
2/7/2025 16:36	Brandon PATTERSON	Urban green	Hi - I just wanted to send an email endorsing the Main Line, green loop, and other pedestrian and bicycle friendly projects in and around the city of Salt Lake. As a resident here, I enjoy going to the green areas and appreciate the work being done to make these areas more accessible to families. Brandon Patterson Downingtown Ave, SLC

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2/7/2025 16:40	Jen Colby	East Central Community Council Executive Board supports HB 256, Municipal Zoning Amendments	<p>Dear Elected Officials, The East Central Community Council Executive Board supports the legislative intent and amendments in HB256, Municipal Zoning Amendments, as introduced and displayed on the Legislative website as of February 3, 2025. Specifically, we support that this bill: “ ► clarifies that a municipality or county that regulates short-term rentals may use a listing or offering on a short-term rental website as evidence that a short-term rental took place so long as the municipality or county has additional information to support its position that a property owner violated a municipality or county ordinance; ► provides that a municipality or county may provide notice to a short-term rental website indicating that a listing or offering violates business licensing requirements or zoning requirements;” <a href="https://le.utah.gov/~2025/bills/static/HB0256.html">https://le.utah.gov/~2025/bills/static/HB0256.html</a> We support this because residents and property owners in our neighborhood have faced challenges with lack of enforcement of illegally operating short-term rentals on adjacent properties after they have reported them to the relevant civil authorities. Short-term rentals can be more profitable to owners and compete unfairly with properly licensed hotels, bed and breakfasts, and legal short-term rentals located in the correct zoning areas. They may also pose a life-safety risk and impact the quality of life in residential neighborhoods. Our neighborhood housing stock is comprised of more than 70% rental units according to the most recent census data. Most landlords and owners follow the rules on short-term rentals. Those property owners who violate local ordinances should be held accountable rather than operating with relative impunity as is often the case now. Therefore, we support the changes to current state law that would give local municipalities better tools to enforce their ordinances more consistently. This bill would help restore fairness in the rental market and the ability of local governments to enforce short-term rental regulations when notified about them. For these reasons we respectfully ask for your support of HB256. Sincerely, East Central Community Council (ECC) Executive Board *ECC is a registered community organization in Salt Lake City Esther Hunter, ECC Governing Board Director &amp; Chair, and members: Lynette Behunin Jen Colby Gwen Crist Jeri Fowles Melinda Main Grace Peterson Josh Quigley Jonathan Ramras David Schutt Kathy Scott</p>

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2/10/2025 14:32	Jerry Schmidt 1/2	Property Tax Relief for Seniors	<p>Greetings to members of the Salt Lake City Council; I'm writing to ask you to publicly proclaim your opposition to Senator Dan McCay's SB 197. This bill will negatively affect Salt Lake City citizens as it phases out property tax relief to seniors through the state's Circuit Breaker property tax relief program. This Circuit Breaker program provides relief to the blind, the indigent, active duty military and disabled veterans. In 2023, those programs were funded to the tune of \$60 million by the counties, not the state. Sen McCay's disastrous bill directly targets the only portion of the state's financial responsibility, which is the "Homeowner's Credit" available to low-income seniors 66 and over and unmarried widows and widowers. Last year's household income limit was \$40,840. In 2023, that relief amounted to less than 10% of the overall cost of the program. While the state gives a small amount of relief, a second benefit of a property value reduction is offered by the counties if "Homeowner's Credit" recipients have a tax due balance after applying the state relief. It is currently unclear, but it appears that secondary relief could be eliminated as well by SB 197. The fiscal note for SB 197 states: Enactment of this legislation could result in a statewide reduction in property tax credit to individuals that claim the homeowner's credit by an estimated \$1.45 million in 2025, \$2.92 million in 2026, \$4.40 million in 2027, \$5.89 million in 2028, and \$7.39 million in 2029 when the credit may be reduced to zero. Upon phase out of the homeowner's credit, property valuations for individuals currently receiving the homeowner's credit may increase by 20% in the absence of the valuation reduction. For a recipient who owns a \$500,000 primary residence, this could result in a tax increase of approximately \$930.30, while other taxpayers may see a decrease in property taxes of approximately \$4.45 for a \$500,000 primary residence and \$16.20 for a \$1,000,000 business; individual impacts will vary. Enactment of this legislation could also result in a reduction in total renter's credit received statewide by an estimated \$18,000 in 2025, \$26,500 in 2026, and \$35,600 in 2027 in aggregate resulting from changes to the annual CPI adjustments; individual impacts will vary. So it sounds like not only is the state relief in jeopardy, it may affect the additional valuation reduction from the counties. But note: the bill will give taxpayers a decrease in property taxes of just \$4.55, while it may cost low-income seniors \$930. That's a return of 204 times the paltry \$4.55 payback to taxpayers. SB197 will also affect Salt Lake City residents who utilize the Renter Refund program as the indices used to configure annual increases will change, CPI Housing to CPI. But a good alternative is available. The bill to support is Senator Wayne Harper's SB 224, which continues the program with some small adjustments to keep up with rising costs and inflation. Please note: the fiscal note for SB 224 states this will cost taxpayers only 68 cents per year! Harper's SB 224 fiscal note: Enactment of this legislation expands eligibility for the homeowner's credit which will cause a tax shift to other property taxpayers.</p>

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2/10/2025 14:32	Jerry Schmidt 2/2	Property Tax Relief for Seniors	<p>The changes may result in an annual property tax shift of approximately 68 cents per year for a primary residence of \$400,000 and \$3.08 for a \$1 million business. Are we really discussing a 68 cent annual cost for a program that will serve approximately 10,000 low-income senior households (15-20,000 people?) while trying to destroy this relief for an annual return of \$4.55? The "relief" Senator McCay offers is that seniors won't have to pay their taxes on time but could "defer" them until they transfer ownership of the home. But participants pay the full tax amount with no tax relief and interest is accrued annually. Senator McCay has tried to implement this deferral program in the last two years but only one household benefited in 2023 and 7 benefited in 2024, while approximately 10,000 households will be reported receiving "Homeowner's Credit" when the figures come out in August. Now he wants to force this failure of a program experimentally onto Utah's low-income seniors. The Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee held a expedited hearing on SB 197 on Feb 3rd and it was covered by Utah reporter Cathy McKittrick. The link to her story is here: <a href="https://substack.com/@cathymckitrick/note/c-91422949">https://substack.com/@cathymckitrick/note/c-91422949</a> The figures for Circuit Breaker are county-based. Here is what I shared with an official from Salt Lake County who wanted county numbers..... The Homeowners Credit the state funds is the one McCay is looking to phase out. They spent \$6.4 million on it last year while the counties coughed up \$60 million for the rest of the programs. In comparison to the state's \$6.4 million, Salt Lake County alone provided \$14.6 million in relief. 11,107 of the statewide 41,787 recipients of Circuit Breaker overall (or 26.58%) are SLCO residents. 2,267 of the statewide 9,748 recipients of Homeowner's Credit (or 23.25%) are SLCO residents. Homeowner's Credit is the one for seniors based on income. SLCO has more than double the Homeowners Credit recipients than any other county. The SLCO household that was approved for McCay's deferral program in 2023 turned the money down after they found out how it worked. This year in 2024, there was just one (count 'em!) recipient of deferral in SL County. Pretty sure they'll be more than 2,200 recipients of "Homeowner's Credit" again this year Disabled vets received \$12.3 million of the \$14.6 million SLCO credited last year. McCay's committee approved a 90% increase in disabled vets funding in 2023 and it resulted in a BIG jump in expenses (\$14 million) for the counties, NOT the state. I called and since there is no public comment at tomorrow's meeting and this legislation is moving along quickly I decided to e-mail. Thank you for your consideration of this. Jerry Schmidt</p>
2/10/2025 15:53	Tom Swett	Eliminating human caused temperature inversions in Utah in the name of public health, environmental stewardship, and economic vitality	<p>Dear Council Member Chavez: As your district 4 constituent, I am contacting you today concerning the public health and environmental disaster that occurred last month here in Utah. Namely, the week of December 1st. More Specifically, I am making reference to the miserable week of human caused temperature inversion that forced the vast majority of Utahns (and all living things for that matter) to breathe toxic and health damaging polluted air day after day after day.</p>