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3/22/2023 8:38	William Davis	Affordable Housing incentive/ADU Ordinances - in favor	<p>Dear Council I am writing this note in support of eliminating the requirement for Owner Occupancy for ADU's. Being a landlord, I feel that what is most important about how a property is run is the management, not whether the owner lives on site. Yes there are bad landlords out there and some of them actually live on site! And I'd like to point out that most higher density and larger complexes don't have a requirement that the owners live on site. And yes some of them are run poorly but that is both an owner and a management issue. As I was pondering this I realized that the numerous duplex's located in the City and in reality - what is the difference between a duplex and an ADU? I am the chair of Liberty Wells CC and it is hard to throw a rock about anywhere in the Liberty Wells without hitting a duplex. The City does not require duplex's to be owner occupied and western civilization has not ended. This was discussed at our public meeting last week. It was pointed out that duplexes are classified differently than an ADU but I describe that 'as a distinction without a difference'. As far as I know, the City doesn't have a massive or even small problems with duplexes causing any significant issues in our neighborhoods. Imagine if you weren't debating ADU's but rather we were debating allowing duplexes. I suspect that all of the same arguments would be being made - "allowing this will destroy the fabric of the City" or "this will destroy single family neighborhoods" blah blah blah etc etc etc. Some historical info is that from what I understand duplexes actually were permitted in single family neighborhoods for a long time by right. That was changed at some point but from what I understand, it is being reconsidered again. Might be in the Affordable Housing Incentive proposal. When it becomes a higher profile issue and it becomes public, I predict all of the same arguments will be made about them that are being made about ADU's. 'They will destroy single family neighborhoods' or 'renters are horrible people'. or 'they need to be owner occupied'. No they won't and don't - we have a lot of historical and local data that they are not problems. I realize that this has become a highly vocal and charged issue. I think as a council person you need to have the courage to do what is best for the City and community and damn the torpedo's - and vote to eliminate the owner occupancy requirement. Lastly and not to sound like a right wing zealot, I feel that requiring owner occupancy violates my personal property rights. I have considered building one myself. And I have considered living in other places from time to time although I consider SLC, my home base and will always come back. If I have an ADU attached to my property and I decide to live in Europe or Hawaii for periods of time. This means I have to sell my house and there are some serious consequences for doing that. One of which is I may have a significant capitol gains tax liability for that and I am being forced to incur this. I feel I should be able to make my own decisions about this. The other choice I may make is not build an ADU to start with. Thanks for your time and consideration. Bill Davis</p>
3/22/2023 8:39	Rick Gregory	ADU comments	<p>Council -- Regarding the Legislative Draft posted on your website, per Line #: 377 YES, owner occupancy must be required. See attachment. 430 Good to see some consideration of solar panels. 445/446 NO, needs to be eliminated. Presence of public transit or a bike path will not eliminate the need for vehicle parking. The legal (grandfathered) duplex next door several years ago had a couple renting the space in the basement. Both had cars that were parked in front of the house at a 45° angle due to being on a circle. Over the course of the winter, and as the City snow plow continued to shove snow out of the center of the Circle, their parking spaces moved farther and farther toward the center of the Circle. Their parking eventually interfered with my being able to back out of my driveway in a straight line. As if navigating the snow and ice was not already bad enough.... 484 NO, my 1939 house had an original footprint of less than 1200 square feet. Allowing an ADU of 1000 square feet is basically another house, not an accessory. Consider something smaller, like a 600-700 square feet footprint. 529 NO, the major idea of the ADU is to increase density. Not counting the ADU will result in flawed data going forward. Thank you for your consideration. -- Rick Gregory</p>

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3/22/2023 11:17	Chavez Flip	Thanks for Supporting ADUs	<p>Dear Mr. Darrin Mano, I am writing to express my gratitude for your support in advancing Salt Lake City's accessory dwelling unit regulations. I appreciate your efforts to address the current shortage of affordable housing in our city and provide more options for residents. SLC only has so much room to expand so it makes sense to increase housing density. I would like to specifically voice my support for removing the owner occupancy restriction for R1 zones. My wife and I own a property in Liberty Wells and would love the opportunity to build an ADU as a rental unit on the property without the requirement of living on property. The home is on a bike lane, 300' to the bus stop and 0.3 miles to Trax and would be an amazing addition to the rental pool in the area. Our neighbors are a duplex, a fourplex and there's several 8+ unit complexes within 500' so it seems silly that we would be restricted from building an ADU without living on property with the compromises proposed to include R1-5000. I support the restrictions on short term rentals of ADUs and would love to see more standalone house units available for long term renters. I'm sure there will need to be more revisions to ADU rules and regulations in the future and I hope the council would not push the review too far into the future as was proposed by Council member Petro. Thank you, Flip</p>
3/22/2023 14:10	Matt Pacenza	Support ADUs/D5	<p>Hello, Councilmember. I believe we've met, but I can't quite recall when. We were both at the same Westminster holiday party a few months back. I mean to say Hi but didn't get a chance. I live near Liberty Park, work at Judge Memorial, and used to run HEAL Utah. And I care a bunch about affordable housing -- more than any other issue, I think!! I love this city, but am so bummed that people like my family can't really afford to live here anymore. I am writing to express my support for the proposed ADU policy changes. I'm hopeful that they would increase the supply of accessible housing in neighborhoods throughout Salt Lake City. Passing this ordinance will remove one of the main hurdles to building more ADUs: overregulation. I believe that all the ADU policy needs to be passed so that all types of households can benefit from living in our city. I hope you'll vote in support of these important policies. I appreciate your attention and your service to our city. Thank you,</p> <p>Matt — Matt Pacenza</p>

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3/22/2023 14:12	Anthony Wright 1/2	Final Comments	<p>Greetings Council Members, These are my opinions alone and not a representation of the Community Council in which I Chair. As the 4 Council members who have stated their opposition to lifting the owner occupancy requirements, I am writing this specifically for you to consider an item that I have not heard discussed or debated at prior general meeting, working sessions, or email communications. At the last working session, Council member Wharton stated that allowing ADU construction by non-owner occupants would fuel investment by corporate investors and the little guys would not stand a chance. While I know this concern comes from a sincere place, you are ignoring the elephant in the room. They are already here, and they are not going anywhere, and we will continue to see their investment in this community. Investors are buying up SLC because we have a strong diversified economy, an educated workforce, and their golden ticket a limited supply of existing housing, stringent zoning, and geographical constrictions limiting sprawl. The basics of this equation is like most thing in society, a product of supply and demand economics. I understand the concerns of residents not wanting slumlords or corporate investors moving into the neighborhood; however, there is nothing to stop that from happening right now. Every single-family home in the city can be purchased and rented out and we will continue to see this trend because there is a limited supply of single-family homes. This makes SFR investments extremely enticing due to the very nature of its scarcity. The city can build more apartment buildings all over the place, but the public greatly desires living in a neighborhood, not a building with paper thin walls where you can smell your neighbors cooking every night. As long as neighborhoods are "protected" and preserved, the values of the homes within that neighborhood will continue to skyrocket as we have more and more people chasing the same amount of product. This gets to my main point, restricting infill, even as minor as ADU infills, only benefits the homeowners and investors already holding the bag. SLC is comprised of roughly 50% renters 50% homeowners. The percentage of the renter population is expected to continue into the majority as our population grows. Salt Lake City housing studies have shown that the preferred and desired housing option for the majority of its participants were single family homes within neighborhoods. By doing everything you can to keep renters and development out of neighborhoods, you are simply enriching those who already own the limited supply of housing, while at the same time pushing housing options within these desired areas out of reach. I ask that you take a step back from simply viewing this from the eyes of a homeowner in a city and look at the other 50+% of residents who are renters. Your message relays the sentiment that renters are not wanted in a neighborhood, and they will let the property go to crap. It is insulting to insinuate that renters are always bad neighbors and landlords don't care about this city.</p>

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3/22/2023 14:12	Anthony Wright 2/2	CONTINUED! Final Comments	<p>I know plenty of home owners who do not take care of their property or have pride in ownership. Here is my thought to counter the statements made during the working session that “corporate investors will buy even more houses to build an ADU”. I don’t think corporate investors really care if an ADU could be built or not. They just care about the return on investment. It costs over 200K to build an ADU and it is not as easily financed a single-family home purchase. Adding an ADU in the back would generate a separate revenue stream for an investor; however, at the same time it would reduce the rent of the primary home due to less privacy and loss of backyard space. It may pencil out as a positive; however, most out of state real estate investment trusts are not going to want to go through the process of permitting, contracting, and actually building such a small-scale product. It would be much easier to just use the capital outlay required to build an ADU and just buy another single-family home. The investors you see build these will be local smaller shops like myself who have the resources, contractor relationships, and understanding of the city code and processes. Not a billion dollar REIT based out of Chicago. Speaking as a 5th generation SLC resident, and investor myself, who owns single family homes in every district in SLC, if the ADU owner occupancy requirement was lifted I could build a dozen ADUs next year. If it is not lifted, I am not going to just slow my investment and abandon growth objectives, I simply will deploy the capital that would have been used to build the ADUs on parcels I already own and will instead leverage the capital into 30-year fixed rate mortgage products and buy additional single-family homes which are in limited supply. This is actually a much simpler less time-consuming process. Ultimately it changes very little on my side, I just view ADUs as a great missing middle housing option for people, which due to inaction by the council to be bold and increase this type of housing stock is currently not an option. I ask you to not only serve homeowners in keeping renters out of the neighborhoods and further inflating property values, but to also serve renters who you are condemning to only apartment buildings. Let our neighborhoods be diverse and less homogeneous. On a side note, why is it appropriate for slc to be building a tiny home village on the west side of slc, while at the same time no one else is allowed to build smaller homes and are restricted to the minimum lot size requirements which are so restrictive that much of the historic areas of our city could not even abide by today. Seems like a case of rules for thee but not for me.</p>
3/22/2023 14:22	Jan Hemming	Last Night's Comments	Thanks Dan. Here is my full statement. ** Attachment 1

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3/22/2023 14:39	Bob Moore	Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) proposa;	<p>I strongly object to the proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) for 3 reasons: Reason 1: Over the last 100 years Salt Lake City has cultivated its bedroom communities into some of the most sought after places to live in the entire state of Utah. This ADU will destroy that by allowing development of buildings that are completely incompatible with these neighborhoods. The use of duplexes, triplexes, townhouses etc. being able to coexist among single family residences is not the issue. We already have them among us and they fit in just great. They work because unlike the proposed ADU, these existing units comply with the same set back and building standards as the homes around them. To make this work, you are proposing to give greater setback allowances and other rights to developers that the existing property owners don't have. This is completely unnecessary as people are building single family homes on the lots right now with equal or greater square footage than any 4-plex or group of townhomes. Reason 2: The idea of creating low income housing is an effort to fill a genuine need. To say this proposed ADU will fill that need, at least in part, is ridiculous. There is no viable mechanism in place nor does the City have anywhere near the budget to staff the personnel needed to regulate even a small part of this. What happens when these new "affordable housing units" are not used for low income housing or turned into AirBNB's as daily and weekly rentals? It's a recipe for disaster and the citizens of our neighborhoods are the ones who pay the price for this poorly designed "hope it works" campaign. Reason 3: The City is abandoning decades of careful effort to create awesome neighborhoods all around our city and then giving the value of that work over to developers to capitalize on. They will easily make a quick buck in the name of "we're helping with affordable housing". Developers will be lining up to turn big profits by tearing down houses in our established neighborhoods because with this new ADU, they can build right to the lot line, don't have to provide adequate parking (their tenants just get to park on the street), get fast track approvals from the city and can use whatever cheap materials they want to build them so they make more money. It's a dream come true for them! It seems like the only people the city is actually trying to help are the developers! The ADU proposal has very little chance of having any serious impact on the low income housing issue in the short or long term but carries a huge probability of destroying the wonderful bedroom communities the citizens of Salt Lake City have spent generations building! Please don't sell your city citizens short! I urge you to vote against this proposal and save our city!</p>

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3/22/2023 14:56	Joni Clark	Last nights city council meeting public comments for CDBG	<p>Good Morning Council Members, I was online for the public meeting last night and registered to speak on behalf of The Children’s Center Utah for CDBG and was not called on so I am emailing my comments here, I hope that is ok. I would have joined in person and my family has been sick and did not want to spread anything to a large crowd. I am the Director of Development for The Children’s Center Utah and want to thank the Council and Mayor Mendenhall for the recommendation for funding for our Therapeutic Preschool Program. The Therapeutic Preschool Program is the only one of its kind in Utah and is located in Salt Lake City. When a child is already participating in our outpatient family therapy and needs more intensive intervention because they are struggling to succeed in childcare or preschool, our unique Therapeutic Preschool Program provides intensive daily treatment for the child. Children learn to listen to adults, manage their emotions, play with peers, and gain the skills they need to succeed in school. 86% of the children in this program are LMI and the pandemic has had a devastating effect on children’s mental health. We are seeing more aggression, anxiety, depression, and trauma. Even before the pandemic national data show Utah is among a group of states with the highest prevalence of child and adolescent mental health disorders and the highest prevalence of youth with untreated mental health needs. Research shows a measurable link between unmet mental health needs in a child’s earliest years and lifetime outcomes, including lower rates of high school graduation, and college attendance. And employment, higher rates of poverty, homelessness, and involvement in the criminal justice system. In addition, there is a staggering Workforce Shortage in Utah. For every 1,000 children needing mental health care services, there is only 1 provider. The Children’s Center Utah is working on expanding our Workforce Development program to address this shortage of early childhood mental health professionals and our CDBG request is to fund our Therapeutic Preschool Specialist salaries so we can be competitive in the market and keep talented individuals at our center. Thank you for the recommended \$30,000, it is so important to the needs of our children! If there is any wiggle room in the budget to fund our full request it would be greatly appreciated and we understand if that is not an option. With Gratitude, Joni Clark Director, Development</p>
3/23/2023 15:48	Jason Stevenson	ADU Revision/D5	<p>Council Member Mano: Hi - I figure the ADU vote will come up at tonight's meeting. I think D5 residents will accept a removal of the owner occupancy requirement if there is a: A) Two year automatic sunset on the provision (which can be removed); B) Tracking or registration requirement (to make sure the numbers are being recorded); C) Requirement for SLC Planning to report back to the Council after each year with new numbers; The logic for me is that ADUs are expensive, and with today's interest rates, not many homeowners will have access to the funds to build on. This means institutional investors are the likely only way to create scale with ADUs in the near future. And those investors need the owner occupancy requirement removed. While a time-limited provision for the owner occupancy requirement might juice the market and increase the supply of ADUs being built in the short term, it will also let us see if this is a model that works for SLC residents, neighborhoods, and the city's housing goals. That's my perspective. Thank you for your leadership and patience in managing this complex discussion amongst your colleagues and the public. best regards, Jason Stevenson ---- Jason Stevenson</p>

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3/23/2023 15:53	Cinthya Yanez	Jo-An/D3	<p>Hi, my name is Cinthya, I am a resident of Marmalade and have been one for about a year now. I had my eyes in this area for quite a while. Eclectic, LGQTQ friendly, lots of puppies for my daughter to pet! To me it seemed like a dream, and yet, very quickly, it became a nightmare. The good thing is that I have a dog! A border collie Aussie. She keeps me safe. Jo-An sits in the corner of 200 W and 300 N. If only her walls could talk, I am sure she would chit chat the night off! This building has a history, it's a nice tall red brick building, it was her neon sign that attracted me to her. I thought I would see it once before I left, but I haven't, not sure if I ever will.</p> <p>People in Marmalade have forgotten that the neighborhood was once crowded with orchards full of trees, quince, apricots, etc. There are still fruit trees, and those trees there are the most beautiful thing because they house local flora and fauna; as well as a few trouble causing squirrels, and the local family of raccoons! This is where people made Jam! I first visited the library and I fell in love, "We make Jam, not War" that's our motto.. and I love it. Anyways. This building isn't the problem. it's the way its managed. I have talked to every single tenant that has left and they all told me the same thing. Leave. There's water damage, it is definitely not up to code, not even fire. Has the building been checked for asbestos? Do they care? The property management does not, they don't even care enough to take care of the dog pop station right outside my window. I have been the one taking care of it. Because no one else has. The things I have heard at night. The things I found while walking my dog, the things I have pulled from her poor paws. I am glad my daughter wasn't around because this area is the perfect example of what happens when you let landlords take over and you forget about the people that actually pay to live there. Us Renters. I live in a very small and humble studio with my dog. I propose you purchase this building that is already on sale, let us tenants take care of it the way it should, and use those funds to help the community around us instead of lining the pockets of those with already deep enough pockets. I had a dream that I was the one caring for Jo-Ann, the way she should be cared for, with love, not with lust. I want my daughter to see that building, and for her to be proud to call it "mommy's home" again. I want her to feel safe here. I want to see that neon sign again, and for her to feel safe, West side and all... that's all I want. All I ever wanted for that little girl is a home. I want her to know that this is where we make jam, not war, where we accept our neighbors, no matter how different we may be. este barrio no se verde, help me keep this hood on hands that care for it, hands that will tend for it, not take advantage of it and of us tenants. Thank you.</p>
3/30/2023 11:30	Jeannine Marlowe	Rezoning	<p>Mr. Dugan, I would like to express my opinion about the controversial rezoning for additional dwellings on property lots. As I understand the conditions, I am opposed to the new laws, but not for the same reasons that others are opposed. I believe that we must all share in the housing issues, across the entire valley. However, I am concerned about how these new laws would be regulated. There is no way to assure and regulate items like: owner occupancy, no Air B & B's etc. How can the city investigate and enforce these laws. The problems will fall upon the neighborhood people to watch and then report, as necessary, if there are violations. This is not a good way to build community. It sets people against others. And, who will be responsible for investigating and enforcing --city employees? I, for one, do not want my tax dollars being used to enforce this.</p> <p>There are far too many other problems that need to be solved in this city to put dollars this way. Please consider my concerns. Jeannine Marlowe</p>

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3/30/2023 12:21	Leverett Woodruff	Preserve the murals and create a community resource space at Fleet Block	<p>Good evening, I'm writing to ask that any future rezoning or redevelopment of Fleet Block preserve the murals that memorialize lives lost to police brutality. The murals are a sacred space of healing for those whose loved ones are remembered there. The city should respect this profoundly important use of the space by so many in our community. I would also like to suggest that one potential use for part of Fleet Block is a community center that has green space and a community produce garden outside and recreation space, like a basketball or pickle ball court, inside, as well as restrooms with showers and laundry facilities that could be used by anyone in the area who needed it, including our unsheltered neighbors. The center could also include a library, clothes closet, and space for local businesses to have pop up shops. Another helpful feature would be private rooms and regularly scheduled time that community members could meet with social workers, mental health counselors, harm reduction teams, and legal aid attorneys. Please consider dedicating part of Fleet Block to meet the needs of Salt Lakers for a place to connect with their community and get basic needs met. Thank you, Levy Woodruff</p>
3/30/2023 16:46	Brynn Meulenberg	Og-Woi Garden/D5	<p>Hi Darin, I'm writing to urgently ask for your support for the Og-woi People's Orchard and Garden (Og-woi)[[1]]. The Og-woi is a community based project modeling how food can be free and accessible along the Jordan River Parkway trail, created lovingly by, and for, the people. The Og-woi started in a neglected lot on the Jordan River Parkway with a fruit tree planting on Earth Day 2020. Volunteers thereafter returned each Sunday planting the Og-woi. Salt Lake City officials soon approached Og-woi volunteers, proposing to negotiate a formal agreement recognizing the garden. An extensive process has ensued. Og-Woi volunteers established an expert advisory board and adopted 'Garden Volunteer Safety Measures', to address contamination issues that occur in the soil throughout the valley[[2]]. In the subsequent years Og-woi volunteers invested thousands of labor hours and tens of thousands of dollars, planting and tending to the garden and orchard. Salt Lake City conducted a public engagement process in 2021 and made an initial decision to uphold the Og-Woi project, finding overwhelming support for the Og-woi[[3], [4]]. Unfortunately, on March 21st, of this year, Salt Lake City Public Lands Department made a sudden and stunning reversal. The department is now demanding that the Og-Woi public art, garden boxes, and all other materials be removed before May 1, 2023. This order would destroy important community generated art located at the Og-woi, and threatens the Og-Woi's carefully planned landscaping and dozens of fruit trees which will positively benefit a diverse community for generations to come. The Department is even demanding removal of the memorial mural of beloved community organizer Margarita Satini. I am in shock that the city decided to kill this project. This abrupt and unjustified about-face will harm the westside community generally and the Og-Woi volunteers, who worked with the city in good faith for years, developing the Og-woi in line with a draft agreement, best practices, and ongoing discussions with the Department. I request that you please show support for the Og-woi by requesting Salt Lake City Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, and Public Lands Department Director, Kristin Riker, complete the formal agreement process that was initiated in good faith three years ago, so this inspiring community stewardship of the Og-woi People's Orchard and Garden can continue to build community within our community. Sincerely, Brynn Meulenberg [1] Og-woi Garden webpage https://dirt2table.org/dirt2table/the-og-woi-peoples-orchard-and-garden/ [2] Link to the Og-woi soil remediation plan & Garden Volunteer Safety Measures: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nV3JqmkjTmsNKXzEBdxXEBvuLere-X-P/view?usp=share_link [3] U o U, College of Social & Behavioral Science, Environmental Justice Lab, 'URBAN AGRICULTURE ON THE JORDAN RIVER: An Analysis of The Og-Woi People's Garden and Orchard in the Context of Salt Lake City and County Planning'. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AXhTS8erSBQh_pTRK4MqLv4bSZC7Hw8h/view?usp=share_link [4] U o U, College of Social & Behavioral Science, Environmental Justice Lab, 'INCREASING FOOD SOVEREIGNTY:INSIGHTS FROM SALT LAKE CITY FARMERS & FOOD ADVOCATES'. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ueNeA8eGVIS964Chfo5n-MKBcWn3OE7V/view?usp=share_link</p>

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4/3/2023 9:18	Kimberly Vanderburg-Murphy	Urgent: community garden being treated	<p>Hi, Darin, I'm writing to urgently ask for your support for the Og-woi People's Orchard and Garden (Og-woi)[1]. The Og-woi is a community-based project modeling how food can be free and accessible along the Jordan River Parkway trail, created lovingly by, and for, the people. The Og-woi started in a neglected lot on the Jordan River Parkway with a fruit tree planting on Earth Day 2020. Volunteers thereafter returned each Sunday to plant the Og-woi. Salt Lake City officials soon approached Og-woi volunteers, proposing to negotiate a formal agreement recognizing the garden. An extensive process has ensued. Og-Woi volunteers established an expert advisory board and adopted 'Garden Volunteer Safety Measures', to address contamination issues that occur in the soil throughout the valley[2]. In the subsequent years, Og-woi volunteers invested thousands of labor hours and tens of thousands of dollars, in planting and tending to the garden and orchard. Salt Lake City conducted a public engagement process in 2021 and made an initial decision to uphold the Og-Woi project, finding overwhelming support for the Og-woi[3, 4]. Unfortunately, on March 21st, of this year, Salt Lake City Public Lands Department made a sudden and stunning reversal. The department is now demanding that the Og-Woi public art, garden boxes, and all other materials be removed before May 1, 2023. This order would destroy important community-generated art located at the Og-woi and threatens the Og-Woi's carefully planned landscaping and dozens of fruit trees which will positively benefit a diverse community for generations to come. The Department is even demanding the removal of the memorial mural of beloved community organizer Margarita Satini. As well as a memorial pollinator's garden for a Dirt2Table volunteer, my daughter, Hali Vanderburg who died of metastatic melanoma in 2021. I have personally donated hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars to beautify her memorial garden. I am in shock that the city decided to kill this project. This abrupt and unjustified about-face will harm the westside community generally and the Og-Woi volunteers, who worked with the city in good faith for years, developing the Og-woi in line with a draft agreement, best practices, and ongoing discussions with the Department. I request that you please show support for the Og-woi by requesting Salt Lake City Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, and Public Lands Department Director, Kristin Riker, complete the formal agreement process that was initiated in good faith three years ago, so this inspiring community stewardship of the Og-woi People's Orchard and Garden can continue to build community within our community. Sincerely, Kimberly Ann Vanderburg-Murphy 1 Og-woi Garden webpage https://dirt2table.org/dirt2table/the-og-woi-peoples-orchard-and-garden/ 2 Link to the Og-woi soil remediation plan & Garden Volunteer Safety Measures: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nV3JqmjtmsNKXzEBdxXEBvuLRE-X-P/view?usp=share_link 3 U o U, College of Social & Behavioral Science, Environmental Justice Lab, 'URBAN AGRICULTURE ON THE JORDAN RIVERA: An Analysis of The Og-Woi People's Garden and Orchard in the Context of Salt Lake City and County Planning. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AXhTS8erSBQh_pTRK4MqLv4bSZC7Hw8h/view?usp=share_link 4 U o U, College of Social & Behavioral Science, Environmental Justice Lab, 'INCREASING FOOD SOVEREIGNTY: INSIGHTS FROM SALT LAKE CITY FARMERS & FOOD ADVOCATES'. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ueNeA8eGVIS964Chfo5n-MKBcWn3OE7V/view?usp=share_link</p>

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4/3/2023 13:03	Andrea Globokar	Save Og Woi Garden	<p>Green space is disappearing in Salt Lake City as are opportunities for communities to gather. This garden is an important place for not only the Rose Park community but for Salt Lake City. A place tgat provides free food in these days of high inflation should be honored not destroyed. Save Og Woi! Andrea Globokar</p>

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4/4/2023 11:17	Joan Gregory	Support for the Og-woi People's Orchard and Garden	<p>Dear Councilman Chris Wharton, I'm writing to urgently ask for your support for the Og-woi People's Orchard and Garden (Og-woi) [1]. The Og-woi is a community-based project modeling how food can be free and accessible along the Jordan River Parkway trail, created lovingly by, and for, the people. The Og-woi started in a neglected lot on the Jordan River Parkway with a fruit tree planting on Earth Day 2020. Volunteers thereafter returned each Sunday planting the Og-woi. Salt Lake City officials soon approached Og-woi volunteers, proposing to negotiate a formal agreement recognizing the garden. An extensive process has ensued. Og-Woi volunteers established an expert advisory board and adopted 'Garden Volunteer Safety Measures', to address contamination issues that occur in the soil throughout the valley [2]. In the subsequent years Og-woi volunteers invested thousands of labor hours and tens of thousands of dollars, planting and tending to the garden and orchard. Salt Lake City conducted a public engagement process in 2021 and made an initial decision to uphold the Og-Woi project, finding overwhelming support for the Og-woi [3], [4]. Unfortunately, on March 21st, of this year, Salt Lake City Public Lands Department made a sudden and stunning reversal. The department is now demanding that the Og-Woi public art, garden boxes, and all other materials be removed before May 1, 2023. This order would destroy important community generated art located at the Og-woi and threatens the Og-Woi's carefully planned landscaping and dozens of fruit trees which will positively benefit a diverse community for generations to come. The Department is even demanding removal of the memorial mural of beloved community organizer Margarita Satini. I am shocked that the city is taking this action. This abrupt and unjustified about-face will harm the westside community generally and the Og-Woi volunteers, who worked with the city in good faith for years, developing the Og-woi in line with a draft agreement, best practices, and ongoing discussions with the Department. I have learned just this week that Wasatch Community Gardens (WCG) has written a letter on behalf of Og-woi, proposing that instead of starting over, WCG is offering to work with Og-woi to get the existing garden through the approval process. Please give Og-woi and Wasatch Community Gardens the opportunity to move forward together in this effort. I request that you please show support for the Og-woi by requesting that Salt Lake City Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, and Public Lands Department Director, Kristin Riker, complete the formal agreement process that was initiated in good faith three years ago, so this inspiring community stewardship of the Og-woi People's Orchard and Garden can continue to build community within our Salt Lake City community, especially now that Wasatch Community Gardens has agreed to this partnership. Sincerely, Joan M. Gregory</p> <p>[1] Og-woi Garden webpage https://og-woi.org/ [2] Link to the Og-woi soil remediation plan & Garden Volunteer Safety Measures: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nV3JqmkjtmsNKXzEBdxXEBvuLERE-X-P/view?usp=share_link <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nV3JqmkjtmsNKXzEBdxXEBvuLERE-X-P/view?usp=share_link> [3] U o U, College of Social & Behavioral Science, Environmental Justice Lab, 'URBAN AGRICULTURE ON THE JORDAN RIVER: An Analysis of The Og-Woi People's Garden and Orchard in the Context of Salt Lake City and County Planning'. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AXhTS8erSBQh_pTRK4MqLv4b5ZC7Hw8h/view?usp=share_link <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AXhTS8erSBQh_pTRK4MqLv4b5ZC7Hw8h/view?usp=share_link> [4] U o U, College of Social & Behavioral Science, Environmental Justice Lab, 'INCREASING FOOD SOVEREIGNTY: INSIGHTS FROM SALT LAKE CITY</p>

Janet Hemming
City Council Meeting
SLC ADU codes
March 21, 2023

Distinguished council members.

I want to echo the wise words of Councilman Chris Wharton at last week's work session. He said if owner occupancy is removed from single family zoning in the ADU codes, homeowners would be "outnumbered and outgunned by corporations and developers." He is right.

I believe he was also saying there is a very human side to the decisions this council makes. While trying to fix the city's need for more housing, what real and unintended consequences might be triggered? Will the very things that attract record numbers of people to Salt Lake, be lost if the city pursues what outside states, like California and Oregon, and towns like Portland, Seattle and Minneapolis, are experimenting with?

Chris also asked a perceptive question of a city attorney two weeks ago which yielded the startling knowledge that removing owner occupancy in single family zones would effectively end single family zoning in Salt Lake.

A hundred years of history conceivably swept away.

In a written email to this council, I shared the story of my friends, Jen and Jeff, who lived for years in a rental home owned by a local man. He only raised their rent \$45 in five years. The owner had to reclaim his home, so Jen and Jeff, who both work and still have a son at home, finally found another place operated by a corporate home rental company based in Maryland. Their sprinklers were broken for 4 months during the summer. They had a leak in their ceiling that wasn't fixed for 3 months and caused extensive water damage. To add insult to injury, the corporation announced just weeks ago a drastic rent increase that exceeded their budget.

During March, Jen and Jeff have been frantically searching for another home along the Wasatch Front and fortunately found one that is an owner operated rental. While Jen and Jeff's story isn't about ADUs, it is about what life is like in the mix-master of the corporate home rental market; a market whose purpose and duty is to generate profits, as Chris pointed out last week. I believe we would see similar outcomes with ADUs. Keeping the owner occupancy provision in single family zones is the right thing to do. I urge you to do so.

Thank you.

Janet Hemming
Salt Lake City homeowner