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4/19/2023 7:28	Lani Eggertsen-Goff	encouraging transit ridership to Council meetings	I was pleased to see that the Westside Council meeting yesterday was located along the North Temple TRAX line. I just read the recap and noticed that parking validation for the city and county building is encouraged for council meetings in the future. I am hoping that you will include encouragement of using trnsnit for future meetings.
4/21/2023 9:43	Dee Taylor 1/2	Og-woi People's Orchard and Garden	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, My name is Deanna Taylor and I live in the Fairpark Community of Salt Lake City. Thank you for the opportunity to offer my public comment. I am writing to you about the Og-woi People's Orchard and Garden, for which I am a volunteer and live nearby. I am writing in particular to highlight the enormous support our communities have put forward over the past month. Over 300 people have signed the petition to Save the Og-woi. I direct your attention to this webpage, "What People are Saying About the Og-woi". I would like to highlight here some of those comments, all from the zip code 84116, the area of the Og-woi, and represents just a fraction of the over 100 comments in the petition: This project is a stellar example of actual Community Driven Community Stewardship of the Public Lands, using only Community resources so far. It also closely aligns with several other initiatives that the City is managing Grant money for, particularly the Love Your Block Grant and the Food and Equity Gardens Grant programs. The garden is a great addition to the neighborhood and the fairpark area. Many people love working in the garden and enjoying all it has to offer. It's also refreshing to have something beautiful on a piece of land that wasn't previously used for anything other than growing weeds and being an eye sore. I can think of no reason the Og-woi People's Orchard should be removed - only reasons as to why it should stay. This is such an important community resource and something SLC should be doing more of, not less! This beautiful garden brings so much life and sustenance to this community, our neighborhood, and the Jordan River Trail. The Og-Woi garden is a beautiful space that has taught me so much about gardening and community. The city would be doing itself a disservice to take it away from its constituents. I've been going there since before my son was born and I plan on raising him there to value community and gardening The Og-woi is an example of how food can be accessible to our community. It has proven to be a space that contributes to the overall health of the environment and to learn and teach community resiliency. Numerous families and individuals have benefited from the joys of the Og-woi People's Orchard and Garden, once a neglected space filled with puncture vine - transformed into a space of beauty and sustenance.This garden is exactly the sort of project I want to see in my community. It: 1. revitalizes unused space 2. brings different people together 3. enhances our community resilience 4. improves access to food and 5. honors people who were here before us and those who work to make things better now. The city should be overjoyed that this happened organically and falling over themselves to support it, not trying to stop it. Mental health space to grieve a loved one, a healthy space to learn more about nature, a space to garden, a space to give back to the community, a space of learning, a public space, a space to find peace at times, a space of a home, and a community space to come back to educate others.</p>

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4/21/2023 9:43	Dee Taylor 2/2	CONTINUED!! Og-woi People's Orchard and Garden	<p>A visiting space for social events, a space of contribution, a family space, a community leader space, and a space that shouldn't be having a dispute over. Let us know how we can help. It would be a shame to lose another community garden in the valley. I believe that this garden is a benefit to everyone around it. With little to no risk of it being there my belief is that everyone should be able to reap the benefits and beauty of having this amazing area in our city I have worked at the Cannon Health Building since 2013, and have owned my home in this neighborhood since 2020. The Og-Woi garden is beautiful and exemplifies care for the Earth, the river, and the community. It's important to me that it be allowed to continue. Beautifies and utilizes an otherwise unused space. I applaud what the goal is with this project and the benefits to people, especially for those on the west side. I love walking past the garden with my dogs daily. It brings me a sense of connection to my community. It is an invaluable resource and we should be expanding community gardens, not reducing them. This garden is a beautiful and important piece of our community. It helps bring people together from all over the neighborhood, and is a welcome sight for visitors or prospective home buyers (it certainly was for me before we moved in). It deserves to be not only protected, but expanded upon for the good of all of us in Rose Park. It represents the values that make Utah such a great state to live in. I love the mission, and the development that this project brings to both the neighborhood and the Jordan River, which is so often in need of improvement. It's important to support people and projects with this much of a sense of passion, care, and civic engagement. I am asking that you support the Og-woi People's Orchard and Garden, a true community asset. Thank you, Deanna Taylor</p>
4/21/2023 9:44	Wendy Garvin	Og-woi garden	<p>Folks, I think removing Og-woi is bad idea. It's a community garden. They did the research on environmental contaminants, and followed the recommendations. Tom has been tested for lead contamination and none is found. There isn't a relevant health reason to remove it. I know a neighbor keeps complaining, but I honestly can't see how it harms the neighbors. This feels like a PR debacle. I genuinely think it's a beloved community garden, and if you require them to post notices or make it more accessible, they'll be happy to do so. Please consider the human factor - community gardens are exactly what we want folks to be doing right now. Getting out of the house. Interacting. Building friendships. This is good community at work. Please keep the Og-Woi. - Wendy</p>
4/21/2023 9:45	Kaser R		<p>Park maintenance and homeless encampment. First ensign park is trashed out. The city changes out trash and recycling but if the worker looked across the street by the lighted sign, it would be obvious that there is trash, beer cans, etc strewn. It's on the road, yes, but also on the grass and further down into the flowers In the pocket park. This park is a destination for tourists to our city. I can only imagine the impression it makes. Why is it allowed to set up a trashed out mess of a homeless camp on victory road on the way into our city and our state capitol? Shameful. It's so obvious, right on the shoulder of the road. It's not hidden. Please address and continue to monitor and if you will share the city's ongoing plan. What a health hazard. Thank you. Kaser on east capitol blvd</p>

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4/21/2023 9:46	Nancy Radigan-Hoffman	Concerned about loose dogs in Sugarhouse	<p>Dear Councilwoman Fowler, I am writing as a member of your district who moved to this neighborhood almost a year ago from South Salt Lake. I will preface these comments by saying that I enjoy this neighborhood and appreciate the efforts of our city council that make Salt Lake City a great place to live. My concern is with off-leash dogs, something I virtually never experienced in South Salt Lake or Liberty Wells despite taking my own two dogs for runs and walks in those neighborhoods every day for the several years I lived there. By contrast, I have observed a significant number of loose dogs in my new neighborhood, and unfortunately, a lot of those dogs are not well-trained and cannot be trusted to stay within the boundaries of their owners' properties. I have neighbors whose multiple dogs are never leashed and frequently run up the street out of control or intrude into my yard, despite my attempts to communicate with them that this is a problem. I have neighbors whose dogs have chased my dogs from 30+ feet away. Just in the past week, my two dogs have been approached -- and not always politely -- by at least five dogs, the majority of which left their own properties to pursue us. My dogs, while leashed, have even been attacked by an off-leash dog in Sugarhouse Park, an incidence which I reported to SLCo Animal Control, who were seemingly powerless to do anything about the attack -- even to simply enforce the leash laws, which would have ensured that such a dog attack was far less likely. Like most dogs, my dogs do not appreciate being approached by unfamiliar off-leash dogs. I have employed extensive training to help my dogs handle this stress, but ultimately, there are leash laws in the city, and those laws should be enforced. It is my right to enjoy our public spaces without the constant fear that a neighbor's unleashed dog will run into my dogs' space and potentially cause a fight. I understand that budgets are limited and that resources can only be stretched so far, but is there anything that can be done? It seems to me that it would only take an Animal Control officer taking a leashed dog for a few Saturday afternoon walks to encounter plenty of people to ticket and educate. Sincerely, Nancy Radigan-Hoffman</p>
4/21/2023 9:47	Ben Pendleton	increased sewer charges?	<p>Hi, we received a letter informing us of increased sewage consumption this past winter and we will begin seeing an increase of our sewage charges up to \$67.90 per month? This is nearly double what we have been paying for sewage on our water bill to date. As of March 16 - we did have a sewage backup, and it was fixed that day. Since then, the sewage usage would be at least 50% less than what it typically is because of the pending repairs, therefore, we would like to know why we're being told our consumption has increased and we're being penalized for it. If we need to provide documentation of the repairs, please let us know what information you need. Sincerely, Ben & Amanda Pendleton</p>

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4/21/2023 16:44	Jeff Myers	Pedestrian safety	<p>Dear SLC council, We really have an out of control situation regarding pedestrian safety with speeding drivers. I used the WALK button to "safely" cross 2100 south in SugarHouse at McClland street. The light turned red, and one car stopped appropriately so I could cross...however a speeding SUV nearly ran me over as I got a quarter of the way across. It must've been going about 40 MPH...maybe more. He never slowed. Ran right thru the red light, literally inches in front of me. I've also been nearly run over as a pedestrian here on 1900 east near Clayton middle school. The limit is now 20 MPH, but the norm is 30 to 40. I try to drive the posted speed limit on 1900 east..and a truck didn't want to be behind me, so he passed me...by going into the OPPOSING LANE. I have several more examples...including video of my step mom who has Parkinson's disease trying to cross 1900 east at a corner using her cane...but cars won't stop! We need speed bumps...motorcycle officer speed traps...and speed trap CAMERAS on 1900 East. Pedestrian safety...driver behavior...is much worse here than in Los Angeles...or even Delhi, India! Isn't an ounce of prevention worth a pound of cure? Sincerely, Jeff Myers</p>
4/24/2023 14:09	Christopher Gregg	Sunnyside Baseball Stadium - Stop it!	<p>Dear City Council Members, I am a resident of the Harvard, Yale district - one of the city's most beautiful neighborhoods. I was shocked that the University of Utah plans to build a large baseball facility on our Sunnyside Community Park!! Do not allow this to happen. Our community is already overrun and filled with garbage during every Utes football game. Our neighborhood parking is completely taken over. This new baseball stadium cannot be added to that mess. Moreover, every day/evening/weekend those fields are full of local residents playing soccer, flag football, baseball, and throwing the balls for their dogs. Where is all this supposed to happen when that Baseball field gets built? We have a very nice Baseball facility on 1300 S, Smith's Ball Field, that is perfect for the University's team to continue playing. I am also concerned because there was no community input or discussion. Please do not let this happen!! It will affect the livability of my neighborhood, the value of my house, and bring more crime, garbage, traffic issues into one of the city's best neighborhoods Thank you for fighting for us. Chris Christopher Gregg PhD. Associate Professor of Neurobiology and Human Genetics</p>
4/24/2023 14:13	Denise Gregg	Proposed Baseball Facility on Sunnyside	<p>Good Afternoon, I am a resident of the Harvard, Yale district. I was just informed that the University of Utah plans to build a large baseball facility on our Sunnyside Community Park!! I am shocked that there hasn't been any community discussion or input on this project. Sunnyside park is used everyday by teams and local residents playing soccer, flag football, baseball, and throwing the balls for their dogs. Plus, parking is already insane when we have Utes games and can't imagine what it will be like if you add in another massive venue. In addition, there isn't the road infrastructure to accommodate the increased traffic, which will result in a massive amount of traffic flying through the community to try to avoid traffic congestion. What are the plans in place to prevent this? There is a perfectly good Baseball facility on 1300 S, Smith's Ball Field. Why are there plans to build another one? Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help prevent this from happening. Denise Gregg</p>

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4/25/2023 12:52	Tara Meade	Sunnyside Park/D5	Hello, I am a resident of the Harvard, Yale district. I was shocked that the University of Utah plans to build a large baseball facility on our Sunnyside Community Park!! Every day/evening/weekend those fields are full of local residents playing soccer, flag football, baseball, and throwing the balls for their dogs. Where is all this supposed to happen when that Baseball field gets built? In addition to losing this beloved park, we also enroll both of our small children at Rowland Hall. We walk to school each day to avoid the already crowded "Sunnyside & Guardsman" area. Even walking our kids too and from school has its risks, as the traffic is often very dangerous to cross the intersections. We have a very nice Baseball facility on 1300 S, Smith's Ball Field, that is perfect for the University's team to continue playing. I am also concerned because there was no community input or discussion. Please do not let this happen!! -- Tara Meade
4/26/2023 9:29	Anonymous Constituent	Council members and Mayor travel and other budgets	I would like to see transparency on how tax dollars are used by the mayor and council in traveling to other locations. Whether in the state or out of it. This can easily be posted to the city website showing where each individual has traveled to on tax payer dollars, length of the trip, cost, purpose etc.
4/26/2023 14:07	Kevin Taylor	City Budget	Thanks for asking about the SLC City Budget My suggestion is to lower the taxes in our city. The savings would enrich the people that live in SLC. Those people would be able to better judge what to do with the extra money. We could maybe go up to the people who are laying outside and help them and talk to them. At least try to help. You people on the city council lost your judgement long ago. It is all about corruption etc. Thanks
4/26/2023 14:10	Lisa Dunsmore	Tax Dollars	Hello! Thank you for the mailer you sent out! I love living in Salt Lake! However I feel it's lost its charm with all of the building going on. The roads are overcrowded now with more residents. I feel we should put more tax dollars towards keeping Salt Lake's roads smooth and updated. As well as landscaping. Landscaping on the on and off freeway ramps and surrounding areas, especially in Sugar House. Let's make the city look beautiful again. There is little green space. So what we do have, to see it taken care of should be a priority. It seems very little city landscaping is done, and if it is, it's not kept up. I think these projects should be a priority. Thank you, Lisa
4/26/2023 14:14	James Ogilvie	Community concerns	1. Dangerous potholes in most streets 2. Public safety from property crime and gun violence 3. Homelessness both for the community and those involved. Any tax allocation must be for validated approaches to mitigate (solving is aspirational) the problem and not unproven policies by vocal advocates. The non-governmental Other Side Academy is making progress. 4. Rising property taxes are driving away those on fixed income. 5. Money should not be allocated for signs to change neighborhood speed limits from 25 to 20. The 25 mph limit was not enforced nor are stop signs. 6. Funds should be assigned for changes to improve air quality, i.e. solar panels, government use of EVs, building codes, etc. James Ogilvie
4/26/2023 14:22	Juliana Grosco	Flooding on 17th S/D7	Hi Amy, I live REDACTED We were impacted by the flooding a couple weeks ago, as our house sits at the bottom of the hill right in front of the creek. I noticed today that the makeshift culvert that was constructed across 17th S. has been removed. With warmer days on the horizon, I'm looking for an update on the flood water containment plan. Is the plan to direct it back down 15th east should it overflow at Wasatch Hollow again? I'm trying to determine if I need to add sandbags to those that are already lining my property. Thank you, Juliana Grosco

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4/26/2023 19:00	Thomas Kleinstuber	"We should put more tax dollars towards..."	As a long time SLC resident and registered voter, I am naturally concerned where my tax dollars are being spent. Firstly, I would like to see my taxes lowered, I believe we are taxed too heavily. I would like to see more tax dollars going towards "zero-scaping" of as many parking strips in the city's residential areas as possible. Incentivising home owners to remove grass and install very low water using landscapes. I also feel too many tax dollars are being spent on the homeless issue. Giving non producing citizens "free stuff" at the expense of working, tax paying citizens is wrong and counter productive. It encourages, incentives, further non productivity. If handing out benefits to homeless is necessary, (I agree some limited assistance likely is), make a work requirement for able bodied homeless people. If they work and thus become productive tax paying citizens they should receive more benefits, than the lazy, unproductive ones.
4/27/2023 7:59	William Manley	Share your feedback	I received this flier in the mail. My comments are concerning the budget. The roads are terrible in this city. I am stating the obvious. I don't need to give a specific example, but drive down 9th E, pick a spot and start. Forget about the homeless, because the city will never be able to move the needle on homelessness until the mental health issue is taken care of. The city can build all the affordable housing they want. The approach to homelessness has to take the addiction out of the equation. Therefore, whatever approach this city has taken on homelessness has not. SLC is fast heading towards a Portland type of city warmth. On a good number of street corners, one can see the same individuals with their signs, "God bless you, anything will help." The approach to this issue, because having this element in society without trying to raise it to the next level of hierarchy of a social standard, reflects on the direction, which those that have, shows what cannot be done. Simply, give a homeless person the choice to work sober, contribute to society or panhandle and get hit, the choice is simply. Also, there is no identity on this city. I am glad that I lived in other cities and parts of the country. I look forward to moving from this city in the near future. Moving to a city where everyone has a flag, not just those that scream the loudest.
4/27/2023 11:02	Anonymous Constituent	Graffiti	First, I'll say that I believe the city is well run and managed professionally. I've had the experience in living in other cities, one in particular that was an absolute disaster. So, I know first hand what a dysfunctional city government looks like and the cost to property values, pride and productivity that comes with that. So, thank you for managing the city well. That being said, I'm sure this is a difficult challenge, but I would love to see something done about the abundance of graffiti that appears to be growing in downtown SL. I feel like it was tolerable up to the point where someone or a group of people have elected to tag the entire side of a new construction project on the corner of 2nd south and 2nd east. It's concerning and suggests that they feel empowered. If there's something that I can do as a downtown resident and property owner I'd like to know. Thank you
4/27/2023 11:07	Anonymous Constituent	Median: 3rd South between 2nd and 3rd East	Is there a plan to add greenery/artwork/landscaping to the median on this block similar to what you see on the blocks west of 2nd east?
4/27/2023 11:56	Christopher Butler	FY24 Budget	Please cut the outrageous police budget for FY24. The police are not improving safety or reducing crime. Study after study shows more money to police doesn't improve lives of the people. We should spend the money on resources for those in need like the unsheltered. We could help give them housing to be able to get things back on track. We could use the money to get mental health professionals to assist those in crisis and need. There is so much we could do with the money to actually help people.

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4/27/2023 12:47	Christopher Magerl	FW: (EXTERNAL) ADU/Planning	<p>Last night, April 12, 2023, the Planning Commission held its first public meeting after months of Council discussion about ADUs and owner-occupancy. The very first item they approved was a detached ADU from an applicant who does not live at the property, has never lived at the property and has stated on his application that he has no intention of ever living at the property. This seems to be in violation of City code as it currently is written and will be in violation of the new City code that was recently approved by Council. It does seem to show Planning's disregard of months of Council discussion and plentiful public comment in support of the owner-occupancy element of ADU applications. Is this standard practice? Does Council discuss such actions with Planning? As a resident, is there any way for me to address this situation? Thank you for your reply. Chris Magerl</p>
4/27/2023 14:17	Dale Angel	Homeless problems in SLC	<p>Hello, I'd like to call and see if the city will do anything with the homeless people some need affordable housing and some just didn't care and just want to do drugs in the tent, This problem needs to be solved by the city. Thank you</p>
4/27/2023 14:35	Andra Ghent	Prioritize Public Transit	<p>Dear council, Please increase our contribution to the UTA in the next budget. The UTA desperately needs more funding to improve service. While I appreciate the efforts the city is making on walkability and bikeability, the missing piece for the SLC metro is public transit. For people that live in SL County that are commuting into SLC, public transit is not a viable option for them to get to work. If they all continue to commute via private vehicles, one of two things, if not both is going to happen: 1) We're going to have to continue to build an auto-oriented city to accommodate them. This means more motor vehicle fatalities, more obesity and its associated health issues, worse traffic, more Amazon warehouse deliveries because people don't run errands on foot, and longer commute times. Reserving so much scarce space for cars also decreases housing affordability because they take up so much space. 2) Businesses are going to choose to locate away from the downtown core and likely outside of SLC altogether which will substantially reduce our long-term productivity and the availability of high-quality jobs for our residents. When businesses tell us that they need more parking for their downtown offices, I understand why they are saying this and they're right! As long as their employees that live outside of SLC have to commute via car, they need somewhere to park. It would not surprise me at all if businesses start to say that it's just not worth it to locate downtown. I realize it would be nice if the state funded the UTA to appropriate levels but it won't. So we have to step in and fund the UTA to get the higher level of service we need to meet all of our Plan Salt Lake goals. We're at a critical tipping point with our city. We're adding density but, right now, public transit is still not a competitive option for a lot of residents in the city for some trips and, outside of the city, it's not competitive at all. Free fares are great but the main cost of taking transit for the vast majority of our citizens is that it takes so much longer than driving right now. That has to change and that takes money.</p>
4/27/2023 14:59	Thom Harrison	fix potholes on our streets, they have n	please repair pothole in our neighborhood, they have never been worse

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4/27/2023 15:59	Carl Begnaud	Sharing comments with City council as per post card sent to me	Where I live, we constantly have people , especially in the winter months trying to gain entrance at our Apartment Building , Our Apartment Building is a Security Building , that requires a Magnetic key Fob , and some of these homeless individuals are actually smart enough to walk up to a resident about to get into the Apartments Building and say they live here and get close enough to the door so that if we open the door they grab the door and get in , plus there are what i would assume are mentally ill homeless individuals who make noise on the streets close to the Apartments at night , and us residents cannot sleep with the noise , and finally there is an individual in the next Apartment Building with a car alarm on there car that goes off sometimes 3 to 4 times a night , the Residents at our Apartment Building are expected to play Security Guards at our Apartment Building and only let in our Guests or we can be evicted , and other residents don't bother bringing their key Fob to get back in and want the other residents to let them back in . How am I to know who all of my Neighbors in the Apartment Building are and who should be here and who not to let in ? Can the Police be notified and a no trespassing sign placed outside with a warning ?
4/27/2023 16:04	James Carlisle	Tax Budget	City Council, Thank you for requesting the public's input. I would like you to spend tax dollars on.. Fighting the Gondola Improving safe bike and pedestrian access with dedicated median protected bike lanes on major arteries. Expanding parks and rec quantity and quality Re-furbishing/re-designing State Street Pursuing thoughtful compassionate efforts to address the homeless Address air quality. Re-locate gravel pits and refineries. Improve EV infrastructure. Thank you, James Carlisle
4/27/2023 16:07	Tye McDonough	2023 hearings and budget	I am writing as a resident of Salt Lake City. I live near the 9th&9th area and have 2 small children. As we have traveled to many of the city parks I have noticed many of the playgrounds have either not been finished or installed properly. The steps, first rung of ladders and bottom of slides are way too high. The bark or rubberized surface was not put in high enough rendering them useless to small schildren who they were obviously put in for. If they slide the drop is so high they will get hurt. The first step or rung is so high they cannot access the slide. Another comment I wanted to make is how pleased I am with the 20mph speed limit on side streets. However it would be nice to have some temporary speed bumps put in for the summer while kids are outside playing. For me it would be specifically Windsor and 800 east, both south of 900 south. Lastly I would love to see some money and effort to upkeep the alley ways around the 9th&9th area, they are always in disrepair and seem to be forgotten by city managers. Thank you for representing the people of Salt Lake City.
4/27/2023 16:10	Suzanne No Last name	City budget	The homeless are everywhere. I run through Little Moab daily to Sugarhouse Park. Couple of cooking drugs last night. Tonight they are roaming outside our building. Bikes stolen, smash, and grabs, afraid to park our van overnight. I'm born and raised in Utah, and never imagined this level of paranoia. Do something.

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4/27/2023 16:12	Heather Wilkins	City Budget	<p>I feel whenever our city gets an increased in spending, it's usually from property owners and our rates going up. It feels like we are being v pushed to give more every year. I see drugs and prostitution on our streets, increased street garbage, homeless not being held accountable. I've been bullied, attacked and even attempted robbery. Yet we can see that our streets are in a war zone. Why are there no police. Because Erin Mendenhall defended them. I'm disgusted by her choices as a Mayor, and really wonder how she sleeps at night?? Have you walked the streets of Salt Lake city by the Salt Lake Community College lately? I've lived in this Valley 52 years. I grew up in West Jordan, I'm a native of Utah. And I dislike anyone who comes here from East Coast roots who thinks they understand what peace and Harmony look like. We are not a sanctuary city.</p> <p>We work hard many of us multiple jobs. I will pursue a new Mayor, and as for our budget. Mrs Erin Mendenhall, our streets need increased Police, we need to arrest criminals, we need to give Homeless ulimatims, and stop.the drug use. The drug use is Killing everyone, not guns. Humans are killing innocent lives because if drug use. You need to think with wisdom, and not political war power. I'm truly annoyed by the lack of adult leadership running this city. We deserve better!!</p>
4/27/2023 16:14	Judy b Lord	City Budget	We should put more tax dollars toward 1-the homeless problem and 2- street repair.
4/27/2023 16:15	Laurie Hopkins	Firearms in Homeless Shelters **Attachment #1	Please see the attached letter in regards to the adoption of the 53-5a-103.5., Firearm regulation in homeless shelters. We are concerned with the language that would not differentiate between government owned and operated facilities and privately owned and operated facilities. Shelter the Homeless, The Road Home, and Volunteers of America Utah are opposed to including privately owned shelters in the ordinance and we respectfully submit the attached feedback to substantiate this position. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns, we're happy to provide additional information. Sincerely,
4/27/2023 16:23	Colin L Reid	our streets and roads are in terrible shape	Please assign a lot of funds so that our streets and roads no longer resemble those of third world countries.
4/28/2023 7:34	Jack Merijanian	Street/Sidewalk Trash & Debris	I am hopeful that the City of Salt Lake will realize the importance of picking up litter and recycling (citywide), not just in the downtown district, due to its critical nature in preserving our homes, streets, sidewalks, and parks. Please help me put together a more sustainable trash/recycling pickup effort throughout the city for the betterment of all citizens of Salt Lake City. Keeping trash and recycling out of the storm water system is critical to our health, the earth's health and well being, and all animals and creatures that live downstream.
4/28/2023 15:36	Tanni Christman	City budget suggestion	Maintenance of the streets is poor. I'm an older citizen driving and I spend a good deal of my attention avoiding pot holes when I'm on the road. Thank you for asking, T. christman
4/28/2023 15:37	Marc Cronan	Budget Feedback	The city needs to spend less on bike lanes and trails in the foothills, and more money fixing the city's roads. The condition of city streets (pick any one) is appalling. It would be embarrassing to host the Olympics with city streets in this condition and the fact that the Olympics would not be for another 7 years at best, gives me no greater confidence that any of the streets will be repaired by then. Why the length of industrial Beck Street, populated by a refinery, quarry, rubber recycling plant and a strip club, was completely repaved - not just slurry seal - when other streets in the city are in dire need of repavement is beyond me. And the road wasn't even in that bad of shape! My taxes increased by over \$1000 this year and I've received absolutely no benefit from it. All I got was increased traffic in front of my house (and more deterioration of the road) from all the people now traveling to the BST trailhead. The homeless issue is another problem that absolutely needs to be addressed, but endlessly throwing money at it is not the answer. At least pick one thing that can be fixed - the roads - and do it.

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4/28/2023 15:38	Connie & jeff Green	City Budget	This is what we would like to see prioritized: • Break up the endless cycle of homeless camps on our street (unfortunately, we live across the street from the Magnolia), and clean up the trash, feces, and drug paraphernalia left behind. • Re-pave city street surfaces. They are third worldly, and tossing shovels of loose asphalt in the cavernous holes is not a long term solution. They reappear within days, and are a public safety concern. • Expedite the completion of the endless road construction on major venues such as 200 South, 900 South, and 300 West. • Create a city funded program similar to NYC, where vacant office buildings are converted to true affordable housing (not developers version of "affordable housing"). Thanks for listening.
4/28/2023 15:39	Michael Scolamiero	City Budget	I am dismayed by the misguided decision to narrow South Temple at 700 East to create a bike lane. The bottleneck this creates has cars backed up for blocks during busy hours. This does nothing to reduce air pollution and it's distressing that other far more suitable options weren't put in place. For instance, blocks north of South Temple are residential and much less heavily trafficked. It's a far safer area to ride a bicycle; a lane isn't even required. Anyone could avail themselves of those blocks to travel from west to east or east to north on a bicycle. Another option could have been 100 south and such a change could have been incorporated into the reconstruction of that street. Furthermore, I travel on South Temple every day and I can honestly say I've seen not one bicycle use that lane. It defies logic that a city planner would remove a lane for a bicycle on one of the most heavily trafficked streets downtown when alternatives one block north and south would have made far greater sense. Michael Scolamiero
4/28/2023 15:46	Phil Hansen	Budget meeting	You need to pay the Street engineer or planner better money -- that would be to get a better one. UDOT tells me SLC is in charge with the new bridge on 1300 east I-80.. They said you may have plans for it.. I would hope in those plans that that HUMONGOUS sidewalk on the east side be made into secondary lane to get onto I-80 westbound. Traffic a lot of times is backed up to Stratford Ave.. I wonder if anyone is looking at this? .. Sugarhouse is growing and it sucks to move anywhere now. AMY FOWLER you've got to know what I mean!!! TRAFFIC SIGNALS SUCK ALSO AROUND THERE. 2700 south westbound to 1300 east is a terrible design also. no right turn to get onto northbound 1300 east and it has major backups. Some planner doesn't have a brain .. And you want to tear up Straford Ave? OMH Stop the sugarhouse insanity!!!!
4/28/2023 15:57	Jeff Myers		We need to budget some funds for pedestrian safety...having just barley missed becoming another death statistic by a speeding SUV that ran a red light while I was in the crosswalk
4/28/2023 16:02	Diane B Whittaker	Community Input proposal	We applaud the city for trying to be as transparent as possible and supplying many ways to review city proposals. At the same time, I have cognitive dissonance with this administration and planning commission. I attend meetings, write emails, fill out forms, contact our council person, all to no avail. We are not heard. This administration has taken way too much of our time. We elected you to run the city, repair roads, keep up parks and so on. We did not elect you to rezone our neighborhoods.
4/28/2023 16:09	Nathan Peters	Budget--Memory Grove	I would love to see memory grove re-paved from the memorial house to city creek. it is so beat up i cant take a stroller there. and there are numerous spots where water runs over the road. and in the winter it freezes and is a huge hazard. lets fix this beautiful part of our city!
4/28/2023 16:14	Stephanie Aldrich		Voicemail - I would like more tax dollars spend towards picking up trash from the side walks and gutters. Thank you.

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4/28/2023 17:31	Steve Potts	street paving	I below Indian Hills Elementary. the road is falling appart due to heavy daily bus traffic. I have called seveal times and I have been told there is no budget to fix these roads. Roads are graded and there are worse roads on the list. The pot holes are a safety issue for cars, bikes, etc that use this street. I intend to share my communication of concerns with anyone injured on this street. Lets get some \$ in the budget to fix our crumbling roads.
4/29/2023 16:29	Frank Bennett	Condition of Roads & Streets	the condition of the streets and roads is SLC is not good. It also appears that ratio of poor streets to well maintained streets is increasing. our cars are sustaining damage, snowplows can not operate properly and the damage is not static. once street surfaces begin to degrade, their condition degrades at an increasing rate. what is the master plan to catch up on street repair and to prevent this problem from repeating?
4/29/2023 16:31	Sara jane Webster	300 N and State St	I'd love it if something could be done about the intersection of State Street and 300 N, by the capitol building. Maybe a traffic study? I see people every day who get confused and hold up traffic all the way back to the light on N Temple because they don't understand that it's not a 3-way stop, and it seems like a confused driver is a dangerous driver. If people took Main St up to that area, it would be a lot easier because that route is actually designed to hold that much traffic, but it seems like no one does because it's not a straight shot from State St. Thank you for all your work for the city! Have a good day, Sara Jane
4/29/2023 19:46	Anika D'Souza	2023 Budget	I would like to see more of the SLC budget directed to expanding and improving bike lanes and public transit. The 900S remodel to include more pedestrian access is wonderful, and I think sugarhouse and 2100S could benefit from a similar project. Additonally, UDOT is underfunded and busses need to increase in frequency in order for public transport to be a viable option for most people (223 especially).
4/29/2023 20:34	Caroline J Seiler	Budget Comment	Hello, we should spend more of our tax dollars on saving the Great Salt Lake from drying out, eg by stopping water getting diverted for agriculture and mining. In addition, I'd like to see more investment to make Salt Lake City more Bike friendly and to improve the public transit network (especially adding east-west connections). I'd like to bike more and take me public transit, but biking from my neighborhood in Liberty Heights to the nearest Trax station means I have to bike through some pretty major traffic which doesn't feel safe.
4/29/2023 23:04	Anonymous Constituent	Cockroaches	I live in downtown Salt Lake , The past few summers the cockroaches have been unbearable. Everytime I go out in the evening I am sure I will see many scurrying across the sidewalk. Please consider allocating part of the city's budget towards this issue. You are trying to make the city more walkable and pedestrian friendly - until this problem is solved I can promise I will be walking on the dirty sidewalks as little as possible.
4/30/2023 8:24	Anonymous Constituent	Use of Tax Funding	There are tons of cockroaches on the streets of SLC. I know the city wants to be more pedestrian friendly. I've also noticed that this is a problem in Downtown SLC considerably moreso than any other town/city nearby.
4/30/2023 8:38	Allen Romero	water conservation and roads in rose park area	i think the city should help home owners with gravel in park strips and yards to conserve watering

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5/1/2023 8:42	Anonymous Constituent	forest dell golf course	I was just at Forest Dale golf course at 7: 30 am on monday and it was closed, that is just stupid and unherd of for public course, can't believe that someone would make a decision like that whoever made that decision should be questioned. That is not how golf courses operate. I have been golfing fo 59 years and worked at golf courses and they open at dawn. I am a SLC property owner and pay taxes and find it insulting to let this happen. Futhermore why is there nepotism in the directors office? Why was a person allowed to hire thier wife from outside when there was competent people within the system could have been promoted for less money that have been loyal employees? There have been many questionable decisions made as to course management lately, and if questioned the people in charge will say look at the revanew increase, but that is because of an increased intrest in golf nationwide because of the covid confinement and being able to get outside, public course rounds nationwide have increased. Based on that info they have no case. I play at SLC golf coures at a rate of 150 rounds a year and know that there are tons of people who are not happy about the nepotism.

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5/1/2023 9:15	Cindy Cromer	Downtown Heights	<p>Ana and Chris-I will write the other members of the Council and plan to speak AGAIN on Tuesday night. My comment from the hearing on Downtown Building Heights on 4/18 is below. It took a while to get confirmation of what Jack Davis has written and what I suspected. This proposal regarding building heights will apply CITYWIDE. The FBUN-2 zone applies CITYWIDE and has been used in Central City twice. The projects have not been constructed. So I can't point to how bad the results are... yet. The Council is looking at a map which does NOT reflect the impact of the proposed changes. I have copied Merrilee and David in District 3 because I think it is very possible that the FBUN-2 could be applied there in the future. Two large parcels in the Central City Historic District have already been zoned FBUN-2. A member of the City Council has acknowledged publicly that the FBUN-2 has problems and done nothing. The zone never should have been applied in an historic district without additional restrictions. Now you are looking in one place and ready to make changes which will affect other neighborhoods. This is similar to the error that the City made when adopting the FBUN-2 CITYWIDE after only studying it in Central Ninth. I have boundless energy but not boundless patience. Relentlessly, cindy c. April 18, 2023 comment: I am stuck in my own version of the movie Groundhog Day, doomed to complain about the same issues over and over again, until someday my complaint is viewed as precisely correct by at least 4 members of the City Council.</p> <p>About 7 years ago, I teamed up with an architect, planner, and attorney to deal with the FBUN-2 zone. It had been applied City-wide after being studied only in the Central 9TH area. We had to engage the State Ombudsman for Property Rights and get the assistance of Judi Short regarding setbacks because the zone had none unless it was next to FBUN-1. AND the use of the FBUN-2 was adopted City-wide and then proposed in the Central City Historic District. The FBUN-2 is a blank check for developers and is inappropriate for use in historic districts with lower density zoning without additional limitations. That is precisely where the City has applied it...south of Trolley Square and at the Western Gardens site...where the blocks are two of the finest collections of contributory structures in the Central City Historic District. I cannot find any information in the packet which gives me confidence that the City is not making the same mistake again....failing to consider the consequences of using the FBUN-2 outside the area for which it was designed. It was never intended for use in historic district, but the City has now mapped it in the Central City District repeatedly. The map you have focuses exclusively on the Downtown area. I think the proposed changes will apply more broadly and will include Central City and other low to medium density neighborhoods where additional height is not appropriate such as Capitol Hill and the southwest portion of the Avenues. #1 I am asking you to keep the public hearing open. #2 Please restrict any changes to the area covered by the map in your packet. I do not believe that the consequences elsewhere have been considered. #3 Finally, if this ordinance is too complicated for me to figure out, maybe, just maybe, it is too complicated. Just tell developers that if they want additional height, they have to include affordable housing.</p>
5/1/2023 11:26	Alexandra Glass	Budget Allocation	<p>Hello, My name is Alexandra Glass and I live in SLC. I saw that you are looking for input on where money should be allocated in relation to public works. As someone who drives quite a bit for my job, I would encourage the city to use our tax dollars to help improve the roads. Many major through roads in the SLC area are in terrible condition with huge, tire popping pot holes. I know that there is a large majority of money already going to the roads but looking at the state of them, the money must be getting used for something else. In relation to the roads, I think it would be good to put more money into making public transit more useful and accessible.</p>
5/1/2023 13:15	Mark thomas Wickham	NO Homeless Resource Centers	<p>DO NOT BUILD MORE HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTERS!!! I do not want one of those centers in my neighborhood! I'm already tired of the homeless strolling through my neighborhood and camping willy nilly here and there! I live in the 84102 zip code area. DON'T DO IT! Mark Thomas Wickham</p>

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5/1/2023 13:17	Del English	Tax dollars toward...	Good roads...they are falling apart Better police protection..someone is robbed and nothing gets done Enforced parking rules: No parking in front yards/on lawns or on corners like 1400 West and Glenrose Dr...tow them away. No junk in front and back yards at houses in our neighborhoods. We have lived here many years and area is getting run down because rules are not being kept. Mow lawns..weed wack , Clean up yards, care about our area. Get 300 W finished
5/1/2023 13:20	Cheryl Pribble	Tax Dollars	The homeless situation is getting terrible. They are camping at Liberty Park and Central City baseball. It would be nice to walk downtown and feel safe, or be able to walk at Liberty Park and feel safe. And the downtown library has so many homeless people it does not make me want to go down there, and I used to go there all the time. Let's provide housing and services for them, not just moving them along. Our city and these folks deserve better. Thank you.
5/1/2023 13:25	Rebecca Speechley	City Trash Cans	Hello Budgeters! Can we get more public trash cans in the downtown area around the city?? We are lacking heavily in this area and more trash cans would help make our city more walkable! More city water fountains would be helpful too.
5/1/2023 13:40	Teresa Sebastian	Sharing comments	To whom it may concern: Thank you for this opportunity to voice my ideas for city budget. I live in Liberty Wells and for almost 20 years have enjoyed Liberty Park often. Over the years I've noticed a disturbing marked decline. Increased use has taken its toll on the place and each year I think "They'll probably clean it up in the Spring." - but it hasn't happened. Grassy places have been replaced by ever widening, hardened barren paths, large muddy patches, dead trees. I would like to see some funds prioritized towards Homelessness & Maintenance of Liberty Park. Thank you.
5/1/2023 13:44	Jennifer Nunes	City Budget Comments - May 16th Hearing	Hello, I hope this email finds you well. I received a notification concerning the public hearing taking place on May 16th. I am planning on attending but wanted to send my notification ahead of time concerning what I would like to see in Salt Lake City. 1. Sidewalk Washing - I would love to see more power washing of the sidewalks. I know the city maintains them and following the winter season, they get really gross. That would be something I would love to see. 2. Pedestrian walk days/street closures. I lived in other cities that would host pedestrian street walk days where the road was closed and individuals were able to bike/walk through the street. I would love to see something like this in Salt Lake. Promoting more health and wellness is a huge deal to me and I would love our city to incorporate more services of this nature. 3. Building Permits. We have really struggled to move forward with a handful of projects at my building due to delays in city permitting. I understand that the review will fluctuate timeline wise depending on how many permits are in for review. Previously we were able to obtain an over the counter permit in Salt Lake. My general contractors tell me that is no longer an option. I would love to bring back over the counter permits or increase staff so we are not sitting on projects for 3 months+ because the city is taking time to review. With material delays being what they are, it would be helpful to have a more proactive approach to the reviews. Thank you for all you do for our city. These are my three comments that would make my life better! Have a great rest of your day. Best regards,
5/1/2023 14:59	Ken Magleby	21st South Road Woes	When I heard the news that 21st South in Sugarhouse will be reduced to one lane each way, I was mad. The traffic is already congested and that will only add to that. They don't have to worry about putting in speed bumps because the traffic will be crawling. They will have to worry about cars sitting in traffic putting out more pollution. It will be hard to get out of parking lots along 21st South because there will be a continuous line of cars. With all of the apartments going up and people moving in, you need more roads, not less. Please reconsider your plans. I will just avoid going to Sugarhouse in the future. Ken Magleby
5/1/2023 15:13	Anonymous Constituent	Budget Comment	I'd like to see the city street improvement since we haven't seen any improvement in so many years and the second is that we'd like to see an increase in the Police budget. Thank you

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5/1/2023 15:30	Libby Ellis	Homelessness	We are moving from the blue state and I want the City to pay attention on the Tents of the homelessness and Graffiti before it's get out of the hands
5/1/2023 15:31	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	The City needs to better take care of the mental ill and the homeless need a housing because they start causing a lot of the problems
5/1/2023 16:51	Libby Ellis	Sugarhouse area issues	Hi, I'd like to leave a comment, 1. Pot hole on the road need to be fix immediately. 2. the wasatch Hollow Park is being over run by dogs. we'd love to see the 2nd plan for people who has a dogs to take thier dogs to so people who doesn't have dog can enjoyed the park because right now the park look like a dirt mud. 3. on the 2100 s and Highland drive, the old sizler I'd like to see the city buy out the property and turn it into a park instead of developing it to something else.
5/1/2023 18:52	Jamie Vargas	The City is Improving	As a resident of The Regent at City Creek for almost 12 years now, I just wanted to say thak you for the recent clean-up of the downtown core as we transition to spring/summer. Things are noticeably improved with respect to the cleanliness of the sidewalks and streets. The numer of unhoused and/transient people who often harass us on the street also seems greatly deminished. Whatever the changes, the residents here in the business district are noticing. Thank you!
5/2/2023 11:15	Teneil Watson	Resident concern - business move	Hello Chris, I am a D3 resident, and I would like to reach out to the appropriate representative that I could voice concern about the dramatic change involving The Gym at City Creek. Would you be able to direct me to the correct individual(s)? A timely response would be appreciated since the matter is quickly evolving. Thank you. Teneil Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone < https://overview.mail.yahoo.com/?src=iOS > Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone < https://overview.mail.yahoo.com/?src=iOS >
5/2/2023 11:19	Marlene Schmidt	Cut police budget, spend on housing first initiatives	Homelessness is a huge problem in SLC. Housing-First initiatives in other regions have proven effective at ending homelessness, AND cost less than policing homelessness. The city should cut the SLC police budget and use the money to invest in housing and legal homeless camps. That will be more effective than having police do sweeps.
5/2/2023 11:29	Barbara Richmond	City Budget Hearings	Feedback: More Traffic cops?: I witness an amazing number of speeders and people who run red lights. I was taught in Germany that an orange light means slow down instead of speed up. Emphasis on Open Space?: I am spoiled. I am from Boulder, Colorado. I didn't have to drive to the mountains for open space. It can also be utilized as bicycle corridors. Sidewalks/ Mass transit?: I am confused. I'd love to know why so many of the new construction projects are built so close to the road that the width of the sidewalks are minimal. And the small sidewalks are located right next to the traffic with no buffer and no room for trees. How do you create a walkable/ rideable community with tiny sidewalks? Check out some of the Euro cities. Munich has awesome paths for bikes and pedestrians. Thanks for the opportunity for giving feedback.
5/2/2023 11:32	Ronald McCormick	Public Hearings May 16, June 6 2023	Tom whom it concerns: How is it the city lets large contractors not pay impact fees? While you are allowing unprecedented urban construction growth in Salt Lake City, our roads have become obstacle courses, and heavy duty shock absorbers are required to navigate surface streets. You have made the ridiculous decision to narrow streets, especially South Temple. Why? It impedes traffic and it is my suspicion that you have caved to the complaints of the neighbors on that street. You need to keep the brown can pickup year around. Branches and leaves don't stop falling and blowing just because it's winter. If you want to stop the service, then reimburse your customers for the time it is unavailable to them. The police department does NOT need to be defunded ! I like having the police keeping crime at bay. Stop even talking about defunding the police! Ron McCormick

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5/2/2023 11:34	Bryson Thomas	budget comments	<p>Hello, I am responding to the mailer you sent out regarding budget planning. Here are my top priorities for the future of SLC: 1. SLC PD budget. We need to raise Officers pay so we don't lose them to other cities, which is what is currently happening. Living in the Ballpark and working in Sugarhouse, I use law enforcement almost every day. 2. Increase jail size. What is the point of arresting criminals if they are out the same night. This happens all the time. It is very frustrating. 3. Homeless services. It is time to get people off the streets and get them the help they need to work on mental health, addiction, and joblessness. 4. Infrastructure and parks. Our city is growing so fast. We need to continue to focus on the bones to ensure future growth can be accommodated. Side note- are they ever going to finish 300W? I would also say garbage clean up from the homeless. My part of the city is dirty. Very dirty. It is not always a city I am proud of and that should change.</p> <p>Thanks, Bryson Thomas</p>
5/2/2023 11:35	John Hinckley	City Budget	<p>Hi - My comment to the city council is to respectfully ask that you quit penalizing homeowners for doing the right things. A case in point - we've been asked to cut back on watering our lawns and replace them with landscape that doesn't require much if any water. For those of us that are trying to do this we are being penalized because, you as a council and the mayor, raise water, storm drain & sewer rates because of revenue shortfalls. Please find another way. Clearly you are sending the wrong messages. Please do the right thing and reward those who are trying to do the right things for our city. Thanks</p>
5/2/2023 11:42	Krista Flavin	City Budget	<p>To whom it may concern, I think with the highway expansion and remodeling set to release later this year that the tax money should go towards supporting and working with that new design. When I say that I mean connecting pathways for bicycles and walkers from the highway design to other areas of the city or alongside the highway itself. I think this will greatly impact the feeling of SLC and traffic during better weather. Utahns love to get outside and I'm sure there would be use even in the winter. Therefore, a focus of funding in increasing the appearance, safety, and interconnection of pedestrian modes around town with the new highway plans is I believe Key. Also of course, possibility unrelated but supporting those home owners that may become displaced by the expansion would also be a important focus with the major Project release this year. Thanks, Krista Flavin</p>
5/2/2023 11:44	Anonymous Constituent	Plan Comments	<p>I Just looked through that behemoth of a picture book and indoctrination document that is being called the Salt Lake Public Lands Master Plan , and have concluded that it holds relatively little value and was a colossal waste of public funds. Ultimately it guides absolutely nothing and instead catelogures hundreds of narrowly focused special interest pet projects. No ties to financial realities, just dreams and wishes. Tells the many stories of the amazing leaps in logic and marginilization that were necessary to ultimately arrive at the pre-determined decision of staff and the consultant they set out with. It is not a master plan, it burries the actual 12 pages of actionable substance behind 90 pages of a study guide on "how to baffle the public with bullshit". Time to hire more interns to comb through its pages in search of any actual policies and determine how many of them are in direct conflict with each other.</p>

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5/2/2023 11:48	Bradley Skola	Homeless Shelters	<p>I recently saw in the news that there are plans to begin work to place homeless shelters throughout our neighborhoods. While I am compassionate to people less fortunate than myself I do not want the problems associated with homeless shelter(s) in our neighborhood. We work very hard to buy homes and maintain them so that we have a pleasant community. The situations of vagrants, filth, loitering, theft, breaking and entering as well as indecent exposure and public urination and defecation have all gotten worse since rio grande was cleared out. I for one want the homeless town on Rio grande re-established. We do not want what has been done in so many other formerly beautiful cites done here. I had a man defecate on my back porch last summer and attempt to set up camp in my back yard. This is dangerous to everyone involved, and I work too hard to tolerate it for one minute. Put the shelters down town where it was before, and focus on cleaning our parks and neighborhoods back up. While many people can recover from homelessness, many cannot for physical and mental health reasons, combined with drug addiction. WE DO NOT WANT THESE ELEMENTS ADJACENT TO OUR HOMES. We do not want salt lake to become the next san Francisco. Please converse with the mayor, and re-evaluate course. The people of Salt Lake do not approve.</p>



April 25, 2023

RE: Firearms in Homeless Shelters

Dear Salt Lake City Mayor and City Council Members,

It is our understanding that Salt Lake City leadership is considering the adoption of the **53-5a-103.5. *Firearm regulation in homeless shelters*** with language that would not differentiate between government owned and operated facilities and privately owned and operated facilities. Shelter the Homeless, The Road Home, and Volunteers of America Utah are opposed to including privately owned shelters in the ordinance and we respectfully submit the following feedback to substantiate this position.

With regard to the language in the Salt Lake City proposed ordinance adopting standards pertinent to temporary and permanent homeless shelters in Section 2k, the following process of storing firearms would prove problematic to shelter operations:

Visible signage at all public entrances indicating that firearms are not permitted inside the homeless shelter. A means of detecting firearms at all public entrances and the plan to ensure an individual is physically present at all entrances when the public entrance is in use. A secure storage area for a firearm for clients of the shelter but also clear policies to not collect information on the firearm while in storage at shelter. An abandonment plan if a firearm is left at the shelter for more than 7 days, process to relinquish to a law enforcement agency for disposal.

We understand this regulation is based on the State legislation below, which is only applicable to State or municipality owned resource centers.

https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title53/Chapter5A/53-5a-S103.5.html?v=C53-5a-S103.5_2022050420220504

As owners and operators of the Salt Lake County resource centers, we are adamantly opposed to the storage and handling of firearms by resource center staff. Shelter teams are not licensed, insured, or trained to handle firearms, and we do not plan to require this of our staff. There is also imminent risk and potential lethal danger when returning a loaded firearm or firearm and ammunition to an individual who may have just been exited from a resource center and may decrease the number of people willing to work as employees in such a program and increase the fear of people seeking shelter. In our extensive history of operating shelters and residential programs, it is clear to us that guns have no place in shelters where we are serving highly vulnerable individuals. We have always banned firearms in the facilities we operate and will continue to do so.

If this language is left in as a requirement for privately owned shelter facilities, firearms would need to be handled exclusively by outside private security, which would require additional funding for specialty training and certification of the security personnel. We respectfully request that you weigh these concerns as you consider implementation of this regulation. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Laurie Hopkins
Shelter the Homeless

Michelle Flynn
The Road Home

Kathy Bray
Volunteers of America