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5/24/2023 8:17	Helen Evans	Mayor Erin Mendenhall and Councilmembers re Smart City Technology and Salt Lake City	<p>Dear Mayor Erin Mendenhall: I am greatly concerned about the current trajectory many cities elected and non-elected officials are pursuing to make themselves Smart Cities. Although Smart Cities are being touted as “Sustainability” and “Equitable” and “Convenience,” Smart Cities are not being accurately described for what they really are - they are mass surveillance cities, which remove any sense of individual privacy. In fact, a euphemism for “smart cities” could be called “surveillance.” This means that if becomes a smart city, it would deploy surveillance technologies powered by automatic data mining, facial recognition, and other forms of artificial intelligence at a scale never seen before. As you know urban surveillance is a multibillion-dollar industry, with many cities’ readily handing out money to contractors and nonprofits and creating new divisions in the city government to build the smart city industry and maintain it. While “smart cities” have been described by proponents with soothing promises of greener energy solutions, lower-friction mobility, and safer streets, the honest fact is these cities will be supercharged surveillance that encroach on free speech, privacy, and data protection. And the facial recognition and related technologies at the scale that smart cities will employ are extremely worrisome. Moreover, the deployment and integration of surveillance technologies, such as sensors and biometric data collection systems - electronic, infrared, thermal, and LIDAR sensors form the basis of the smart grid. They do everything from operating streetlights to optimizing parking and traffic flow to detect crime. Therefore, these cities will become a veritable thicket of video surveillance. Identity collection devices will become commonplace, across public and private spaces. Can you imagine a world where you’re watched every second? Is that what you want for Salt Lake City? While we do have these technologies now, we don’t have them at the scale that Smart Cities employ. I am asking that you reject any Smart City plan for Salt Lake City. I am asking that you remember a time when privacy was valued. I am including an article that I ask you to read. I know that many of the council members in many cities are approving everything with a rubber stamp that has to do with Smart Cities, but I wonder if they are really considering the future that they are creating for residents? I am expressing my extreme concern about Salt Lake City and am asking that you and the council members do not ever make Salt Lake City a Smart City. I know I’m just a regular person, but I needed to express myself to you. You appear to be very reasonable and “Holistic.” Surely, it cannot be your dream to bring this massive surveillance state to Salt Lake City. Smart Cities are the “shiny new button” that are being touted as the best thing around. However, there appears little thought for the implications smart cities bring and nobody would vote for digital prisons if they understood how vast the surveillance will be in smart cities. As previously stated, I know that money is being handed out like water and many of those who represent us are caught up in the euphoria of being on this new trend, but I can’t help but think this Pandora’s Box is going to bring great regrets in the future. I’ve done considerable research on this, using my own free time because I care about the future of Salt Lake City. I don’t have any lobbyists or campaign donations to rush after - I’m just a concerned person. Thanks for listening and for your service. May you have a very successful term. I’ve cc’d the City Council Members on this email. Best regards, Helen Gallegos Evans https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/04/17/smart-cities-surveillance-privacy-digital-threats-internet-of-things-5g/</p>
5/24/2023 8:19	Laura Ashby	Request that Amy Fowler Resign from her Position on the council	<p>I received the following information from a concerned neighbor. I request the council support Amy Fowler’s immediate removal based on her actions. This is unacceptable. If our leaders refuse to follow the laws - why are they allowed the privilege of remaining in a position to lead others or hold others accountable? This is a miscarriage of justice and should be remedied. Thank you for your time and service to our city. Respectfully, Laura Ashby The text below is from a petition I received from a neighbor to remove councilmember Amy Fowler: In May of 2023, Salt Lake City Councilmember Amy Fowler was arrested for a DUI. She had been drinking before 11:00 am, got behind the wheel, engaged in a hit-and-run, and fled the scene. When finally apprehended by the police, she denied she’d been drinking, refusing a breathalyzer even though the officers could smell alcohol on her and noted she had trouble using her fingertips to hand identification to them. When finally breathalyzed, she blew a blood level of .111, well beyond the legal limit of .05. She is now refusing to resign from her position on the Salt Lake City Council, refusing to take accountability for her actions after breaking public trust. She is unfit for office and must resign immediately. The Mayor of Salt Lake City and the entire Salt Lake City Council must join the public calling for her resignation and bringing accountability and justice back to the city council.</p>

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5/24/2023 9:39	Teneil Terrell	SLC resident concern - time sensitive	<p>Hello, I understand this is long. I just ask, please take the time to read. I am reaching out, as a Salt Lake City resident, with a concern I know is impacting dozens of residents, and that I am also experiencing firsthand. There are times when I find great pride in the grand steps forward our city takes to become more transformative in our appealing or attractive offerings as a growing city. Then there are times when we seem to take 2 steps back. This concern is about one of those steps back, a very unfortunate one, and I am reaching out to see if anything can be done, or if it is simply too late. What I am referring to is the relocating of a vital business, The Gym which is currently at City Creek Center. For 11 years The Gym has served as a vital place of retreat and solace for its members, to find strength not only in body and mind, but also in community. Connecting and building friendships on a journey to better health. And it's not simply that The Gym is relocating, in fact it is moving only about a block away and still quite convenient, and this move may be what The Gym owners want. It's the fact that there will no longer be any gym in that incredible and remarkable space, and in where I consider the be one of the epicenters of our city. If you have never visited inside The Gym, then you have not experienced one of the most beautiful and inspiring pieces of square footage in SLC; and it is a mass of square feet. I have experienced it, every morning for the better part of a decade. The early morning walk through City Creek when all is quiet before the crowds roar. The way the sunlight filters in through the expansive windows, the skylight ceiling in the pool room, the calming view from the pool deck, the meditation room, sauna and steam rooms, the comfortable locker rooms, healthy bites from the café inside, and I could go on and on. All that extraordinary real estate and unmatched offerings, and they are going to turn it into office space. A commodity it appears we do not need anymore of in this great city, as we can't fill the dozens of empty office space as it is. To take those kind of amenities, at that level and rarity, offered all in one place, in the core of our city to create more office is a great loss. It is too perfect and too beautiful a space to see disappear. To strip that away from its members, staff, visitors and the community. I understand this is private property, so they can do as they please, and possibly office space is the better choice. I just ask, are the best people making the decisions. Are they residents of downtown and do they frequent these places. Do they have a grasp on what we are losing. I can argue that if they did, they may not be making the decision that they are. If you could experience the people, the space like we do, spend an afternoon with me there, you would understand. I have spoken with the property owner's leasing manager. I know they did reach out to other gyms to take the place but couldn't make a deal work. I am curious as to why, was rent too high, or another factor. I am reaching out to anyone, anyone that will hear my concern, and at least consider if anything can be done. I do not stand alone in my concern, and deep feeling of frustration and sadness at the loss this will be. It is too great a loss for me not to try and find an advocate in the realms that could actually have the power to try something; in hopes that it isn't already too late. I can't thank you enough for your time, your consideration and your work for our great city.</p>
5/24/2023 10:42	Aaron Eppley	Better Roads	<p>Hello Darin, 14 years ago the City of Spanish Fork made a difficult decision. They decided to shift their budget away from their worst roads and instead focused on keeping their best roads in better condition. You're probably thinking that seems counterintuitive, but extending the life of your roads is the most cost-effective way to manage your asphalt assets. But don't take our word for it. Here is what Spanish Fork City's Public Works Director had to say: https://youtu.be/DIMCSDiPGOU Thanks, Aaron Aaron Eppley Asset Preservation Consultant J. Holbrook Asphalt</p>

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5/24/2023 15:30	Paul Day	FY24 Budget	<p>I received a notice from SLCGreen regarding the proposed rate increases for trash / recycling. Upon visiting the site for more information I also learned of the multitude of proposed budget and fee increases for FY24. Many items I can understand (police budget, cost of living for city employees, and water rates). I take exception with a few items. I do not expect my comments to carry much weight but I hope that you will consider them. 1. Drought surcharge. This is ridiculous since water is our MOST precious commodity and should be used as sparingly as possible. This is in effect a penalty for SAVING. I have no idea if I will be subject to this or not despite the statement that most users won't be subject to it. In my opinion, if your revenue is down due to lower demand, you have to figure out how to save costs as a result. 2. 100 additional FTE's. Adding employees adds beauracracy, which slows things down and adds even more cost than the cost of the employee. I have no idea what kind of due diligence was done on the employees needed, but in most operations there are an excess of employees and I'm sure Government operations are even worse. . Trash and recycling services increases with no added value. A large amount of items that say they are recyclable can't even be put into the recycle bin per the city guidelines. I have no problem with a fee increase when I am getting something of additional value, but this along with the majority of the city's budget just seems to be passing the buck to the end user. This is getting extremely old, since every product or service is already doing the same to every resident. The Govenor's office does a good job of streamlining its operations to reduce waste and increase throughput, saving taxpayer money. I have looked for examples of the city doing the same and am unable to find any evidence. This is very disappointing as a resident as it feels I'm just being told to contribute more while the city isn't making any effort to consume less. Regards, Paul Day</p>
5/24/2023 15:32	James Bird	Trax S Curve construction	<p>I've been informed that Salt Lake City granted the construction permit for the UTA S curve 24/7 until July 11th. I live on the S curve of where UTA is currently doing construction. The noise level is unbearable plus the vibrations and smell of burning concrete and metal. I understand that Trax needs updates but what I don't understand is why the construction is permitted 24 hours 7 days a week. It is imperative that SLC give the neighborhood at least a minimum of 8 hours during the night so we can sleep. It is only day two of construction and already the feeling of mental and physical suffering of non-stop noise is taking its toll. The analogy that comes to mind is when the government blast loud sounds to drive terrorist mad or force them from their hideouts. We in the neighborhood are not terrorist. We are families trying to work and function. Please allow for at least 8 hours of silence at night or if that can't happen vouchers or reimbursement for people to stay at another location until this construction is completed. I can not stress how disruptive and harmful this level of noise is in a neighborhood. The idea that someone is allowing this to happen 24/7 until July 11th is unfathomable. James Bird</p>
5/24/2023 15:33	Aleyzia Grant	fleet building	<p>Hello I am emailing you in regards to your fleet building I've been trying to get In contact with someone about this building and my thoughts about it due to me wanting to take over the building due to it having such meaning to me a good friend of mine Richie is painted in that wall and In his memory I wanna make it a non profit organization that gives back to the community but not only this community our youth!</p>
5/24/2023 15:34	Keith Anderson		<p>The Mayor and other elected government officials and civic leaders do outstanding work for the beautiful scenic city of Salt Lake City.</p>

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5/24/2023 15:35	J.v. Swanson	Water Rate Hike SLC	Gd mrng, I would like to voice my opposition, along with many other residents of the Liberty Wells District to the proposed water rate hike proposed for 2023 in SLC. Though we feel most objections by the citizens fall on deaf ears, I will voice my opposition in hopes that it promotes some concern. BTW, most folks I've discussed this matter with feel the decisions made by local government were made long before citizens are invited into the loop. I am not a malcontent, but am tired of the drain on my income from utility costs. I am near 70 years old and own my home in SLC and have lived here all my life. I live alone and yet still have been paying an average of \$63.00 a month all winter for the services attached to our water billing (water, sewer, trash collection etc.). I try hard to restrict my yard water in the summer to conserve and to keep my cost down, but still average \$130.00 a month in summer months. How about charging all the developers a higher rate on the huge apartment buildings going up everywhere in the valley? I am convinced they are being cut deals on taxes and utilities to encourage their investing in our housing needs, but fair is fair. Home owners are always the ones to carry the burden of taxes and infrastructure! How about a break? Sincerely, J.V. Swanson
5/24/2023 16:10	Anonymous Constituent	Garbage rate increase proposal	I am commenting about the garbage rate increase proposal. I just came from another state and we had private individuals who would pick up our garbage twice a week from our backyards for only \$15 a month. Here you are raising the price all the time. I wish we could have private contractors instead of you. You are just trying to screw us for every dang dime we got. Your prices are way too high for the service you give. You have a mononolv and it isn't worth it!
5/25/2023 12:59	Rick Glem	Garbage rate increase	You guys going to increase the garbage rate again, all people do is increase city taxes. How about telling people to stop doing pop-up parties to waste the city's money? You need to have the recycling company hire people to come check up their blue cans. Stop wasting the city's money. enough is enough !! If you wanna cal me back do it. I bet you don't have the gut.
5/25/2023 13:18	Anonymous Constituent	Wasting and recycling	I received this file about the wasting and recycling budget. Hey I just down grade to this small house and you guys I'm living on the budget. I'm leaving on the ssn money ok. You guys have done horrible jobs, what about the 3rd west, I called it shuck down because every time you drive there it's just shuck down. I hope Rocky will be the resolution here because our old council member Erin Mendenhall has turned her back on us in this area. You got more customers now, go take the money from them.
5/25/2023 13:29	Anonymous Constituent	Public water increase	Last year you guys increase eveything for 20% now you guys going to increase more. First of all I am a senior mom living in the neighborhood, How the Flick that she can afford of living when you guys aren't doing any great thing for the neighborhood? We still have an old pipe that the water comes through, that pipes should be replaced in our house hold. Nobody should be using or drinking from the pipe from the 1920s. also, I'm really annoyed that you think it's ok to increase the prices for the public utility and you can use my name on it. and I will see you on June 6th. Thank you.

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5/26/2023 8:13	Andrew Franta	Illegal camping in and around Liberty Park	Dear Representative Mano, I wrote to you a month ago about homeless encampments in and around Liberty Park. I'm sure you're aware that the problem persists. Currently, there are several encampments in the northwest corner of the park; they've been there for over a week. In the last month, there have also been regular encampments at the bus stop at the corner of 500 East and Herbert Avenue and frequent overnight encampments on the north side of Herbert Avenue between 500 East and Denver Street. This morning there is a tent adjacent to the entrance to the preschool at St. John's Lutheran Church. I continue to report encampments to police, and I know that neighbors do as well. The police response to calls, but it's clear that there is little that they can do. If those who are camping illegally move from a spot, they or others are back with a day or two. I have also communicated with HEART and reported encampments on the SLC Mobile app; I don't know what effect these reports have because there's no feedback. The police have suggested that when the issue is the camp itself or items left behind, I should call the Health Department. Again, I appreciate that homelessness in the city is a difficult problem, and I feel for those who have no better recourse than to sleep outside overnight. But current city policy and procedures aren't helping the homeless or city residents. From the perspective of a resident who observes this growing problem and its effect on homeless individuals and communities on a daily basis, better communication and coordination between agencies would seem to be a necessary first step. Relying on residents to make daily calls reporting encampments on hotspots that are persistent sites of illegal camping isn't an effective policy. I would again appreciate whatever you can do to address this urgent issue. Thank you for your attention. Andrew Franta
5/26/2023 9:40	Darryl Stamp	Thank You Letter	Salt Lake City Council Members, I think I speak for all grantees who have received a 2022-2023 Tier 1 Artists Career Empowerment Grant, when I say how grateful I am to receive this grant. I am appreciative of your foresight to annually appropriate funds for the City Arts Grants program and a variety of other cultural programs which benefit the arts community. My project supports the arts, our community, law enforcement, and the criminal justice system. This production has the potential to improve real people's lives in an immediate and material way. Thank you! Sincerely, Darryl A. Stamp Local Independent Theatre Company
5/26/2023 16:08	Anonymous Constituent	Garbage Rate Increase	I'm Calling from another state and we've got an individual service that comes to pick up the garbage twice a week for \$15. your price is too high for the service that you got
5/26/2023 16:21	Stephanie Souvall	Garbage rate increase	Hi, I'm calling in to leave a comment regarding the purpose trash rate increase. I am a person who is about 2 or 3 months that my trash is empty, I barely use the services but I pay as much as the people who are garbage are full every week, I think it's unfair that I have to pay the same amount as other people. I wish we can do something about it. hve
5/26/2023 16:24	Ted Peterson	Waste / Recycling/ Water increase concern	To whom it may concern, I am gravely concerned about the proposed July rate increase in waste and recycling put forth before the utilities department and the city council. While it's understandable that the city may need to increase rates from time to time for the city, this increase is discouraging considering the already proposed water increase in our community and already increasing cost of living along the Wasatch front. This issue stacks increases upon increases on the backs of our fixed income and only exasperates the costs of living in our community. Please consider those increases and do what you can to prevent this from impacting our community. Now is not the time to increase each of these expenses all at once to residents and businesses. Thanks, Ted

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5/29/2023 10:34	Scott Piper	Do something about the homeless crises	It's no longer possible to go downtown, or to some of the parks, because they are overwhelmed by homeless encampments. This results in trash and human waste, dangerous dogs, areas one could once walk in now taken over by tents and bodies strewn about, increased theft, dangerous mentally ill or those on drugs, and other crime. This needs to be corrected, with a different tactic than whatever has been attempted. The libraries have become homeless shelters, and as a result we need to stop funding them. The parks are homeless shelters. This city is being taken over. It needs to be changed. We need more enforcement of existing laws, increased policy presence, increased incarceration, and involuntary commitment for those with severe mental disorders. We need better options for those that can't afford housing.
5/30/2023 8:17	Jania Sommers	Message	Hi Miss Fowler My name is Jania Sommers I am one of your constituents I live on south Chadwick street in Highland park I am calling in response to the card I got about the department of public utilities proposed rate increases. I think the increases sound appropriate to me.
5/30/2023 9:12	N/a Bautner	Public Utilities	Phone call - Why bother having the public meetings. No matter how much people speak and state the amount of issues increasing the fees will be, no one listens. This happens every year and people are running out of money. It doesn't do any good to speak but I wanted to make sure the Council knew I was against the price increase.
5/30/2023 16:16	Andy Eatchel	public comment on utilities rate increase	The main comment I have is that I wished we lived in a city where the city council actually took public comments into consideration when making decisions. Since my opinion doesn't actually matter, I guess it does no good to continue. Your minds are already made up and the decision about rate increases, now and in the future, aren't they?
5/30/2023 16:17	Rusty Vetter	City Budget - Urban Forest	I am writing to urge the City Council to consider if adequate fund are being spent to protect our urban forest. I'm particularly concerned about trees in the City's parking strips. It has been great to see the City invest funds in planting new trees. Unfortunately, I believe that too many property owners are not helping these trees to thrive. I believe this is a growing problem as grass is being removed from more parking strips. City ordinance requires that property owners water and fertilize trees in parking strips, but it probably isn't realistic to use Civil Enforcement to get people to help these trees grow. I think a better solution would be to hire a couple of seasonal employees to travel the City and find tree that are at risk. Once these trees have been identified, efforts could be made to get property owners to water their trees and let their neighbors know that they could help too. I think this could be fairly easy implemented without significant cost. Below is a picture of two trees that appear to be dying on 1500 E. near Uintah Elem. Without much expertise, one can see that the soil conditions are bad and that the trees haven't been adequately watered. I would hope the School District and other property owners would do something if they were contacted by the City and reminded of the obligation to maintain the trees. Helping these trees is a unique partnership with private property owners and more can be done to make this partnership successful throughout the City. Thanks for all you do!
5/30/2023 16:32	Anonymous Constituent	City Budget	Hello Council Members, Thank you for your hard work I received the flyer and I would like to attend the meeting and I can't find the location where the meeting will be. please call me back
5/31/2023 16:29	Anonymous Constituent	Homeless and drug	There's an issues right at the ally in the area of 400S and 1200W that have tons of homeless stay there, using drugs and having sex and etc. this problem need to be taking care of
5/31/2023 16:33	Stephen H. Bitteker	City Budget feedback	I am a resident of Salt Lake City In my opinion, the city budget should continue focusing on the following items. The city should also be looking for ways to reduce costs, create efficiencies, and lower taxes in the future. 1. Maintain infrastructure, including parks and recreation. 2. Maintain EMS, Police and Fire departments 3. Remove the homeless from our streets. If you want people to live in the city, and stay here, clean up our streets and parks because taxpayers deserve it! 4. Clean the air. I've lived in Houston and New York city. Salt Lake's air is just as dirty or worse. Collaborate with State and Federal agencies to improve the situation. 5. Do something with the Rio Grande station. A wasted tourist opportunity. Regards,

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5/31/2023 16:35	Jeffery Munger	Foothills trails - planning and budget	Please continue to protect our beautiful foothills habitat by carefully considering all involved parties while keeping a long term environmental perspective. The biggest lobbying group with the most money wasn't right last time. Consider the legacy you'll leave behind. Thank you for your dedication and service to our community.
5/31/2023 16:37	Michelle Watts	Budget Comments	Hello All, I live in Councilmember Puy's district. We need some street lights to help with crime. Please, please we need one on the corner of Laxon Court & 200 N. Police can not see hand to hands to make an arrest. The blight and crime spilling off of North Temple is insane. Everytime we tell police what we are seeing they say it is illegal. Yet not much is being done (we see the patrols thank you but how can we full court press clean this up!) May we get some money in the budget to help with our residential community overflowing with children due to the fact that we are one of the last kinda of affordable places in the City for first time home buyers. We need NO EVENT PARKING signs within 150 feet of The Utah State Fair Grounds, The Complex and The Union event center. Other Cities do it and it does deter 80% of the parkers. (I have called Kearns and Sandy City and talked to their transportation folks) We can't afford permit parking in our neighborhood like the U of U and Avenues.
6/1/2023 14:03	Rachel Sweet	Comments to Mayor and City Council Members regarind 2023-24 Mayor's Budget	I'm attaching a letter with our comments regarding rate increases at SLCDPU. We look forward to addressing these issues at any time. Thank you. **Attachment 1
6/1/2023 14:44	Jason Dillard	Bikes being looted Aware	Hey I might have sent a previous email but I will send this one too to make sure it has been received. I lost my bike on the UTA 200. My property was stolen off the bicycle rack while it was stationed downtown at temple. The bike was looted off the bicycle at daylight. There are criminals snooping around with their nets looking for it. It would be perfect to have a sting deployed so we can stop these selfish criminals from stealing what is not theirs and hinder their so called "operation." I know the bus drivers won't monitor them because they're on their phones. Please stop the criminals keep them from our bikes, perhaps let the bus drivers be more on top of it. I can only say thanks. Jason Dillard
6/1/2023 14:48	Dennis Lawrence	Budget Hearing June 6th	Hello, I'm a long-time resident of Salt Lake City (75 years, 45 years in the same home) and have the perspective of history to draw upon. Not until now have I felt compelled to comment on a City budget. But the matter herein concerns our roads. They have been neglected for so long that many are beyond simple maintenance. I have lived thru all kinds of weather in years past and you can no longer use that as an excuse. There was a time that residents could expect a re-surfacing of their neighborhood roads every five to ten years. But we have seen none for over 30 years. The roads are so cracked that the base has been destroyed and is contributing to the many pot-holes. Although you may disagree, the most basic requirements of a city government is to provide police & fire protection, utilities, and roads. All else is ancillary. Over the years I have watched as "pet" council projects have diverted the funds for these basics away. Several years ago you appealed to the voter to approve a bond for "roads". So little was done, I wonder if it never reached the roads to begin with. Mistrust for future bonds develops. At this stage of the budget you more than likely have already established the department budgets. I plead with you to reduce the allocation to all areas that are not the basics above and beef up the roads budget. Make it mandatory for the next ten years! D.Lawrence
6/5/2023 15:44	Lana Taylor	Pride Festival Noise	I thought SLC had a noise ordinance which required the music to be turned down after 10. Why was the Pride Festival allowed to blast music past midnight last night? It's after 11 pm now and the music is so loud that my bedroom windows are vibrating. I've always loved living downtown but between this and your new green loop it's making life miserable

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6/5/2023 15:45	Marin Hamill	Proposed rate increases	Hello, I live in Salt Lake City and I would like to share my feedback about the proposed rate increases. You should not increase the rates since you already increased them last year. I don't understand why in less than a year you want to increase them again? Why did you not account for that last year if there are rising costs? Everything is going up in price and a necessity like trash removal should remain the same. Sincerely, Marin Hamill
6/5/2023 15:51	Alfred Lieber	Garbage Can stolen	Hi I have the round brown garbage can stolen from my property and also the neighbor got stolen as well, I don't know what to do with it. We need it back as soon as possible. Thank you.
6/6/2023 9:03	James Alfandre	Proposed Compromise — FBUN2 Downtown Building Height Setbacks	<p>Dear Councilmembers, The additional FBUN2 setbacks proposed in the Downtown Building Height Ordinance are detrimental to the FBUN2's effectiveness in achieving city-wide and Housing SLC goals. I would like to propose a compromise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed 10' front and corner side yard setbacks TO 5' front and corner side yard setbacks Proposed 6' side yard setbacks TO 0' side yard setbacks abutting similar or higher density zones Proposed 10' rear yard setbacks TO 5' rear yard setbacks <p>This compromise will provide some relief concerned citizens are hoping for, while minimizing the impact on needed housing, our public realm and pedestrian experience. I have spoken with Kelsey Lindquist (CC'd) about a compromise and she is open to the idea. The FBUN2 zone has been incredibly effective in implementing city-wide and Housing SLC goals. In only a couple of short years the FBUN2 zone has created a wide range of housing types, unlike any other new zone in the City, from for-sale, rental, condos, micros, family-sized units, commercial and retail all mixed together in an appropriate urban location. The proposed increased setback requirements will greatly decrease FBUN2's effectiveness in adding more diverse types of housing in strategic locations while worsening our public realm and the pedestrian experience. Side yard setbacks are detrimental to pleasant urban and commercial streets. Think of your favorite urban streets and how different they would be with 12' gaps between each building (6' for each property): Let's keep FBUN2 effective at promoting pleasant urban walls, more options for housing and better pedestrian experiences and look at our massive rights-of-way for places to provide relief these citizens are looking for. Our rights-of-ways average 132' feet wide and are mostly dedicated to asphalt and automobiles. These rights-of-ways are wonderful opportunities to provide more trees, larger sidewalks, gardens, linear parks and other public space for citizens to provide "relief" from gentle density that the FBUN2 is so good at achieving. With 10' setbacks on either side of the street, these streets will feel even wider and less pedestrian friendly. Luckily the City has installed street improvements recently in the Central 9th neighborhood along 900 South. Leveraging the park strips that already exist with even more landscaping and larger trees will create relief and increase liveability for citizens who are concerned with the result of gentle density of the FBUN2 zone. (132' right of way 700 S between 300 & 400 West) In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FBUN2 has been a very effective zone in achieving city-wide goals 5' setback is a reasonable compromise from 10' Additional setbacks will exacerbate the unfriendly scale of our ultra wide streets Side yard setbacks will harm urban form and commercial Bigger trees and more landscaping in existing wide park strips can alleviate citizens concerns <p>I am passionate about our city and how we grow. With five kids in the SLC school district, I am constantly concerned about their quality of life and housing options as they grow and mature in this city. To be a truly equitable city, we need to take citizen's concerns into consideration today, while planning for an inclusive, vibrant and affordable city for tomorrow. I see FBUN zones as the future of our city, so want to make sure we get this proposal right. It would be my pleasure to tour you around Central 9th and show how effective FBUN2 zoning has been. Central 9th is a vibrant, diverse, walkable, transit-oriented neighborhood that has preserved single family homes. It's quite remarkable! Thank you all for your work in leading our City and for your time considering this compromise. Sincerely, -- James Alfandre</p>

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6/6/2023 9:07	John Phillip Davis	Downtown Building Heights Text Amendments- Comments Re Changes to FB-UN2	<p>Dear Councilmembers, I am writing in connection with the proposed downtown building height text amendments you are considering, specifically in reference to proposed changes to the FB-UN2 zone which I believe will result in the FB-UN2 zone being far less flexible for use in connection with infill projects. By way of background, certain building forms under the FB-UN2 form based zone require massing setbacks when used adjacent to other lower scaled zones. The intent here is to provide transitional scale and massing when FB-UN2 is used adjacent to lower scaled parcels. This allows for FB-UN2 to be used in areas where such transitional scale is desired, increasing the flexibility of the zone and its applicability in more locations and neighborhoods throughout the city. When FB-UN2 was originally enacted in connection with the comprehensive rezoning of the Central 9th area, these setbacks only came into effect when FB-UN2 was placed adjacent to FB-UN1, reflecting the contiguous form base zoning of this area, and providing transitional scale between FB-UN2 and FB-UN1. For reference, the setbacks required under FB-UN2 provide that for any height greater than 30', a 10' setback is required for every 10' in additional height, up to 50'. These setbacks provide transitional scale that is "baked into" the base zone. When FB-UN2 was proposed in connection with the rezone of the Trolley Square parking lot several years ago - notably the first use of the zone outside of Central 9th - a number of involved parties noted that the setbacks at the time were only triggered when zoned adjacent to FB-UN1, and not other similarly scaled zones. To address this, a text amendment to FB-UN2 was proposed and adopted that triggered setbacks when FB-UN2 is placed adjacent to any residential zone with a maximum standard height of 35' or less (which notably would include RMF-35 zoned properties - many of which bordered the Trolley Square south site). In view of these changes to setback requirements of FB-UN2, the rezone of the Trolley Square south lot to FB-UN2 was approved. As other parcels in the city have been rezoned to FB-UN2 in the past few years - including sites which border RMF-35 properties such as the Western Gardens parcel - the transitional scale associated with required setbacks of FB-UN2 has been a key point used to support its appropriateness by Planning and other land use decision makers. In reviewing the current building heights proposal, which include changes to FB-UN2, this setback trigger has been changed to only occur when FB-UN2 is adjacent to residential zoned parcels with a 30' maximum height. This will notably exclude setbacks from being triggered from many parcels where FB-UN2 has been applied recently that border parcels with a 35' maximum height such as RMF-35, which is used throughout East Central and Central City, areas where transitional scale is appropriate. With the above in mind, I strongly urge you to revise the proposed amendment to FB-UN2 to maintain the adjacent zone height trigger for setbacks as it currently standards - that is 35' - rather than changing this trigger to 30'. Doing so increases the flexibility of FB-UN2 in terms of providing more effective transitional scale in more contexts, and preserves the intent of decision makers in multiple other prior rezonings involving FB-UN2 where the zone was placed adjacent to RMF-35 properties and approved in consideration of the associated setbacks. Thank you, Jack Davis</p>

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6/6/2023 9:08	John Phillip Davis	Downtown Building Heights Text Amendments- Comments Re Changes to FB-UN2	<p>Dear Councilmembers, I understand that you are set to vote tomorrow on the downtown building heights text amendment proposal. As I have detailed in my various written comments, many of the changes in this proposal appear merited. I am writing to ask you to change one number prior to adopting the proposal relating to the FB-UN2 zone. Specifically, I am asking that you keep the stepback trigger as it currently standards at 35' rather than the 30' as proposed. This change seems de minimis, but it is hugely impactful when FB-UN2 is used adjacent to RMF-35 parcels. Many of the RMF-35 parcels throughout our City include lower scale structures and homes. Indeed, many of the RMF-35 zoned properties in historic districts are single story small cottages and/or single or two story duplexes, courtyard complexes, and/or triplex homes located on smaller lots. By changing the stepback trigger from 35' feet to 30', you introduce the potential of 50' tall walls being built with relatively minimal setbacks next to much smaller scaled homes located on RMF-35 zoned parcels. This defeats the whole purpose of FB-UN2, which is intended to provide transitional scale, and limits its applicability as an infill zone throughout our City. I anticipate FAR more community concern if FB-UN2 is proposed for use in Central City and East Central without keeping the 35' adjacent parcel height stepback trigger. Moreover, reducing the stepback trigger as currently proposed undermines the prior logic supporting the rezones several recent large parcel rezones in Central City, and fundamentally changes the arguments that were used to sell the rezones to the neighborhoods and involved stakeholders. I'm happy to fill you in on some of the background relating to history of the triggers for stepbacks for FB-UN2 (including the citizen driven proposal to amend the zone from its original language - changes which are being undermined with the current proposal), and why throughout D4 and elsewhere in the City it is important that these stepbacks continue to be triggered when FB-UN2 is used adjacent to zones with a 35' maximum height rather than the proposed change to 30'. Once again, this is a small component of the downtown heights ordinance change, but a very critical one.</p> <p>Thank you, Jack Davis</p>
6/6/2023 14:33	Anonymous Constituent	Yes in My Back Yard federal funding	<p>Hello Salt Lake City Council, Crossroads Urban Center hopes you are aware of the current Yes in MY Back Yard HUD program. In 2023 there is \$81 million in federal funds available through HUD to asset with the new five year city housing plan and the Thriving in Place effort. It is not clear to us if this funding has been made available officially. If not it certainly will be soon. We strongly encourage you to ask the SLC housing staff to status of the program and for them to confer with you about applying for funding. Federal Yes in My Backyard funding would give major boost to the city efforts to protect, preserve and promote truly affordable housing for and with our lowest and lower income residents. Crossroads would gladly help with pursuit of the same.</p> <p>Thank you for all you do. Tim Funk</p>
6/6/2023 19:33	Emily Carlson	Waste and recycling increases	<p>We bought our Salt Lake home six and a half years ago and it's depressing how much our bills have increased in that short amount of time, on all fronts (property taxes, gas, water, etc.). I understand that paying taxes is a way for society to build a better community, but at this point it feels like you are strapping us with unnecessary increases that very much impact our budgets and overall livelihood. We are not wealthy, and these drops in the bucket of increases make a real impact to us over time. Please be more compassionate toward the common man and our financial situations. I strongly oppose the waste and recycling increases and wish I could say I feel my voice will be heard but my confidence in that is very low. Thank you.</p>
6/6/2023 19:42	Anonymous Constituent	Budget G13-G24	<p>The ~7% increase in police funding is wasteful and aligns our city with the right wing shift we are seeing nationally. Please direct this funding towards things that actually help our community like public housing, free transit, and rehabilitation opportunities. Our PD specifically is unprofessional and dangerous. The community is starting to recognize this! Please represent us and help defund the massively blighted, overfunded, cops!</p>

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6/6/2023 20:03	Jack Ellefsen	Storm Sewer Grade/ Walks/ Curb + Guitar + Pavement	Intersection 700 No and Riverside Dr. Storm sewer grade problem has been postponed for many decades, causing delayed completion of approximately 206 feet of riverside drive walks, curb + gutters and asphalt paving. This unfinished, busy city street results in school children from the elementary school across the street during wet weather walking in this busy street to avoid the standing water and mud along the sides of the street.

