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9/20/2023 8:23	Margaret Holloway	Speed Bumps	Speed bumps on single block roads are ridiculous. 800 north. Between 300 west 400 west. No speeding. One block now with a very high skinny bump. They are putting 2 on 700 n same thing. They are 1 block. Sections. While the roads that have kids on them are having to wait. I would be furious if I just paid 500,000 for a condo to have that on my block. They are over doing these. The city refuses for 20 years and now putting them on inappropriate places. Is this city wide? Are even. The short streets going to get these like Marmalade? I asked Chris and the mayor . This was this morning. Crossing guard on 1700 North and Morton drive was ran over this morning. Please slow down, I know we're all in a hurry to get our kids to school and to get to work. I understand the sun can be in our eyes but we need to be more aware. He is okay just banged up. From his daughter.
9/20/2023 16:40	Eric Porter	September 19th 7PM Meeting - Item 3, Rose Park Ln Rezone / Annexation	Good evening, I have comments for the Rose Park Ln Rezone / Annexation. If the plan is to eventually annex all of Rose Park Ln into the city, it should be done at the same time as the current one. Last time this issue was addressed, the city stated their goal was to avoid "islanding" any property, but the current rezone islands several properties at the end of the road. The new development at Hunter Stables shouldn't be crossing over a canal. The city and their contractors have been unsuccessful at replacing the bridge they're responsible for at Hunter Stables. The canal is a dumping ground for nearby residents who think they can just make it someone else's problem. Tires, couches, toys, you name it. We've seen all kinds of trash floating in that canal and causing backups. Adding 1800 new residential units to the mix won't help the trash problem. The canal should be moved to the west side of the properties that run along Rose Park Ln. Put it between the freeway and the development and it can still cross under the freeway at the same spot. Just have the city give the current land occupied by the canal back to the properties it was originally taken from and so many headaches go away. Thank you for your time.
9/20/2023 16:41	Tiffany Porter	Rose Park Lane	Have some concerns and comments for consideration regarding the annexation for the properties listed in the proposal. 1. By annexing the listed properties, aren't you leaving an island of properties at the north end of Rose Park Lane? 2. The canal that follows Rose Park Ln is constantly filled with trash and debris causing a backup of water under the current bridges. Adding 1800 residents adjacent to this canal will only increase the trash thrown into these Flood Canals. When it was suggested to the county (several years ago) to move the canal up against the freeway, it was decided against because the arena on the South End of a Hunter Stable property and other buildings were in the way. That no longer applies if they are planning to tear those buildings down. Wouldn't it make sense to move the canal along the freeway behind the wall of the development to mitigate trash, preserving the integrity of the canal and wildlife that lines and relies on that canal? 3. The canal is also home to so many mosquitos. The mosquito abatement doesn't even stay on top of it despite the many phone calls. This is a huge potential problem for future residents. I'm not opposed to the proposal if these concerns are addressed and mitigated. Thanks,
9/20/2023 16:54	Kerri Nakamura	Support for residential parking permit ordinance changes	Esteemed City Council, As residents of the Central 9th community, we would like to go on the record as supporting the proposed changes to the residential parking permit ordinance. The proposed changes will allow the Central 9th community to participate in the residential parking permit program. Addressing some of the parking issues in the neighborhood is a top priority of many residents. Thank you.

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9/20/2023 16:57	Tamara Mateus	Residential Parking Permit Program Amendment	Council Members, I would like to express my support for the Residential Parking Permit Program Amendment that was presented by Jon Larsen from Transportation today. Easier access to on street parking on our residential streets would be hugely beneficial to the many neighbors that call Central 9th home. The challenges for young families with small children as well as multi generational households have been ongoing as our neighborhood grows exponentially. There are many folks who work multiple jobs, swing shifts, holidays and weekends for whom public transportation is not an option and the difficulty they experience when trying to park near their homes has made life in the neighborhood unnecessarily hard. Allowing the opportunity to apply for an RPP would get us closer to maintaining livability for so many who need to drive for work, need to carry in baby gear on a regular basis, multiple bags of groceries, maintenance materials and even put out the three trash cans each week without them being moved before trash pick up. Thank you for your contributions to our city and for your consideration. Best, Tamara
9/21/2023 15:13	Anonymous Constituent	Another polluting warehouse???	NO to another warehouse on the west side of SLC!!! The air quality will get even worse if you allow another polluting warehouse... 🙄🙄🙄
9/21/2023 18:23	Vivian Bentley	Homes for Homeless in the Winter	I'm concerned that our Salt Lake homeless will be at risk this winter. What is the government doing to help ensure that our homeless have a warm place to be during our coldest months? Additionally, anything I/ salt lake residents can do to help?
9/22/2023 8:20	Holly B Stuart	Building Electrification Policies	I'm writing to you today because I believe our community must urgently pass building electrification policies to phase fossil fuels out of our homes and businesses. In fact, the latest report from Stand.earth Research Group found that between 2023-2030, the U.S. could avoid the equivalent of the annual emissions of 37.5 coal plants simply by requiring new residential buildings to be all-electric. What's more, buildings are responsible for 60% to 80% of greenhouse gas emissions in many cities in North America, and a recent study from the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health found that gas stoves are responsible for 1 in 8 cases of childhood asthma – that's on par with secondhand smoke. Burning gas in homes also generates harmful emissions of formaldehyde, methane, nitrogen oxides, and other pollutants. As your constituent, I'm urging you to do everything in your power to ensure new buildings in our community are all-electric and help phase gas and other fossil fuels out of existing buildings.

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9/22/2023 15:46	Terry Dillon	LDS proselytizing in the workplace	<p>Right now I'm just asking a question. There is a Latter-Day Saint family run business on South Temple Street across from the Monson Mansion. My daughter has been working there for 5 years and everyone has been very hospitable to her and religion has not been an issue. Recently there has been a new hire of a homeschooling Latter-Day Saint boy, who when he found out that my daughter is of a different religion, one that in particular he and his mother dislike, he has been drilling into her about how terrible my daughter's religion is. At first she treated it very politely and said that that such discussions were not inappropriate conversation at work and furthermore he's only 17, a minor, and she does not feel comfortable discussing this subject with him, nor especially does she want to counter his arguments. She's fine with him being a Latter-Day Saint but she is not going to join the Latter-Day Saints and he is Non-Stop bothering her about it. She's now handling it by the "ignore process" but I know that it is bothering her because she brings it home and talks to me about it. She has a very good relationship with this business and is considered one of the most valuable employees. She's in her mid 30s. Her "assailant," as stated above, is only 17 and he is being put up to doing this by his homeschooling stay at home mother, this is a fact which we have fully ascertained. I have advised her to block him so that at least he cannot send her essays about his religion. I don't want to escalate at this point because the owner of the family business is in the process of dying from heart disease. My daughter is reluctant to cause any trouble at the business at this time because of the great tragedy that is happening. I don't know if minors can be considered persecutors of another person's religious faith ---- I'm also not sure that city council would prefer my daughter's religious faith, either :- ) ---- But the point is that this is NOT appropriate at work and so I'm inquiring to know what the limits of the law of Utah and the Federal law are with regard to pushing religion on fellow workers. You are a great city council and you have helped me in the past. Thank you for your consideration and any help in clarifying the law to me with regard to this unpleasant experience. Kindest and best, Terry Lynn Madeline Dillon P..S. The only reason for giving the coordinates of the business is in case there is one particular city council person who who has jurisdiction on that section of South Temple. AND I DO HOPE I DIDN'T MAKE TOO MANY TYPOS!</p>
9/25/2023 11:26	Nancy Fahey	Get methane gas out of our buildings	<p>I'm writing to you today because I believe our community must urgently pass building electrification policies to phase fossil fuels out of our homes and businesses. In fact, the latest report from Stand.earth Research Group found that between 2023-2030, the U.S. could avoid the equivalent of the annual emissions of 37.5 coal plants simply by requiring new residential buildings to be all-electric. What's more, buildings are responsible for 60% to 80% of greenhouse gas emissions in many cities in North America, and a recent study from the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health found that gas stoves are responsible for 1 in 8 cases of childhood asthma – that's on par with secondhand smoke. Burning gas in homes also generates harmful emissions of formaldehyde, methane, nitrogen oxides, and other pollutants. As your constituent, I'm urging you to do everything in your power to ensure new buildings in our community are all-electric and help phase gas and other fossil fuels out of existing buildings.</p>

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9/25/2023 11:29	Michelle Carter	Building Electrification	I'm writing to you today because I believe our community must urgently pass building electrification policies to phase fossil fuels out of our homes and businesses. In fact, the latest report from Stand.earth Research Group found that between 2023-2030, the U.S. could avoid the equivalent of the annual emissions of 37.5 coal plants simply by requiring new residential buildings to be all-electric. What's more, buildings are responsible for 60% to 80% of greenhouse gas emissions in many cities in North America, and a recent study from the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health found that gas stoves are responsible for 1 in 8 cases of childhood asthma – that's on par with secondhand smoke. Burning gas in homes also generates harmful emissions of formaldehyde, methane, nitrogen oxides, and other pollutants. As your constituent, I'm urging you to do everything in your power to ensure new buildings in our community are all-electric and help phase gas and other fossil fuels out of existing buildings.
9/25/2023 15:58	Madison Merrill	Affordable Housing Incentives	Affordable housing is so important for our community now and in the future! I am in support of the proposed incentives.
9/25/2023 16:03	David Lloyd	Housing Incentives	I'd like to voice my support for the affordable housing incentives. Affordable housing is such a critical issue for our city! We shouldn't let NIMYism get in the way of housing solutions. Thank you for your work on this issue.
9/25/2023 16:55	Tiona Todoruk	Policies of SLC	Good evening, It is with great concern that I write this message. Our beautiful city has deteriorated to a point where I feel unsafe walking with my children in many of our parks due to hazardous biowaste, or by myself in the morning due to aggressive addicts who constantly roam the streets. I watch the City spend our tax dollars on compliance officers on a power trip. Their actions are solely self serving. I've seen them staple paper to trash cans that litters the streets. I've seen them bring enforcement actions against neighbors, forcing them to cut down their beautiful flowers for being too tall near a driveway, while the city planted trees closer to my driveway that more substantially encroach in my line of site. I see ridiculous "public art" that hinders visibility while driving, developments approved that violate building codes and disregard health risks to people where low income housing is being constructed, traffic calming measures implemented everywhere it's not needed and nowhere it is. I see "improvements" poorly timed that mean the road will be repaved two or three times, decisions to strip vehicle lanes from surface streets when a perfectly good bike path exists just a block over, and encouragement of xeriscaping, which incidentally makes drought and urban heat signatures worse, not better. I see offleash dogs run rampant with no enforcement, yet residents trying to improve the aesthetics of the neighborhood get tickets. I see a double standard for expectations in parks and expectations at houses. City developments / parks - no problems with overgrown vegetation, invasive weeds, overflowing trash cans. Personal houses, weeds in your garden get you a warning or a fine. Park your car in your driveway because you can't afford to drive it right now, not allowed. Homeless encampments with trash everywhere, no problem. The discrimination against the middleclass is disgusting. Please take a step back and rethink the priorities of the City. Please focus on addressing the homeless and crime problems and leave the middleclass of Salt Lake and our neighborhoods alone. We are doing the best we can to stay afloat with inflation, crime and property damage that bleed us dry. The City needs to seriously re-evaluate their priorities. The Council and Mayor's current ineptness, their blatant disregard for the health and safety of taxpaying Citizens of the City and the absolute squandering of public funds is disappointing at best. Please focus on addressing the real problems. Sincerely, Tiona Todoruk

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9/25/2023 16:59	Rein DeBoer	Salt Lake City Parking Improvements	Hi, my name is Rein DeBoer, a constituent from Layton. I'm writing to urge you to eliminate any remaining minimum parking requirements in our city. I am very proud of and encouraged by Salt Lake City's progress in eliminating outdated parking laws and improving our transportation infrastructure. I hope we can continue on this path and make our city an amazing and beautiful place to live going into the future. As a constituent, this is important to me because I want to live in a place where I can walk and enjoy myself and be free from the chokehold of cars. I would also greatly appreciate knowing that by getting rid of parking minimums, especially near transit hubs, would greatly reduce carbon emissions and make our city an amazing place to walk through and see. I hope that into the future, we can make great progress towards making Salt Lake City an amazing and beautiful place to be. Thank you so much for your service to our community.
9/25/2023 18:57	Dakotah Reyes	Sincerely Disatisfied with SLC's Housing Crisis and Lack of Action	Tragic is how I would describe Erin Mendenhall's response to the lack of affordable housing. To be honest, it's not surprising considering the fact that her wallet is lined whenever her husband decides to develop new property in SLC. Erin Mendenhall has done absolutely everything to exaserbate the housing crisis by encouraging and fast-tracking the biotech and fintech industries to develop in SLC. The fact that she doesn't correlate encouring high income industries to unaffordable housing being developed is hilarious. What are some easy ways to help the housing crisis? STOP ENCOURAGING OUT OF STATE TECH COMPANIES TO SETTLE IN UTAH. Enact laws that prevent out of state developers from creating housing in Utah. Enact laws that discourage private landlords and property management companies to own a ridiculous amount of properties. Enact laws that discourage people from being able to own multiple properties just so that they can make money off of being slumlords. Enact laws that require landlords to maintain and upkeep with the properties they DO own (because trust me they aren't). Enact rent control laws. STOP DISPLACING HOMELESS PEOPLE. Enact laws to discourage house flippers. I know none of these things will be done though, therefore I will not be voting for Erin Mendenhall this next election nor will I be voting for any of the current council members!
9/25/2023 21:09	Anonymous Constituent	vote rocky anderson for mayor	he will provide a sanctioned camp for everyone not just 50
9/26/2023 13:44	Margaret Holloway	Speeding	After asking on NextDoor about the marmalade speed bumps which they are steam rolling them flatter now... But the fact the residents said they deserved them more because they have speeders going through the neighborhood and they treasure their residents and pets.... So when someone tells me just because they have MONEY that they deserve safe streets. Tell me how can the city not install them on the most raced upon roads? Not just because they have MONEY. If the ban is against them then you lift it then it needs to be open to review throughout the city. IS this going to happen?? How fair is it???? You won't even put up inexpensive stop signs. to help.... But we don;t have the MONEY do we or the time to organize like the rich folks do on the hill. Now they tell us they are going to be putting input on how 700/600 north will affect OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.... They have NO right to stick their opinions on how the street is changed.

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9/26/2023 16:40	Anne Curtis	Affordable housing	<p>If Utah and Salt Lake City/County would just stop building this wouldn't be an issue. The cost of living and housing has gone up here more than the national average. This is because you, yes everyone one of you, can't stop giving permits to build million dollar houses on \$300,000 lots or apartment buildings that completely ruin a cute neighborhood in an instant. This also raises taxes in that neighborhood greatly. Then, there are the apartments and condos no one can afford and the perfectly good building that was there before it was knocked down. Prevention is better than having to correct the mistakes. It seems SLC is a great example of that mistake. Get it together someone! If the city council looked at every person that came before them as someone who is trying to make money, we might save some somewhere. Unless, of course, it's the kick backs. In finally, the homelessness crisis isn't to build more housing. We have plenty that's not even being used. Find placement homes like a foster care system if possible. Most either want to be on the streets, don't wish to work and/or have mental issues that need care if they decide to medicate, etc. Not to mention just being on the streets so they can score. I'm sure you've heard these ideas before yet every one of you steers towards bringing more people to Utah to work and be housed. We have reached the limit. The Lake has told us so. Stop the madness and think very clearly and carefully about what you are handing off to the future people here. If there will be any.</p>
9/26/2023 16:42	Madeline Korra Cottle	Feeling unsafe constantly	<p>I was biking from 200 W down 200 S to the nine line trail along to liberty park. Almost two of three people I saw were homeless. They make comments at me and I don't feel safe biking in the city anymore. It really affects my mental health. Please do something. I moved to the city to feel a community but instead I'm constantly scared to be outside.</p>
9/26/2023 16:43	S.d. Williams	Housing policies	<p>Dear Councilperson Wharton, I'm writing regarding the Council's consideration of revisions to neighborhood zoning in order to address the shortage of affordable housing in Salt Lake City. I've spent much of my career as a public health pediatrician caring for the children of families who are medically underserved. I also served for 10 years on the board of the 4th Street Clinic. So I'm acutely aware of the need for stable and affordable housing. I'm also a lifelong resident of the City and the owner of a small home in one of its historic neighborhoods. So I'm asking the Council to balance the need for additional housing with the desire of residents to maintain the character of the neighborhoods where they choose to buy a home- for most the largest financial investment of their lives. That decision is often based on characteristics like neighborhood architecture, parking, noise, open space, views (including overhead wires), trees, etc. Zoning changes that allow for greater density significantly impact these aspects of neighborhood character and should not be adopted without the approval of the majority of the resident property owners in each of the affected neighborhoods. Please represent your constituents in advocating for their interests. It is the willingness of these resident property owners to continue reside in the city and to invest in the upkeep of their properties that have made it a safe and enjoyable place to live. Sincerely, Scott Williams</p>
9/26/2023 16:44	Joan Ogden	Affordable Housing Incentives	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project. I am unalterably opposed to the degradation of existing single-family neighborhoods through the process of permitting single-family homes to be replaced by multi-family "so-called small scale" units, and the permission of the addition of an extra 1-3 stories to existing single-family homes without regard to the values for which the owners in the neighborhood bought their homes, including but not limited to neighborhood density and views. I will take note of any action by council members to approve such projects into account at the next election.</p>

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9/26/2023 16:45	Richard Moffat	Housing Feedback	<p>Thank you for your postcard I received in the mail requesting "feedback" on Salt Lake City Housing. We are 49+ year residents of Salt Lake City and have lived in three different homes in the Foothill area. We raised our 4 children in Salt Lake but NONE of them even considered living in Salt Lake City for the same 4 reasons that WE ARE CONSIDERING MOVING OUT OF SALT LAKE CITY! And we are not alone, MANY of our neighbors are also considering moving! It appears the City is more interested in transient renters than long-time, loyal, property tax paying residents. Three of the reasons are not housing related but they are nevertheless City problems. 1. Schools - 2. Homeless people. I see homeless people everywhere- on my drive to work downtown, as I look out my office window everyday at people living on sidewalks, and while jogging in Sugarhouse park. None of my children experience this problem in Farmington, Bountiful, Holladay or Draper. 3. Traffic measures implemented by SLC. - The traffic congestion is horrific and only getting worse with the installation of speed bumps on 13th South between 1700 East and Foothill Boulevard and the "traffic calming" measures the City will soon start on 2100 East and 1300 South. These measures are forcing traffic into the residential side streets like cock roaches scattering when the lights are turned on. I jog those streets everyday and notice the increased congestion from your so-called "traffic calming" measures. They are anything but... The 4th reason however is a housing issue entirely within the control of the City. 3. APARTMENTS EVERYWHERE! I am a real estate developer headquartered in Salt Lake City and have developed nearly 10,000 homesites and apartments in my 45 year career, and therefore understand the issues and needs for housing. I support apartment construction in the appropriate areas, but apartments and expensive homes are not compatible "mixed uses." But Salt Lake City's current and proposed housing policies (including renting bedrooms in homes) are, and will continue to, destroy the quality of life in the City. It seems that the City is bent on putting apartments EVERYWHERE. The last straw for us is the new massive apartment project at 21st South and 21st east, and what we hear is a proposed high rise apartment at the site of the old Red Robin restaurant at 13th South and Foothill Blvd. None of the 18 other municipalities I have worked with in the State of Utah have such incompatible mixed housing planning. A better use would be to zone property for construction of upper-end, detached, low-rise condominiums that would allow older, retired, high disposable income, existing residents to stay in Salt Lake City- similar to the Oak Hill Condominiums, Connor street condominiums, or countless other similar projects that have, and are, being developed throughout the County. Now I've been around long enough to know that nothing anyone says will change the City's already made-up mind, but at least I feel better writing this email. Sincerely, Richard Moffat</p>
9/26/2023 16:46	Sa'ed Sadeghi	Housing	<p>Hi There; Yes definitely go for the incentives you have mentioned in your Housing Brochure (card) and spend as much as you can for not only affordable housing of any kind but particularly on housing for the houseless. It is a travesty that in the richest country in the world we have houseless folks. Not all of them have criminal records, some have addictions which ought to be helped and some are houseless due to economic reason which can easily qualify for Hud type of subsidies. Thank you, Sa'ed Sadeghi</p>

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9/26/2023 16:47	Kelsey Nichols	Construction on the Avenues	<p>To whom it may concern, I would like to attend a city council meeting with my concerns, however I am unable to attend the next council which is why I'm sending this email. I hope that whoever receives it reads with an open ear and hears my concerns. I live at 25 O St in the Avenues between 1st and South Temple. I'm in a modest apartment complex and have been here for 6 years now with my husband. I love the Avenues community and the neighbors in my building are good people and upstanding members of the community who try to better the neighborhood around them. Unfortunately after the building was sold several years ago we've been left to deal with unsavory landlords who do little to beautify or care for our building but we make the best of it for the affordable rent prices and do what we can. More than two weeks ago a construction project began across the street from us to redo a driveway and curb. Because it's the section between the sidewalk and the street, it's been Salt Lake City workers who were doing the project. Being an apartment complex with little parking behind the building, and surrounded by houses with narrow driveways in the Avenues, there are a lot of people who rely on the street parking in this block. We're frustrated because for almost a week now nothing has happened on the work yet the 'no parking' signs still take up most of the block and we've already been waiting for more than two weeks. This seems like slow and neglectful work when I've seen entire roads paved in a day. Additionally, the work is happening for the \$900,00.00 home across the street and we still have crumbling curbs and huge gutter potholes that scrape the undersides of our cars on our side of the street with no plan to fix any of that. It feels as though you have to have money in order to have the city fix the city spaces near your home. Furthermore, about a week ago one of our neighbors parked wrongfully between the no parking signs and was going to be towed. I don't condone his choices and agree he should have been towed, however the public workers who were there at the time proceeded to harass him about it and shout swear words and crass and vulgar phrases at him loudly until the vehicle was rescued from the tow truck- phrases like 'no means no, mother f-er.' While I don't appreciate that kind of behavior from city workers as a grown adult, there are also several children living in our building and next door and I feel that that's incredibly inappropriate behavior in a small neighborhood. I know this may feel like whining or unnecessary complaining but all of us at 25 O. and the neighbors in the duplex across the street are very frustrated and feel like we won't be heard due to our lack of money and influence. I hope that you'll receive my frustrations with an open heart and help to make sure that we're heard, renters or not. Sincerely, Kelsey Nichols</p>
9/26/2023 16:48	John MITCHELL	Our new speed "lumps"	<p>Council Members, Well, it turns out that "speed lumps" are no different than "speed bumps." The bumps installed in the Marmalade are excessively high and sharp. I have to slow to 5mph to get over them gracefully. My car's front struts will have to be replaced regularly. This is not what the CHNC promised us. This is not about "calming." This is about creating angry drivers. And where are the slots in these bumps to allow emergency vehicles to pass through swiftly and without jostling injured people? We were promised them. Everyone I have spoken to in my neighborhood HATES these bumps. There is talk that the neighborhood has been ruined. John Mitchell DeSoto Street resident</p>

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9/26/2023 16:50	Emily Endicott	Suggestion for More-Affordable Housing	Hello, My name is Emily Endicott, I am a 25 year old manufacturing engineer making \$72,000/yr. My workplace is in South Salt Lake. I see on the website that the goal is to ensure that nobody has to pay more than 30% of their income on housing - is this before or after tax? My net income is \$4,153.52 per month. 30% of \$72,000/yr is \$1,800/mo allocated for rent. 30% of \$4,153.52 = \$1,246.06. There are very few options for apartments that are less than \$1,250, are close to my office, and accept pets. There are even fewer options that have washers and dryers in the unit and a balcony to be able to easily access fresh air. I have noticed that most places that have all or most of the above characteristics are "luxury" apartments. But I'm not looking for luxury, I am just looking for somewhere that's less than 30% of my income (I was always told 25% growing up, but that's a different topic for another day), and has a washer/dryer, is close to the office, and accepts pets (without pet rent, because WTF is pet "rent"). Because apartment complexes have "luxury" in their descriptions, they have an excuse to charge more for the bare minimum (i.e. washer/dryer in unit, sunlight, safe neighborhood), ignoring the fact that most "luxury" places I've toured are hardly luxury (plastic cabinets painted to look like wood, gray floors, quartz countertops, poor soundproofing, stinky hallways from valet trash that you can't opt out of - none of these are luxury). My suggestion is to build less luxury apartments and more "regular" apartments - and price them accordingly in comparison to current luxury apt prices, say, less than or equal to \$900/mo. I could do A LOT with an extra \$1,250 - \$900 = \$350/month. My reasoning for my suggestion is that I'm an engineer, have absolutely no debt, and I got a good job - I did everything "right" - but I still feel like my savings goals such as a house, car repairs, and emergency fund are too far out of reach. Everything is so expensive - it will take years and years to be able to meet these goals. And if I'm feeling this way - how are blue collar workers and people with student loans doing? Thank you, Emily Endicott
9/26/2023 18:55	R. gene Gene Moffitt	I am concerned about the weeds and overgrowth from the Freeway exit to 1900 East	One of the main entrances to Our City is covered by overgrowth of weeds on both side walks and the island near the trees on Foothill about 1000 South
9/27/2023 9:09	Dennis Kelsch	Small-scale, multi-family housing	I am opposed to this proposal. I live near Westminster University and already there are many houses on our street with multiple, non-related occupants. These homes are not cared for and denigrate the value of the other homes on our street. Adding multiple layers will only increase this undesirable situation,
9/27/2023 14:14	John Nolasname	Dogs must be on leash	Hello, My name is John, and I would like to comment that in the whole Salt Lake City, The Dogs must be on the leash. Not that I don't like dogs but dogs doesn't seems to like me. Thank you
9/27/2023 14:23	Jennice Tolhurst	Multi Dwelling	I live in D6 and You want to build multiple dwellings in the neighborhoods and I guarantee you wouldn't build one next to your house. It's 7:45 pm right now and the music from the next door is so loud and I can't do anything because I have to wait untill 10 pm to complain but there's nobody showing up anyway. It's a quiet neighborhood except this apartment and you want to build more of them. Shame on you!
9/27/2023 14:29	Anonymous Constituent	Rental Rate	Making the illegal to charge apartments that charge more than the mortgage equally so this big company can't charge more for the apartment. Thanks
9/27/2023 14:34	Richard Mauro	Round about	I just to know who idea was it that put the round about in the area of 800 E and 1400 s- 1700 s seems like we have a problem with the reataurant and seems like the street is unable to use now and I didn't get the notification about when they putting this round about and yet you still allowed people to park on the street. THank you.

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9/27/2023 15:08	Anonymous Constituent	Afforable Housing	<p>Voicemail: This message is for the City Council. I am leaving a comment about the letter I received re regarding affordable housing initiatives and Thriving in place. I have grew up and lived in SLC my whole life. I am a current resident of D4, I am a small business owner and teacher. There is a lot of complexity going on in these proposals and while I see it can be a little supportive, there are really simple options. We need rental caps, maximum income caps so CEO's are not taking the spaces of others who work in resturants or janitorial staff. We need to raise minimum wage in the area. More importantly we need affordable housing solutions to be built that are no heavily policed or have such restrictions it keeps people out. We need opportunity for people who are currently unhoused to get housing. That would mean removing many barriers that exist for housing systems. As well stoping the abatments and abusing people. In the budget proposal there is 20 million out of the 22 billion going to housing incitives, that is 1%. It is pitiful. The police budget is insane, we ask you to stop doing this and we are ignored. You don't listen to who is most marginalized and then to have so many Council Members who are landlords and our Mayor is a revdeveloper, it is horrific. Have some integrity.</p>
9/27/2023 15:17	Ty Smith	Main Street Complete Street	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Representatives, I am writing to you today to advocate for the construction of a protected bike route from Murray to Salt Lake City on Main Street. As you know, Main Street is a vital transportation corridor in Salt Lake County, connecting four cities and providing access to jobs, housing, and entertainment. However, the current biking conditions on Main Street are unsafe and uncomfortable for riders of all ages and abilities. A protected bike route would provide riders with a safe and dedicated space to travel, separate from motor vehicle traffic. This would make biking a more viable option for people of all ages and abilities, and would encourage more people to bike for transportation and recreation. A protected bike route would also have a number of other benefits, including: • Reduced traffic congestion • Improved air quality • Increased economic activity • Enhanced public health • Increased property values The Main Line, a proposed 8-mile, high-comfort bike route connecting people in four Salt Lake County cities with the clusters of housing, jobs, and entertainment along Main Street and West Temple, would be a perfect example of a protected bike route. Much of the route already exists from Downtown Salt Lake City to Murray Park, but it needs to be improved and made more comfortable for riders. I urge you to support the construction of a protected bike route on Main Street. This would be a significant investment in the future of our communities and would have a number of positive benefits for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Tyler Smithson</p>
9/27/2023 15:19	Heather Wilkins	Homeless/vs tax payers <b>*Attachments 1-2</b>	<p>Dear Council On Sunday Sept 25, 2023 I was a victim of my car tire getting slashed by a drugged up homeless man. A witness was able to be I the right place working for CBI, and took pictures and got enough evidence, that the other car tires he slashed were parked at the mechanic shop just 20ft away. I was able to give a great description and he was arrested, but for how long? Probably back on the street to slash your tires??! Our city has no boundaries, no morals and we do not respect beauty any longer. We allow drugs and prostitution to run our city Sim Gill does nothing, but allow them, the criminals off to committ more crimes My tire ended up coming me over 1,000 in lost wages, and new repairs. Our City is exhausting us, residence are getting pushed to our limit. We have empty buildings, we have funds, why aren't we enforcing the homeless off the streets and putting them too work? I will not be supporting our current city Mayor on election. I feel we as tax payers aren't being respected, heard or empathized with. Salt lake city can't thrive when we have mentally ill drugged out adult assaulting us in front of our homes in from of business, and sometimes in the middle of the street at night. If I were the mayor, I would be embarrassed of my track record. Thankyou.</p>

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9/27/2023 15:20	Heather Wilkins	Fwd: Homeless/vs tax payers <b>*Attachments 1-2</b>	It seems the homeless and their drugs have more rights, the the respectable tax payers putting up with vandalism, and crimes. I'm not moving. The mayor track records is getting embarrassing, and honestly dont even respect her choices any more. When we clean up the drugs and garbage and get Salt Lake City beautiful again?
9/27/2023 15:22	Heather Wilkins	Homeless attacking and slashing car tires <b>*Attachments 1-2</b>	I'm really disappointed in the track record of Mayor Mendenhall, why do drugs and homeless have more respect then those of us working hard to take care of our family. This cost me 1,000 to fix and lost wages on a Sunday. ? Why isn't Sim Gill being held accountable for allowing criminals to destroy our streets?. This is your responsibility and accountability?? The whole council is not doing Salt Lake City any growth or advancement, you just use money to party, and the rest of the city gets attacked. How embarrassing.
9/27/2023 15:23	Josie H	Affordable Housing	After receiving your flyer about affordable housing it came to my attention that my city council truly has no idea the struggles that the lower class faces. Our housing market is over saturated. A large majority of apartments being built are for residents that live in other states. Those same apartment buildings remain vacant because salt lake's residents haven't been able to afford a studio apartment since 2010! If you're trying to tackle your homeless issues maybe start with raising your minimum wage to a LIVABLE wage! It was last raised in 2008 by c70 which is laughable. To keep up with rapid growth and job opportunities longterm this is truly the only viable option. The idea that increasing the amount of residential spaces will help those who need affordable housing is a joke and insulting. I make \$26,000 dollars a year (roughly). I am 22 years old and have been living in Utah my entire life. I moved out when I was 18 years old and have been able to budget my income accordingly. Nowadays I have to consider that even if my rent is \$700 everything else has been inflated to hell, so i have to stretch my income so much further than i used to. I have a hard time feeding myself three meals a day without worrying about rent. Groceries used to be accessible options. They're considered a luxury for me now. If you care about your residents you should provide genuine resources that will actually impact your community. Create laws that affect the housing market to be tied to the minimum wage. Provide aid for the communities in need. Our leaders need to provide and care for those in need first. Don't even get me started on the construction.
9/27/2023 15:24	Robert Wilson	It's your city it's your business	Hello, I just received a postcard from the city about affordable housing. It asked for my comments regarding options for affordable housing. I own a duplex in the Wasatch Hollow area and I often rent it to post graduate students. I try to keep it affordable, but the cost of doing business makes it increasingly difficult to offer affordable rent. My escrow is more than \$100 a month greater than it was a year ago. The current discount on property tax is a very valuable incentive. The city could use a tool like this to encourage lower rent. Robert Wilson

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9/27/2023 15:25	Peter Hovingh	building plans	<p>Salt Lake City Council: I certainly support efforts in providing affordable housing and an anti-displacement plan. In spite of such plans for decades, the life at the bottom is only becoming worse, with more people affected by poverty while more people earn more (40% increase in income in one year if one is a auto company CEO). The City, County, State, and Federal governments benefit by inflationary wealth with concomitant higher taxes with increased salaries and property values, forcing more people into the bottom or unregistered levels. The city, with little exception, has been ineffective, dealing with the poverty issues with front loaders and removal. Equally concerning, I can examine Salt Lake Googlemaps and note there are very few Salt Lake buildings with solar panels, including most of the new apartment buildings. There is an opportunity of solar panel requirements on all buildings as you encourage affordable housing and manage historic areas buildings. Certainly, all public buildings should require solar panels, as airports, prisons, and parking areas, as well as the box stores and westside industrial facilities. I have noticed the incomplete facility of Elektron Solar LLC (headquarters in New York City, incorporated in Delaware) with cleared 550 acres of shrub desert vegetation and installed solar fixtures (no panels even after 2 years) in Tooele County Skull Valley south of Rowley Junction. This project within Utah School and Institutional Trust Lanes Administration and Tooele County jurisdiction hopes to generate 80 megawatts of electricity, mostly for Salt Lake City government. I do not view solar energy as "green" if it destroys open, undeveloped environments. Additional solar power could be generated in the Salt Lake City's empty 2200 acres south of the new prison. Where is Salt Lake City solar planning? Or is Salt Lake City practicing NIMBY with respect to solar (and wind) power? And at this time, everyone, including the Tesla plugins, are using coal (56.26%) and gas (18.32%). These issues concerned better living for now and in the future. It is certainly time for meaningful and implemented action.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Peter Hovingh</p>
9/27/2023 15:26	Mike Thomas	Affordable housing would be nice.	Affordable housing would be nice.
9/27/2023 15:27	Pam Welch	homeless camps in Sugar House	<p>Good morning! The homeless camps in this area are a safety issue as well as a deterrent to people seeking jobs and housing in this area. I am trying to hire veterinarians and staff and they have all voiced concerns about being in this area. Our staff park at Fairmont Park with the permission of the Aquatic Center. Since our staff is primarily women, it makes them very nervous walking back and forth with the amount of homeless and vagrants that are camping or wandering about in this area. Our clients have also expressed concerns for this same reason. The construction is another issue altogether, so the combination is hurting our business significantly. Our staff have had to come to work with someone sleeping on our front porch, having to clean up human urine and feces from our front porch – all in the past 2 weeks. The homeless use the dumpster in our parking lot to "hide" behind &amp; do the same. We have staff that get here 6-6:30 in the morning when the homeless may still be on our property and are very uncomfortable doing so. This is also a problem at our 2nd location at 2265 S. Highland Drive. I understand this is a difficult, ongoing issue, but I would think that the safety of the citizens and workers in this community would be a priority, since Sugar House is such a popular area for people to live and shop. It is so frustrating to see this area look so trashy and unkept. I also have concerns about the children and families utilizing the park. I would go elsewhere. Thank you for your time and I hope you can figure out a solution soon. Law enforcement officers are doing what they can but they are stretched too thin with the park issues across the city. Pam Welch</p>

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9/27/2023 15:28	Anonymous 1/2	I have a lot of comments for you	<p>Dear Council Members, What you're doing to the City is appalling and destroying the livability. I've been a resident 2x in the Sugarhouse area and I'm seriously considering selling my house and moving to a more liveable community. The bike lane insanity is out of control. Why are you closing down major portions of TRAFFIC lanes on major arteries to create bike lanes? Approximately 15 bikers use all of these lanes and guess where they ride? Either in the traffic lanes or on the sidewalks anyway. I regularly walk my dog along 900 E by Fairmont park. One Sunday morning, within 5 minutes of each other, 2 inconsiderate, rude bikers leisurely rode their bikes on the road - RIGHT NEXT TO THE BIKE LANE THAT HAS CAUSED MAJOR TRAFFIC BACK UP AND PROBLEMS! If you're going to create bike lanes, you need to also have licenses for bikers with cameras and cops patrolling the lanes to hand out tickets non-stop to all the bikers that disregard traffic laws and rules. They are entitled and disrespectful. If you give them an inch (or a lane) they'll just take the whole damn street, thank you very much. Apparently all 15 of them are the only ones that matter when it comes to getting anywhere. In a city that is un-bikeable half off the year you need to get your priorities straight. Also WHY are bike lanes being added to major thoroughfares? Wouldn't it be safer and more pleasant for EVERYONE if bikes were re-routed to the quieter side streets? Or would you rather make it so unbearable for the cars that we start to bypass the major thoroughfares in favor of side streets since it's getting impossible to drive anywhere in this area? Also, why are you creating PARKING lanes along major roads? You cannot have it both ways. Either everyone is riding bikes, thus requiring all of these asinine bike lanes, OR people drive so many cars that they have to park their cars along the street (also requiring DRIVING lanes - not bike lanes). But you CANNOT HAVE BOTH! There are too many people in a congested area - all trying to DRIVE somewhere - and you've destroyed the traffic patterns by adding parking lanes and bike lanes to congest and back up traffic in every direction. If you are going to allow and even encourage parking along major roadways then you need to start selling permits - that would take care of the parking problem really quickly. I live in a house and I'm able to use my driveway, there's plenty of driveway space but because you encourage street parking people aren't opting to use it. Why should my driving be impeded by inconsiderate neighbors who choose not to use their driveways and garages. Charge them a fee to take up precious road space. Some days I can barely get out of my driveway because there are so many cars parked all over. I have to leave notes on windshields regularly asking people not to park right up to the edge of my driveway so I can simply back out. It's absolutely insane how crowded, congested and poorly planned this city has become. So yeah, by all means, add more people to the mix by adding more stories to buildings and more multi-family units with no driveway parking. Insane - you should be embarrassed.</p>

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9/27/2023 15:28	Anonymous 2/2	CONTINUED!! I have a lot of comments for you	I guess I'm the exact person you want to rid the community of, though. I live quietly, frequent the businesses locally (well, until I can't easily drive to them anymore), gladly pay my taxes, keep my house and yard tidy, park in my driveway and don't disrespect neighbors or ask for anything except a city that is easy to get around in and safe (both of which you're currently failing at). You'd rather have entitled people who park on the streets, disrespect their neighbors, ride their bike beside the designated bike lane further blocking and slowing traffic and live 25 to a house creating unsafe parking nightmares. Gee - what a fun place to live SLC is becoming. Not to mention because you've gotten rid of traffic lanes that allow better traffic flow, I can barely pull out of my street around 5pm because it's just a steady flow of cars perfectly spaced with nowhere to go, never creating a break long enough for me to turn out. Then they back up at the traffic light so far that they block me turning out. It's clear none of you actually drive these streets or possibly even live in these communities that you're so detrimentally affecting. As soon as interest rates drop and I can move out I will certainly do so. You've destroyed the "fun" of living in Sugarhouse and you haven't even started the ludicrous 2100 S project. Even on a GOOD day that street is a nightmare so yeah, we should definitely reduce traffic lanes. I left Austin due to similar development failures. It became unlivable and crowded. Congrats on becoming a study on what NOT to do with city planning. Sincerely, A disgusted citizen
9/27/2023 15:51	Anonymous Constituent	Mailer	Voicemail: yes I would like to comment on your new plan for housing. You have better things to deal with than that such as infrastructure at the water department where the lines are breaking up and the stupidity of all the little islands on the street down 4th South and on the corners of 9th South and 8th West. We need to take care of some of this other stuff before we take care of the stuff you are talking about now.
9/28/2023 9:20	Susan Craig	Affordable Housing	Susan called the office today to share her thoughts regarding affordable housing after receiving a mailer asking her to. She states that she is very worried for our City and State as there is no such thing as affordable housing anymore. She lives in subsidized housing for elderly people. She says that subsidizing housing is the only way to make it affordable. She states that everything else that the Council is doing to achieve affordable housing is not enough and that the prices are too high. She is concern for her grandchildren who will not be able to afford to live
9/28/2023 10:03	P Sharp	ASININE SPEED bUMPS!!!	What the hell is going on????!! Are you morons trying to break the world record for the most asinine speed bump count in a square mile????!! Those are the dumbest, most stupid possible response to FAILURES to fix traffic routes, intelligently plan growth, and lack of simple common sense – or maybe just display of any brains at all – ever dreamed up by government IDIOTS! You have made it a nightmare simply to get anywhere in our capitol neighborhood! And try to get to a freeway?? Huhhh????!! The only way we have left to get anywhere without one of those ludicrous speed bumps in every damn block is to go through downtown SLC and face that nightmare of crap!!! Were these your own dumb-ass “improvements” or did you cave to some little old ladies or nervous, terrified little mothers who’d shut down the whole world if they thought it might somehow make their little Johnny one-trillionth of a grain of salt safer? Good lord, we’re going to have to actually vote for Rock-Head to be mayor again rather than any of you DUMB ASSES!!!! You can’t even fix all the potholes and now you’re ADDING to the rotten ride!!!! May you all be thrown into a pot of burning asphalt!!! P. Sharp
9/28/2023 11:21	Kaileen Balzano	Parking and Speed on Melbourne Street near Highland Park School	I live on Melbourne the on street parking has become an issues especially during school pickup and drop-off and on the weekends when there are soccer games at highland park. The street is too narrow for parking on both sides, at times the street is almost impassable making difficult to access my home. I would request a move to single side parking on a roating basis. In addition, drivers go too fast down the street which is especially dangerous in light of the school. I would request the city put in speed bumps or raised cross walks as a method of speed control. Thank you, Kaileen Balzano

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9/28/2023 12:18	Carl Sith	City Housing policy comments along with other comments on other issues	<p>Dear Mayor and Council Members: I would like to preface with information about me to provide context. I have two bachelor's degrees in Economics and Political Science from the University of Utah. I took classes in State and Local politics and policy from former Mayor and Director of the Hinkley Institute of Politics, Ted Wilson. I also worked on his campaign for Governor along with multiple other campaigns over the years. I studied Public Finance and acquired SEC securities licences. I studied Environmental, Welfare, and Urban Economics, and this is only a cursory list. I have noticed a severe lack of common sense and shortsightedness in your city planning. Your long term planning has a "Mission Accomplished" mindset. Reducing parking spaces for new high density apartments and using the excuse that it's too expensive is a sure sign of shortsighted thinking. Who are you serving, the residents of the city or developers bottom line? A buck subsidizing them today will cost tens of thousands of dollars in the future, unless you ask city prosecutors to max out penalties for parking tickets. Is this Mantua or Salt Lake? It's incredibly irresponsible to rely on your misguided belief that you can force people to walk or ride a bike, using the excuse that it's too expensive to properly build adequate parking. It also suggests corruption, even if there isn't any. Having experience in campaigns, that is asking for an easy issue for others to exploit when running for office. Do the right thing and think 30 years ahead. Your homeless policies are cruel. It's almost like denying physics. Matter can't be destroyed. The homeless, many newly homeless after the pandemic, don't magically disappear when you bulldoze their camps and steal their belongings. They move to another part of the city. Your policies again are shortsighted and also provide another easy issue for others running against you. My friends have had homeless individuals in their neighborhoods, I passed 30 of them gathered while going to a restaurant in the very area where huge, new apartments are advertising for tenants. One of the developers that can't afford to pay for parking had enough money to pay for lawyers to force my friends out of their house by illegally building on his easement to his home. He owned his home and they not only won't pay for parking construction, they are willing to make people homeless by lawyering home owners out of their own on property parking. Cruel. I think you are out of your depth, can't think creatively, don't work with municipalities adjacent to the city, and have no clue how to creatively finance public projects and finance city government. You didn't use property inflation to finance projects, haven't considered municipal bonds for preservation projects, increased sales taxes like we are living in California, use the courts to increase city revenue, allow developers to get away with bad design and bad excuses for their bottom line. Buildings and bad zoning for profit margins will last longer than your lives. Short term thinking. Assumptions about human psychology, economic motivations and decision making. They show you are out of your depth along with weaknesses we can't afford. There is a smell of corruption, even if your intentions are good, the consequences stink. Sincerely, Carl Smith</p>
9/28/2023 12:18	Rachel Craig	Noise Ordinance	<p>Hi Councilor Valdemoros, My name is Rachel Craig and I live at REDACTED, which is directly next to the Walgreens on 400 South. You may be aware that this location blasts classical music all day during their operating hours (until 10 PM at night) to force homeless people out of their lot. Not only do I morally object to this type of behavior, but it also very annoying to myself, my roommate, and presumably the other residents of my building with windows and balconies facing south towards the Walgreens. Multiple complaints have been filed that I know about personally and have seen on Google reviews yet they refuse to stop. I'm not sure what, if anything, you can do, but it's really frustrating that I cannot use my balcony during the daytime or open my windows. I'm on the fifth floor and the sound still travels to my unit. I also just think it's ridiculous to create a hostile environment for everyone in the area just to force out homeless people. There has to be a better solution, and I would go so far as to ask you consider a city ordinance that bans this practice. The Smiths down the street is similar, and plays a high pitched noise that is aggressively annoying enough that I wear noise cancelling headphones when walking to pick up groceries. The kicker is that homeless people still hang out at both locations, so it's not even working. Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your time. Rachel</p>

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9/28/2023 12:19	Kirk Bowden	Affordable Housing Feedback	<p>We received the flyer about city council plans to address affordable housing incentives. We live in the Sugar House neighborhood of SLC and the largest issue in our neighborhood is that many of the single-family homes have been turned into multi-family properties with occupancy well above the current zoning. Those zoning ordinances are not being enforced and when we contacted the city we were told that they were instructed to "go easy" on occupancy rules because of the housing situation. So much for having ordinances if they will just be "ignored". Super great for all the renters to shove in more and more people, but not so great for the people who have lived in the neighborhood for 30 years like us and now get to endure high occupancy properties and renters who refuse to maintain their properties and insist on loud parties with illegal drug use. We've even had a home across the street serve as an active drug distribution site. If that's affordable housing, we're not sure that is what city residents want or enjoy. There is such limited off-street parking that it results in the streets being full of cars, sometimes to the point that it becomes dangerous to even get out of your driveway because there are cars parked well into each driveway as people try to fit more and more cars on the street.</p> <p>There are already parking ordinances in place to not park closer than 5 feet from a driveway, but that ordinance is not being enforced. We would respectfully ask that as the city considers adding more and more housing that you take into consideration the impacts to current residents by allowing such high density and primarily street parking. Places like Sugar House are being destroyed by the high density and lack of enforcement of current zoning and parking ordinances. Streets in our neighborhood were never designed for the volume of cars currently being allowed. Off street parking is so scarce with single driveways. We would hope that any affordable housing considers these critical impacts and we stop the madness of allowing such high density and high traffic.</p>
9/28/2023 12:21	Cheraden Brown	Motel 6 on 600 S.	<p>Hello! I am wondering who I should contact about the issues and extreme crime rates going on at Motel 6, 176 W 600 S. There is a vacant lot next to the motel 6 as well, that is full of homeless, graffiti, dumping of trash, drug use, etc. I moved into an apartment right by the Motel 6 (which was a terrible idea) and the amount of crime I have witnessed is insane. I'm just curious as to how this place is still running? The police department is VERY aware of the crime here, why is this motel not shut down? Cockroaches and bed bugs are infested here.</p> <p>No good is going on here. In fact I even had to reach out to the sex trafficking hotline because I witnessed something at this Motel 6. Again, why is this place open? This is only allowing criminals to do more crime here.</p> <p>I am sure there isn't much to do, but I am extremely concerned. Thank you!</p>
9/28/2023 12:23	Cortney Kefu	The Raging Waters parking lot	<p>The Raging Waters parking lot is absolutely out of control, my family and I have literally seen people using the bathroom outside and seen women over there naked, this is unacceptable and needs to be taken care of. And the houses in the Glendale neighborhood that have been either abandoned or closed down from the Health Department need to have something done about them, we have drug users and homeless people going in them and staying in them for long periods of time and at night walking around stealing from our homes and cats please there needs to be something we can do to address these issues.</p>
9/28/2023 16:38	Gary Varney	Housing	<p>Yes, I'd like to leave a comment about the new housing plan that you guys have. you have a better thing to do than worry about this since there's the water lines are breaking up and need to be fixed and the small island in the middle of the road down 4th s and at the corner of the 9th south and 8th west. We need to worry about these stuff before worrying about the new stuff that coming. Thank you</p>

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9/28/2023 21:15	Beth Blattenberger	affordable housing incentives	<p>In order for current residents to understand how their neighborhoods will be affected, there needs to be a map that can easily link to proposed changes. I see nothing in what I have read that honors the character of neighborhoods other than a comment that the changes are intended to do so. They do not. There are no design standards for 4-plexes. There should be no side-yard facing units. These buildings are ugly and have no neighborhood friendliness. If a developer wants to put a 4-plex next to me, I would want to move out of town. For a sample of neighborhood design guidelines, check out the guidelines for new construction in the Green Lake neighborhood of Seattle. I support higher density in the form of apartment buildings on major arterials and in certain high density districts, but not everywhere.</p>
9/29/2023 12:53	Gloria Taylor 1/2	Elderly Affordable Housing	<p>I am 82 and have had to live in HUD sub housing for the past 17 years due to a major loss. I have been extremely grateful for it. I have lived in Utah most of my adult life and loved living here. I am college educated, no degree. I worked in wonderful responsible jobs here and Arizona, my home state. Neither paid well but the cost of living was low and the beauty great. It was worth it. Now I am multiply disabled, physically and neurologically and getting around is next to impossible with no family and friends gone. I can tell you much about the pros and cons, difficulties and benefits of different programs for disabled and elderly. I can tell you that Phoenix is light years ahead of Utah in caring for the disabled and elderly and I would move back in a heartbeat if I could turn back the clock. I can't do will make the best and enjoy the beauty and winters that I love...and my ESA dog, Bubbato. In my opinion there are multiple issues that could be easily solved, that aren't. Winter terrified me as last winter was spent with the homeless breaking ass ND entering this very nice multifamily project to sleep, do laundry, sleep and defecate throughout the hallways, Laundries, basement, and stairways. It was terrifying as no one left their apartment after dark. The amenities we should have been able to use, exercise room, library, community room which housed refreshments, movie room, computers, Laundries, were ALL closed at 5pm and opened the next day at 8am, and closed ALL WEEKEND, and except for the Laundries which they arranged for residents to be able to open. All are still closed during 5pm to 8am and the weekends. Because of the poor locking, they broke into the basement where we had storage and a few storage areas had the locks cut and hauled EVERYTHING OUT including my storage which had a big lock on it and everything we had was taken. Fortunately I had renters insurance so I recovered some of my loss but who has receipts and pictures and a list of everything in storage. That could have been prevented with a decent locking system. Other places I have lived were HUD projects owned and managed by nonprofits, same or less price and managed to perfection. I could die here and no one would know or care until the 6th of the month when the rent was past due. I was assured where I live was a HUD project...it wasn't and isn't and I have no recourse at the moment, but hope I will be able to move financially when a HUD 202 Project becomes available. I don't need or want assisted living, but there are times when I need help with something and they have service coordinators who can help or find help for me and that is why I requested a HUD project in the beginning but people don't understand and I didn't understand how silently we change as ND things that were clear aren't and we need that help when you have no family or friends alive. This wouldn't happen in Arizona. If you have questions please call or email me.</p>
9/29/2023 12:53	Gloria Taylor 2/2	CONTINUED! Elderly Affordable Housing	<p>I won't be at meetings as I have as I mentioned multiple physical issues, including lupus, fibromyalgia, sjogrens, and thyroid which causes unbelievable fatigue and confusion in addition to epilepsy and migraines including ocular migraines which can leave my vision very low at times...but I'm good! Please know, I write this with hesitation as I know I could be evicted for my opinion as we have no advocate and when someone tries to help, suddenly they're unavailable and we can't talk to them. I have lived here a little over a year. This place was built about 10 years ago and is very nice but has not been kept well. Thanks and good luck, Gloria</p>

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9/29/2023 12:55	Su Boddie	Affordable Housing? Really?	<p>Folks, If you're really interested in maintaining neighborhoods you need to stop building. Ms. Mendenhall seems pleased that the City is tearing down "crime-prone abandoned houses on Major Street". Why were they torn down instead of refurbished? There are abandoned houses all over the place, yet you just keep building spaces no one can afford. Not the way to maintain populous neighborhoods. 1. You're filling in all the green spaces that were the jewel SLC was famous for. 2. You are not protecting the programs that were in place. Case in point: I live in Jefferson School Apartments. I was able to move in because I qualified for a program. In 5 years, the rent has gone up \$200 dollars. My situation, retired, Social Security, etc. has not gone up. I have had to work 2 jobs just to pay the bills. I am a college graduate, nearing completion of 75 years of life and work/volunteer as a Tax Preparer for VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) which serves the underserved. Our services are free to all who qualify. And why are the prices going up? Because of all the highrises, most of which are at least 25% empty, with lousy floorplans and ridiculous rent. If you really want to help, not just blow smoke during an election year, stop thinking about the bottom line and start thinking about the people whose bottom lines are broken. That's my \$.02. -- I have made this [letter] longer than usual because I have not had time to make it shorter. ~ Blaise Pascal We achieve equality as we learn to respect and value our inequality. ~ Su Boddie</p>

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9/29/2023 12:59	Garrett Alberico 1/2	parking downtown SLC	<p>dear Ms. Valdemoros, Mr. Cosgrove and City Council members I'm writing as a 20-year resident of downtown SLC where I have lived and rented in the same building downtown at 364 East 300 South. I am self-employed and have a flexible work schedule--some days I am at work the whole day, some days I am home not working. Most of the residents in my building (of which I am the building manager) are in similar situations--either work from home or tele-commute. I'm writing to address the 2-hour parking enforcement on 300 South. Parking is extremely limited on 300 South and myself and others in my building--neighbors around the corner--are all consistently getting parking tickets. I have approached the manager at Wells Fargo across the street about them opening up their lot during the day which is usually--at most--10% of capacity but he maintained that "corporate" wouldn't let non-Wells Fargo customers park in their lot. When the huge apt. project Cottonwood Broadway Apts. was being built for two years right across the street, the number of street parking spaces being filled by workers' trucks and other construction vehicles made parking anywhere close to our buildings of residence nearly impossible. Paradoxically, this was almost beneficial because during that time, parking compliance interestingly did not issue tickets--I'm sure to accomodate workers and the construction vehicles--and no doubt the order came down from somewhere because I didn't see any vehicles in that nearly two year period get a parking ticket. Now, that building has been completed and the only people getting tickets on our stretch of 300 South are folks who simply choose to live downtown in older buildings that either have NO parking or very limited parking areas. I would very much like to know why it is not possible for downtown residents to have a Resident parking pass where we can park freely without the hassle, stress and inconvenience of moving our vehicles every 2 hours? There are certainly other parts of the city--by LDS Hospital in the Ave's. or near the Capitol or by many schools--where this is the case. Often times, when I am home and moving my vehicle to avoid another ticket, I see the same people doing the exact same thing. We exchange parking spaces, making us "compliant" but the end result as far as available street parking is the same. This is pretty frustrating and disruptive, especially on a day off work. In talking to the compliance officer this morning after she gave tickets to 3 of the 4 cars parked in front of my building, her response was 'that's the high cost of living downtown.' There's a few things that are problematic with her statement. 1. she was issuing tickets at 10:30 a.m.--meaning she was first making the rounds at 8 a.m and thereby targeting ONLY residents still parked overnight since the bank and other businesses nearby open at 9 or 10 a.m or even 12 p.m)--all these folks that were ticketed are residents either in my building or the neighboring apt. complex. 2. for a city employee to suggest we deserve these tickets, as they are the 'high cost of living downtown' is ridiculous.</p>

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9/29/2023 12:59	Garrett Alberico 2/2	CONTINUED!! parking downtown SLC	<p>There would be a huge uprising if the folks who live in Federal Hts. weren't issued Resident parking passes and were told that getting a parking ticket for parking on the street in front of their home was the "high cost of living by the University". Many of us who live downtown in these charming older buildings are on limited budgets. We choose not to live in these huge, sprawling mega-apts. that SL is building at a non-sustainable rate nor could many of us even afford their staggering rents. Living downtown and enduring an endless string of parking tickets should NOT be the 'high cost' of living downtown. I have a friend who lives on 400 East just around the corner from me--she works from home for the Social Security Admin. in an apt. building with NO parking and had \$300 in parking tickets last month!--sometimes multiple tickets in a day. surely, residents of downtown should not continue to be punished or singled out for simply choosing to live downtown. I am requesting the City Council to really look into the possibility of Resident Parking Passes or contacting, on the behalf of your constituents, local businesses like the Wells Fargo bank across the street and allowing neighbor residents to park in their lot during business hours when no street parking is available. It does seem like the kind, neighborly thing to do and I as I mentioned before, I approached the manager at Wells Fargo as a community member but if approached by the City Council, then things might possibly change. I look forward to hearing any thoughts or proposals from the City Council. I see the trend is toward the city accomodating developers and businesses rather than actual residents who live downtown and would appreciate some representation. As downtown fills with even more of these high-rise apts. and condos, small, local businesses are being displaced and closing--look at all the small businesses just on my little section of 300 South, from 400 East to State Street that have been driven out of business or will be in the near future. The old argument about the 2-hour parking enforcement being there for businesses no longer holds true. A new practice needs to be implemented and I cannot do this on my own. in gratitude, Garrett Alberico</p>
9/29/2023 16:48	Anamarill Giron	Homelessness	<p>Hi, My name is Ana and I lived on the west side of the city and I received this postcard in the mail that you'd like to build more apartments. I think you should build more on the east side instead of the west side. The west side has already a lot of homeless problems and these homeless people don't care for anything and leave trash everywhere why don't we build more affordable places and have these people live in and give them work or move them out of the city? Salt lake city used to be quiet and beautiful but not anymore because of these homeless and stop giving them free stuff. make them work for the stuff, please.</p>
10/1/2023 21:49	Anonymous Constituent	Northpoint Small Area Plan	<p>300 feet is not enough to protect wildlife. The noise, light and traffic from the nearby deveelopments will disrupt the nesting habits of the birds, thereby reducing their population even more than we already have. According to transportation.org, noise from an overflying jet at 1,000 feet is 105 decibels on average. That is extremely loud, even deafening. Now you add in just one semi going 55 MPH (which we know will inevitably end up at businesses in the area, because zoning laws have loopholes like anything else), and that is the equivalent noise of 28 cars traveling 55 MPH, according to the DOT automotive noise index. Please increase the buffer to at least triple what is proposed. Sources:  <a href="https://environment.transportation.org/education/environmental-topics/traffic-noise/traffic-noise-overview/">https://environment.transportation.org/education/environmental-topics/traffic-noise/traffic-noise-overview/</a>  and <a href="http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/noise/index.cfm">http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/noise/index.cfm</a></p>

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10/2/2023 16:14	Stacey Luna	Northpoint Small Area Plan	<p>I have lived in Rosepark for 42 years. During this time my family and I have come to love the area in the plan. We have biked, walked, and drove to animal watch (migrating/local birds, upland birds, waterfowl, foxes, skunks, and so much more), for airplane viewing and trash pick up more times that I can count. We have watched it transform in so many ways, not all good. I understand that with all areas on the outskirts of the city there is need for growth. But I feel that it can be done in such a way to respect the space/nature, people, and the "animals" who use the area. please be mindful in what you allow to the area. With all the development taking place we are losing more and more wild untouched areas, especially those close to the city where you can visit, see, partake and experience all of these things.</p>
10/2/2023 16:37	Shawn Winter	Please watch this interview with Utah Stories.	<p>Dear Council, I would like to bring your attention to a video from Utah Stories in which David Durocher from the Otherside Academy is interviewed. You can find the videos here: <a href="https://youtu.be/_bPaan2CgIU?si=OAG-2A8qGfNE9VRS">https://youtu.be/_bPaan2CgIU?si=OAG-2A8qGfNE9VRS</a> and <a href="https://youtu.be/1FuO3yApS04?si=Q5XieeqYpiG_h_jj">https://youtu.be/1FuO3yApS04?si=Q5XieeqYpiG_h_jj</a> David's insights align with the sentiments of many others, including myself, on how to address the issue of homelessness, particularly concerning drug addicts, dealers, and those involved in criminal activities. Here's a summary of the key points: 1. There is a distinction between mental illness and substance abuse in the context of homelessness. While they can sometimes overlap, for the purpose of this discussion, they are different issues. 2. We need to hold accountable those homeless individuals who are openly using and selling drugs, stealing, and breaking into cars and homes. This implies a need for changes in our justice system to prevent drug users and sellers from easily avoiding jail time. They should be compelled into detoxification programs rather than being released with a mere promise to return. In addition to David's points, I would like to add my own thoughts: • While it's important to treat everyone with dignity and respect, we must also consider the rights and safety of law-abiding citizens. The question arises: who are we serving? The residents of Salt Lake City or social justice advocates who may not even reside in Utah? • Open drug use is unacceptable and should be prosecuted. We don't allow people to carry alcoholic beverages from bar to bar, yet we seem to tolerate individuals using drugs openly in our parks, often in front of children. This is a contradiction that needs addressing. • I appreciate your efforts to involve the state more in this issue. However, how we handle the situation on our city streets is our responsibility. Allowing our city to be overrun by criminals who live openly in our public spaces without fear of repercussions falls on us and our city government. • Finally, I have a question for all of you: What are we waiting for? What will it take to remove all homeless individuals from the streets and restore Salt Lake City to its former state? Are we waiting for affordable housing that will take years to become available? Are we waiting for mental health or drug abuse centers or for initiatives like SwitchPoint and Tiny Village to be operational? What do you see as the solution(s) that will allow us to reclaim our parks and put an end to theft from our properties? Or do you believe this is the new normal—that we must accept homelessness in our parks and move towards a situation like San Francisco or Portland where homeless individuals seem entitled? Moreover, why can't we both prosecute the criminal component of the homeless population while providing others with a safe place to live (affordable housing) ? Currently, it appears that the city is only focusing on one aspect and neglecting the other. Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on my final point and leave you with a quote from David Durocher: "Accountability is compassion."</p>

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10/2/2023 16:38	Scott Blair	Public Hearing on Petitions PLNPCM2002-01183 and PLNPCM2022-01184	To Whom it may concern, My Name is Scott Blair owner of property located at REDACTED Regarding the petitions to change the zoning of the properties in the petitions PLNPCM2002-01183 and PLNPCM2022-01184 I as an owner and resident of REDACTED am against the proposed change in zoning to allow high density mixed use in this area including the removal of a single family home. This area is a residential area with small streets and limited road access. I do not understand the thinking behind changing of the zoning and master planning on the properties listed in the petitions other than to increase the value of the properties at the expense of all the residential properties in the area, including the burden that will be placed on utilities, sewer, water, and streets. "I am against this petition". Thank you, Scott Blair Peak Property Solutions, Inc. LEGAL DISCLAIMER This e-mail and any files or attachments transmitted within are private and confidential, and solely intended for the use of the individual and not necessarily the Company. If you are not the intended recipient or the individual responsible for delivering to the intended recipient, please be advised that you have received this e-mail in error and that any use is strictly prohibited. Although this e-mail and any attachments are believed to be free of any virus or any other defect that might affect any computer, network or IT system into which they are received and opened. It is the sole responsibility of the recipient to ensure that this e-mail and any attachments are virus free. Peak Property Solutions, Inc. accepts no responsibility for any loss arising in any way from receipt or use thereof. Scott Blair President Peak Property Solutions, Inc.
10/2/2023 16:40	Sonja Heuscher	neighborhood byways	I'm emailing in support of the Westminster to Sunnyside Park Neighborhood Byway. I live near Westminster. These neighborhood byways are wonderful. I use the existing neighborhood byway street crossings very frequently. It is great for pedestrians and bicyclists to have a much safer way to cross busy streets. Keep up the good work! -Sonia Heuscher
10/2/2023 17:47	Dave RICHARDS	THRIVING IN PLACE HEARING	It's really unfortunate that email notice of this public input hearing was distributed only 24 hrs in advance. I hope that this is an unintentional oversight, since the very short notice severely restricts the ability for myself & other interested citizens to respond in a thoughtful manner. Local gentrification displacement issues have been obvious for quite some time now; it's a major shortcoming of the administration and City Council's failure to address it until now.

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10/2/2023 20:33	Jeffrey Wood	Thriving in Place and Housing	<p>Salt Lake City's failure to implement a strategy that will allow homeowners in the market of \$200K to \$300K creates a challenge in building wealth and class mobility in the lower income class division. According to the Urban Institute, homeowners are more likely to have higher incomes, better credit scores, and more savings than renters. Homeownership also provides a pathway to upward mobility for children, as studies have shown that children who grow up in homes with equity are more likely to attend college and earn higher incomes as adults. Subsidizing rent only continues to add to the wallets of those who owned the investment property at the expense of taxpayers. In fact, a recent study by the National Low Income Housing Coalition found that the federal government spends more on subsidizing rent than it does on helping low-income families buy homes. Salt Lake City should consider implementing a number of strategies to make homeownership more affordable, such as: Provide down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers. Offer tax breaks to homeowners in low- and middle-income neighborhoods. Streamline the zoning process to make it easier to build new affordable housing units. Partner with private lenders to offer affordable mortgages. By making homeownership more affordable, Salt Lake City can help more low-income families build wealth and improve their quality of life.</p> <p>Here is some additional data that you may find helpful: In 2021, the median home price in Salt Lake City was \$480,000. In 2021, the median income of a person living in Salt Lake City, Utah is \$65,880, according to the U.S. Census Bureau As a general financial rule of thumb, you should not spend more than 2.5 times your gross income on a home. This means that if you make \$65,880 a year, the recommended home price you can afford is \$164,700. This means the Salt Lake City is not a friendly city for first time home buyers. The homeownership rate in Salt Lake City is 48.3%. The homeownership rate for Black residents in Salt Lake City is 28.6%, compared to 72.2% for white residents. The homeownership rate for Hispanic residents in Salt Lake City is 41.8%.</p>

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10/3/2023 8:47	Heath Harris	Affordable housing incentive rezone on 500 S 400 E to allow for higher building height	Please do not approve re-zone on 500 S 400 E to allow for higher building height See my comments below from message sent to planning commission Sara here are my additional comments Please deny any zoning changes I STRONGLY oppose After reviewing factors and standards I think it is a huge stretch to say these zoning changes comply with proposed standards For example A. Lessen congestion in the streets or roads; The rapid explosion of apartment development is mind boggling and the current road structure will not support this rapid development. This will increase congestion and lower quality of living in downtown SLC B. Secure safety from fire and other dangers; I am seeing buildings being built within 10 feet of each other which increases fire danger and decreases Safety in the event of adverse weather or other adverse events C. Provide adequate light and air; This will destroy And completely block my homes current view and create a claustrophobic environment of living in between apartment complexes than are visually unappealing and high enough to block open city line and Mountain View's D. Classify land uses and distribute land development and utilization; Residential development is not being balanced with other uses such as arts and entertainment, eating establishments and businesses . If we allow this type of development to continue we are going end up with a congested downtown community that is near impossible travel around and have no place to go. It will not be and enjoyable place to live F. Secure economy in governmental expenditures; The recent Covid Pandemic has created a false sense of residential demand as many people relocated from larger city regions to smaller cities. Now that pandemic has lessened many small cities are seeing an exodus of people that are now relocating back to the larger city regions creating a real estate crises and other economic problems. Blindly trying to meet a false increased demand will not secure our city economy and will devastate my homes value G. Foster the city's industrial, business and residential development; and See comments comments above for item D H. Protect the environment. City developers need to pause and consider climate Issues that will be devastating and must be faced now Examples include our embarrassing air quality we endure by living here and the diminishing great salt lake which has the potential to become and environmental disaster that will make this area uninhabitable Please block this zoning change Sincerely Heath Harris
10/3/2023 8:49	Heidi L Memmott	Affordable housing incentives	hello city Council, I am writing regarding the affordable housing incentives. Affordable housing density belongs in the city, not in historic neighborhoods. I strongly disagree with any incentive that ruins the nature and feel of my neighborhood. I also disapprove of any incentives that don't allow for adequate comment and input on a project. Keep Yalecrest. Thank you for allowing my comment. Heidi
10/3/2023 8:50	Julia Mathews	City Council reviewing two major projects	I am definitely in favor of the Thriving in Place program over the Affordable Housing Incentives. Though the Affordable Housing Incentives would bring immediate financial returns to developers in the housing market; Thriving in Place would bring more incremental longterm gains that result when people are able to have a secure community. Community disruption has a long history of destroying the fabric neighborhoods, displacing families from their homes. Thriving in Place would cost in terms of government support, but the long term returns would be more well established neighborhoods, encouraging the pride of a permanent residence. resulting in well settled. non-transitory residents.
10/3/2023 8:57	Robert G Barth	Feedback on Housing Proposals	Please see attached letter. <b>** Attachment 3</b>

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10/3/2023 14:05	Heather Wilkins	Low density apartment buildings and long term construction.	<p>The proposed change to apartment building and tearing down the homes on 121 E Cleveland Ave, would have direct impact on the stable residences right next the the home in question. The area, the construction, would not only environmentally impact the neighborhood. But how it building apartments, creating more homeless, more garbage, and naming poeple pay 2,000 a month in rent helping Salt Lake city neighborhoods thrive. Your basically telling Salt Lake City home residents that their quiet neighborhoods aren't a huge priority any more.</p> <p>Apartments are all throughout the city, and yet poeple are moving because our streets look like New York? Building more apartments will not bring less noise they will bring more noise. Construction zones will take at least 3 years and how that will impact the homes, families and children will not create safer environment. It looks like money, greed and satisfying political gain is the only thing that Salt Lake City council looks too benefit from. I disagree with what this construction will do to any long term homeowner. HWilkins Salt Lake city Permenant resident</p>
10/3/2023 14:07	Anonymous Constituent	Need Help with 2nd South and Redwood Underpass Clearing	<p>Hi, I am a Montgomery Villa resident, and our community has been more than patient waiting for the city to come up with a permanent solution to the homeless and vagrant issues at or near the clearing just east of the 2nd South and Redwood Rd. underpass. Currently, there are: 3 RVs, 4 tents, a pop-up trailer, 3 commercial truck trailers and a tow-trailer with 4 kids and two adults living in it; all parked and set up in this clearing. I have lived in this community since 2012, and during these past 11 years, I have seen the city struggle to deal with this area. I have put in dozens of requests on the citizen portal about everything from parking violations and drugs to graffiti. I have put in so many requests and contacted so many city officials, that I think they are getting annoyed with me. However, the situation persists, and our residents continue to put up with it. I would like the city to do more for our community by being more involved and proactive. We have put up with this disgusting eyesore for too long. Some engineering and physical countermeasures need to be considered. It would be cost effective for the city to install concrete barriers along 2nd South, on the North side, stretching about 75 yards from the underpass heading east. This would basically cut off access to the clearing by any vehicle. Once the vehicles are dealt with, all that needs to be addressed after that is the homeless camps that would then move into the clearing and build a city there. That piece of land, according to an e-mail sent to me by a city official, belongs to Salt Lake City Corporation. Since a government-sanctioned entity owns the land, I don't see why they do not just put up No-Trespassing signage and then actually enforce it by pressing charges against violators. Also, speaking of enforcement, It clearly states by signage along the 2nd South corridor that littering is punishable by up to a \$500.00 fine. The homeless camps are the biggest offenders of trash and littering. If the city actually enforced these laws, it would be a somewhat-effective deterrent since warrants can be issued against violators who don't pay the fines. They can then be incarcerated and taken off the streets, where they will be forced to go through drug and alcohol withdraw and possibly have a second shot at life after a forced rehab behind bars. In conclusion, it has taken every single bit of my patience and self control no to go full-on vigilante on the situation. If I were not a God-Fearing and Law-Abiding individual, with a tremendous amount of self control, I would probably be the one behind bars right now, so I am asking once again for the city to take action and to solve this problem with an effective and long-term solution. I have already decided to leave the community as soon as the housing market cools off, if ever, but something needs to be done and sooner rather than later. Oh, and also, we are tired of all the empty promises for a quiet zone to deal with the train honking. You had the funding and approval for it 11 years ago and did nothing. Supposedly, you have approval and funding again from the last budget decision, but I'm not holding my breath. Sometimes I feel like the city officials are like my kids were when I would ask them to do the chores or clean their room. I gripe and moan, but the chores aren't done, and the bedrooms are still a disaster area. Sincerely, A Frustrated Montgomery Villa Resident</p>
10/3/2023 14:17	Steph Peterson	(EXTERNAL) Laird historic district / D6	<p>I can't attend the council meeting so I'm just letting you know that I care about our wonderful neighborhood. The comment at the Planning Commission has stayed with me. It was something like, "we need to preserve our architectural history in Salt Lake City". I'd hate to see these homes (on small lots) demolished for drab buildings. Thank you for your service. Stephanie Peterson</p>





## Attachment 3

**From:** [Robert Barth](#)  
**To:** [Council Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [Hal Gonzales](#)  
**Subject:** (EXTERNAL) Feedback on Housing Proposals  
**Date:** Thursday, September 28, 2023 3:30:41 PM

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September 27, 2023

Salt Lake City Council  
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Council Members:

At your request, I am writing to express my impressions and ideas on the recently proposed “Thriving In Place” and “Affordable Housing” initiatives. Following the Council’s request for comment I would like to express them as a 25 year resident of Salt Lake City.

These two proposals addressing housing affordability and availability in Salt Lake City under consideration by the Council appear, in many ways, to be both mutually contradictory and to fall dramatically short of solving real housing problems faced by residents of Salt Lake City. Please consider the following topics in reviewing these ideas:

- **Re-zoning** that favors the replacement of residential property with high-density, market rate housing, in-fill adaptive expansion of existing residential housing, and ADUs without consideration for the quality of life problems such ideas generate such as parking, noise, crowding, and overuse of public infrastructure and city services.
- **Economic and land-use Incentives** encouraging improvement of residential property that serve to enrich corporate property owners at the expense of residents.
- **The promotion of the construction of numerous high-density, higher-than-market-rate rental property** that is largely out of economic reach of most people living at the mean income level in Salt Lake County.
- **City-wide, universal rent control** as a lasting solution to residential displacement due to the increasingly unaffordable cost of renting adequate housing and the economic instability caused by opportunistic rent increases and exclusionary rent prohibitions.
- **Encouraging the idea of “thriving in place”** and neglecting to advance any proposals to facilitate this idea in a realistic, tangible manner such as means-tested tax abatement or other economic incentives for improving the habitability and long-term maintenance of residential property.

### Re-zoning

The permitting of expansion of existing residential structure to accommodate multiple “apartments” has a negative history in Salt Lake. It seems that the institutional memory of the City has neglected to recall the long battle that the residents of The Avenues waged in the 1980s against the sub-division of residential property to accommodate multi-residential use.

During this time existing long-term residents complained that increased population density,

the creation of lower-cost residential accommodation by the sub-division of existing single family housing, and the ensuing parking, noise, and occupant transience degraded the quality of life and property values in the district. These permissions encouraged residents with little to no personal investment in the neighborhood and even less regard for the long-term residents who lived there.

Many subdivided properties were “grandfathered in” as a concession when the City eventually relented to resident’s complaints (and lawsuits) and the process of further “densification” of the district was halted in favor of preserving property values and overall quality of life, therefore preserving the tax base on which the city depends.

Many vacant, unimproved, and disused tracts of land in Salt Lake City have been re-zoned to accommodate higher density housing with considerable success. The renovation and expansion of 300 West is a testament to the wisdom of reusing neglected and past-use properties for high density housing. Unfortunately, current high-density housing in the area has yielded largely over-market rate units that are unaffordable to those requiring housing in the city. (A recently proposed multi-unit development at the corner of 1300 South and 300 West is an exception to this but it remains to be seen if these units will, indeed, be offered at less than market rate and exactly how many low-cost or subsidized units will be available).

This effort, among others in and around the City, has amounted to a sort of handout of public resources to private developers, a tangible version of corporate welfare. To date, a significant number of housing units have been created but most of them are offered as rentals at “market rate” and are, therefore, either a “rent burden” or are simply out of economic reach of the majority of those who rent in the city. Encouraging this type of development does nothing to solve either the affordability or availability of housing and increases the scarcity of affordable housing in the urban core.

The permitting of the architectural expansion of existing residential property to accommodate either greater floor space or additional living units has resulted in other citizen-led rebellions against unilateral decisions that favor property owners. The recent objections by residents of the Harvard-Yale district stand as a clear example of this kind of permitting, compromising the character and architectural integrity of a neighborhood as well as enriching property developers (“flippers”) at the expense of current residents. This same phenomenon has occurred along Wasatch Boulevard and throughout the St. Mary’s neighborhood.

Meanwhile, large areas of the city’s residential real estate have been entirely neglected by planning and zoning incentives, mostly defined by the area’s lower socio-economic status and age; specifically, Rose Park, Glendale, Poplar Grove, western sections of Sugarhouse and Liberty Wells, and in isolated pockets of older development among more prosperous areas. In these areas few, if any, incentives have been offered to improve the living conditions of residents, especially in terms of repairing and updating existing housing stock, improving public transportation, and improving the quality (and density) of residential housing. This situation seems to be in direct contradiction to the City’s stated objectives of improving affordability and quality of life in economically depressed neighborhoods and in supporting elder, long term residents to “age in place” in dignified and secure housing and in safe and well-maintained environments. As a result of planning, development, and public policy there are few, if any, substantial economic incentives for current or prospective residents to develop and improve the infrastructure and housing stock in these neighborhoods.

## **Economic and Land Use Incentives and the Promotion of High Density, Higher Than Market Rate Rental Property**

To encourage the expansion of private residences, the construction of ADUs, and the addition of higher density dwellings on existing private property seems to be a direct incentive to the property owners instead of a solution to any perceived housing shortage. These material improvements significantly increase the market value of property and, thus, increase the wealth of the property owner. The addition of an additional living unit does very little to improve the quantity of housing opportunities and serves only a very few needing adequate housing.

The re-zoning of disused and abandoned industrial land, direct economic incentives (such as tax abatement, development grants, and city-funded infrastructure improvements) does offer developers opportunities to provide housing, however the resulting housing is almost always rental units available at “market rate,” and not offered as “low cost housing” or any other form of subsidized housing. This clearly benefits the developers, the property owners (often out-of-state corporations), and those able to pay market rate rents and, de facto, disenfranchises those who are unable to sustain a rent burden greater than 30% of after-tax income.

The majority of new multi-unit residential buildings in Salt Lake City has consisted almost entirely of high rent, “luxury” units with an average minimum rent of \$1900-2600 per month (plus fees for internet, parking, amenities use, and security) per one-to-two bedroom unit, depending on the development. The recent construction in Sugarhouse, Downtown, and the 300 West corridor are clear examples. This type of development serves a limited population, and particularly those with incomes in excess of \$90,000 per year, at minimum. Most of these developments do not offer accommodation for families with children or, unless substantial fees and rent increases are paid, for pets, “concierge services,” security, and on-site parking.

If a housing shortage does exist in Salt Lake City it is hard to understand how this type of development serves the majority of those still unable to find affordable, practical housing as the economic barriers to these accommodations are too high for the majority of prospective tenants.

### **Rent Control**

No where in the Council’s proposals for housing solutions is a mention of city-wide, enforceable rent control. Without the economic stability that predictable rent would offer, those who must (or prefer to) rent live with the constant pressure of housing insecurity. In the absence of rent stability the amount of money that could rationally be budgeted for rent remains an unknown.

The myth that any rent control measures would serve to degrade existing housing stock due to the incentive to defer maintenance and would limit potential investment in multi-unit construction has yet to be proven. Most west coast cities have some form of enforceable rent control - usually designed so that rents are mandated to a fixed percentage increase each year and are allowed to rise to “market rates” only upon vacancy of the unit or other specified conditions.

Salt Lake City is no longer a small city with the majority of residents property owners. It has been reliably estimated that about 40-45% of the city’s residents are renters and, as such, are

entirely dependent on unpredictable (and often opportunistic) rent increases that are frequently financially ruinous.

The City Council must take rent control under serious consideration if a stable, reliable economy and economically secure citizenry is one of its sincere objectives.

### **Encouraging the idea of “thriving in place”**

All of the ideas mentioned above seem to point to the idea that “thriving in place” is a sound concept for long-term housing planning in Salt Lake. As understood, this idea contains the objectives of ending forced, economically-driven moves, economic security, the sanctity of privately owned property, the stability of planning objectives, and the maintenance of safe, secure, and livable neighborhoods.

In order to achieve the goal of anyone in Salt Lake being able to “thrive in place” many changes in current planning objectives are apparently necessary. Among them:

- *Stability and consistency of land use policies* including zoning regulations, land and structure use regulation, and predictable, enforceable civil ordinances that assure safe and secure living - free from the incursions of incompatible use, noxious annoyances (such as noise, illicit activities, and incursions on privacy), enforceable regulation of architectural consistency, and realistic population density given the limitations imposed by geography, infrastructure, and transportation.
- *Economic stability*, including enforceable rent control and direct and indirect subsidies (such as tax abatement, direct means-tested subsidies for those on fixed incomes, and regulatory and/or economic incentives for property improvement).
- *Consistency of planning policy* which is free from the influences of economic pressures (persuasion by developers, coercion by state regulators, etc.) and temporal, emotionally or politically driven ideologies.
- *A return to an egalitarian approach to city planning*, free from favoritism, pandering, and influence from pressure groups with self-serving objectives.

I sincerely hope the Council will take my ideas under consideration in its planning and polity implementation in the future.

Thank you for your attention.

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