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1/22/2025 9:12	Cindy CROMER	(EXTERNAL) makeover for Liberty Park greenhouse	<p>Olivia and Tim-The historic greenhouse in Liberty Park is in District 5 of course, but LWCC, CCNC, and ELPCO all include Liberty Park within their boundaries. The first stage of the makeover, relying on the finally successful CIP application by Mike Mayo, is actually a City-wide issue because Liberty Park is a regional park. Anyway, this is a heads up that there is a meeting about the successful CIP application which Eva voted on last year. Long story about getting the funding. The date is 1/28 at 2:00 on the U campus. Mike Mayo, who is leading us out of darkness and lead paint, will send you details. Please share them with anyone in your office who would be interested.</p> <p>Thanks, cindy c.</p>
1/22/2025 16:23	Bernie Hart	The latest and greatest "new old plan".	<p>Andrew and Wayne, It sounds like the Mayor's "new" plan isn't much different than the plan used to originally justify building the Road Home on 200S and then justify building the "new" scattered model. The current "new plan" sounds like just another "new plan" that isn't really a new plan. Same old thing at a new location. Maybe.. just maybe .. both prior efforts failed because of where they were at... and it will only take relocating to a new location to get all those underperforming programs used at the old locations to work... Yesterday a TV News group showed up unexpectedly at our program. Marita and I were at a Doctor's appointment, the SLCC students were not there and the single volunteer present was deaf. The only people the TV reporters could talk to were our homeless leaders and the campers in our program. Fun. What if the staff at one of the shelters took the day off... would everything just go on without them. Good things happen in good programs. I think we have had more positive engagement with the community in the three weeks we have been on Main St... then we had in five years at the library. More fun. Bernie</p>
1/23/2025 9:30	Judi Short	Gas stations near a water source - D/7	<p>You may recall that several years ago, April of 2023, Sugar House had a proposal for a Kum and Go at the old Sizzler parcel at 2100 South and 1300 East. This was denied by the Planning Commission, as was the appeal. One of the big concerns was gas station tanks that tend to leak. Underneath the parking lot at this location lies a big earthen dam. This is the overflow if the Sugar House Pond overflows, which it does every few years. This water feeds into the Salt Lake City water supply, so gasoline or any other contaminants from a gas station would cause a big problem. The entire park is a secondary recharge area. Environmental contamination of the water was a big reason why this project was denied. If you want the details, here is a link to the Planning Commission staff report. Diana Martinez did a terrific job of investigating the chance of leaks from gas stations, and you can find the details in the staff report - Consideration 3. Most of the concerns from the community had to do with traffic or a gasoline spill. I spare you the actual comments, but they are available if you want to read them. I have four documents of comments, the first one is 20 pages long. A good read... The point is that the city needs to have stringent rules about where gas stations are allowed in our city because they are going to leak eventually. The staff report provides a lot of data to prove that point. We only have a few comments from the SHCC Land Use Committee, because they had already provided comments when the Kum and Go was proposed. Everyone is on the same page on this one. As a city, we should make sure that our water sources are protected from contamination, and this ordinance will direct this process. We hope that the city has already inspected all gas stations near a city water source and, if necessary, mitigation has taken place. Please approve this ordinance. Judi Short, First-Vice Chair and Land Use Chair Sugar House Community Council</p>

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1/24/2025 16:25	Alyshia Klein	THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!	Hi, My name is Alyshia Klein. I live in the Liberty Wells area behind the county building. I applied for the CIP grant to have public art in an unfortunate looking intersection in our cute neighborhood. I completely understand that it was not approved. There are a lot of strong priorities in our community. I was amazed at this whole process. Thank you for your hard work. The intersection of 200 E 1910 S has been remodeled! The cement has been repaired. Trees removed. It is clean, respectable and a value to the neighborhood. Thank you for finding a funding source for that. Thank you again. It is amazing to have leaders such as yourself. I know it is time consuming and you have to put up with a lot of flack. Thank you.
1/24/2025 16:27	Bernie Hart	Moving Day... again	Andrew and Wayne, Another interesting day. It seems the head groundsperson at the Gallivan Center was trained by Scot Howell. Nothing but negative things to say about the homeless and he also always has a camera in his hand. The "Most Effective Mental Health and Addiction Program on the Planet" is not welcome at the Gallivan Center. We have been told we have to move back to the sidewalk. Once again the preferred way of city officials and organizations in Salt Lake City to deal with the mentally ill and addicted living on the streets is to blame them for what they do, then move them and occasionally jail them in hopes that they'll learn not to be mentally ill. Sounds like a very ineffective response to a very troubling problem. I have to make a decision: Do we move even closer to or away from The Temple? Bernie
1/27/2025 11:57	Diann Bielaczyc	Sales Tax in SLC	I ordered merchandise online at Lands End, and the tax rate used by the merchant appears to include the 1% restaurant tax. When I have ordered merchandise from this merchant in the past, I had to select one of four tax rate zones based on my mailing address - Salt Lake City, Foothill Salt Lake City, Emigration Canyon, and outside Salt Lake City. In the past, the tax rates in all of those zones were the same. However, with my most recent purchase, the tax rates for two of the zones, Foothill Salt Lake City and Salt Lake City, were 1% higher than Emigration Canyon and outside Salt Lake City. Please explain why there is a 1% difference now. Surely, online purchasing from my home is not considered a purchase in the special tax rate zone that the City Council approved to support the downtown sports arena???? If it is, why wasn't the public informed that if you shop online you will now be required to support the development of a sports district benefitting sports enthusiasts and billionaires? I would imagine public support would have been significantly weaker for the project. If the additional 1% sales tax is not related to the recently approved restaurant tax in the zone immediately surrounding the Delta center, please explain to me what it is related to and when it was approved. I tried contacting city government, but there is not a listing for questions about sales taxes. The few numbers I tried had no answer and the mailboxes were full.
1/27/2025 13:27	Kay Arnold	(EXTERNAL) emigration canyon	Hello Dan, Thank you for taking the time to return my call. I am concerned about fires in Emigration Canyon and winds that would spread that fire to us who live by the Zoo. There are hundreds of "old" folks that live in the condos overlooking Emigration Canyon. Only one road out! I live in Oak Hills Gardens, adjacent to Bonneville Golf Course. City owned and not well cared for! Old trees, dead tree limbs, dead and dry grass not mowed down. Its not if...its when...a fire will happen! The canyon has many homeless living there and with the need to stay warm, fire will be used. Please advise as to when precautions are being taken and what emergency plan is in place. Thank you Kay (berger) Arnold

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1/27/2025 4:33 PM	Bernie Hart	There's been way too much talk ... time to step up	<p>Hey All, If Utah is going to live up to all the hype... we are going to have to start solving problems... real people problems. Homelessness suicide... why do kids need "Special Ed"... and why do so many people end up in jail... and why don't we like each other ... We are working with a model that might help. I no longer believe that an idea about what works or could work has much merit if it is necessary to pass a law, use policing or throw more and more money at the problem in order for the idea, model or concept to help people. No... just do the idea and see what happens, and if the idea or model has merit, it does not need help from the legislature, the police or an elected official... nope, just do it and if it is what we say it is, everything that needs to get done will get done Time to have some real fun, Bernie</p>
1/28/2025 15:29	Eric Povilus	(EXTERNAL) SLC Apps Requests being CLOSED with zero response/details	<p>Hannah / Dan: I have been using the new SLC APP and I notice that request for Streets / Potholes get closed right away with no explanation or information/details — in the old APP you got some information about the action or what was being done, even if the ticket was just being closed. I find it odd that it is the "Streets" department that is closing them quickly with little detail, I suspect my request are being ignored and just deleted. Below is an example I open the other week: I also just opened a new one this morning for a different street (Case #00183294). Thanks Eric Povilus</p>
1/29/2025 4:44 PM	Jen Colby 1/2	Letter of support for re-authorization of ranked choice voting in Utah elections	<p>Dear Committee Members and Elected Officials, I am contacting you in support of re-authorizing ranked choice voting in elections in Utah (SB 127). I ask you to keep an election system that is working well. In an era of budget constraints, I also strongly support it as a cost-effective process for a core and crucial function of government. I write as not only a voter but a former candidate for local non-partisan office. In both roles I strongly support ranked choice voting as the most efficient, logical, and effective means of arriving at a winner who has majority, not just plurality support. As a voter, I really like being able to carefully consider the merits of all candidates and to rank my preferences. Of course, I can always just vote for one person as in the standard method of "vote for one," if I choose. It has encouraged me to do better research on the candidates. In a market system, freedom of choice among many competing products is a core principle. This is also true in the marketplace of ideas and candidates. Ranked choice voting essentially eliminates the so-called spoiler or multi-candidate effect. I experienced this personally in my run for office. My choice to run was personal – I felt I had something to offer my community and wanted to serve. It had nothing to do with the other candidates in the race. There were actually 5 of us in the primary, before ranked-choice voting had been adopted. I entered the race late and worried I would be seen as a spoiler even though this was not my intent. In fact, several other candidates quietly encouraged me to drop out and support them. Ultimately, I lost that primary. Of course this was painful, no one likes to lose. But competition is the core of our election system and with the current 1-seat 1-district design, there is only one winner. But more to the point, of the five of us, the vote spread was less than 100 from the highest to the lowest vote getter. A few votes in any direction would have changed the outcome. A ranked-choice general election would have been far more efficient and fairer for all involved. I would have likely lost anyway, so it's not about my candidacy per se. But I would have liked to see the people who voted for me have their 2nd or 3rd choices – if they made them – count. It also left me feeling like I may have been a spoiler after all. Since that time, our city has adopted ranked-choice voting. It has worked very well. I wish I would have run in a ranked-choice race.</p>

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1/29/2025 4:44 PM	Jen Colby 2/2	CONTINUED!!! Letter of support for re-authorization of ranked choice voting in Utah elections	Frankly, primaries in non-partisan races are a waste, in my opinion. Voters are also generally on vacation, busy, or just not interested in local political races until fall, from my own experience. As elected officials and individuals who have obviously had to run your own races to gain office, I hope that you also see the great benefits of ranked choice voting from the perspective of candidates. I expect that you also would not like to lose an election to someone with only a plurality of votes, with a 3rd party or other candidate siphoning off votes. I also think as elected officials, it would feel more like a clearer mandate with elections that always have 50%+1 or more as the winner. The legislation can retain party primaries with their own rules but have the general be ranked choice. I offer 2 more suggestions: • Eliminate the 10-year renewal time frame and make RCV permanent. • Authorize RCV for all elections statewide. As I discussed in detail regarding “spoiler effects,” in partisan races 3rd party candidates can easily play this role. My personal opinion of 3rd parties themselves notwithstanding, I think RCV would be a far better system in all elections to reduce or eliminate the possible spoiler effect of 3rd parties. Sincerely, Jen Colby, Salt Lake City, 84102
1/30/2025 11:38	Sandra Kerman	Homeless freezing at night, killing 4	Dear Legislators, and Council While you propose to beautify our lovely city, I continually wonder why you don’t have more motivation towards humanitarian issues like the unsheltered who are dying in these cold temps. It’s taken a very small group of private citizens to open up private churches to house and feed them only on extremely cold nights. While this is amazing, it’s also very cruel and inhumane to leave this up to private citizens. And it’s not enough. This is a community problem and we elected you to solve this!! This has gotten only worse. Please stop spending so much on beautification until we can create low income housing that actually is effective. Yesterday. I’d even go as far as saying 4 years ago. Whatever, it’s the biggest problem we face. Do something effective about it. Be the humanitarian leaders you often to say you are, but really aren’t.
1/30/2025 13:18	Michelle Grutter	Immigration	Dear Mr. Dugan, I think it is wrong that ICE officials can now enter schools, churches, and hospitals to detain people without documentation. This threat does not reflect the hearts and intentions of most people in our beautiful city. That is not who we are as a people. I ask you to work hard to not allow this to happen here. Most sincerely, Michelle Grutter
1/30/2025 13:30	Lynn Pershing	Thank you for Jan 27 lunch chat	Hi Fan thanks for the opportunity to join the “lunch chat” amongst Community Council chairs and RCO in D6 at City Hall Jan 27 I agree with your many priorities but don’t think I heard how you will accomplish them I encourage and support your priority to provide more electric (low emission) public transportation to destinations other than merely the UU. Residents, especially UU dorm dwellers need to access food, consumer product infrastructure as well as schools, daycare and jobs. I support bus routes to our cultural (Zoo, NHM and RBG) destinations as well as public transportation (electric BRT) on Foothill Drive (commuter traffic 45,000 cars a day) with improvements to pedestrian/cycling walk/ride ways that buffer direct contact with 40 MPH vehicle speed I appreciate the island installation on Foothill Dr at Kensington that included TRESS “affordable”/ high density housing Height, material/design compatibility and location of such new construction are critical issues in establish historic neighborhoods. I do NOT support nor encourage demolition of “naturally occurring affordable housing”(NOAH) for new housing construction. When our City discusses high density housing PLEASE remind them that much of D6 is now dominated by UU HIGH density housing on Foothill/Sunnyside and in many city neighborhoods that impacts commuters traffic, cars, lack of support for children’s education in our public schools (higher education does not pay taxes for over 300 children in UU housing system attending our public schools) Thanks for your efforts and service . Let’s get more effective solutions done for D6 Respectfully, Lynn K. Pershing, Ph.D.

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1/30/2025 13:36	Clint Martin	Bike Lane Snow Plow	Regarding Amendment 3 of the Budget, I wanted to express strong support for the bike lane snow plow. As our city grows, we'll need to continue to invest in multiple forms of getting around. This piece of equipment, however basic it may seem, would provide a big quality of life bump for those who are choose to travel around our city by bike and allow them to continue to do so for more months out of the year.
1/30/2025 15:24	Cindy CROMER	Rezone at Approximately 128 N N St	Dustin, Olivia, Brian-"Houston, we have a problem" with community benefit. See #5 below. A few days before the hearing, the developer changed the number of units, reducing them, and eliminating the community benefit of one unit at 80% of AMI. The staff accepted an alternative community benefit of 2-bedroom units as "family-oriented housing." That was bad enough. Then the Planning Commissioners decided that compatible infill was a community benefit. NO. Compatibility, especially mass and scale, is the territory of the Landmarks Commission because the property is in the Avenues Historic District. If you cannot count the historic building as a community benefit because it is already protected by the historic overlay, then you can't count the design review required by the overlay as a community benefit. Furthermore, the determination of a community benefit is stated in the development agreement which is the City Council's turf. To summarize: A 2-bedroom unit at market rate is not a community benefit in this neighborhood.* The staff doesn't get to redefine what constitutes family-oriented housing. Neither does the developer. The Landmarks Commission is in charge of compatibility within historic districts. The City Council is in charge of what constitutes a community benefit and development agreements. I could object to changes made at the last minute before a hearing, but since I started looking at the staff report at 4:00 pm ahead of a 5:30 meeting, I don't think it would be reasonable for me to criticize anyone about tardiness. I need some help on this one. I do not believe that this is what the Council intended. Relentlessly, cindy c. *Zillow currently lists 78 2-bedroom apartments in zip code 84103 with 750 square feet or more.
2/3/2025 9:44	Bernie Hart	FW: (EXTERNAL) Who is speaking up	Chris, Op Rio Grand II. More 10's of millions and nothing will change and absolutely no is speaking up... or maybe they are and we can't hear them. Bernie
2/3/2025 14:40	Isaac Roach	Support for Councilman Dan Dugan's Proposal to Protect Sycamore Trees	Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, On behalf of KEEP Yalecrest, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the historic character of the Yalecrest neighborhood, I am writing to express our strong support for Councilman Dan Dugan's proposal to allocate an additional \$150,000 to "accelerate the pace" of sycamore tree treatment efforts in Salt Lake City. The sycamore trees in Yalecrest and throughout Salt Lake City are an integral part of our community's identity, offering natural beauty, shade, and a connection to our city's history. In Yalecrest, these trees have been a defining feature for nearly a century, contributing to the charm and livability of our neighborhood. We are encouraged by Urban Forestry's initial allocation of \$100,000 to develop and test treatment options this spring, and we believe the additional funding proposed by Councilman Dugan is critical to expanding these efforts. With these resources, Urban Forestry will have greater flexibility to explore a variety of treatment methods, determine the scope of the infestation, and protect these trees for future generations. We urge the City Council to approve this proposal during the upcoming February 4 meeting. Protecting the sycamores is not just about preserving trees—it is about safeguarding a vital part of our city's heritage and enhancing the quality of life for all residents. KEEP Yalecrest deeply appreciates Councilman Dugan's leadership on this issue, and we stand ready to assist in efforts to preserve these beloved trees. Thank you for considering this important investment in our community. Sincerely, Isaac Roach Treasurer KEEP Yalecrest Board of Directors Keep Educating and Encouraging Preservation of Yalecrest keepyalecrest.org

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2/3/2025 14:49	Lynn Pershing	Support for citywide treatment of Sycamore London Plane trees	Dear City Council members I support the proposed \$150,000 treatment of Sycamore London Plane trees (~4600) that exist throughout our City. These gentle giants provide shade from the blistering summer months allowing City residents to walk through neighbors with kids and pets, cool housing thereby lowering energy costs, provide beauty to our city, and are part of an 80+ history to our city's landscape. Despite property owner care, the many years of hot summers have taken a toll on our urban trees. Sycamore London Plane trees are suffering from at least 3 diseases: fungal, insects and bacteria. They need our help. SLC has an important and beloved urban forest. It's part of our Capital City identity. Let's keep it healthy and thriving Respectfully Lynn K. Pershing, Ph.D. President K.E.E.P.Yalecrest "Keep Educating and Encouraging Preservation of Yalecrest"
2/3/2025 16:28	Marco antonio Marchelli Nunes	Liberty Park homelessness	To Whom it May Concern, I was visiting Liberty Park this Sunday and it was sad to see the homelessness growing in this public space. One of the sheltered areas that can be used by citizens/ tax payers was taken by the homeless and their belongings. The homeless in SLC needs to be addressed with practical results otherwise SLC will become another Los Angeles. It is not fair for people to live in the streets, but it is not fair for the citizens not to find a clean place to sit, a clean bathroom to use or a safe place to play. Also this important central park in the city is run down. It needs more attention. Thank you, Marco Marchelli
2/4/2025 23:38	Scott Arnold	Drug problem on 500 N and the Jordan River trail.	Please city council come and visit the subject trail in the evening and night. You need to understand the disaster that the Jordan River trail has turned into. Please take action asap.