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4/9/2025 14:37	James Hemmersmeier	Feedback on upcoming Agenda	<p>Councilman Wharton I hope all is well with you and your family. Thank you for serving Salt Lake City on the Council. I'm a resident of your district. Today, I want to share feedback with you on some areas of concern that I understand will be addressed in an upcoming Council meeting. As you know, the planning commission approved an amendment put forward by the Mayor's office for a zoning change with more restrictions on parking in Salt Lake. This along with the "Road Diets", traffic calming, reduced street parking, higher fines and rates, and lower speed limits are choking the city. With these continued changes, it is becoming increasingly difficult to do business in Salt Lake City. With the city's multi-million dollar deficit, we should be looking for ways to increase business not raise taxes on a reduced amount of business. The restaurant tax is already at 9.75%. Other taxes have been implemented where Salt Lake City residents shoulder an unfair share. The ongoing "road diets" add to commute times and I would suspect add to our pollution problem. Let's make Utah's Capitol City the best place to live, work, play AND do business. If we make it easier for people to do business in the City we will attract more businesses, more residents and more visitors. As a resident and business owner, I want only the best for Salt Lake City. Please contact me if I can do anything to help. Please do not support the Mayor's proposed zoning change.</p> <p>Chris Hemmersmeier CEO Jerry Seiner Dealerships</p>
4/9/2025 14:59	Susan Masotti	Support for Wasatch Community Gardens' CDBG Funding Request	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, My name is Susan Masotti, and I'm your constituent living in the Avenues. I'm writing to request your support for Wasatch Community Gardens' (WCG's) application for \$40,000 in CDBG funds to support its farm-based Green Team Job Training Program for women facing or experiencing homelessness. This program provides paid employment, job training, and mentorship at WCG's new City Farm on 1300 South, helping participants secure stable housing and jobs. Green Team members are challenged to learn, grow, and rediscover their strengths, even as they navigate difficult circumstances. A key part of the program's success is WCG's onsite Case Manager, who maintains a realistic caseload to support Green Team members while also assisting overworked shelter and outreach case managers. Over 100 Green Team graduates have transitioned to independent living, with 80% securing housing and employment within six months. The impact of this program extends far beyond individual participants. Green Team members play a critical role in ensuring thousands of individuals and families have access to fresh, nutritious food. All produce grown at City Farm is donated to low-income community members through WCG's partner organizations, distributing \$100,000 worth of healthy food annually. In any given year, more than 40% of the Utah population served in shelters has received food grown by the Green Team at WCG's farm. With 12% of Utahns experiencing food insecurity and grocery prices rising, sustainable, local food sources are more critical than ever. WCG is the only broad-scale, garden-to-mouth nonprofit in Salt Lake City, providing growing space, food education, and distribution to shelters and community partners. Without CDBG support, Salt Lake City compromises this vital resource that not only feeds our community but also helps women reclaim stability in their lives. Please prioritize WCG's Green Team Job Training Program for CDBG funding. Thank you, Susan Masotti</p>
4/9/2025 16:17	Kara Freedman	Zoning request for 273 E 800 S	<p>Hi Eva, I hope you're well! I am a resident of District 4 and wanted to write in to express my support for the rezoning request at 273 E 800 S, just a block south of where I live. I will be excited to see more housing built in what is already a delightful medium density mixed residential &amp; commercial area. First Step's proposal to rezone to RMF-45 fits in line with their mission and I think it will be great to have more neighbors in the area who have stable housing. I hope you vote yes on the rezone. Thank you for your time, Kara Freedman</p>

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4/9/2025 16:18	Scott BLAIR	Alley Vacation PLNPCM2024-00439 Davis Oatway	To Ms. Diana Martinez, I am in full support for the approval of the Alley Vacation located at 1409 S Edison Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115 for Applicant Davis Oatway. I also want to state that the city does nothing to maintain the alley to my knowledge as the pavement is almost nonexistent and overgrown with weeds, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you, Scott Blair Owner
4/11/2025 12:33	Andrea Globokar	Support for Wasatch Community Gardens' CDBG Funding Request	Dear Council Person Wharton ,My name is Andrea Globokar and I'm your constituent living REDACTED, SLC. I'm writing to request your support for Wasatch Community Gardens' (WCG's) application for \$40,000 in CDBG funds to support its farm-based Green Team Job Training Program for women facing or experiencing homelessness. In a time when people feel no programs help the unsheltered citizens in our community, this program provides paid employment, job training, and mentorship at WCG's new City Farm on 1300 South, helping participants secure stable housing and jobs. Green Team members are challenged to learn, grow, and rediscover their strengths, even as they navigate difficult circumstances. A key part of the program's success is WCG's onsite Case Manager, who maintains a realistic caseload to support Green Team members while also assisting overworked shelter and outreach case managers. Over 100 Green Team graduates have transitioned to independent living, with 80% securing housing and employment within six months. All produce grown at City Farm is donated to low-income community members through WCG's partner organizations, distributing \$100,000 worth of healthy food annually. In any given year, more than 40% of the Utah population served in shelters has received food grown by the Green Team at WCG's farm. WCG is the only broad-scale, garden-to-mouth nonprofit in Salt Lake City, providing growing space, food education, and distribution to shelters and community partners. Please prioritize WCG's Green Team Job Training Program for CDBG funding. Thank you, Andrea Globokar
4/11/2025 12:57	Sean Cushing	SLC City Park Security & Alternative Security Solution	Dear Councilmen Puy and Wharton, and CAO Love, I'm writing as a constituent (homeowner in Central 9th) in regard to the Salt Lake Tribune's 4/10 article addressing additional security measures to be taken in our city parks. I'm also writing to introduce you to a potential alternative solution to security guards. I'm on the Board of Directors of an SLC-based remote video monitoring company called Blue Eye (think virtual security guards). Blue Eye's advanced AI analyzes video camera feeds to detect suspicious behavior, escalating to a human operator who then leverages speakers hosted on-premises to address the suspect(s) with personalized messaging i.e. "To the man in the black hoodie, this park is closed and you are trespassing. Please leave immediately or SLPD will be dispatched". Assuming the individual(s) remain undeterred, Blue Eye will then manage the dispatch of police to the property and stay engaged until the situation is resolved. Further, behind the scenes we capture robust data on site-level activity in our customer accessible Reporting Portal, which could help inform future security and policing strategies. Since cost is understandably an issue, I wanted to note that Blue Eye's service is approximately one-fifth the price of physical security guards, despite the fact that guards lack mobility, cannot cover large surface areas, and are prone to human error. We could also explore meaningful volume discounts as we're keen to support our hometown (and, selfishly, want our parks safe too!). Recognizing that our city parks may not currently have video surveillance infrastructure in place, we also have a large network of camera manufacturers we work with and could assist you in sourcing that hardware (including solar power cameras that require no power source). The article is well-timed as there's been internal discussions at Blue Eye at how we can work more closely with SLPD to make our home city safer. Please let me know if you're interested in learning more, and I can connect you with representatives from our sales and engineering teams to provide a demo. As a father of a 3 month old, many thanks for taking important steps to keep our parks safe. Cheers, Sean Cushing -- Sean Cushing Managing Director, Bandon Holdings

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4/11/2025 13:10	Nate Leishman 1/2	Request for Rezoning Consideration of Parcels to MU-8 in the Central Community	<p>Dear Members of the Salt Lake City Council, My name is Nate Leishman, and I am reaching out on behalf of Colmena Group regarding a request to rezone our parcels as part of Salt Lake City's zone consolidation amendment . Our parcels consisting of parcel # REDACTED totaling 1.54 acres located at approximately REDACTED, Salt Lake City, UT. After careful consideration, we would like to formally request that these parcels be considered for upzoning to the MU-8 (Mixed-Use, High-Density) designation. We believe that rezoning our properties to MU-8 is both appropriate and beneficial for several key reasons: 1. Alignment with the Central Community Master Plan: The MU-8 zone aligns with the city's goals for mixed-use development that promotes the integration of residential, commercial, and civic uses. Our parcels are located in an area designated for such development, and we believe that this zoning change would support the city's broader vision for growth and urban revitalization. 2. State Street enhancement o Encourage redevelopment along State Street o Increase height along state street o Neighborhood placemaking o Walkability 3. Encouraging Transit-Oriented Development (TOD): Our properties are well-positioned to support transit-oriented development, being near major transportation corridors and light rail stations. The MU-8 zoning would facilitate higher-density residential and commercial uses, helping to reduce automobile dependency and contribute to the city's goal of increasing walkability and transit access in urban areas. 4. Benefits to the City and Community: o Economic Growth: The MU-8 zone allows for diverse commercial activities alongside residential development. This can attract new businesses, create jobs, and provide more opportunities for local entrepreneurs. o Enhanced Housing Options: Upzoning to MU-8 will allow for the creation of additional housing units, contributing to the city's growing demand for both affordable and market-rate housing. o Community and Neighborhood Revitalization: By introducing higher-density, mixed-use developments, we can revitalize underutilized land, improve neighborhood aesthetics, and foster a vibrant community atmosphere. We are aware that obtaining the MU-8 zoning designation requires several steps to ensure that this change aligns with the community's needs and values. The steps we anticipate following include:</p> <p>1. Review of the Master Plan and Zoning Compatibility: We will carefully review the Central Community Master Plan and the current zoning designations to ensure our proposal aligns with the city's goals. 2. Submission of Zoning Petition: A formal petition for rezoning will be submitted, detailing how the proposed development will adhere to the principles of mixed-use growth, transit-oriented development, and community enhancement.</p>
4/11/2025 13:10	Nate Leishman 2/2	CONTINUED!! Request for Rezoning Consideration of Parcels to MU-8 in the Central Community	<p>3. Zoning Analysis and Evaluation: Our proposal will undergo an analysis to ensure it supports the city's vision for livable, sustainable, and integrated urban areas. 4. Community and Stakeholder Involvement: We are committed to engaging with the local community and stakeholders to address any concerns and ensure that the development aligns with their interests. 5. Planning and Zoning Commission Review: The proposal will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission, who will assess its compatibility with the city's broader development goals. 6. City Council Approval: Upon the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation, the final decision will be made by the City Council. We sincerely believe that rezoning our parcels to MU-8 will not only support the city's long-term growth strategy but will also bring meaningful benefits to the surrounding community. We are enthusiastic about the potential to contribute to Salt Lake City's development and would greatly appreciate your consideration of this request. Should you require any additional information or wish to discuss this proposal further, please do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to working collaboratively with the City Council and the community to ensure the success of this project. Thank you for your time and consideration. Warm regards,</p> <p>NATE LEISHMAN</p>

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4/14/2025 17:01	Laura Olsen	Group Observation Project	Hello Salt Lake City Council! I was asked to observe a group in action and chose yours. It is amazing to have the option to go in person or be able to watch the livestream. I noticed and really appreciated your attentiveness to all of the public's comments. In one meeting I watched, Puy and Dugan both made comments to help reassure the public of your progress in funding and bills. I feel like it makes the organizations and residents feel heard. Thank you and keep up the good work, Laura Olsen
4/14/2025 17:02	Libby H Peterson	Upper Yale Heights LHD	I am writing in favor of this LHD. I think that it is so important to preserve the history of Salt Lake City and the Intermountain West area. It is a joy to walk in the neighborhood, enjoy the trees and yards, and talk with neighbors. When people know their neighbors and participate in community happenings/events, they have pride in their homes, city and state. Thank you, Libby Peterson
4/14/2025 17:05	Janine Bailey Sheldon	Upper Yale Ave LHD	As a 70-year-old graduate of Bonneville, Clayton, and East who still owns on the 1700 block of Yalecrest, I strongly support the preservation from demolitions and non-contributing remodels on the 1800 block of Yale. What a shame that so many smaller, older homes have fallen into the hands of greedy developers who have no appreciation of or connection to the neighborhood. There are plenty of overpriced, low-quality McMansions in other parts of the city/valley. Let's do whatever we can to ensure that what's left of this distinctive historic neighborhood retains the beauty of its streetscape for future generations of residents and visitors to Salt Lake. Thank you! Janine Sheldon
4/14/2025 17:07	Lynn Pershing	Approval of Upper Yale Heights LHD designation	Dear City Council Representatives I strongly support the designation of Upper Yale Heights as a Local Historic District (LHD) Designation of this area as a LHD is a grass roots effort, created by property owners on the 1800 block of Yale Ave in SLC. The street located 1800-1900 East Yale Ave contains 24 houses of which 22 (92%) are confirmed by the State Historic Preservation Office as historically contributing. It is a close knit community containing lovely well-maintained examples of a variety of architectural styles predominantly constructed in brick from the 1920-30's with stable property values, and walkable shaded streets for dogs, cyclists and pedestrians alike. 66.7% of the 24 property owners returned ballots exceeding city code requiring 50% +1 returned ballots from the proposed boundaries 81.2% of the returned ballots supported designation of this street as a Local Historic District, exceeding the required 66.6% of returned ballots supporting the LHD designation I strongly support this grass roots effort by property owners and encourage the City Council to vote for final approval designating this well-deserved City street as an LHD. Respectfully Lynn K. Pershing, Ph.D. Yalecrest 84108

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4/14/2025 17:08	Bernie HART	What does or does not work...	<p>Wayne, I googled the rate of recidivism for Utah's jails and prisons and learned that the current rate is 46%, and the length of sentence seems to have little impact on recidivism. So, if what I am hearing is true, and we will be asking the Courts for longer mandated sentences, there is no evidence to suggest the added jail time will help more people. The only people longer sentences may help will be those charged with dealing with the homeless problem. If we can't see them, the problem is not a problem. The problem with that thinking is that when the mentally ill eventually leave jail, they will be struggling with the same issues. The number of people living on our streets will decline for a short period of time. The number of people in our jails will increase, but eventually they will leave jail and rejoin their ex-inmate friends on the street. And the bottom line is that if jail is the "solution", nothing may change. The only thing that will change is that we get to label a person an inmate instead of homeless. What will not change is the 46% needing help. They will still be a problem for both the homeless and criminal justice system.</p> <p>A seemingly endless and forever problem. We are developing a way of testing a theory. If jail does help an individual, we may be able to measure the impact jails have, or don't have, on a person and predict what will happen. We hope to be able to measure the impact all those "we can help you" programs (in and out of jail) have on a person. The more successful programs are, the lower the rate of recidivism. An added plus. If we can measure outcomes, taxpayers benefit. We can start directing funding to programs that help the most people. This is getting to be fun. We are working with some great people, Bernie</p>
4/14/2025 17:09	Ted Dumont	Your thoughts on private security for our Westside Parks	<p>Dear Council Member Petro, I'm writing to express our support for the city's initiative to hire private security for our westside parks, especially Riverside Park and its surroundings. As a resident of the westside for over 25 years, I've seen firsthand both the value these parks bring to our community and the safety concerns that can sometimes prevent people from fully enjoying them. With Riverside Park's close proximity to the Jordan River Trail, a dedicated security presence could help create a safer, more welcoming environment for families, neighbors, and trail users.</p> <p>We appreciate the city's efforts to address safety in our public spaces and believe this step could make a meaningful difference, especially in concert with the increased police presence on the JRT. Please let us know your thoughts on this proposal and whether you support the idea. If not, we would appreciate hearing your reasoning and any alternative approaches you might suggest for improving safety in our parks. Thank you for your service and for your continued work on behalf of District 1. Sincerely, Ted Dumont Kevin Reeves</p>

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4/14/2025 17:12	Adam Gmyrek 1/2	SLC Public Safety Plan 2025 under performing__12.	<p>To whom it may concern, Please Note: The acronym of SLC-PSP 2025 will be used throughout this email; the acronym refers to the Salt Lake City Public Safety Plan January 2025 produced by the Mayor of Salt Lake City (SLC) and her team. As a resident of the Jordan Meadow neighborhood in SLC for the past 7-years and a homeowner for 5-years, I have become an advocate for my neighborhood; Josh Rebollo &amp; Victoria Petro-Eschler along with other SLC department supervisors can attest to this statement; especially the MySLC app &amp; the Salt Lake City Police Depart dispatch team. Also, I have and continue to interact with the assigned Community neighborhood liaison Police Officer, Detective Oliver of the Salt Lake City Police Department (SLCPD). I have sent numerous emails with pictures, had many conversations via cell phone, and voiced my concerns numerous times attending public community neighborhood meetings, i.e., the Rose park monthly community meeting, the North Temple neighborhood meeting, and the Jordan Meadows community meetings – when there is a chairperson scheduling meetings. My correspondence is read with a blind eye, and my comments / statements at community meetings are listened to with deaf ears; all-the-while, community leaders at the monthly meetings say, “we want to hear from you “, yet there is no change when I and other community residents communicate the constant degradation of our community and neighborhoods during the monthly meetings. I would like to bring attention to the ongoing homeless encampments that are allowed to take place on the Westside of Salt Lake City and within its neighborhoods. I understand you may be aware of what is taking place on the Westside dealing with encampments and the homeless; however, you may not get to see what I see on a daily basis when driving or biking to work, running errands on the Westside, and/or recreating on the Westside of town. The photos below are taken from a known and reoccurring encampment area on the Westside. I have been reporting to the City of Salt Lake for the past ≤ 3-years about the illegal camping and RV encampments along Gladiola St, SLC, UT 84116. Apparently this behavior does not fall under the “guiding principles” of the current SLC-PSP, (SLC-PSP 2025, pg. 7). The photos do not represent the true state the encampment is in or its size. The photos should depict the seriousness of the issue. I am limited with the amount of photos I can take while in the encampment before I draw to much attention with its occupants. The occupants of the encampment can and have become hostile towards me taking photographs of their living conditions. Is it unreasonable to [...want the City to resolve quality of life issues like sanitation, discarded property, and illegal camping...] (SLC-PSP 2025, Pg. 11) for its citizens? This encampment is a public safety issue; it is not a perceived public safety issue. There was an armed robbery in business quarter 4 of 2024 at this location – SLCPD can confirm this statement. Also, this encampment is a public health safety issue. Ask yourself: How are the occupants discarding their body fluids, grey water, etc.? What contaminates are flowing into the City drain(s) and entering the Great Salt Lake? Is the discarded refuse increasing the Rattus norvegicus (rat) population? Many other questions can be posed about this encampment and other unsanctioned yet City accepted encampments within the Westside community, i.e., (1700 S in Glendale, W 700 S &amp; Bangerter Hwy overpass area, W 900 S &amp; Delong St, etc.) The City of Salt Lake knowingly continues to allow this encampment and others to exist regardless of the endangerment it places upon the public and/or the environment.</p>

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4/14/2025 17:12	Adam Gmyrek 2/2	CONTINUED!! SLC Public Safety Plan 2025 under performing__12.	<p>What is taking place with the [...updated ordinance aimed at addressing the negative impacts of camping including updates to the regulations prohibiting the use of RVs for camping on streets in the City...]? Yes, the City does monthly abatements; however, the City chooses not to [...redouble efforts to enforce quality of life laws...] SLC-PSP 2025, Pg. 33). It is lamentable that the City of Salt Lake chooses to blatantly disregard its own “Immediate Actions:” [...that enforcement of public order offenses is a priority for the City...] (SLC-PSP 2025, Pg. 32) – somehow the downtown area takes precedence over other areas within the City limits for quick enforcement. The City of Salt Lake should post, “no over night RV parking &amp; no camping signs” along Gladiola St and other impacted areas as it has done along State Street; then have the City of Salt Lake parking enforcement department enforce its own parking ordinances. Before anyone says, “there is no money for this”, take one million dollars from the allotted m18.3 million dollar 2025 summer redesigning of Pioneer Park project. However, it is a money issue. The amount of trash shown in the photos does not accumulate within a 4-5 day timespan; it is over several weeks! This is one of several blatant examples the [...Homeless people don’t respect municipal boundaries...] (SLC-PSP 2025, Pg. 17). Help me understand why the hot spots outside the downtown area are not subjected to [...hot spot policing...] (SLC-PSP 2025, Pg. 15)? Why is the City of Salt Lake parking enforcement department not enforcing its parking ordinances? Waiting 20-30 days for the HEART team (Homeless Engagement and Response Team) to arrive at each encampment and giving City service information to the same people over and over and overmnonly enables them and emboldens their brazen behavior to continue. Additionally, it increases perceived entitlement and does not allow for accountability. The past 4-years the homeless population and the RV population has grown exponentially all the while their rights somehow have superseded the rights of the citizens who work, live, and recreate in City of Salt Lake. Is it unreasonable as a citizen of Salt Lake to ask the City of Salt Lake, its City Council members, and the Salt Lake City Police Department to enact rule of law &amp; enforce its ordinances evenly amongst the homeless population, the RV population and the law-abiding citizen population of Salt Lake? How about following and enacting what is within the SLC-PSP 2025? Why is it that housed citizens of Salt Lake are held accountable and fined for City ordinance infractions, yet the homeless and RV populations are not held financially accountable for their City ordinance infractions? The homeless population, the RV owners who choose to live on the fringe of society, and the working class people can all be put on a payment plan. The accountability is grossly lopsided and it continues to be grossly lopsided. There is no excuse not to hold an adult accountable for their actions and/or inactions. Finally, if anyone would like to see/read the previous emails: SLC Public Safety Plan 2025 under performing_1-11; please reach out to Josh Rebollo – District 1, Liaison for SLC Mayor, Victoria Petro-Eschler – District 1 Representative, or Wayne Niederhauser – Director, Utah Office of Homeless Services. I have sent each representative the same emails with the same attached photos of the City’s acquiescence toward the behavior of the homeless population and the behavior of the RV owners on the Westside’s City streets and neighborhoods – it’s appalling and should not be tolerated! If it is not tolerated in the Sugarhouse neighborhood it should not be tolerated on the Westside — period! “The proactive approach to a mistake is to acknowledge it instantly, correct and learn from it. This literally turns a failure into a success.” – Stephen Covey. Thank you,</p> <p>Regards, Adam Gmyrek</p>

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4/15/2025 14:25	Nisha Burke	for 4/15/25 meeting: PLNPCM2024-01153 First Step House Rezone (Harold Woodruff)	<p>Hello, Regarding tonight's meeting addressing rezoning of 273 E 800 S: Neighborhood safety related to the First Step House request to build in the neighborhood is of the utmost concern for nearby residents. The construction site currently has safety risks outlined in the attached images (see PDF file attached). If First Step House is going to demonstrate or foster an environment of safety for the neighborhood they are petitioning to change drastically with request #PLNPCM2024-01153, the current level of safety on their construction site should quickly be professionally assessed, and conceivably upgraded. If this matter can be taken into consideration during tonight's discussion it would be appreciated. I will attend the meeting and represent these matters, but also wanted to submit the attached images before the meeting commences. Thank you, Nisha Burke</p>