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4/16/2025 11:48	Greg Minen	(EXTERNAL) Concerning parking at the future First Step House at 273 East 800 South	To whom it may concern Hello, I currently own and live in a home at REDACTED. I have lived here since 2009. The proposed, future First Step House will be built a few houses down from where I live. My concern is that this will create a parking nightmare for residents who do not have driveways of their own. I live here with my wife and daughter. We have 3 cars and we don't have a driveway so we all park on the street. Some of my neighbors are in a similar situation. Sometimes I park in front of their houses and sometimes they park in front of mine. Sometimes I have to park in front of the building at 273 East 800 South (future First Step house) because there already are not enough parking spaces for us on the streets next to our own homes. This is inconvenient already but we make it work. I don't have a problem with this new building coming to our neighborhood. But I'm concerned that this building will not have sufficient parking for employees, residents, and visitors. I worry that this will create more difficult parking issues for a neighborhood that already does not have enough parking for current residents. Last weekend, a friend of mine came over to my house and parked across the street from my house on 8th South because it was the closest parking spot to my house. It would be unfortunate if this new development created a parking disaster for the residents of this area. I would appreciate it if this parking issue could be addressed further. Thank you! Greg Minen
4/16/2025 12:51	Lynn Pershing	THANK YOU for your support on Upper Yale Heights LHD!	Dear Council members Thank you for your support tonight approving the creation of Upper Yale Heights LHD. It was a surprise to have the City Council vote early, but a delightful one indeed! We are grateful for this positive approval. There are only 3 streets of the 11 total streets on the 1800-1900 block of Yalecrest that have sufficient number of historically contributing houses to protect, and only on Yale Ave are the houses lived in by property owners. The remaining 8 streets on that block have experienced extensive demolitions with McMansion new construction replacements. Those McMansion containing 8 streets no longer have affordable houses. We are grateful and appreciate your efforts to save these more affordable historic houses for future residents. Thank you for your efforts and support -- Lynn K. Pershing, Ph.D.
4/16/2025 15:06	Derrek Draper	Re-Zoning for the first steps facility at 300 east 800 south	Hello, I have been a home owner in the block adjacent to this proposed site since 2018. I have seen the impact that concentrated services for people who are struggling with homelessness and behavioral/mental health issues have had. It is not positive. I am aware of the urgent needs of this population, they circulate through our neighborhood and I truly wish there was more support for their needs. We already have the highest concentration of services of any neighborhood the State and the problems associated with substance abuse remain prolific. Please help these individuals reach more positive outcomes by DENYING the re-zone, thereby encouraging First Steps to secure an alternative site in a neighborhood better suited to provide a stable, safe community network. Thank you for your consideration with this matter. Derrek Draper

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4/16/2025 15:12	Jenny Starley	Public Comment & Petition – Zoning Amendment at 273 E 800 S (April 15 Council Meeting)	<p>Dear Mayor and Salt Lake City Council Members, I'm writing as a resident of the Central City neighborhood regarding the proposed Zoning Map Amendment at approximately 273 East 800 South, scheduled for discussion at the April 15, 2025, Formal Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. As someone who lives in and cares deeply about this neighborhood, I've been actively gathering input from fellow residents and community members about the impacts of continued zoning changes and the concentration of services in Central City. I'm submitting the attached petition form and survey results, which reflect the perspectives of people who believe in equitable development—especially when it comes to affordable housing and health services. Through this effort, we are urging the City Council to ensure that any zoning approval for this site is tied to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truly affordable housing for people earning below 30% AMI,</li> <li>• On-site health and supportive services for residents,</li> <li>• And a more equitable distribution of such services across all neighborhoods—not just in historically overburdened areas like Central City.</li> </ul> <p>These concerns are rooted in lived experience. Central City has long done its part. It's time for a broader, citywide approach that includes all communities in supporting vulnerable populations. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Jenny Starley Central City</p>
4/16/2025 15:15	Mackenzie JAGGI	Objection to proposed zoning project 273 E 800 S	<p>To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to respectfully express my opposition to the proposed zoning change at 273 E 800 S to allow for a four-story, high-density housing development intended for individuals earning less than 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI), many of whom will require behavioral health support and 24/7 on-site services. While I fully support the need for compassionate and affordable housing across our city, I am concerned that this particular proposal places an undue burden on the central city—an area that has long carried more than its fair share of deeply affordable, service-based housing. It is time for other neighborhoods to step up and share in this critical responsibility. Furthermore, the success of vulnerable residents depends on their placement in safe, stable, and balanced communities. Our neighborhood already struggles with high crime rates, strained infrastructure, and limited access to essential services. According to Salt Lake City's own crime data, central city neighborhoods experience some of the highest rates of property and violent crime in the city. Adding another high-needs, high-density development without addressing these foundational issues is not only unfair to existing residents—it also sets up future residents for hardship rather than success. In addition, the proposed RMF-45 zoning does not align with the existing character of our neighborhood. Approving this change would set a precedent for future high-density projects without adequate community engagement or long-term planning. Growth and housing solutions must be community-driven, thoughtfully integrated, and equitably distributed across Salt Lake City. I urge you to consider the cumulative impact of this zoning decision—not only on our neighborhood but on the individuals this project intends to serve. We all want a Salt Lake City that is inclusive and supportive, but that vision must be built through shared responsibility, balanced development, and planning that puts residents first. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Mackenzie Jaggi Salt Lake City Resident</p>

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4/18/2025 10:19	Chris HEMMERSMEIER	City Council Agenda	<p>Councilman Puy: I hope all is well with you. I've appreciated your help in the past with the challenges and opportunities in our district in Salt Lake City. 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 do not support the Mayor's proposed zoning change. Thank you, Chris Hemmersmeier CEO Jerry Seiner Dealerships</p>
4/18/2025 12:12	Adam Gmyrek	SLC Public Safety Plan 2025 under performing_12.	<p>To whom it may concern: It has been 3-months since the Salt Lake City Public Safety Plan was created. The suggestions the Mayor and her team created within the Public Safety Plan are not being initiated on the streets of Salt Lake City — see photos below. Additionally, the Mayor's office, the City of Salt Lake Parking enforcement Department, and the Salt Lake Police Department are not enforcing City ordinances let alone the suggestions made to Governor Cox within the 2025 Salt Lake City Public Safety Plan. This behavior would not be tolerated in the Greater Avenues neighborhood, East Central neighborhood, or the East Benches neighborhood. However, it is tolerated by the Mayor's office and the City departments the Mayor regulates on the Westside neighborhoods — alas. The Westside and its residents need the City of Salt Lake, the SLC Police Department, the City of Salt Lake Parking Enforcement Department, and the District Representatives who supposedly represent the citizens of Salt Lake to begin holding people accountable for their actions and/or inactions when violating City ordinances; all the while who continue to create Public Health and Public Safety environments. Is this the "vision" the Mayor of SLC and her team had when creating the 2025 Public Safety Plan: "The City's public spaces will be safe, clean, and welcoming to everyone."? (Pg. 7) — see photos below. Is this what is meant in the 2025 Public Safety Plan when it states: "The City Council will be presented with an 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." (Pg. 32) — see photos below. When will the regulations be enacted let alone created? When will the recommendations be allowed to be enforced by the departments the Mayor oversees? Regards, Adam Gmyrek Gladiola St.</p>
4/18/2025 13:02	Thomas P Merrill	Opportunity to protect Medicaid for homeless individuals	<p>Mayor and Council, As many of you know, my day job is state and federal health policy and I wanted to offer my support in the event you wanted to use your voice and connections to push back on proposed Medicaid cuts at the federal level. The clear connection is that cuts in funding or de facto cuts in funding through things like a work requirement would make it nearly impossible for individuals experiencing homelessness and getting behavioral health and/or drug use disorder treatment to maintain their coverage so they can exit the street-to-jail-to-street cycle. The easiest thing to do is to text our delegation and let them know this would hamper our efforts to promote safety in the city. I might also suggest reaching out to the donor class that have shown a particular interest on this topic (e.g, the Smith Entertainment Group, the LHM Group). Let me know if you want talking points or other resources. Happy to connect with anyone interested on this. Feel free to text me. -- Tom Merrill</p>

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4/21/2025 9:00	Adam Gmyrek	Panhandling sign instillation - Redwood Rd & I-80 interchange.	<p>Ms. Petro-Eschler, The sign in the attached photo below was taken at the I-15 SB 305C exit ramp to W 1300 S, SLC, UT 84115 Would it be possible to have a sign similar to the one below installed at: I-80 &amp; Redwood Rd WB off ramp exit 118 I-215 &amp; Redwood RD WB off ramp exit 22 There continues to be panhandling at both off-ramps on a daily basis. As warmer weather is upon the Salt Lake Valley the panhandling will only increase. The panhandlers filter through both lanes holding signs asking for money when traffic is stopped causing a safety hazard to themselves and to the drivers waiting for the traffic light to turn green. I've observed a man in a wheelchair stationed in-between both traffic lanes holding a sign asking for money. Also, the amount of trash generated and its buildup by the panhandlers at the I-215 &amp; Redwood RD WB off ramp exit 22 light / intersection can be overwhelming at times, and an eyesore. More degradation of our neighborhoods in District 1 &amp; District 2 by the homeless. The 2025 Salt Lake Public Safety Plan states: "The City's public spaces will be safe, clean, and welcoming." (Pg. 7) "The City's public spaces will be safe, clean, and inviting to all law-abiding people." (Pg. 7) "The City will be accountable for what is in our control and be clear and collaborative with partners on what resources are needed for the entire system to be successful." (pg. 7) [...] (2) the City is perceived as lenient on enforcing ordinances against camping, loitering, and panhandling; and... (pg.17) The perception is correct, especially within the Westside neighborhoods. Would you be able to speak with a supervisor at the City of Salt Lake transportation Department and facilitate the installation of signs informing drivers that it is unlawful to transfer money / property while at said intersections? As you know, public safety is paramount. I look forward to your timely response. Thank you. Regards, Adam Gmyrek</p>
4/21/2025 9:01	Ted Dumont	Thank you for you and your team's efforts on the Jordan River Trail on the West Side!	<p>Dear Chief Redd, I'm writing to extend my sincere thanks to you and your team for the increased enforcement efforts currently underway along the Jordan River Trail on the city's west side. These efforts have not gone unnoticed. For far too long, this beautiful stretch of our city has struggled under the weight of crime and unsafe conditions. The stepped-up patrols are making a real difference, and many of us who live near and use the trail regularly are finally beginning to feel a renewed sense of safety and pride in this public space. We are encouraged by the progress and deeply grateful for your department's commitment. It's our hope that this initiative will become a permanent presence to ensure the west side is no longer an afterthought when it comes to public safety. Our community deserves the same level of protection and peace of mind as every other part of Salt Lake City. Thank you again for your leadership and for prioritizing the wellbeing of all residents. Please extend our appreciation to the officers out on the trail each day—they're making a real impact. Warm regards, Ted Dumont</p> <p>Kevin Reeves</p>
4/21/2025 12:11	Anonymous Constituent	Voicemail to City Council	<p>I just wanted to say that I think you should help out the homeless more to where they can get in work and save their bed so that they have a secure place to sleep and be able to work around the areas of operation with the shelters. So they have more time to work and come in as they need to based on their hours at work. That is all I have to say. Thank you.</p>



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4/21/2025 16:20	Alan Hardman	homeless place to stay	Respectfully, Council Members, I suggested a number of years ago (8 or 9) to the Mayor's office (and several times since) that what is needed is a "KOA" for those who do not want to be enclosed or who may be waiting for an opening in a shelter. I was originally told by the Mayor's office (each time) that it is not humane to leave them unsheltered (the official policy cannot be that the City expects them to remain unhoused). However, it is not "humane" to chase them from place to place as has been happening. I suggested the use of the old Fleet block but was told that it had contamination and could not be used. Now that it is demolished I hope it is actually being "de-contaminated". There is surely a block of land that can be fitted with lighting, water and hygiene facilities with trash removal and police oversight (just someone they can turn to for help if necessary - NOT guards as in a prison) that is more reasonable than expecting to build "tiny homes" and affordable housing. A regular place to stay with a small space for "stuff" which will also provide an address and prevent them from being CHASED all over the city. It will probably also be cheaper than spending weekly hazmat teams to clean up what is currently happening. Ellen Hardman
4/21/2025 16:45	Cameron Stempel	City Budget	I would like to know more about the proposed City budget. I recommend that this information be made easily accessible to all SLC residents in a format similar to the one produced by the Las Angeles City Controller Kenneth Mejia. Linked here for your review: <a href="https://budget.lacontroller.app/">https://budget.lacontroller.app/</a> I also suggest giving residents the ability to submit their own budget recommendations such as can be found here: <a href="https://mylabudget.lacontroller.app/summarized">https://mylabudget.lacontroller.app/summarized</a> Then have the city manager take the median data and present it to the Council to be read into the record during a budgeting meeting. Thank you for taking my input as a resident of SLC that wants to see a flourishing civil life in our city where all residents can play a meaningful role in shaping our community.
4/21/2025 18:04	Xane Ammerman	Budget Reallocation	I propose a 10–15% reduction in the SLCPD budget, with the reallocated funds directed toward mental health services, affordable housing, community-based safety programs, youth initiatives, and public infrastructure improvements. These investments will address systemic issues and promote a more equitable and supportive community.
4/21/2025 19:44	Anonymous Constituent	Suggestions to Improve the City	There are two things I am interested in for the budget this year. 1 - Improving the Roads, they need to be repaved, and this something many other cities have figures out how to do. 2 - Bury the utility lines. This city is in a beautiful area of the world, and the power lines, and other utility lines need to go underground.
4/22/2025 12:34	Anonymous Constituent	Voicemail City Council	I am a very concerned Salt Lake City resident and Salt Lake County resident. I just wanted to say that I really like living out here in Salt Lake. I have lived in other parts of the state. There is one thing that I have found that really needs our attention. Please please please add more time to the crosswalks and I mean all of them. There are people in the town who are in walkers and strollers and wheelchairs and canes. I am one of them and it is so hard for me to get across before the lights changes. I ride the bus and trax and it can be really scary. I knew a person who was hit and killed. She was 85 and I am sure she couldn't get across in enough time.
4/22/2025 12:42	Anonymous Constituent	Voicemail to City Council	I am a resident of Rose Park. I appreciate what you are doing trying to clean up that river area but we also are very concerned about our roads out here. We haven't had anything done to these roads in years. Especially the major intersections 6th North and 10th North and 8th West. Please lets get something done on these roads. These cars we buy are getting all torn up. Thank you for your time.

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4/22/2025 14:14	Philip Snow	Projects to prioritize	Hello, I received the mailing from the city council inviting suggestions to prioritize in the city budget. My family and I have lived in the area north of Sugarhouse for 50 years. The roads we use every day are in such poor shape that it is almost like driving on unpaved bumpy roads in the wilderness. Specifically, 17th South between 11th East and 13th East; 13th South between 11th East and 13th East; and 13th East between 9th South and 13th South. In the 50 years I've lived here, I don't recall these areas ever having been repaved. There are other areas of poor roads as well, too many to list here. On certain roads, I can tell when I have left the boundaries of Salt Lake City, because the roads get smoother. Phil Snow
4/22/2025 15:04	Steve Mason	Rising Public Utility Rates	Steve is concerned about the public utility rates going up and says that the higher tax rate makes people want to leave. He recommends instead reducing the salary of the mayor because he believes that residents should not have to pay for no increase in service. He is very concerned that this will force residents out of the city and it will become all renters.
4/22/2025 19:31	Jason Gallentine	Several potholes on an I-215 on ramp	Dear Salt Lake City Council, There are several pot holes on the 1-215 on ramp to go southbound after exiting California Avenue. There are so many that they're difficult to avoid. Will you be so kind as to arrange for them to be fixed? If so, then THANK YOU! Sincerely yours, Jason Gallentine
4/22/2025 21:41	Lucy Cardenas	Unsafe on 700 West	To whom it may concern, I'm Lucy Cardenas and I live along with my husband Bill Coker at REDACTED. I'm writing due to our concerns and our neighbors concerns about the over night parking and camping issues that happen on 700 West daily. I'm requesting a no parking and no camping sign if possible or you can let me know how to proceed. I have attached pictures, What happens when semi trucks park on our street for days? They create a barrier for criminal & health risk activity. People defecate, use drugs, have sex, sell drugs, create fires, fight, & sleep. HELP! The pictures were taken from our living room. Thank you, Lucy Cardenas
4/23/2025 10:28	Anonymous Constituent	Waste and horrid	300 North has turned into a complete joke. I don't know who thought up the design but they obviously never drove in the winter. The vehicles are too far out in the middle of the road, the speed bumps are destructive to vehicles. The bikes don't need that much space on both sides. It was fine how it was, return it. The work done there is a complete waste of money just like what you are doing to 600/700N. Just fix the roads and leave the designs how they are.
4/23/2025 16:39	Anonymous Constituent	Budget Comment	Hi This is one of the neighbor on 600s and today is April 22 and it's about 4:22 pm and I'm calling to put an input in for the council meeting that coming up for feedback on the budget that we're in desperate need of the speed bumps, We done on 600 s, I believe they began on 900e and go all the way to the 1300e, they are in the horrible condition and also don't know if there's a way to restrict the big construction and cement trucks other than they if they need it in the immediate area rather than taking this route to saving the street and the pollutions. Thank you so much!

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4/23/2025 16:44	Jan Striefel	Budget priorities	<p>Council Members and especially Dan Dugan, As I visit our public parks I am dismayed and disheartened by the lack of good maintenance, repairs not made, and disregard for the tax dollars that when into developing and improving the parks in the first place. A huge investment went into these parks and that investment is all but squandered. City Creek Park is overgrown with invasive plants and weeds, stone walkways are deteriorating and dangerous to public health, plants are missing and trash is everywhere. Liberty park is as bad. All of the parks I have visited recently are absolutely embarrassing and heartbreaking. New streetscape landscapes in the 9th and 9th West neighborhood are already deteriorating. Landscape medians along 700 East are weedy and trees are dying. Everywhere you look at public spaces the city is responsible for maintaining, the neglect is obvious. Maintenance and care is more than lawn mowing. If we don't have personnel who understand that plants are not concrete, that living things require a different level of skill and expertise, then let's hire horticulturists and landscape architects who can advise and train people who have an interest and desire to care. For good maintenance of landscapes, look to the Jordan Valley Water Conservation District Garden Park as an excellent example of gardens that change and evolve over time and remain well-cared for. The City's budget should include the resources to maintain the investments made in parks. If they were maintained better perhaps people would treat them more respectfully. Thank you for the opportunity to comment Respectfully,</p>
4/23/2025 16:46	Adam Gmyrek	SLC Public Safety Plan 2025 under performing__13.	<p>To whom it may concern, Ignoring an issue makes you a tactic supporter of it. It is perplexing that no SLC PD patrol vehicle has driven through the intersection of Redwood Rd and California Street the past four days; I find this hard to believe. Apparently the SLC Police Department and its officers continue to have a hands off approach when it comes to the homeless on the Westside. The homeless get to trespass, camp, loiter, litter, improperly expelling bodily fluids, and violate numerous other City ordinances without repercussions. It is unfortunate that the rights of the homeless supersedes the rights of law abiding citizens of the Westside. Where is the equity for equal rights Mayor Mendenhall? So much for the enforcement of City ordinances by SLC PD. "You see police officers passing people committing legitimate crimes and they just keep going. The strategy has been let's focus on the big crimes and not worry about the little thing." (SLC Public Safety Plan 2025, Pg. 15) "(1) Salt Lake City is not doing enough to ensure people feel safe; (2) the City is perceived as lenient on enforcing ordinances against camping, loitering, and panhandling; (3) the City is not responsive enough to residents and businesses negatively impacted by crime and homelessness." SLC Public Safety Plan 2025, Pg. 17). As I have said at community meetings, the new police chief's success is predicated on Mayor Mendenhall's policies; her policies have not changed therefore behavior by SLC PD and the homeless have and will not change either. It is a shame few members if any from City government, SLC PD, City Council, and most Westside citizens don't realize this. SLC PD, keep enforcing City ordinances in the Greater Avenues, East Bench, Sugarhouse, and East Central/ University Gardens neighborhoods... Regards, Adam Gmyrek</p>

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4/23/2025 16:48	Jessie Eoff	Neighborhood watch fur crime	My name is Jesse Eoff I reside at REDACTED in poplar Grove ut 84104, although I appreciate the hard work the law enforcement has committed to doing their best at keeping our neighborhood crime Free a lot of the times their hands are tied because of our laws.. I live right next door to a well-known crack house prostitute ring and I'm not sure how this is been allowed to continue for many years before I arrived 3 years ago... I do my best at setting clear boundaries with these people that seem to live their frequently and then a little bit more aggressively with the ones who visit and are disrespectful.... Please tell me what I can do to work with local law enforcement to diminish this plague of crime that this area is prone for... I really only get cooperation from 50% of the police when I call and it's very frustrating I feel the 50% police have given up... And I've been told from a detective that I communicated with diligently when I first moved in in 20, 22 it's really the laws that bound their hands..
4/23/2025 16:50	Joshua Petersen	Why won't you do something about the homeless situation?	Dear City Council, Specifically Eva Chavez Lopez from district 4, why won't you do anything to help us? We are threatened daily from these people who are suffering, with no where to even go to the bathroom. Please, for the love of god, do SOMETHING. We are ALL tired of the empty promises, do SOMETHING. Sincerely, Your constituent, Joshua K. Petersen.
4/23/2025 16:57	Joe Szugye	Environmental Air Quality in the Lower Ave	I have an environmental complaint about an all vegan barbecue restaurant that uses wood burning to cook its food. Two summers ago, at REDACTED, Blatch's Backyard BBQ started up its business in a house for sale in the historic section of Salt Lake City. Because of Utah's COVID-era regulations allowing home chefs to sell their food, this business received their permit without any input from nearby neighbors on what was being placed in the middle of a residential neighborhood. As in the past, when a resident wanted to add on to their house or make it taller, a notice on when and where the meeting would take place would be distributed around the neighborhood on those being affected. I have never seen such required paperwork. This business burn firewood and this results in the neighborhood filling up with varying degrees of smoke and soot in the air. This is especially harmful when we are close to inversion status. There is an apartment building next door to the business which in the summer when the residents turn on their air conditioners they bring that smoke and soot into their apartments. If we are concerned about air pollution in Salt Lake City, why isn't this business required at least to use propane instead of burning wood? If the lower avenue residents burned wood in there barbecue cookers instead of using propane, the air quality would be very unhealthy for sensitive groups including the elderly, asthmatics, diabetics, and heart and lung people. So I ask again, how did this business get the ok from the Salt Lake Business Community without going through proper procedures? If you don't live in this area, then I suggest you take a walk between 5 and 7 on Wednesdays and Fridays and smell the air near this business. Also, notice the parking of cars near the business. It reminds me about how residents in the avenues used coal in their ovens long ago and filled the air with coal smoke. Sorry to be so verbose, but I'm trying to understand if we are concerned about air pollution and what we can do about it then why are we allowing a business to profit but yet make it harder on our health. Thank you for taking the time to view my point.



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4/23/2025 16:59	Cheryl Healy	Rocks around the base of trees	<p>Why are they piling large rocks at the base of mature trees on 11th East in Sugar House? Please Google this or check with an arborist -- rocks should NOT be piled around mature trees, as it interrupts air and water flow and impedes root flair. Of course, they already condemned the trees in front of the Soup Kitchen, et al by widening the sidewalk and taking out the park strip of grass and replacing it with concrete, a totally unnecessary measure since you can count the number of daily pedestrians on less than both of your hands hands and there was less than zero need to widen the sidewalk. Those trees will be dead soon I suspect. This just seems like another part of the city's determination to complete the utter ruination of Sugar House and turn it into Sandy or Draper. Does the city have an actual qualified arborist that thinks this is ok? These are not idle questions. I'd appreciate a response. Cheryl Healy Bona fide Sugar House resident</p>
4/23/2025 17:00	Nancy Trant	Liberty Park	<p>I moved here 5 years ago and spent almost everyday in the park. We were still in covid mode and most things were still closed so the park was a God send. Since then the homelessness has exploded and twice as many people use the park. It's over used and ill maintained. The banner signs on 700 e were torn, dirty and stuck in trees. After a few complaints most have been replaced and Red Butte has added some nice ones. The signage through the park needs to be updated and the poles need paint. The horse shoe pits are gross. The foot path has been mulched along with the foreign war memorial although that still doesn't look like much of a memorial. The whole kiddy ride area is outed and the carousel had become a boneyard of JUNK. The menu needs to be revised and some specials run for families affordability. The music on one Sunday last summer was blaring Joan Jett loving rock and roll and the attendant at the carousel didn't look kid appropriate. The whole middle where water used to run looks abandoned. Maybe just fill it in. The bathrooms can't be open maybe because of the impossible upkeep, understandably but then maybe the porta potties could have a park theme. Some of the water fountains don't work and it sends a bad message when your thirsty. The trellis' over the benches down the middle would be a real plus if they were new and painted and over all of them. The volley ball courts look good and people really enjoy them along with the splash pad. The trees need to be trimmed out and all that weed cloth needs to be covered with the mulch from them. That weed cloth is hideous. If the city can't afford upkeep and maintenance then maybe we need a user fee and some donations. People love to volunteer, also. Liberty Park is an enormous asset to a city this size and benefits so many people, and dogs, including myself and the 20+ people that live in my building, which is Calvary tower just up the street. Imagine how people would feel if it got a face lift. I felt really good just seeing those crappy banner signs replaced, looks like somebody cares. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.</p>
4/23/2025 18:29	Jackson Moeller	Rocks and Debris on 200 S Bike Lanes!	<p>The bike lanes on 200 S, especially those east of 800 E, need to be cleared of small rocks and other debris. Might need some gravel tires on my bike if this keeps up, lol. It's honestly a safer bet for my tubes to ride on the sidewalk in a couple rough spots, especially in front of Noir Coffee on 200 E &amp; McClelland. More routine clearing of these bike lanes, especially since the warm biking weather is upon us, would be great!</p>

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4/24/2025 10:59	Jackson Song 1/2	Urgent Appeal for Unjust EV Charging Station Fines at Cottonwood Apartments and Alleged Political Discrimination	<p>Dear University of Utah Sustainability Office and Commuter Services, I am writing to vehemently appeal a series of \$50 fines, accompanied by \$3 per hour parking fees, recently imposed on my electric vehicle (EV) for not immediately removing it from a slow-charging station at the Cottonwood Apartments after it was fully charged. This policy is outrageously punitive, uniquely draconian, and a blatant betrayal of the university's sustainability commitments. It callously disregards the realities of EV users and, most disturbingly, appears to target me as a Tesla driver, possibly due to political biases against Elon Musk's policies and his association with Donald Trump. After a year of parking and charging at Cottonwood without a single fine, I am now slapped with daily \$50 fines despite my consistent, lawful use. I demand an immediate reversal of these fines and a thorough investigation into what I suspect is vile political discrimination. For the past year, I have parked and charged my Tesla at Cottonwood Apartments without issue, always adhering to proper usage and parking protocols. Suddenly, I am now receiving daily \$50 fines, a pattern that reeks of targeted harassment. I strongly suspect this is because I drive a Tesla, and the parking department is unfairly singling me out due to Elon Musk's political stances and his ties to Trump. This is not just an unjust policy—it is a disgusting display of political discrimination that has no place in an academic institution. Punishing me for my choice of vehicle is an affront to fairness and a shameful abuse of authority. The slow-charging stations take 1 to 12 hours to fully charge, depending on the battery level, making it utterly impossible to predict completion times accurately. Starting a charge at 8:00 PM, as I often do, could mean the vehicle finishes charging anytime from midnight to noon the next day. Demanding that users relocate their vehicle instantly—especially in the middle of the night when most are asleep—is absurd and deliberately cruel. This policy was clearly concocted by individuals who have never driven an EV and have zero regard for users' real-world constraints, such as the inability to act while sleeping or working. This policy is a shameful outlier. No other slow-charging stations in Salt Lake City, and virtually none nationwide, impose such an egregious combination of a \$50 fine and hourly parking fees. This screams of arbitrary decision-making, devoid of research or consultation with EV users. The one-hour grace period is laughably inadequate for slow chargers, and the dual penalties are nothing short of predatory, especially when app notifications cannot guarantee immediate response due to users' commitments. Worse still, the charging stations at Cottonwood Apartments are never fully occupied. There are more than enough chargers, and even at peak times, many remain idle. This policy does not promote access—it actively discourages EV owners from charging, leaving stations desolate and unused.</p>

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4/24/2025 10:59	Jackson Song 2/2	CONTINUED!! Urgent Appeal for Unjust EV Charging Station Fines at Cottonwood Apartments and Alleged Political Discrimination	<p>Rather than advancing the university's "U Drive Electric" program, which seeks to curb tailpipe emissions (nearly 50% of Utah's urban air pollution), this rule viciously penalizes environmentally conscious drivers like me and scares off prospective EV adopters, sabotaging the transition to sustainable energy. This policy is a direct assault on the University of Utah's sustainability commitments, including the "U Drive Electric" program and partnerships with Salt Lake City under the 2020 Electrified Transportation Resolution. It spits in the face of Salt Lake City's Climate Positive 2040 plan, which aims for 100% renewable electricity by 2030 and an 80% emissions reduction by 2040. By erecting barriers for EV users, the policy worsens air quality issues (vehicular emissions account for 40% of pollution) and mocks the university's goal of reducing transportation-related emissions (nearly 20% of campus emissions). I demand that you waive all recent \$50 fines and urgently review this policy for the following reasons: 1. Unpredictable Charging Times: The 1-12 hour charging window makes immediate action impossible, especially overnight. 2. Unprecedented and Arbitrary Rule: No other slow-charging stations in Salt Lake City, and few nationwide, enforce such harsh penalties, exposing a lack of user-centric design. 3. Underutilized Chargers: Cottonwood's stations are never fully occupied, with ample availability, making the policy unnecessary and counterproductive as it deters charging entirely. 4. Lack of Empathy for EV Users: The policy ignores EV drivers' challenges, clearly crafted by those with no firsthand EV experience. 5. Suspected Political Discrimination: After a year of fine-free, lawful parking, daily \$50 fines targeting my Tesla suggest bias against Musk's politics and Trump ties—a repugnant abuse of power. 6. Harm to Sustainability: The rule discourages EV use, hinders adoption, and undermines emissions reduction goals, betraying university and city objectives. As a dedicated EV owner, I am appalled by the university's failure to uphold its sustainability leadership. I value access to charging infrastructure, but policies must be just, rooted in EV users' realities, and aligned with environmental goals. This rule—singularly cruel, arbitrary, and disconnected from Cottonwood's underused chargers—achieves the opposite by discouraging charging, alienating eco-conscious drivers, and potentially discriminating based on political biases. I urge you to immediately reverse these fines, investigate any targeted harassment against Tesla drivers, and collaborate with EV users, Salt Lake City's Sustainability Department, and Utah Clean Energy to dismantle this disgraceful policy. Please contact me at REDACTED for further discussion. Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.</p>

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4/24/2025 11:07	Tiru Narayan	Comment/Complaint/Suggestion for SLC City Council	<p>Namaste! Homeless: We live in Sugarhouse, recently moved to Utah/SLC/Sugarhouse in 1+ years. We see a lot of homeless on sidewalks and other public places. That is not just unsightly, but also 1. an opportunity for unhygienic situation, 2. public safety issue, especially during dark, Most of all, they deserve to live better than on the street. Just so we can craft solutions to this problem, we should have data, by category, why they are homeless. The category could be mental illness, unaffordable housing, no skills to match jobs, unemployment, etc. If you already have such data, what solutions have you formulated? Illegals: We see a lot of, what seems, illegals. Whatever our personal opinions are, it is against the current Immigration laws. You cannot do anything about it since it is the Feds that handle it. However, we can cooperate with the Feds. Roads: A lot of roads construction in and around Sugarhouse area, and many times it appears the construction is repeated in the same road over and over again for one thing or the other. It looks like it is a bad planning. We should see any road's construction one time. In addition, the open lane is horrible. The open lane must be made drivable first before closing the adjacent lane for construction. Some of the medium traffic roads are in bad shape. An example is 1300 E north of 1300 S. Hope you have a plan to resurface or redo. 1100 E north of 2100 S has a lot of dangerous barriers at intersections. At night, the barriers are dangerous since night-time vision is not as good as daytime. I think the barriers are meant to safeguard bicyclists and pedestrians crossing, which turned out to be an risk for driving. I suggest the 3' wide barriers be replaced with much less wide ones, say, 6" wide. Very many thanks.</p> <p>Thirunarayanan Candadai ***Wear Mask*** **Keep Safe Distance****Stay Safe***</p>
4/24/2025 11:08	Nancy L. Cantor	Feedback per request on mailing	<p>Given the state of the economy, homelessness and demands placed on food banks are likely to increase. More resources are needed to meet these increased demands. Nancy Cantor</p>
4/24/2025 11:11	Nancy L. Cantor	Disgraceful condition of SLC streets	<p>Dear SLC Council members, I am writing to complain about the terrible and disgraceful condition of many of the streets in Salt Lake City. Many of the streets in my neighborhood and all around the city are in incredibly bad condition and have been for years. Why has there not been regular and systematic maintenance to the surface streets in our city? I do not mean filling potholes. I mean resurfacing of streets that are full of cracks, old patched asphalt and big holes that get heavy traffic every day. I am an avid bicyclist and ride practically every day for commuting, shopping, pleasure and exercise April - November. Our streets are dangerous and unpleasant to ride on to say the least. This in no way encourages bicycling as an alternative to driving a car or for fitness. I sincerely invite any of you council members or the mayor to join me in a short ride around town to feel for yourselves the terrible condition of our streets. I have written to my council member for district #6, Dan Dugan, about this issue before and got a terse response to call the city streets department to report potholes. That is simply not a satisfactory answer! Fix the d*** roads properly!! Municipal government's primary responsibility is to provide public safety and basic infrastructure. You are the leaders of our Salt Lake City government and you have let us down by not taking care of our streets. Please correct this long standing problem and prioritize the disgraceful disrepair of so many of our city streets. Since I ride every day in many parts of town, it is very easy to see what neighborhoods get attention and which one get neglected. There are countless examples of affluent neighborhood streets getting fixed and repaved while less affluent areas have to contend with potholes and broken pavement even on busy streets. This is wrong. I welcome your response and am even more eager to see if anyone would like to join me for a bone shaking spin around my neighborhood on a bicycle. Sincerely, Barry Makarewicz</p>
4/24/2025 16:52	Katherine Kitchen	zoning consolidation comments	<p>All, Please see attached a letter outlining our comments and thoughts about the proposed zoning consolidation.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>



Salt Lake City Council

RE: Mixed-Use Zoning Consolidation proposal

Dear Council Members:

Blue Beacon has operated in Salt Lake City since 1992. Our location at 2020 S 900 W is a long-term business that we plan to operate well into the future. Our organization understands and appreciates the city's desire to consolidate the zoning code to better serve its citizens as well as provide planning for the future trajectory Salt Lake City. We support this work but have some concerns about how the implementation will affect existing businesses within the new zoning codes and perhaps lead to unintended consequences for both the city and the neighborhood.

Our company experienced the adoption of new zoning codes. It led to a difficult situation that we can provide as an example of unintended consequences that are not hypothetical. Blue Beacon owned a 100-year-old historic building in Kansas City, MO. It has operated as a hotel for over 50 years in the top tier of all Kansas City hotels. In 2023 we decided to sell the hotel, we found that 10 years before the city went through a process very similar to Salt Lake City. The hotel became a nonconforming use under the new code. No changes in the hotel's use, design, footprint, or operation had changed, and they were not going to change in the sale. We spent nine months and over six figures of expenses in order to meet the updated zoning code before the transaction could close.

We foresee this situation and possibly other circumstances occurring in Salt Lake City for existing businesses that become nonconforming uses under the new zoning code. If it becomes an expensive proposition to make investment into existing businesses because they are forced to meet the requirements under the new code, business owners may neglect making improvements or expansions to their properties. When reinvestment into improvements fails to make economic sense for a business, it often leads to dilapidated property and degradation of the neighborhood, something I'm sure we all want to avoid. It also could slow economic growth as existing businesses work through the bureaucratic process.

Our request to city staff and Council members is to consider grandfathering existing businesses under the previous zoning provisions.

Thank you for your time and consideration, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Respectfully,



Guy D. Walker, President



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4/25/2025 8:56	Alex Churchward	Phone call to City Council	I am a D3 constituent living in the avenues. Each year we dread the marathon. It make it impossible to get around that day. All of our homes are blocked in. If it was more to the left side it would be easier for residents to get around that day. I would ask that more options ae explored, not just the one.
4/25/2025 16:32	Jennifer Seelig	Construction and confusion sign on north/south temple	Hello City Council Office, This is Jennifer Seelig and I'm a constituent of D1. my following comment is related to the administration, staff of the city council and city council themselves. It's 8:44 pm at night and Downtown between main street and north temple and south temple is a mess because of the construction and I understand that that has to happened. the issues is that sign is espectually if you coming up north temple, they are turn lane that aren't blocked off and people get through to the intersection at the state street and people stuck there because you can't turn right. There's almost two accident there that's almost happened. these are so confusing. Thanks
4/25/2025 16:33	Guy Walker	Zoning Consolidation	Good afternoon, My name is Guy Walker, I'm with Blue Beacon Truck Wash. We operate a business in your district in Salt Lake City. We have been following the consolidation of the zoning code and very much understand and appreciate the need to simplify and strategize for the future. In addition, we value strong neighborhoods and believe we are a positive contributor to the communities in which we operate. On the zoning consolidation, if we understand it correctly, we have a few concerns with how the changes may affect existing businesses. I've attached a letter that outlines those concerns and suggests a possible solution. Please know we understand there are many factors that go into these decisions, and as a member of the City Council, you must balance the needs of everyone. We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns and would be happy to engage in additional discussion if appropriate. Kind regards, Guy Walker

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4/25/2025 16:39	Heather Wilkins	Rezoning	<p>Dear Salt Lake City council, I've been a resident of Salt Lake City now for 16 years and a Utah native my entire life. The rezoning letters and notices we get, cause extreme, anxiety, distrust, and stress, with every person that receives these notices. Since covid 19, I don't think our city hasnt quite recovered from the protests, fires, and lies that government puts out. Im traumatized when I see that our City is attempting too Rezone any area, that could impact my residence. Our property taxes are going up this year too improve and rebuild 2 huge high schools. Many residences such as myself are still recovering and maintaining our properties and investing from the no so far back earthquack. Your negative impacts of wanting to change our neighborhoods too push more poeple too live here, makes Salt Lake city not a fun place to live. Have you driven around our inner city streets, they are trashy, ugly, Grose and poeple are sleeping onsidewalks, behind cars. Our homeless have a major drug problem. How is adding my zoning issues going to fix the look of our city when we look like a 3rd world country?? Not everyone can walk too work, and some of us work several jobs because our utilities keep increasing. Just because you build more expensive properties, doesn't mean poeple have the income too own or rent them. I have a disability, and I'm doing all I can to understand these changes. But for all of the codes and Mapes you can't read, the council isn't making this simple. I just get worried and stressed the city is foing shady deals behind our backs. What I foresee, is you make changes that force us too leave and you keep building places that destroy our beautiful city for money. The rezoning isn't nessesary, unless your attempting too rip away our properties and do what you want too make our council recieve monetary kickbacks. Salt Lake City has not become more beautiful, it's slowly disintegrating. Our streets are sick and we need to clean up and get humans moved and the garbage moved. I've noticed you as a council allow RV's too park over and over on our streets?? Is that illegal?? Why are RVs allowed to break city laws?? I don't see 2100 south improving, with all the construction it's a pot hole mess?? So is rezoning for the benefit of the city?? Money kickbacks? Because All I see is that the city wants us too make room for more and more residence instead of using old lots, and old building too reuse. Leave us residences alone, we are the ones paying high property taxes. I'm not going anywhere!! In.my opinion, our council as very little respect for the various business and citizens who pay their checks. I'm against any rezoning, to.push residence too build on property spaces they own. That's not right. Heather Wilkins Salt lake city resident.</p>
4/25/2025 16:47	Heather Wilkins	Drug trafficking, watching poeple on the street after I get home from work, and drugs are being distrusted.	So rezoning is much more important then making these adults accountable for drug distribution?? What kind of a city council are all of you? Rvs parked for days on our streets, again, no accountability.
4/26/2025 10:30	Marian Rice	Strongly SUPPORT Rate Increase	I fully support SLCDPU Water Rates. I recognize the importance of maintaining and upgrading water infrastructure and sourcewater protection. The rates allow for affordability while addressing infrastructure, capital improvements, and O&M.

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4/27/2025 7:39	Scott Narus	Public Utilities budget and rate plan for 2025-26	<p>Last year I presented our HOA's concerns with the Public Utilities rate plan, in particular the new stabilization fees that treated our small HOA in an inequitable manner and had a severe impact on our finances. We were finally able to resolve the issue after several months of discussion with the City. Because we weren't aware of the new rate plan until after it went into effect in July 2025 we unfortunately had to pay the higher fees for several months until the issue was resolved. I'm hoping we can get ahead of our concern with another rate change for 2025-26 before it goes into effect. The new rate Public Utilities rate plan does make welcome changes for 2025-26, in particular by eliminating the stabilization fees and replacing them more focus on water usage, and by more equitably treating how water usage is charged across various customers. Using historical information about our HOA's water usage, we estimate that the new rate structure will save us approximately \$500 per year on water usage. But the new sewer rate structure has changed to adversely effect multi-family organizations like our HOA (where one water meter serves a collection of homes) by using water usage year-round to compute sewer charges. We note that the PU's proposal allows single-family homes to use their average Winter water usage to compute sewer charges, but multi-family organizations like ours will use 70% of their ACTUAL water usage to compute sewer charges. Because we use significantly more water in non-Winter months for irrigation of our landscape, our water usage is up to 6 to 7 times higher in the Summer months. Using our historical water usage, this will equate to an estimated increase of \$4500 per year in our sewer charges, or about \$6000 more than what we would pay if we were charged using the new rate proposals for an equivalent number of single-family homes. Because all our irrigation water never ends up in the sewer, it seems highly inequitable for us to be charged a sewer fee for this water when single-family homes are not charged sewer fees for their irrigation water use. I will be presenting our concerns at the City Council meeting on May 20, but I'm hoping we can receive some feedback on this issue before then.</p>
4/28/2025 16:26	Pamela King	Voicemail to the city	<p>Hi there, Every times I'm going out, it's so hard to get from point A to point B. I do understand that it's a private contractor but why do you hiring the private contractor? the street has been torn up ever since we've moved here for years ago and We can't get around. And this biking and walking trails thing doesn't working because bikes go to the trails where there's human walking and human can't walk from the point A to point B easily because of those signs and they're not observed. I think we need to get rid of all the concept. also the memory glove where the main park that I go, the bathrooms is always locked and there's no water sometimes so it's not reliable for us to know that you can go to the bathroom or not. They have the portable bathroom there but there are disgusting! so these are the basic issues things that the million dollar that we spent should be address. Thank you! bye</p>
4/28/2025 16:30	Dave Martinez	Speed bump and train horn	<p>Yeah my name is Dave and I live on REDACTED. I'd like to comment about the 500S block between the street of Navajo and Cheyanne. People must think it's a speed race here because people comes flying 60-8- mph here. I'd like to see the speed bumps put in between the street of Navajo and Cheyanne. and Also they've mentioned that we shouldn't heard the train whistle since March but I'd like to let you know that I still can hear the train whistle. If I didn't see anything changes by summer and I will call and leave a comments again. Thank you.</p>



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4/28/2025 16:40	Anonymous Constituent	Budget Comments	<p>Hi, I received a thing in the a mail about budget. I live on the south temple like between 6th and 5th east. Ok first of all I really pleased for the work of the police that if anything happened in that area, we're really appreciated it. But for the budget comment that I'd like the city council to consider is that the center strip on the 7th east, the meridian strip has broken up. We asked for the asphalt to be put in and it's such an eyesore. and the historical south temple building, multi unit dwelling. I mean you want it to look like it's a nice building but you know it's such an eyesore. So if you can have priority to have someone to fix all those thing t would be grateful and thank you for everything you do, Thank you!</p>
4/28/2025 16:47	Floyd Hebdon	SLC Cemetery potholes	<p>Hi, This is Floyd Hebdon, Yesterday I drove to the salt lake city cemetery to visited my wife and it's such a disgraces. There are so many potholes, Looks like you almost needing a jeep to go up there. Seems like whoever in charged to maintaining the road in the cemetery didn't do their job, I think at least one or two council members should drive up there and see what I am talking about. Thanks, Bye</p>
4/28/2025 16:54	Michael WALDRON	City budget input	<p>City Council or anyone who has any authority to eradicate homelessness: I would use the money to pass laws to make homelessness illegal in Salt Lake City. At first glance it may sound extreme but hear me out on this. This gives police the ability to warn homeless people to leave or be detained and brought to a facility that truly helps them. Medication from a psychiatrist, true psychology, work-yes they would be put to work, training, levels, multiple facilities on the same property, evaluations, paying back(financially) what they were taught/helped. I would stop enabling the homeless and start helping them. I would pass a law making all charitable donations to homeless people requiring them to go through the facility that is built to help and detain the homeless until they are able to support themselves. Charitable organizations would only be allowed to give to people directly who are employed and/or have a home address where they are working and need assistance. The more the homeless progress in the new facility, the more they can earn to support themselves and payback the program. Nothing should be given to the homeless for free. They should have the option to sign contracts if they want certain things. It's a mental deal process that needs to be addressed. There is a lot to this concept, the answers are here, we need to be having the right conversations and head in the right direction. Starting with a back-end approach.. If you don't have the money, time, people and resources to truly eradicate homelessness, I guess there is always the European concept. I would start to localize police monitoring stations. But the most important of this concept are the security cameras that would be placed in public areas such as the Jordan River Parkway trail, North Temple, etc.. Someone needs to monitor these areas constantly. I would also have emergency buttons to push in the event someone needs help. It's ultimately another band-aid, but it is a bigger deterrent and more effective one than what is currently in place, which is really not much of anything. In conclusion I would go with cameras placed in the most problematic areas first, along with local monitoring stations and emergency alert buttons in the hot spots of homelessness and crime. Thank you, Michael Waldron</p>
4/28/2025 16:56	Peter Emerson	SLC Budget - Warm Springs	<p>Recently I believe there was an announcement about upgrading and connecting City parks, trails and public spaces. Why is Warm Springs being passed over and not included in these efforts? I understand that funds have been allocated to help with long term maintenance issues that had been ignored for years, to the detriment of the building. However, the building needs to be upgraded and restored so that it can be used by the City residents. Warm Springs and the Building have an incredible Native American history and for years a physical connection between the west and the east side of the City. The City and the State seem to be able to create a new sports district, to the financial benefit of a select group. However, the City and the State should also be focusing on completing the restoration of Warm Springs for the citizens of the City. Peter Emerson</p>

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4/28/2025 16:57	Casey Trout	Dismay with city ordinance 12.56.520 and its enforcement	<p>Hello, I am writing to express my dismay about a recent experience having my car towed in the Liberty Wells area because it was parked on the street too long under city ordinance 12.56.520. I have two complaints about this: One, I have to park on the street and it is unfeasible to expect me to move my car every two days; two, the cost of the tow was exorbitant and an undue financial burden. Where I live I do not have off-street parking, therefore I have to park on the street. I was on a trip and left my car parked on the street while I was gone. However, it was not in front of anyone's home and parked in an area rarely used by other cars (intentionally, to not take space where it is needed). There is plenty of off-street parking on my street (Westminster Ave). I feel that if anything there should be a residence permit for vehicles to park on the street without a time limit as I am sure there are many city residents in my situation, without off-street parking as an option. I do not drive much, therefore it is an unnecessary burden to have to get in my car every other day and move it up a spot to avoid violating city ordinance. I also feel that in general the parking limit of two days is much too short. My car was cited (\$38 fee) and then promptly towed by CarTow. There was a warning left on the car two days before it was cited and towed, however as I was on a trip I did not see the warning. Luckily my partner noticed that the car was no longer on the street and discovered that it had been towed only two days after and was able to pick it up with a notarized email to avoid further storage costs. The cost of the tow and car storage fees were \$360. Thus the whole ordeal cost around \$400. My monthly rent is around \$465, I am finishing grad school and therefore do not have a lot of income. \$400 is almost my entire monthly rent payment and this cost feels like an exorbitant burden. I have had my car towed before in Washington DC for accidentally parking in a school loading area, and as I recall it was only around \$130 including the parking citation. That financial burden feels much more reasonable. \$400 is way too steep, I cannot believe the city council allows residents to be charged this much. I hope that you will consider two solutions to avoid this happening again in the future. One, city ordinance should be adjusted to allow for residence parking permits and a two-day limit is way too short, the limit should be significantly longer. Two, the city should not be allowing tow companies to charge so much. And why is the city piling a citation fee on top of the tow fee when the tow is already an undue financial burden (\$360 in and of itself)? Sincerely, Casey Trout Resident of District 5</p>

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4/28/2025 16:59	Adam Gmyrek	SLC Public Safety Plan 2025 under performing__16.	<p>To Whom it may concern, It is unfortunate that the SLC Police Department (SLC PD) continues to have a hands off approach with the homeless population on the Westside of SLC; new leadership continues to uphold Mayor Mendenhall's feckless homeless policies. Sunday morning I passed the DAB Utah Liquor Store #13 on North Temple Ave while making my way to the Eastside of SLC. I noticed a white with black lettering SLC PD patrol vehicle parked in the liquor store's parking lot; ≤ 25 yards east of the liquor store is the Jordan River Trailer Gadsby Trailhead parking lot. As the pictures below document, there were two homeless people sleeping at the trailhead parking lot. It is unfortunate the SLC PD takes a reactive approach when dealing with the homeless population on the Westside—again, a reflection of the Mayor's feckless homeless policies. Why do I say this, I had to call the SLC dispatch and inform them that there were two homeless people sleeping at the park next to the Jordan River, and there was a SLC PD patrol vehicle at the State Liquor store parking lot next to the park. This statement can be verified with the patrol vehicles's GPS tracking system, the phone call I made to the SLC dispatch, and the radio response from the patrol officer to the SLC dispatch. As I was taking the below photos, the patrol sergeant arrived and began dealing with the sleeping vagrants. If I would not have made the call to the SLC dispatch, the SLC PD sergeant would not have engaged the two homeless people sleeping in/at the Gadsby Trailhead / park. The officer should be parked in the parking lot of the Gadsby Trailhead; all the while, making his presence known to the community then in a parking lot of a closed business. A closed State run liquor store takes priority over public safety at a trailhead / park—pathetic. A poor representation of the new leadership at the SLC Police Department. SLC PD, step up, YOU CAN DO BETTER! Signed, Adam Gmyrek</p>
4/28/2025 17:00	Adam Gmyrek	SLC Public Safety Plan 2025 under performing__18.	<p>Mayor Mendenhall, This encampment can be seen traveling on Redwood Rd while crossing over I-80. The encampment is on the Eastside of Redwood Rd and the south side of I-80, it has been their for the past 4-days. Will the City of Salt Lake allow this encampment to grow as the encampments on 1700 S, Gladiola St, and Delong street have? And no, I have not submitted a request via the MySLC app. The MySLC app only informs your office and the parking enforcement department office of the issue. There are a plethora of parties that need to be informed about what is being allowed to happen on the Westside and what is not taking place on the Westside. Is there a date or time frame when, "The City Council will be presented with an 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." (Pg. 32, SLC Public Safety Plan 2025) I asked District 1 representative Victoria Petro-Eschler about a known date / timeframe, Ms. Petro-Eschler did not have an answer. Additionally, Ms. Petro-Eschler could not elud that she knew of any upcoming information about the "updated ordinance" and its progress. Where is the transparency and communication about a vital issue that is considerably affecting the Westside community. Mayor Mendenhall, when will the Salt Lake City Council members receive this "updated ordinance" to review? The Salt Lake City Public Safety Plan (2025) states, "The City will redouble efforts to enforce quality of life laws , as described on previous page." (Pg. 33) Mayor Mendenhall, when will this redoubling effort start on the Westside? I live in the Jordan Meadows neighborhood, and I have not observed any improvement(s). The closure of the Jordan River Trail from Cottonwood Park to 600 N can possibly be construed as an improvement... I look forward to a timely yet informative response. Thank you. Regards, Adam Gmyrek</p> <p>When the City of Salt Lake creates a new homeless shelter on the Westside of SLC, will the shelter allow RVs &amp; travel trailers with leaking septic systems park on property?</p>

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4/28/2025 17:01	Jennifer Skyer	Speed bumps for 1700 South near 1700 East & watering fines	<p>To Whom It May Concern: I would like to have the city of Salt Lake please install speed bumps on 1700 South, particularly between the block of 1600 East and 1700 East. I request this, as over the 5 years that we have lived at REDACTED, we have consistently, everyday, observed cars driving at excessive speeds in both directions. This is particularly concerning, as Wasatch Park is located along this block, which is daily utilized by families with small children. There are also daily dog owners who bring their pets to Wasatch Park, and we sadly know of at least two dogs who have accidentally been killed by inattentive motorists along this block. Also, Wasatch Presbyterian Church is located along this block, which operates a preschool Monday through Friday, and has a very active congregation on the weekends. I feel it is only a matter of time before something tragic happens to our community, due to motorists constantly speeding in our neighborhood. On a different note, I think the city of Salt Lake needs to institute "water patrols", similar to what the city of Las Vegas has. I think in this era of climate change, particularly for our geo location, drought and awareness of smart water use is crucial. I do think that for citizens of our city to pay attention to the importance of water conservation, fines need to be levied for residents who water their sidewalk or driveway, or don't fix leaking sprinklers, or water between the hours of 11:00 am and 6:00 pm, when evaporation is greatest. I greatly appreciate your time and attention to these matters. Please feel free to reach out to me via text or email for any questions. Sincerely, Jennifer Skyer</p>
4/28/2025 17:03	Bruce Pulver	Water rates	<p>Hi Council Members, Late last week, I took a phone call from a constituent named Bruce Pulver, who lives in Liberty Wells. He had several concerns about utility rates and about garbage collection. Below are the main points of our conversation. Passing along the comment along for your consideration. Thank you, Austin Kimmel Mr. Pulver mentioned that utilities represent his highest monthly expense. While he expressed dissatisfaction with the stabilization fee, I informed him this fee is proposed for elimination in FY26. He believes he's paying for stormwater services that aren't being properly delivered, noting that he frequently clears the storm drain near his home himself. He's frustrated with the Sustainability department's practice of attaching flyers to bins in his neighborhood. He feels this happens too frequently and suggests that physically moving incorrectly sorted waste to the appropriate bin would be more effective than leaving notices. Mr. Pulver has already spoken with Utilities staff but reached out to Council as the Council considers the budget.</p>
4/29/2025 16:44	Robert Silge	Mixed zoning	<p>I wanted to express my support for the simplified mixed use zoning plan. I live in the avenues, and it's a bit sad that most of the places in the city where one can walk to various businesses, restaurants, etc are the older parts of the city. We have allowed zoning laws to become so restrictive that it kills vibrant neighborhoods and the ability to meet most of our needs close by. I also hope that as part of this effort we design for people, and not their cars.</p> <p>Excessive mandatory parking requirements ruin the character of a mixed use area, and force it to be car-dependent. Numerous studies show the economic benefit of transit and foot traffic to businesses, and so I hope we will follow where the data lead instead of making assumptions. Thank you for taking my comments, -Robert Silge</p>
4/30/2025 12:54	Brian PETERSON	Phone call to City Council	<p>Caller stated - He is a D2 constituent and his utilities bill has be gradually increasing over the years. For people on a fixed income, it is incredibly hard to adjust each year. It went from \$70 to \$100 and now he is told it will go to \$130. His utilities bill is more a year then his property taxes and it is very difficult to afford. The increases have been very significant with more increases for sustainability. He wants to pay his fair share but it is so difficult to maintain and adjust. Please look into the issue for the upcoming budget.</p>



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4/30/2025 13:34	Joseph Cowper 1/2	Complaint for artificial turf - D2	<p>Good afternoon Ale, My name is Joseph Cowper. My family and I moved into your district last October at REDACTED. I want to start by informing you of the honor and respect I have for you taking a position of leadership for the city. I work in the financial services sector as a licensed Investment Specialist. As someone who is also in the "people" business, I can only imagine the nonsense you might experience as a government representative. I am reaching out to you to express frustration with a recent decision the council made regarding artificial turf. For context, earlier this week my family received a door-hanger from Angela Porter of Civil Enforcement citing that our home was in violation of the following codes: 21A.48.080B.4 21A.62.040 We had purchased the home with artificial turf on the parking strip and front yard. When we purchased the home, I can recall that it was disclosed to us that the city was not a fan of it on the parking strip. But I thought it was just that. I'll take accountability there and admit I should've looked into it further. Now I've taken some time to research this topic more. It seems that artificial turf has been banned in Salt Lake City since the 1990's and that decision was reinforced last year. We have since been told by civil enforcement that if we do not remove the turf by August or September of this year, we will be fined \$25 per day. I'm not convinced the city will make an exception for our case so I've gone ahead and removed the turf. But my frustration lies in the negative experience we've endured and with the grounds the council has apparently made this decision on. As I understand it, the council believes that artificial turf is harmful to the environment. It contains a variety of damaging substances such as heavy metals, carcinogens, microplastics and/or more specifically SVOCs (semi-volatile organic compounds) and PFAs (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances). There's a concern that there are microplastics that run off into the water supply. It's argued that turf causes substantial heat to rise from the ground and into the air. Angela also informed me that it harms the organisms in the ground. I want to know how the council came to this decision. What studies has your team reviewed? From what I gather, the evidence used to make the claim 'artificial turf is harmful' is actually inconclusive. The city hasn't even offered to test my yard for the molecules of concern. You shouldn't make significant decisions like this on an unclear basis. As a result, I'm convinced the council is wrong and this decision is an overreach into my boundaries as a property owner. Furthermore, the ordinances still allow me to have artificial turf in my backyard. Some cities have the same ordinances as SLC but others don't. At a federal level, the evidence is still inconclusive. If artificial turf is truly as harmful to the environment as your team believes it to be, then you should strongly consider banning the material in all forms at all locations. Otherwise, the decision should be repealed. Utah faces significant water resource challenges and I feel that my artificial turf was an aesthetically pleasing way to do my part in being mindful of our elements.</p>

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4/30/2025 13:34	Joseph Cowper 2/2	CONTINUED!! Complaint for artificial turf - D2	<p>Additionally, the ordinances advise I must maintain 33% vegetation and less than 20% rocks within my front yard. How do you measure that? We didn't buy a home with a homeowner's association but it seems as though we're in one anyway. As you drive through my ZIP code you will notice that there are other homes in substantially worse condition. I know some of these people well and they have to work hard for what they already have. As a father of 2 young children, I get it. I don't want them to be subject to harmful substances or a polluted environment. I also keep an open mind. So if you think I'm wrong, I'd love for you to tell me why. I'm convinced we would agree on a lot but this event has caused me to have some big feelings. I'll level with you, I'd love to see my ZIP code become a more favorable place to live. I have a vision where our churches and charities have more resources to make significantly positive impacts. I'd love to see more businesses pop up. The homes in my area are over 100 years old, some that can really use some TLC. In fact, here are 3 projects that I'd love for us to talk more on: 1) Jordan River Trail; There are segments that are absolutely gross and the river is quite polluted with shopping carts and trash etc. 2) 864 Poplar Grove Blvd S; This is a vacant, falling apart home owned by the Salt Lake Redevelopment Agency. There's a real opportunity here to either rebuild or build a new home for a family that can use it. 3) Measurable and realistic solutions for homelessness; My closest grocery store is the Smith's at 828 S and 900 W. I call it the "hood pantry." But in all seriousness, the reality is that the entire intersection is a collecting ground for people in dire need. One of the homeless men I've talked to said he'd been in this situation for three years. Truthfully, it's not a comfortable area to be in. My hope is that you, not an assistant, thoughtfully read this email and thoughtfully respond. I wish you well and you are more than welcome to also give me a call. The Bible directs me to pray for our leadership and I want you to know that I do at the city, state, and federal level. Warm regards,</p> <p>Joseph Cowper</p>
4/30/2025 15:05	Lee Rech	Utility Rates Increasing AGAIN	<p>To SLC Council, The utility rates (water, sewer, garbage) have been increasing steadily and significantly over past few years. We personally pay for the electricity for the street lamp and paid a significant amount to have the street lamps installed years ago. While I fully understand the need to increase rates from time to time especially given current inflation, I also believe SLC should and could more carefully assess the increase as I am quite sure I am paying almost 100% more today than I was just a few years ago. As you discuss and debate increasing utilities, please also note that natural gas and electricity have also risen significantly too. Thank you, Lee Rech, homeowner in Sugar House</p>
4/30/2025 15:26	Kenneth B	Water rates	<p>I received a postcard saying Jul 1 water rates are changing. That's horrible. My water bill end of year 2024 was exactly 129.04% higher than the year before.</p>
4/30/2025 15:29	Anonymous Constituent	Rates have been increasing quickly	<p>I just received a letter in the mail saying that our utility rates are increasing — yet again — after a significant jump last summer. We have been trying to use LESS water over the past few years as the drought conditions increase, we don't water our lawn, we purchased a new economical toilet – yet our rates go up and up. I looked at my most recent bills over the past 5 years: Apr 2021: \$49 Apr 22: \$59 Apr 23: \$65 Apr 24: \$72 Apr 25: \$105 That's an incredible increase for just a few years, and this year — when people are losing jobs left and right, inflation is high, the stock market is unstable and we have a questionable future with our current presidential administration — it feels like adding insult to injury. I know that my employer is not able to give a raise this next fiscal year because of all of the economic uncertainty, and with costs increasing like this, not only am I not getting a raise, I'm getting a pay cut. Please reconsider — if not for my family, who can handle the financial burden, but for families that are barely making it.</p>

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4/30/2025 16:41	Anonymous Constituent	Concert at the U of Utah Stadium last night	Hi, I'm the resident of the Avenue and I'm calling in regarding of the concert at the Rice eccle stadium - University of Utah recently last night and I do understand the concert itself but the rehearsal that they had also been doing the late night. I mean people are just waking up early in the morning so this happened it the late night, I'd try to suggestion to move the rehearsal during the day so they don't disturbed anybody. Thank you!
4/30/2025 18:27	Jordan Callister	Continuation of Stabilization fees	I received a notice in the mail that our public utility rates will be increasing yet again. With this increase, will the temporary stabilization fees (water and sewer) be dropped, or will this be in addition to these extra charges?
5/1/2025 16:05	Lynda COLEMAN	Reg. Utilities	<p>My name is Lynda Coleman and I live at REDACTED. in SLC. When I first moved into my house in July of 1998 I used to pay around \$60 every 6 months for street lighting. At the time I thought that was pretty costly but I paid the bill anyway because I loved the look of the lamps. Approximately 30 houses on our street share 10 of the historic street lamps on the street. I was thrilled when LED lighting started coming out since it is less expensive and bulbs last much longer and I felt our costs would go way down. Eventually the city added the bill to the water/sewer bill and for the last few years I have paid attention to the dollar amount we are charged to keep one street light going and am gobsmacked at how much we pay. Between the 3 houses every month we pay between \$65-\$70 a month. That seems way too high when you think that adds up to over \$700 a year for one small bit of lighting from one street lamp. Individually my personal costs are between \$20-30 a month so my figures I feel are low since 3 homes pay for one lamp post (30 homes sharing 10 lamp posts). Today I saw that y'all are going to raise the prices of water, sewer, and street lighting this summer. These street lamps are old and the cost to the residents who have paid for these street lamps for decades most certainly have paid for these lights 10x's over through the years. I don't understand why we are being charged so much for one light bulb. I'm 65 years old and the sole wage earner in my family. Over the years it gets harder and harder to pay these exorbitant bills for utilities. I even where coats inside in the winter to keep my gas bill for heat down and have to douse my pajamas in water before going to bed to help keep me cool enough to sleep during the summer to keep my central air electric bills down. Is there anything I have the power to do to keep my bills from going up even further? Lynda</p>
5/1/2025 16:10	Jeffrey Carleton	Bike Racks in SLC	Council Members, This is Jeff Carleton from Mountain West Cider Company. I inquired late last year about the city program for installing bike racks and was told the program was shut down for the winter. I just spoke to Kyle Irvin in the Transportation Department. The update is that the city has an inventory of bicycle racks but no funding for installation. I offered to have a landscaper pour the concrete foundations for installation if the city would then bolt them on. He thinks that's a great idea, but is checking with engineering since the concrete goes on the city park strip. I'll wait to hear from engineering, but can you find some funding to support installation more broadly? We support the goal of more bikes and fewer cars. Thanks for your consideration.

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5/1/2025 16:12	Adam Gmyrek	200 S, SLC, UT – RV & Commercial vehicle parking__1.	<p>Ms. Smith, Thank you for replying to my voicemail this past Tuesday— a positive conversation as always. I appreciate your willingness to listen to my concerns and possible solutions to the Westside RV &amp; Commercial vehicle parking issues that plague the Westside community. I would like to thank you and your team for taking a proactive stance with the removal of the RV and Commercial vehicle parking on 200 S, SLC, UT 84104; this type of action rarely happens with unbridled parking issues on the Westside. Please, keep up with the proactive approach to the parking issues on the Westside. Here are the photos of the trash I spoke about in our conversation. Hopefully the trash will be picked up within the next 7-days. This is what continually takes place when RV &amp; commercial vehicle parking goes unchecked and City ordinances are not enforced. Finally, did you find the answer to the question I posed about, commercial parking on 200 S, SLC, UT 84104? Is it still allowed? I only observed one "no parking sign" for the entire length of the Northside of 200 S. How will the City of Salt Lake not allow this to take place again along 200 S. Again, thank you! Regards,</p>
5/1/2025 16:13	Jason Marshall	City Budget Priority Comments	<p>Dear City Council Members: My name is Jason Marshall and I live in the Sugar House neighborhood of Salt Lake City. I just received via mail the request for comments on the city budget. The services and projects I'd like to see prioritized this year are as follows. First, public safety and security are paramount. Please continue to adequately fund the police department, fire department, and emergency medical services. Relatedly, please fund the police department to enforce laws regarding homeless squatting on public lands, especially in Sugar House Park and the Sugar House neighborhood. Second, parks add to our quality of life in this arid environment. Green space, trees, running trails, and recreation areas make Salt Lake City liveable and attract and retain residents, thus growing the tax base and making this city prosperous. Please continue to fund our parks. Specifically, I'd like to see progress on the refurbishment of Allen Park. What's the status of this project? I feel that communication with the public on this project has been poor. Third, infrastructure projects, especially roadwork, are critical. I compliment the council for funding needed roadwork, especially on 2100 South from 1300 East to 700 East in the Sugar House neighborhood. I appreciate the investment but this project has been underway for far too long. Please fund the contractors adequately or offer monetary incentives to the contractors to finish the project early. It seems to me that this project is in its second year--I can't recall exactly--but the ongoing construction has hampered and frustrated residents and businesses alike, I'm sure. I thank you for reading this input from a concerned resident and a regular voter. Respectfully, Jason Marshall Sugar House Resident</p>
5/1/2025 16:13	Anonymous Constituent	West Side Infrastructure	<p>We should put more tax dollars toward safer pedestrian infrastructure on the West Side. It's nice that we're improving 700 North. We'd also love to see improvements to pedestrian infrastructure on Redwood Road. I know that's UDOT's domain, but it's worth a try to work something out with them.</p>
5/1/2025 16:25	Mark Michelsen	Architecture of new builds in Salt Lake	<p>I guess that it is cheaper to build the monolith type of structures. They all look alike . None with anything to make them stand out. Salt Lake has some unique buildings. Why can't we get some interesting buildings? Ten years ago I said that it seems that the goal is to emulate Manhattan. I guess we are there. Sad. We have lost our uniqueness. It may be that the developers are looking to make more money and leave behind the monoliths. Of course they make campaign contributions so they can do this. The politicians seem to NOT care about our history or the people. Just how much money can be put in their private reelection campaigns. The rest of us seem to be forgotten.</p>
5/1/2025 17:02	Anonymous Constituent	Just Say No	<p>Please do your job and stop raising rates on residential consumers. WE vote for you, the data centers and churches and schools don't. Raise THEIR water rates. Make developers pay for new developments, not existing users...we've already paid our share!</p>



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5/1/2025 19:45	Alan Mark	Water price increase	As we live in a desert, has the council considered implementing a water usage system for each residence and business? I installed one at my home but it is tied to leakage, not usage. It alerts me by text message if there is a water leak in one section of the backyard or at my water heater. In Laguna Beach, CA, residents have their water usage monitored and if the consumption is out of the norm, they receive a call or text. I propose that the council considers options so that water leaks or excessive usage trigger a notification that is sent to the responsible party.
5/1/2025 20:18	Anonymous Constituent	Incessant rate, fee and tax increases	I am adamantly opposed to the rate increases proposed! You ALL have a DUTY to the Taxpayers and Voters you REPRESENT! WE ARE GETTING FLEECE! EVERY YEAR! MORE TAXES! HIGHER TAXES! RATE INCREASES! FEE INCREASES! FRANCHISE FEES! ACCESS FEES! IT NEVER ENDS AND GETS WORSE EVERY YEAR!!!! THE TAX PAYER CANNOT BE GOUGED INTO OBLIVION!!! BE BETTER STEWARDS!!!! IF YOU ARE NOT A COMPETENT PUBLIC SERVANT OR, IF YOU DON'T HAVE CITIZENS' ABSOLUTE BEST INTERESTS AT HEART YOU SHOULD RESIGN!!!! PROPERTY TAXES GO UP EVERY YEAR! POWER RATES AND FEES GO UP EVERY YEAR! GAS RATES AND FEES GO UP EVERY YEAR! SEWER RATES AND FEES GO UP EVERY YEAR! WATER RATES AND FEES GO UP EVERY YEAR! STREET LIGHT RATES AND FEES GO UP EVERY YEAR! THE PEOPLE YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT ARE STRUGGLING!!!! MEANWHILE, YOU ALL VOTE TO GIVE MAYOR AND COUNCIL SUBSTANTIAL (yourselves) SALARY INCREASES!!!! HOW CAN YOU JUSTIFY THIS???? DO YOU THINK YOUR CONSTITUENTS GOT MASSIVE PAY INCREASES???? DO BETTER!!!
5/2/2025 9:00	Peter Greco	Breakdown on justification for utility cost increase	It is unclear that SLC Utilities has done all that it can to reduce its costs, particularly as you are blaming inflation as a primary reason to raise costs ~10%. I would expect that you could map the increase to such inflationary (and other) pressures, and I would like that detail itemized so that I can be supportive of your cause. I would hope that personnel budgets have been addressed, since I am somewhat aware of what I consider generous Utah and SLC government salaries and pensions, when service can be less than optimal. This concern maps to unwillingness to be fair (two examples - Sugar House street lights such as mine are homeowner responsibility, yet we pay you for street lights; you leave the street in front of my house a mess and call the sidewalk and gutter my responsibility), and then also your ability to impose higher cost as the state appears to be hunkering down for a recession - do you think your customers are recession-proof? Thank you in advance for your response.
5/2/2025 9:14	Cindy CROMER	Rooftop Renovations at the Library	Olivia-Eva attended the CCNC meeting last night (great report). I don't recall whether she was still with us when we went on a tour of the new rooftop at the Library. Please let her know how alarmed I am by the tripping and fall hazards on the area in the northwest corner. The "rise" on the stairs is uneven in multiple places; there are no rails along ramps. Because the walking surfaces are concrete, depth perception is an issue where the grade changes. Short version: comparable surfaces in my rental properties anywhere on the site would be cited as deficient in an inspection. The representative from the Library indicated that there would be yellow paint to highlight the irregularities. I can't believe that the City has allowed these risks to occur. And there is the artificial turf communicating to everyone that "emerald" green grass is good. The only nice thing I can think of to say is that the bees are coming back. Good. Also, maybe the roof no longer leaks. (People are so gaga about Safdie's design for the Library. No one seems to pay attention to the maintenance headaches built into the project or to the cost of dealing with them. I could go on and on about the pavers imported from Israel.) Relentlessly, cindy c.

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5/2/2025 12:38	Mark Vlasic	Mixed Use Zoning Consolidation	I have reviewed the proposal at a high level, and it appears to be a well thought out idea. You have an excellent professional staff who have obviously placed a lot of effort into this work. I recommend that all council members support the proposed changes with no modifications, so the resulting improvements are not watered down.
5/2/2025 16:37	Wayne Hilbig	Comment	I live downtown and am experiencing the inconvenience and delays due to street design changes and the apparent attempt to restrict automobile useage. Bus lanes and concrete obstacles reduce traffic flow by changing two driving lanes into one. People will not be switching to using a bus or bicycles. But I think you know that and are trying to make car driving more difficult. Wayne Hilbig
5/2/2025 16:38	Ann Hopkins	Proposed Rate Increases	Received the Proposed Rate Increase in the mail this morning. The proposed Residential Garbage Fee Increase SAYS proposed increase is \$2.19. I am looking at my Current Charges Due On 5/6/2025 and my 40 Garb Container fee, for 31 days is \$11.15. That is a \$12.94 increase. Who does your math? Please explain, Ann Hopkins
5/2/2025 16:39	Catherine Thaxter	Rate increase	I'm frankly disgusted by the proposed increases for Salt Lake water and waste disposal. We already have the highest rates in the state and this mayor and council continue to greenlight massive high density housing projects without any regard to the obliteration of green space. Our home is xeriscaped with drip irrigation. We have two adults and no children so we do no more than six high efficiency laundry loads each week, and our water and trash disposal is exorbitant. I strongly oppose this plan and encourage the council and this reckless mayor to study fiscal responsibility before further gouging citizenry. Meanwhile we sit on a residential street marked for 20 mph with DAILY speeds in excess of 45-50 mph and no one is willing to install speed humps until "a fatality or serious injury occurs". That seems to be the planning motto - let's react v be proactive in prevention. Sent from my iPhone. Typos happen.
5/2/2025 16:41	Susan Hagen	Waste & Recycling	Please 🙏 consider incentivizing waste reduction. A \$0 increase for the 40 gal waste bin would be appropriate. Susan
5/3/2025 16:04	Anonymous Constituent	Proposed Rate Increases	We're opposed to the proposed rate increase on waste and recycling. Just last week, we reached out to find ways to lower our bill because it's already significantly higher than what we paid in South Salt Lake. We're currently paying nearly \$150 a month in a low-income neighborhood—this increase would place an even greater burden on families like ours. Additionally, the flyer announcing the rate hike was not informative and provided no reasoning or justification for the increase. We feel uninformed and blindsided by this poor communication. Residents deserve transparency and a clear explanation when costs rise.
5/3/2025 19:01	Patrick Naple	Public Utilities Rate increases	Raising rates on utilities right now when prices are skyrocketing and the just forecasted to go up with the tariffs is an insult to SLC families

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5/5/2025 11:30	Stephanie García	Thank you for supporting the arts in SLC!	Dear Dan, Thank you for your steadfast support of the arts and culture in Salt Lake City. As the capital city in a state with a long, rich history of fine art support, we thank you for providing the platform for SLC to be a beacon of arts and culture. The support generously provided to the arts and culture from Salt Lake City to its residents is foundational in ensuring our city is a vibrant community where people wish to live, work, raise their families, and play. Not only do the arts entertain, but they create space for thought, conversation, innovation, and progress. The priority you give the arts through supporting the Salt Lake City Arts Council shows that you understand this is key to a community's current and future economic, civic, physical, and mental health. I am particularly grateful for the support received from the SLC Arts Council to bring Corriente Alterna to life. The project was deeply meaningful to me and the 82 other artists (including a nationally renowned performance artist and four Mexico City-based artists) who directly benefited, and I believe it was impactful for the nearly 500 audience members who saw the performances, 40 dancers who participated in workshops taught by our guest artists, and another 6 performing arts professionals who worked as our crew. The funding received was matched by support from loveDANCEmore, Creative West, the Utah Arts and Museums Division's OnStage Utah Program, the Mexican Cultural Ministry, and PROArtes México. If you would like to learn more about this project, please visit: <a href="https://corrientealterna.com.mx/">https://corrientealterna.com.mx/</a> or @corriente.alterna.platform, and please feel free to reach out. Sincerely, Stephanie García
5/5/2025 14:12	Anonymous Constituent	rates increased	Hi, I'm calling for the propose rate changes of the garbage cans costs, I think it's not really a good idea. We've already increase rates of sale tax and now you're going to raise increase of the garbage cost as well. I understand that you guys have also have increasing burden but you guys also increasing the burden of the consumer who's already paying high taxes, it's not cool actually during the tariff war and trade war. bye
5/5/2025 14:31	Anonymous Constituent	proposed rate increase for waste & recycling	Hi, I'm calling about this proposed rate increase for waste & recycling, It's appalling. it's absolutely appalling. The constant flow of increases in costs. It's horrible! please show some management skill and stop this. Move it the other direction. Stop increasing the cost of everything. I can't believe that I, and my neighbors that I know that are also appalled are the only people who are horrified by this horrible mismanagement of just constantly raising the prices.
5/5/2025 14:36	Anonymous Constituent	New Proposed rate increase	yeah this proposed rate coming up. How are the people on SSN supposed to make it on? What if they don't? How are they supposed to live on that rate for how they're supposed to live? Think about that. Are we supposed to make it? We can't make it for their bye
5/5/2025 14:47	Rick Glem	Waste & Recycling rate increase	Hi, My name is Rick Glem. I don't know why you guys keep trading our water like a cash cow, constantly raising it up then you want to raise up . You know, make us pay more for recycling, which is a joke because you can't recycle everything because the company does not want to take it. And we reimburse the company when they're not making enough money. How ridiculous and stupid is that? Considering the taxpayers of SLC pay for the trucks, the cans, labor, the maintenance, everything. They turn around and give it to this company, and they make nothing but pure profit. Something's wrong here. People call me, I dare you. I dare you! Give me a call, Thank you!

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5/5/2025 15:11	Anonymous Constituent 1/2	Waste & Recycling rate increase	<p>Yes. I'm unfortunately not going to be able to attend these meetings on waste and recycling services, water and everything else has gone way out of line here. I've been a resident off and on for since '74. I've also lived in several other states including California, New England. I lived in Mexico and worked there for four years. I'm an American, obviously. I gave up my garbage cans probably a year or two ago at this point. The amount of money the amount of money the amount of money you are charging us is more than I've had in any state or any country in the country. There are no incentives whatsoever to do alternative. And if you have anything to do with the water, that's a shame because we have saved so much water. And for that, we got charged. I have no water on in my house because I'm living somewhere else right now. I have no toilet as far as, the whatever they call it on in my house. And I'm still getting bills of almost \$50. Why? The fees, fees, fees, fees, fees. You have to change the system. It cannot work. You're pricing people out of it. And I have money. It's not that I don't. You say two garbage cans are free, but you pay for one, and I don't want none because I took out both of my yards just to save water. I left a few trees and bushes. It it it's beyond anybody's comprehension. Even in California, we watered every other day, and there were water police, and it doesn't cost anything for them because you have your little stupid trucks that come around and check the garbage cans to see if they're right. So they're already out there. You could say water every other day if you're an even house. Same with garbage. We don't need it once a week, maybe once every two weeks. You have to figure out a way that we are not gonna uprise. And believe me, every Californian that moved in here, I'm so I can't believe how happy I am they are. They will get everybody kicked out of the legislature. They will enforce the laws they're already in the books and stop this crazy business of kicking everybody out of their home because you can't afford garbage. I will put it all over the Internet. I will. I can't wait to ask people in neighborhoods to get together, even get a dumpster somewhere they can share once a month even. Okay? And not have or don't empty other people's garbage because they've done it to me. You tagged my garbage can for having things in it that were wrong. I didn't put them in there. Prove it. I have the doorbell camera. You don't. Stop it. Stop it. Stop it. The garbage is outrageous. For what? For what? I've recommended to everybody. They're not even here half of them. And some of them don't use it for the yard. Some we don't need it. Please stop this outrageous and don't blame the Californians exactly the opposite.</p>
5/5/2025 15:11	Anonymous Constituent 2/2	CONTINUED!! Waste & Recycling rate increase	<p>They will get you out of office. I don't care what they do or not at this point. I'll move out of state because, again, at least, out of state, we're not charged taxes on Social Security. I don't wanna get off on this because I've been to city council. Wonderful. What you know what they do? They yes you to death. Yes. Yes. Yes. We'll do this. Lie. Lie. Lie. Also, street lights. Our street has never ever ever had lights. We are being charged on our water bill for lights. It's up to what? \$10? I will go out and have someone take down the lights on the other street because we have tried with our representative. We have had meetings, and he says, well, on my side, they don't have lights either. I said, but you're rich. And everybody there in the all the houses are light up the street. You gotta stop this. The utilities, all of them, not just garbage, are killing us and wait. If you want to have things your way, then you won't be in office anymore. I know that for a fact. It doesn't take maybe a five year period before the outstaters who know how it works. Also, limit the amount limit the amount you can charge every year. Get rid of the garbage cans and let people pay less. Some don't need to be garbage cans. Oh, believe me. It's been such a such a pleasure not to have to pay for garbage cans. And my neighbors will all let me use theirs if I have any. No. I don't. But if I do, I just take it to my boss's condominium who has a ton of empty garbage cans. They don't care. So I wish I could be at the meetings. I really do because I'm an advocate for why didn't I get a rebate on my water bill when I took out not one but two yards.</p>



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5/5/2025 15:16	Teri Willians	Fireworks idea	Hi. I've got an idea for the Great Salt Lake. Instead of children being injured by these fireworks, these rocks that fall from these fireworks during July 4. And in the last few years, children have been hit on the head with these hot rocks and have had to go through extensive surgery and rehabilitation. Then I have a great idea that these fireworks should be done over a body of water so that families don't have their children get critically hurt by these falling particles from these fireworks. My number is *** if you wanna call, and think you might wanna do something like this. I know low income housing is probably a top priority, but let's save these children. Because every July 4, a child gets hurt in Utah, our house gets burned down, or fires are being started in the mountainside in the hill. It would save taxpayers a lot of money if you built something out at the Great Salt Lake to prevent all these injuries and fires in the mountains or in the hillside and homes being burnt down. I believe one in Pleasant Grove was burnt down to the ground. Anyway, call me. My name is Terry, and we'll talk someday. Thank you for your time and consideration.
5/5/2025 15:42	Natalie Andersen	Waste and recycled price increases	Please don't raise rates again already, most of us are low income families. Thank you!
5/5/2025 15:44	Arnold Klemens	Commercial & Mixed-Use Zoning District Consolidation	Dear Mayor & City Council, On premise signage is a primary method of identification for businesses. Some businesses can animate their signs. The length of the animation is something the city council took issue with over ten years ago. Larry Miller stepped in at that time, and the council backed off the desire to reduce the animation time. Here we are again. I thought it was a bad idea then and I think it is a bad idea now. I would encourage the council to focus on higher priorities. Leave the signs alone. Thank you. Arnold Klemens (I am resident of Sugar House. I have lived in my house for over 30 years.)
5/5/2025 15:52	Jennifer Heninger	Water Rate Hike	I don't have a problem with increasing funding for water, but I do have a problem with the timing. I know you are matching it up with the Fiscal Year which starts in July, but that is when our water rates are already at their highest. After removing the auto-pay to keep things at a consistent rate, this is getting really hard to pay for. Please, give us time to prepare for the payment and start the increases to water in October rather than in July. -Jen

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5/5/2025 15:54	Adam Gmyrek	Salt Lake City parking ordinance not enforced__10.	<p>Ms. Smith, The commercial parking on Learned St and Duder St next to the Love's Truck stop is getting out of control — again. Each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the City of Salt Lake turns a blind eye to this gross infraction — commercial vehicles parking in a no parking zone and violations ordinance 12.56.100. The no parking signs are not being obeyed by the public; all the while, the City of Salt Lake is not being proactive with enforcement after 20:00 hrs MST. This past Sunday there were 16 commercial vehicles parked in a no parking zone and 9 of those commercial vehicles were violating City ordinance 12.56.100 — parking on the wrong side of the street; against assigned traffic flow — this was between 18:00 - 19:00 hrs MST. There was no open spots on Learned St and Duder St for commercial vehicles to park, so 5-trucks parked in the no parking zone on South Temple St — across the street from the Love's Truck stop. The City of Salt Lake and the parking enforcement department needs to become more proactive with enforcement of City parking ordinances during the weekend — between 20:00 - 22:00 hrs and 07:00 - 08:00hrs MST. Ms. Smith, we spoke about this last week during our phone conversation; hopefully this week you can create dialogue with your supervisors about the next step in reigning in this gross oversight by the commercial drivers parking in no parking zone; apparently the recently placed no parking signs are not working. The two MySLC app ticket numbers will confirm what I have said in this email is true; at least 14-pictures were submitted within the MySLC app showing the unbridled no parking violations. Ms. Petro-Eschler, is it possible for you to open a dialogue with the City of Salt Lake parking department to get this parking issue resolved? My submissions via the MySLC app appears to make no impact at all with this community issue. I look forward to a timely response from Ms. Smith and from Ms. Petro-Eschler. As you both know, this has been an ongoing issue and community concern since the beginning of business quarter four (Q4) 2024. Finally, I have spoken with Detective Oliver of the SLC PD several times about this parking issue and nothing has come of it.</p> <p>Thank you. Regards, Adam Gmyrek</p>
5/5/2025 15:56	Karen Anthony	City Budget	<p>Good afternoon: Please consider budgeting funds to address paving older alleyways in Salt Lake City, specifically above 13th East. I was "on notice" last year for failing to keep weeds and overgrowth down on the alley running north and south behind my property at 1997-1999 View Street. I was eventually able to do so as did the property owner on the east side of the alley. Interestingly, a few years back the city required my neighbor to the north to pave a portion of the alley along with the one running east and west as she was building a home along that alleyway. I recall that those alleys were paved back in the 1950-1960 eras. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts as you work on the budget. Karen Anthony</p>

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5/5/2025 16:47	Eric Kraan	Proposed water rate changes for fiscal year 2025/26	<p>Dear Salt Lake City elected officials, My name is Eric Kraan. I am a resident of Salt Lake County served by Salt Lake City Water. As a consequence, I feel less represented in the process of determining the changes taking to supply water when compared to a resident and constituent to whom you are accountable to. That said, those of us living outside of the city, are equally impacted by your choices and I ask that we are considered as equals through this process. I must ask, who is accountable, who can we vote in or out, when we are satisfied or unsatisfied with the manner in which the problems of delivering this service does not meet our needs? (Attached to this email, you will find 2 water service bills I have paid. One for January 2023 and one for January 2025 that illustrate the doubling amount of basic rates within a 2-year period). I am PRIMARILY concerned about the rapidly increases to the basic cost of access to potable water. The lowest of the lowest rate necessary for a household to maintain a basic level of sanitation has more than doubled in the past 2 years: JANURAY 2023: \$26.68 JANUARY 2025: \$57.03 Reviewing the proposed changes in the 2025/26 budget, it is clear that this cost is bound to continue to increase at a rate that far outgains the ability of those in fixed income or lower income households to meet the most basic level of sanitation, putting in danger the community's health and safety at large. It is for this reason that I this council must consider amending the proposed rate changes and make it a priority to maintain - perhaps even LOWER the basic cost of accessing water. This means reviewing the Fixed Charges (2 different charges) and Block 1 for its residential and multi-family customers. If additional revenue is needed to meet the regulatory expenses required on this service, these increases in revenue must be made through the commercial and higher blocks of water use which are not deemed essential for the safety, health and welfare of the community you represent (and even those you do not). If any of these fee increases are made to pay for increase capacity of the system to deliver water to the growing population expected within the SL Valley, it must be clearly delineated that future investment must be paid by the additional growth in subscribers to this service. Economic growth must be able to pay for itself, and not paid by putting current customers (especially those who can least afford to do so). That is, in essence, the true meaning of SUSTAINABLE GROWTH. I am confident that the members of this council and the Mayor's office will see the wisdom of engaging in truly progressive service fee increases. It must be a priority to maintain stability to the basic cost essential access to such a vital resource, and incrementally grow the system to accommodate the for population growth of our valley and bring about a more orderly, incremental, and sustainable pattern of development. These recent and proposed rate changes represent a chaotic pattern of growth that adds to the insecurity of vulnerable populations, decreases the trust of those who are concerned, and probably does not even register in the minds of those wealthy enough to keep lush green lawns, pools, and other luxury uses of water. Your attention to this important matter is greatly appreciated. Eric Kraan Resident of Cottonwood Heights.</p>
5/6/2025 0:05	Wanda Gayle	Allowable zoning heights for proposed MU-11 and MU-8 as applies to Sugar House	<p>I am opposed to changing allowable zoning heights for zones that affect the Sugar House business district. I believe that going from a maximum of 105 feet to anything behind that, especially a frightening height of 186 feet, is unacceptable. I ride my bike from where I live on REDACTED to my daughter's house most days. My route takes me through Sugar House park, through the 1300 pedestrian tunnel, and through the business district on my way to South Salt Lake. It startles me every time that I am riding through virtual tunnels between tall new buildings instead of the old and friendly human-scale zoning of the Sugar House of the past. I also oppose heights of 75' for MU-8 as it would apply to 2100 in the previous Midas and Snelgrove properties. Give us a break! Finally, I really dislike the idea of taller allowable heights along 2100 going east as well. Since I remember the old ice factory, you may think I'm out of date with the times. However, increasing the proposed heights is not where any of my neighbors, young or new to the area, want to go. I have just gotten three new neighbors on my block. They are young families. Please do not approve this change for all of our sakes. We like a small and relatable neighborhood or we would move to downtown SLC.</p>

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5/6/2025 8:40	Jacqueline Anderson	Zoning changes	To whom it may concern, I live at REDACTED, Salt Lake City UT 84103. I am strongly opposed to the zoning changes that are set for Smiths grocery store on 6 th Avenue and E street. I believe many issues have been overlooked. I am opposed to the changes for the following reasons: 1. E street is an extremely busy two lane street. We have large fire trucks from the fire department up the street. 2. The LDS hospital ambulances use E street to access the hospital. 3. Recently, the bus route changed and now runs up & down E street. 4. A large apartment building will add to the noise and congestion of an already busy street 5. The new structure to be build where Smiths grocery store stands now will completely block my view of the mountains. 6. It will completely block my home from the sunrise. 7. My home has these other homes on the sides & back not allowing sunlight into my windows. The new structure will block the light coming in my front windows leaving my home in the shadow. 8. E street ends at South Temple this is a very busy intersection. Added traffic is a problem. I have additional confusion as to why a modern building can be built there when I live in an historical district and can make no changes to my home. I would like to speak at the meeting in May 6 th. Sincerely, Jacqueline Anderson.
5/6/2025 8:43	Kurt Fisher	Proposed Strong Public Health Messaging to Support Measles Vaccination and Request for Amendment to Salt Lake City FY2025-2026 Budget	Please see attached letter. <b>**Attachment 2 - 3 pages</b>
5/6/2025 8:44	Heidi Schubert	CSHBD1	Hi, As a resident and community council member of Sugar House I am writing to object to changing the north side parcels of 2100 S at 1100E to MU11. They abut directly only MU6 and I would recommend MU8 instead. Other council directives stress the interest in gradual change. Not dramatic toppling of humongous buildings near much smaller ones. The southside zoning is at least across the street from the smaller zones giving some space to the up zones. In exchange, this is your chance to make the Sizzler parcel on the SugarHouse park corner an MU6. Heidi Schubert
5/6/2025 8:45	Duzi Mugoba	Petition PLNPCM2024-00707 Mixed Use Zoning	To whom it may concern, Thank you for your time and consideration. I just had a quick question with regards to the proposed mixed use zoning updates, in particular the MU-11 updates on W 1700 S. Would these updates result in higher utility rates for the residents already living in the area? Thank you again. Warm regards, Duzi
5/6/2025 8:47	Dan Love	Survey123 Form: Affected Property Owners Form (MU Consolidation)	: I think change this sweeping should be a ballot initiative. I applaud change agents, but these sweeping changes will likely have reverberating impacts to much, if not all of our City. This seems to redefine, change or manipulate so many decision areas that we may not even realize the full scope or ramifications to such a consolidated plan. Change undoubtedly needs to occur, this just seems like something that should've been placed before voter; like tax money, we continue to give away our livability to private developers for profits.
5/6/2025 9:44	Anonymous Constituent	Proposed Rate Increases	Could we please NOT increase rates for city waste and recycling EVERY year? The weird fees that are added to our water bills are MORE than enough. I am super tired of this current city government constantly raising fees for EVERYTHING but then making sweetheart deals with billionaires to have their way with downtown SLC. I am a lifelong Democrat and I am super disappointed with what is happening here. It was hard to pick a topic because there are several that apply!



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Re: Proposed Strong Public Health Messaging to Support Measles Vaccination and Request for Amendment to Salt Lake City FY2025-2026 Budget

Local Public Health Governmental Officers,

This is to request that Salt Lake City Corporation, Salt Lake County, and the Salt Lake City-County Health Department institute a strong early public health messaging campaign with respect to measles MMR vaccination in advance of the increased spread of measles over the summer season. An emergency budget modification to the SLC Mayor's Office of \$10,000 to finance a summer vaccination campaign is requested based on the current national measles outbreak and using a strong visual messaging. I am not a medical expert.

Measles cases have now been detected in ten U.S. States, including nearby California, Colorado, New Mexico and Washington.<sup>1</sup> The U.S. measles outbreak has crossed U.S. borders to Mexico (421 cases) and Canada (804 cases).<sup>2</sup> Over 30,000 cases have been reported in Europe, principally in Romania (~27,000 cases).<sup>3</sup> Salt Lake County and City sit at the intersection of a major east-west and north south freeways that involve over 30 million road trips per year. The Intermountain West international summer tourism season has begun.

1 CDC, May 2, 2025. <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/data-research/index.html>

2 CIDRAP, April 29, 2025. <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/avian-influenza-bird-flu/texas-measles-total-grows-663-arkansas-reports-local-spread>

3 European Center for Disease Control. March 11, 2025. Measles on the rise again in Europe: time to check your vaccination status. Web. <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/news-events/measles-rise-again-europe-time-check-your-vaccination-status> .

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Currently, no cases of measles and rubella have been detected in Utah during 2025, and 5 measles cases occurred since 2015.<sup>4</sup> These factors, along with lower vaccination rates in Utah's Hispanic and minority communities, make it a matter of time and not probability for when cases of this avoidable childhood disease will reach Utah.<sup>5</sup> A 95% vaccination rate in school age children is needed to induce community immunity sufficient to contain measles.<sup>6</sup> In 2022, modeling estimates that nationally about 9.1 million children (13.1%) were susceptible measles due to lack of vaccination with a projected increase to about 23% due to continuing pandemic era vaccine hesitancy ( ).

This is because measles is not SARS-Cov2 or Covid-19 disease. SARS-Cov2 has an R0 of 1.5-6.5, much less than the R0 of 12-18 for measles or up to 12 times that of SARS-2. Measles has a crude case fatality rate in developed countries similar to Covid-19 disease at 0.1%, but measles has a hospitalization rate of 25%.<sup>7</sup>

Federal guidance during 2025 has consisted of mix-messaging. Initially, new HHS Secretary RFK, Jr., officially promoted public health measles guidance that emphasized disproven non-vaccination primary interventions such Vitamin A and cod-liver oil. Vaccination was de-emphasized as an optional second tier intervention choice. In April 2025, RFK, Jr. reversed that position and his personal statements and official CDC policy reinstated vaccination as the primary preventative intervention.<sup>8</sup> As late as May 2, the HHS Secretary has returned to his misinformation campaign, again claiming that CDC policy prospectively be change to emphasize dis-credited treatments and falsely claiming that the measles vaccine contains tissue fragments from aborted fetuses.<sup>9</sup>

On the state level, the Utah State Legislature passed various anti-vaccination laws in response to Covid-19 pandemic. State laws liberally provide for personal exemptions from child vaccination and-or requiring employees from prohibiting their vaccination status.<sup>10</sup> During the 2024-2025 school year, about 10% of in-person kindergarten students in Utah had an exemption for the MMR vaccine or were

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missing documentation to show they are vaccinated against measles, and about 10% all K-12 students in Utah had an exemption to any school-required vaccine.<sup>11</sup> The state's child vaccination rate is approximately 90-91% - below the 95% vaccination rate needed to contain measles ( ) – up from 88% during the 2023-2024 season.<sup>12</sup> Those Utah state laws do not restrict local government from conducting their own pro-vaccination public health campaigns that do not align with state-level public health public communication design.

Post-Covid-19 pandemic consensus by the public health community emphasizes positive community engagement and avoiding negative imagery that might promote fear-based disengagement.<sup>13</sup> That non-confrontational public messaging should be used is not sufficient to meet the potential 2025 endemic measles outbreak.

The vaccination campaigns for measles that most proportionally change public views emphasize the adverse risks and effects of measles.<sup>14,15</sup> Countering autism disinformation affects little change in public opinions ( ).

Salt Lake County and Salt Lake City have the summer to encourage MMR vaccination before children concentrate with the beginning of the next primary and secondary school year. Increasing vaccination rates closer to 95% will minimize the human and economic impact of measles and rubella on the County's young children.

Based on the foregoing discussion, the County and City should again take the lead, as they did during the Covid-19 pandemic, in making extra-ordinary efforts to counter federal disinformation about MMR vaccination. Polite community-engagement public health messaging promoting MMR vaccination is not enough to meet the challenges of the 2025 season. A strong worded campaign that uses graphic disease photographs is needed. Even if you disagree with an adverse-effect based public health campaign, the potential for an endemic 2025 measles season justifies the City kicking in an emergency \$10,000.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you have. Your consideration is appreciated.

Very Truly Yours,



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5/6/2025 10:29	Michelle Watts	Ordinance: Mixed-Use (MU) Zoning Consolidation Zoning Text and Map Amendment   public comment tonight	<p>Hello, Thank you all for your hard work and realizing how horrible the TSA zone is when used right next to a residential area. For the west side some of this is still not good enough. We did a walking tour with some of y'all team. No one ever before had physically walked Chicago, Emeril, Euclid, Laxton, Jeremy or Jackson Court/ Streets. A map on a table was just looked at during some point in time 15 - 20 years ago and someone said let's load up these corners or split these blocks between residential &amp; TSA. Changing the ground under homeowners without them even knowing it. But developers knew it-- they have been cherry picking and wrecking historic homes for YEARS on the west side. The team walked down Emeril seeing homes slated for demo and said in Liberty Wells or any other neighborhood 100 people would have rallied to save these homes. The west side's outreach and education isn't enough to empower or rally support. We support the best we can and organize --- but the handful of us that do get called NIMBY. It isn't about that. I don't have enough time to explain our culture and history to those who don't want to listen. We don't have enough time to explain how international fire codes and roads work and how half of these builds aren't safe or on roads up to code. Packed in like sardines and one fire away from lighting up a block. How y'all think you can out build crime when you look at the Fairparks crime statues-- we are WAY up. I wish we would have done a full take back on some of these TSA zones parcels and returned it to residential. I hope that y'all do a drive down North Temple &amp; see the horrible new 400 South that we have. You think everyone on the west side is using TRAX. Many families work several jobs at hours that mass transit doesn't run. They have cars. EVERYONE IN UTAH LOVES THEIR CARS. We drive to the mountains to ski or the desert to camp. You have large families parking blocks away to walk into their 100 + unit building that has three parking spots and the builder was able to use the street to count for that. You have towers being built next to single storied homes with no set back from the sidewalk and or property line. All for blending buildings into a block &amp; matching the historic character of a street. But y'all have made some mistakes on a few of these blocks-- too big and too close. Please listen to my neighbors and ensure that we aren't all living in the shadow of a huge building. Please keep a buffer of at least 20' + from residential zones. We don't have any ground floor activation -- and a builders ROI isn't my problem. Fill ground floors with shops, public gyms or coffee shops. Lock it down no more points to get more &amp; no more getting out of giving a little back when these huge builds are taking so much from our communities. Thank You, Michelle Chicago Street</p>
5/6/2025 10:32	Walker Wood	Mixed Use Zoning Consolidation	<p>Salt Lake City Council Members, I am writing to express support for the zoning consolidation, while also requesting a delayed implementation of the new text amendments. As a landowner of multiple properties impacted by the consolidation, we have invested significant resources designing new buildings based on the current code and we would ideally have the option to submit applications for 90 days under the current code after adoption of the consolidated amendments. Our building designs have been in the works for months and while we've been aware of the consolidation efforts, we've been unable to design for a yet-to-be adopted code knowing that the considerations are subject to change. We are grateful for the certainty the new amendments offer through simplifying the existing districts into six new mixed-use districts, but we've been relying on certainty under the in-place code. We appreciate your consideration. Respectfully, Walker Wood</p>



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5/6/2025 10:56	Hugh Boyle	New zoning	The zoning changes are only as good as your enforcement and review. The city permitted a project next to my house that violates the city's zoning rules. I informed the city of the violation before the project started, and again in the framing stage. The city admitted the permit was issued in error but refused to do anything about it. Mayor Mendenhall's office the flat out lied to me and said they couldn't revoke the permit. The SLC code clearly states that any permit issued in error can be revoked. Now the owner of the over height and over square footage building is doing short term rentals and the city does not appear to be enforcing that prohibition either. What is the point of zoning if it is not enforced?
5/6/2025 15:52	John Clapp	Zoning	Council members, thank you for taking the time to read my email regarding zoning . I've made full effort to contact my council member months ago and zoning representatives as to some hopes for consideration in regards to My St., Emeril Ave . The eight homes on a small street with no curbs very quaint running parallel to North Temple one block away. Months ago, I walked with some zoning representative and we were fortunate to walk down my street and they were concerned about the size of buildings that the new zoning was going to allow. DEVELOPERS are currently building 31 townhomes on this little street. There were 12 built a couple years ago and there were past plans of very large apartment complexes on both 800 W. and 900 W. which would be the beginning and the end of Emeril Ave . My request was that they look at the height of the buildings and not let them cascade before residential homes to help maintain some of the acquaintance of this little area since I can't stop what's already happening. I was given feedback from zoning that there were no current plans for the lots of 800 W. or ninth W. But also felt dismissed as to say in the sense they were already Done done and done innocence . What I'm hoping for for the preservation of our little street to maintain the greatness of the residential homes is to adjust the height of the remaining lot that are not developed as there are no current plans and would consider that to preserve my little street . I have worked very hard on my neighborhood and many many different ways built a sense of community and I'm only asking that in some small way I can maintain that with preserving what's left to still be developed. Thank you for you Time . Sincerely, John Clapp
5/6/2025 15:59	Thea Brannon	May 6 hearing on MU 11 for SugarHouse CSHBD1	Dear Council Members: Just because a City Council member years ago who was a developer bro insisted, against the advice of the Sugar House Community Council, on allowing up to 105 foot buildings in SCHBD1 doesn't mean you must allow even more height now throughout the BD1. It is glaringly obvious on the new zoning map that more of SugarHouse is designated for possible 11 story buildings than along 400 South in the actual downtown area! The only other areas set up for unbridled development are the historically more industrial areas along I-15 and 300 west, and a small section at W. North Temple. This is not fair. The old 24/7 vision for CSHBD1, then with its small store charm intact, did not foresee the current situation here. Everyone tells me you can't downzone. Phooey on that! Please do what you can to keep the rest of Highland Ave. and McClelland frontage from vertical excess. Perhaps you can specify that no extra height will be considered in design review. Counting on you--I know it's hard. Thanks for your work--you all deserve medals. Thea Brannon 27 year Sugar House resident

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5/6/2025 16:16	Adam Goff 1/2	Inequitable Exceptions to Design Standards in Proposed MU Consolidation	<p>Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council, We represent Madbrook Donut Company (“Madbrook”). Madbrook operates its bakery and main offices in a large building located at 375 West Hope Avenue in Salt Lake City. Currently Madbrook is zoned as CG. However, as part of the Planning Commission’s proposed zoning changes (the “Proposal”), Madbrook’s building will find itself in the MU-11 district. This is concerning because although a commercial bakery will continue to be an approved use, the building would potentially become a noncomplying structure under the proposed changes to Section 21A.37.050 of the Municipal Code. As this Proposal has proceeded, Madbrook has become increasingly concerned by the high burden that the new design standards will impose on many of the established buildings along the I-15 corridor. Further, it appears that there is very little, if any, exception or carve out for retailers, manufacturers, and other complying uses, but noncomplying structures unless the local business isn’t really a local business, such as Walmart, Costco, and other bigger box retailers. Madbrook therefore remains concerned that the increased standards and minimal exceptions disproportionately affect smaller businesses like Madbrook. Specifically, when developing some of the newer Proposals, the Planning Commission Staff acknowledged “the reality that [certain] grocery stores generally do not meet the regulations and will not unless completely redeveloped,” and therefore made sure that “the MU-3 specifically includes a waiver of the Design Review threshold and Design Standards compliance to allow for some by-right additions to such large commercial noncomplying structures.” September 25, 2024 Staff Report at 9. The Staff thus proposed “additions allowance[s]” whereby a grocery store with over 10,000 square feet be allowed expansions of a maximum footprint of 7,500 square feet (a 75% expansion) without the requirement of undergoing Design Review or complying with the Design Standards. Although the numbers have changed slightly, the accommodation persists for businesses lucky enough to find themselves in the MU-3 zone, but not those who land in the MU-11 zone. As a result, if the Proposal is passed as currently submitted, Madbrook and many other businesses along the I-15 corridor will not enjoy the same sort of additions allowance despite also inhabiting a reality where their buildings “do not meet the regulations and will not unless completely redeveloped” – just like those in the MU-3 zone. Instead, these businesses are left wondering how much of an addition or change to their structures would trigger the necessity of remodeling the entire building to fit the Design Standards. Madbrook asks that if the City Council and Planning Commission are considering the undue burden on already established buildings in the MU-3 zone, it do so uniformly and codify the same type of exceptions in the MU-11 zone.</p>

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5/6/2025 16:16	Adam Goff 2/2	CONTINUED!! Inequitable Exceptions to Design Standards in Proposed MU Consolidation	<p>The Proposal also discusses the creation of a Transitional Overlay over the zone in which Madbrook's building is located. See id. § 21A.34.030. Buildings in this Overlay may access relaxed design standards if either (1) they implement a series of several landscaping measures or (2) they are a pre-existing "large" retailer with more than 100,000 square feet of floor space. This limited exception that ignores buildings in the I-15 corridor means that businesses that have approved and conforming uses might incur significant demolition and remodeling even under the relaxed standards. However, the largest retailers, such as Walmart – which is across the street from Madbrook and within spitting distance, The Home Depot, and Costco all receive immediate access the relaxed standards just by virtue of their size. In essence, the City would be prioritizing protecting the largest retailers (and not local businesses) from the new requirements – even though those retailers arguably have more resources and capital to do so. This may mean that smaller businesses will have no choice but to move or go out of business, just allowing more lucrative and bigger boxes to fill the void. This is simply unfair. The Proposal's effort to create addition allowances and relaxed standards for some of the businesses that are most affected by the changes is admirable, but in its current state, it creates inequity by hand-selecting only a few favored businesses, in certain parts of the new zones, to benefit from the changes while ignoring similarly-situated businesses that even have approved uses. While there are many walkable areas in Salt Lake City that may benefit from these design standards, applying them to the I-15 corridor that has historically contained industrial and manufacturing uses now, without making exceptions, is unfair and robs these owners of their expected return on their investments – both in their real estate and their businesses. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the City Council deny the Proposal in its current state with directions to the Planning Commission to create more equitable exceptions that allow for the same addition allowances and/or the same relative relaxation of standards via the Transitional Overlay for all businesses with an approved use, but potentially a nonconforming structure. Thank you for your time and consideration. Best regards, Adam D. Goff BENNETT TUELLER JOHNSON &amp; DEERE</p>
5/6/2025 18:45	Yvonne Martinez	MU-11 in Sugar House	<p>I have concerns regarding the change of CSHBD1 to MU-11 on the north side of 2100 South. The existing businesses and residential neighborhoods could be overwhelmed by the maximum height being 186' if conditions are met. Issues with shade, the extreme height compared to existing buildings would be intrusive compared to everything in the area, and in my opinion an eyesore. I think that MU-8 should be the zone for the north side of 2100 south from McClelland to 1300 East. By allowing a building as tall as MU-11 (even without and incentives or conditions) that close to the plaza will give the gem of downtown Sugar House an overwhelming, dark, and much less pleasant place to eat, drink, and shop - it takes away all that is desirable about that area. I hope you will consider making some adjustments to the zoning for MU-11 for the north side or change it to MU-8 to maintain some of the charm and history of downtown Sugar House that everyone loves. This is the reason why it's such a desirable and vibrant part of the City. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
5/6/2025 23:22	Spencer Bagley	New flags are awesome	<p><a href="https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2025/05/06/salt-lake-wants-official-pride/">https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2025/05/06/salt-lake-wants-official-pride/</a> This kicks ass and I would like to purchase a sego pride flag. Do you know if and when they will be available for sale? Thanks for doing this and a big poke in the eye to Trevor Lee.</p>