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4/14/2021 10:25	Anonymous Constituent	The caller wanted to leave a comment with the Council regarding the homeless encampment in front of the murals at the Fleet Block. He was upset to wake up and to find over fifty police officers performing a camp abatement on such a cold and wet morning. Furthermore, he believes that the money used to clean up the camps could have gone to something better. He walked out onto the sidewalk near the area and said he was confronted by three police officers who looked down upon him for being a concerned citizen. He says he understand this is a lose lose situation for all involved but is concerned about the City's priorities.	Homelessness
4/14/2021 12:13	Derk Hopkins	Please re Open the Parleys Gun Range.	Parley's Shooting Range
4/14/2021 12:14	Clint Miller	<p>Elected Officials, I am writing concerning ParleysGunrange.com's proposal to Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall to re-lease Parley's Range. The ParleysGunrange.com proposal includes provisions for cleaning up the lead at no cost to the city. It also includes provisions for purchasing fire suppression equipment and purchasing \$2 million in range insurance coverage, which the range never had in the past. If Salt Lake City does not re-open the range, then the city is violating the federal CERCLA statute and EPA's regulations concerning final remediation of the property which are: - Final remediation Requirements - EPA's regulations for final remediation of a shooting range require the property to be returned to natural state. This will include working with state authorities to meet the applicable regulations, which will be expensive.</p> <p>ParleysGunrange.Com estimates the cost to Salt Lake City taxpayers to restore this property will be three to ten million dollars. ParleysGunrange.Com's proposal would provide a facility for law enforcement training that is desperately needed. In addition, ParleysGunrange.Com would create an environmental fund paid for by the users of the range that would accumulate over the term of the lease to pay for the final EPA-required cleanup, which currently is the responsibility of the city. I respectfully request that you approve the ParleysGunrange.com proposal and re-open the range or explain to your constituents why the Mayor and City Council would impose 50 years of lead cleanup liability (2 million -10 million) on SLC taxpayers for a liability created by a private corporation. Clint D. Miller Eagle Mountain, Utah</p>	Parley's Shooting Range

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4/14/2021 14:42	Shane H	You people are despicable! Have any of you ever had to deal with what you put our homeless neighbors through on a regular basis. Did anyone check the weather forecast for today?! You and your terrorist police pigs are guilty of cruel actions!!! You should all be ashamed of yourselves and resign! Your cops are bullies with badges! Shame!!!!!!!!!! Erin Mendinhall you most of all should feel ashamed! How can you do this to the cities most vulnerable?! I wish the worst for you all!! If you aren't cowards please respond and justify yourselves! But I doubt you have the courage!!!!!!!!!!	Homelessness
4/15/2021 10:37	Anonymous Constituent	This caller wished to remain anonymous. He called in to express is frustration with the camp abatements in front of the Fleet Block murals. He was disappointed to see police and health officials clearing the camp. He understands that things are being done but believes that it is not enough and the barriers are to high right now for the homeless to get help. He states that he tries to do his part by bringing individuals food when he can. He is also upset with the County Health Department and believes they are lying about the way camp abatements are being conducted. He has lived in Salt Lake for most of his life, but is finding it more and more difficult to call it home. He would like more money put into this issue instead of giving it to developers and the police. He is asking someone on the Council to speak up about the issue.	Homelessness
4/15/2021 11:01	Andrew Gustafson	hi. we are talking about placing rocks on the park strip next time the homeless are moved to another location. can we get city funding for that. the money would only be spent once and the problem would be solved. it would also save water. I think it would be less than 60,000 for the south strip.	Homelessness

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4/16/2021 11:21	Andrew Worsham	<p>Good morning, Mayor Mendenhall and SLC City Council. I am writing to you today regarding my severe disappointment in how the city has been handling our unsheltered citizens. The recent Camp Abatements are astonishing and hurt those in our community that are the most vulnerable. There are alternatives that are more compassionate and provide long term improvement for all, instead of just the relocation of a struggling group of people. I am requesting that camp abatements be permanently cancelled, and that the resources and money used for them are reallocated to solutions that better protect our fellow humans. One of these solutions would be to create permanent areas for unsheltered residents to have encampments in. This would provide them a safe place to reside, knowing they will not be forced to move constantly and stand to have their belongings confiscated. Once these areas are complete, they will need to be equipped with sanitation facilities to help keep the residents there safe and healthy. Until these sites are completed and opened, there will need to be temporary sanitation facilities available at the current encampments. This keeps all of us healthier and our city cleaner. Finally, the budget increase for the SLCPD is appalling. In this day and age, there is enough research and evidence to show that the Police are not the response. There needs to be actual resources to aid our unsheltered population here, and the money going towards the budget increase would better be put to use directly in programs for them. Mayor Mendenhall, I hope you hear the voice and complaints of your citizens privileged enough to reach out to you in this way. We do so since those you are hurting and oppressing cannot. Please halt the abatements. Please create lasting change and a path to stability for your residents that need it. We voted for you for this kind of policy, and we plead to be represented by you. Regards, Andrew Worsham</p>	84103 Homelessness

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4/16/2021 11:22	Bella Fregoso	<p>Salt Lake City Councilors - I am astonished at how little respect and human dignity you, the mayor, and the SLCPD have shown the houseless in SLC. People experiencing homelessness are our neighbors, our siblings, and people who are a part of our community. You cannot simply uproot them, steal their things, and humiliate them -- casting them out of their neighborhoods in the midst of a terrible storm over and over again -- just because you don't like the look of them on SLC streets. As one of your constituents, I call on you to end homeless camp abatements and set aside areas of the city where our most vulnerable neighbors (often people with addictions, untreated mental health needs, LGBTQ youth, and veterans) can reside comfortably and without threat from you and the often violent SLCPD. The services that you have provided to our houseless neighbors have been sad excuses. They need sanitation services, allocated funds (which should be taken from the overblown SLCPD budget -- as you promised), and safe, long-term shelter where they can reestablish themselves and their family. You have clearly demonstrated to the public that you, the mayor, and the SLCPD do not respect the houseless. But you work for the people of Salt Lake City, and your actions will always be evaluated by your constituents. I strongly encourage you to revisit your policies and act with more dignity in the future. Bella Fregoso</p>	Homelessness
4/16/2021 11:23	Ciana Bataineh	<p>Hi Mayor and City Council, My name is Ciana Bataineh and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. The homeless population of SLC is very important to me and I don't feel that they are being treated properly by the city. I emailed a few weeks ago about the police budget. I read that they were requesting \$650,000 for camp abatements. I would much rather see this money go towards providing resources to the city's unsheltered community. I understand that you are building a tiny home community, but these people need resources and somewhere to live NOW, while that is being built. Please stop camp abatements, at LEAST until the tiny home community is finished. Provide sanitation services near the camps. Designate a specific part of the city for homeless camps. If you care for our unsheltered neighbors, you should at least let them EXIST somewhere. Please end camp abatements now. Thank you, Ciana Bataineh</p>	Homelessness

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4/16/2021 11:24	Sarah J Balland	<p>Mayor Mendenhall: This past week on Wednesday, April 14th, I attended the camp abatement at the murals off 300 W. This was my first time attending a camp abatement, and I did not really know what to expect. My first inclination was that I had to bear witness to what was happening, particularly because, as I approached the scene in my vehicle, I was astounded at how many police vehicles and officers were present. I parked my car and walked right into the abatement, and when I realized that only a few SLCo. workers were assisting the campers pack up their belongings for relocation - with a line of cops staring at them - I decided that helping someone pack up was the best way I could make a difference. I helped a man named Amar pack up his tent and all of his belongings, including a box of food, a generator, blankets and an old mattress, and his girlfriend's numerous belongings. It was 9:30am, just under 40 degrees, and raining. It took the two of us and one SLCo. worker almost an hour and a half to relocate this one site, and much was lost in the process to the trash bulldozer in the street. At one point, I walked up to a group of four officers standing in a row, watching us labor in the cold rain, and asked them why they weren't helping - at first, they did not respond. I asked again, "Are you all not allowed to help us out with packing up?" They nodded, and I asked if that was an order from the Mayor, the Police Chief, both? They nodded again, and one stated that they were there simply to watch out for everyone's safety due to the liability with heavy machinery around, and to block off the streets while the moving was occurring. I walked off thinking what a wasted opportunity this was - this is one way the police could actually make a difference and connect with the community, for once. It was also such a waste of public resources, and such a show with all the cops and their vehicles encircling us. I heard later from a few friends that, unlike me, they were not allowed (by the police) into the camp abatement to help folks pack up their belongings and relocate - WHY?!</p> <p>*Continued 1/2*</p>	Homelessness

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	Sarah J Balland	<p>*Continued 2/2* I just walked right in: I am white, came alone in my sweatpants and sneakers. Are the cops profiling groups? Are they profiling people who frequently protest and the cops have come to know as "agitators"? Are they profiling based on race or something else altogether? Why was I allowed in and no one else was - and why, for the love of humanity, would you disallow citizens to help each other?? Again, another wasted opportunity - also for you, Mayor. Here's what you can do to make a difference during the rest of your time as our city leader, Mayor Mendenhall: • Designate areas within the city that you/SLCo. Health Dept. have deemed as environmentally safe for the unsheltered to camp for the time being until permanent, affordable housing is provided - equipped with sanitizing stations and other necessary services so that we don't have to keep having these disruptive and violent abatements. • If you do have another abatement, AT LEAST allow interested people to help folks like Amar pack up and relocate their camps, including cops and SLCo. workers standing around watching, and consider providing gloves on-site for those who want to help or making it a requirement for helpers to have gloves of their own if you are concerned about public health. I sincerely hope you at least take the time to read this. I live in District 1. I did not vote for you, and so far from what I've seen this past year, I'm still not planning on voting for you. I invite you to change my mind. Sincerely, Sarah J. Balland</p>	
4/16/2021 11:25	Steven Seftel	<p>Hello, I received an email from the city concerning the initiative to designate the Capitol Theater and Pantages Theater as historic landmarks. I support this initiative. I think it is important to preserve the theaters, and they certainly are historic and irreplaceable. The Capitol Theater is a masterpiece, and appears to be in excellent condition. I attend events there and always look forward to the venue. I did not see any link to any petitions supporting the initiative, so I am sending you this email. Thank You, Steven Seftel</p>	Utah Theater

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4/16/2021 11:25	Shane H	Haven't heard anything back from you all. I am a voting constituent and very! Upset by your lack of empathy and compassion. Yesterday was a terrible day for many people (due to weather and an unprecedented police (bullies with badges!) presence. I guess it's just business as usual for you all. I would gratefully invite a rebuttal if m wrong but I think you all know the truth. You should all be ashamed and voted out! I will personally see to doing my part in that and will continue to watch the "legal domestic terrorism" that you and the county health department is inflicting on the most vulnerable of our neighbors. Better keep your eyes open!	Homelessness

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4/16/2021 14:15	Susan Sandack	<p>* Salt Lake City being the state's capitol city should show LEADERSHIP in Salt Lake County by signing up for Ranked Choice Voting this year - 2021- because it is an election year. SLC should always take the lead when change is necessary to strengthen the community. With all the discussion nationally about election compromises, steals, fraud and suppression, it only makes sense to strengthen voter rights now by a City commitment to adopt Ranked Choice Voting. Don't wait for other cities to pilot this project and learn from them - show leadership so we can share with others when the time comes what we learned from this important change. * If the cost to run an election with the Ranked Choice Voting method is more than \$40,000 less than running an election the old way with a primary, it seems SLC would want to take the initiative now, especially during an election year to positively impact the budget. * The State is offering financial assistance to cities who sign on this year in order to create and distribute educational materials for residents about RCV, our trial and pending changes. See that offer as an incentive and take it this year in case those funds go away. * Some current Council members expressed their terms will end this year. Some will run again, some are undecided. Regardless - 2021 is an election year - the best time to pilot this program. DO NOT WAIT for newly elected officials to earn their seats next year then have to be educated about Ranked Choice Voting. The current Council has invested important time up to this point learning how RCV works and you are ready to implement it. By waiting for newly elected officials you will all look apathetic. Making statements like, "I support it but could go either way" is passive and weak. The beauty of Ranked Choice Voting is simplicity. There is no need for costly primaries. Candidates and voters are charged with having to articulate platforms on policy and issues. We need to eliminate having a third candidate who we know ultimately will not win, but manages to take important votes away from one of the top two. Avoid the run off election. SUPPORT RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN 2021. Sign Up with Salt Lake County NOW. Thank you.</p>	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/16/2021 15:27	Michael Valentine	Good Afternoon, Please see the following attached for a copy of: -A Press Release highlighting our Designs for the Historic Utah Pantages Cinematic Theatre & Resubmitted Voter Initiative -A proof-of-concept design rendering for the Utah Pantages Cinematic Theatre -A copy of the updated and resubmitted Voter Initiative Thank you, Michael Valentine The Utah Pantages Cinematic Theatre LLC Friends of the Utah Pantages Cinematic Theatre	Utah Theater
4/16/2021 16:20	Maya Kobe-Rundio	Dear Mayor Mendenhall, My name is Maya Kobe-Rundio. I live in Salt Lake City and am emailing today to express my concern over your treatment of the unsheltered folks in my community. You claim to care and protect these people, yet every week we see them being displaced by SLCPD, their belongings trashed and tossed aside. This is simply inhumane. I would like to see you end camp abatements until permanent shelters and tiny home communities are available. I want you to reject the proposed increase to SLCPD of 1.4 million dollars, and instead use that money to fund resources for the unsheltered community and BIPOC folks who are systematically harmed by SLCPD. Thank you for considering my comments. Sincerely, Maya Kobe-Rundio	Homelessness
4/16/2021 16:21	Carling Mars	Dear Mayor Mendenhall and council, The CDC recommends that, to reduce the spread of covid-19, homeless encampments should not be broken up. I applaud the continuation of the mask mandate in SLC, so I can't think of any positive public health reason that might exist for going against the CDC recommendation for encampments. What it seems like is that the city is trying to penalize homelessness by repeatedly destroying belongings of unsheltered people. How can breaking up encampments, which can be incredibly traumatic for people already in an extremely vulnerable position, possibly be a good move for public health when the biggest threat to public health is covid-19? There has not been a threat like this in any of our lifetimes. Even if breaking up encampments was a positive public health move pre-covid, which is debatable, there is ample evidence that in the case of covid-19, it is a bad move to break up encampments. Do what is actually best for people experiencing homelessness, what the CDC recommends. Over 500,000 Americans have died from covid-19; this is not a normal public health scenario. Frustrated, Carling Mars	Homelessness

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4/16/2021 16:22	Adrian Lins	<p>Mayor Mendenhall, week after week we have seen you continue to support the abatements of homeless camps. Forcing homeless people to relocate with no warning, taking and destroying their things, and breaking up their communities is inhumane and unnecessary. You say you are working on tiny homes but in the meantime continue to disrupt and displace our most vulnerable communities, and you give them no where to go. This cruelty needs to stop! We the people demand you put an end to abatements and dedicate a specific area for homeless camps to be. We want sanitization services near these camps for our unsheltered neighbors. Please do not approve the major budget increase for the SLCPD budget and instead reallocate these funds to provide resources for our unsheltered community. Giving the police more money so that they can brutalize unsheltered folks is not the answer! Please consider your community members and listen to the voices of the people speaking out! The police do not need more money, they need much much less. Vulnerable communities would be in much better use of this money than the police ever would be. A concerned citizen of SLC, Adrian Lins</p>	Homelessness
4/16/2021 16:24	Francios R Romano	<p>I so hope this theater is saved.....WE HAVE ENOUGH APARTMENTS AND CRAPY LOOKING HIGHRISES IN OUR DOWNTOWN!!!! Initiative to designate Utah Pantages Theater & Utah Capitol Theater as local historic landmarks!!!!Lets get it passed!!!</p>	Utah Theater
4/16/2021 16:26	Aunie Dey	<p>Hi, to whom it may concern I'd like to address the ongoing issues we have with unsheltered community cleanup acts here in salt lake. As the mayor has mentioned, if there is going to be designated tiny housing for unsheltered communities- There needs to be more progress to make it a reality. The wasting of time and resources is all I see with the act of the police uprooting people merely trying their best to survive. I want to make a demand to stop the uprooting of unsheltered communities and camp abatements until an adequate space is provided for them with sanitation services. I demand that instead of increasing SLCPD spending at all, all of those funds are allocated into helping the unsheltered communities. It is clear that we have the resources to do this, the energy isn't being placed in the right areas. Instead health department officials and police are profiting off of ripping these communities apart and it's very corrupt. I, and many others demand to see change in this. Thank you</p>	Homelessness

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4/16/2021 16:27	Anne Charles	Hi Mayor and Council Members, I am, again, asking that you halt all camp abatements. These are further traumatizing and harmful to our unsheltered community. The \$1.4 million that you wanted to give the police force in the last council meeting should go to meeting the needs of community members such as these. We should be investing in more housing, camping sites, mental health resources, employment and training, and more public facilities. You all state that you care about your community, but that is not being shown when you force them out of community spaces and take their belongings. This does harm to our most vulnerable neighbors. You have an opportunity to show SLC that your priorities are truly for the people of the city. Thank you for your time,	Homelessness
4/16/2021 16:32	John Doe	Blake Newman called into demand that the Mayor, Council, and SLCPD stop all Camp abatements. Mr. Newman believes that the abatements are dehumanizing and cruel. He would like dedicated area's for the homeless until shelter is made available to them, more sanitation services near the camps, and to deny the SLCPD request for an extra 1.4 million in funding. Mr. Newman asks that the Council spend those funds in more resources for the unsheltered.	Homelessness

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		<p>Mayor Mendenhall et al, I'm writing to express my continued disgust at the city's decision to allocate funds toward inhumane and illogical camp abatements. After growing up in the Silicon Valley at the height of the dotcom boom, I am watching a housing crisis as the result of industry and development play out for a second time. I have to say, never have I seen such a disgraceful and downright cruel use of funds to dehumanize and villainize an entire segment of a city's population who have been pushed out of their homes and now, pushed around the city. The funds being spent on bulldozing people's belongings without adequate solutions (please, tell me how bicycles pose a public health hazard) not only create unnecessary waste, they create unnecessary trauma. Please re-allocate these funds to real and tenable stop-gap solutions until the long term proposed shelters and tiny home communities come into effect. People need reliable places and community support to camp and heal in the interim time. Allocating space and basic sanitation services is the least the city can do, and I, along with many other residents, know it can be done. Plenty of other cities in the United States practice legal camp areas. I'd like to conclude by noting that the day of the most recent abatement, Mayor Mendenhall promoted a random survey that will be distributed to SLC residents by mail or phone to provide feedback regarding city services. Please know that the unsheltered ARE residents of Salt Lake City, and a robust plan to gather and incorporate the feedback of those with no permanent address or phone number needs to be put into effect immediately. I am sure this community has plenty to teach you all about city services. I hear from city and government officials, time and again, that residents would do well to learn "how things work," a line that absolves you all of the responsibility to be courageous in positions of power. I'm calling on you, personally, to stop asking your residents to learn to work with you, and learn how to best serve your residents. We pay you do the legwork, not the other way around. You have the power to change this city's course for the better. Do your job, and use it. -- All The Best, Ashley A. Engeler She/Her(s)</p>	Homelessness
4/16/2021 16:40	Ashley Engeler		
4/16/2021 17:02	Steve Boulay	I am100% in support of making a chnage to rnked choice voting,	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:03	Daniel J Fochs	Just want to add my voice as being FOR Ranked Choice Voting!	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/16/2021 17:04	Megan CURTIS	I am so excited that we might be able to pilot Ranked Choice Voting in Utah. It is such a great idea and Utah can be a great example to show how this can be done well. *It discourages negative campaigning, *It provides more choice for voters *It can save money when replacing preliminary and runoff voting *It minimizes strategic voting so people can vote their conscious. *It reduces extremes so people can find a more common ground I am so excited that we might have the opportunity to vote using this method. Thank you so much!	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:09	Dory Trimble	I'm pleased to hear the City Council is considering ranked choice voting, and would be delighted if they adopted it. It allows for more equitable governance and means voters can prioritize candidates and policies that represent the city they ACTUALLY want to live in, and not just the compromise they suspect is most "electable." Thank you for prioritizing the true values and interests of your electorate by taking this policy under serious consideration!	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:09	Sheryl Schindler	Yes, yes, yes. This saves money and time.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:11	Jacob Skog	I am very much in favor of Salt Lake City adopting ranked choice voting.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:11	virginia hylton	RCV is a better process to elect a representative. Maybe it will get citizens to get to know every candidate and their positions.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:12	Zachary Dussault	Hello, I would like to submit my support for the use of RCV in Salt Lake City. Ranked choice voting allows individuals to vote for who they actually want to represent them without having to worry about the spoiler effect in races involving more than 2 candidates.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:13	Jan Striefel	I believe that Ranked Choice Voting is a way to ensure that the most qualified and informed candidates are on the ballot, and provides more opportunity for a preferred candidate to succeed.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:14	William Coker	As Salt Lake City residents and business owners (Red Iguana Restaurants) we fully believe in Ranked Choice Voting as a system of selecting our government representatives at all levels in the City and the State of Utah. We believe that eliminating Primaries and ranking choices gives us a more economical voting process, a wider choice of selection lending importance to it while simplifying it at the same time. I think our candidates will appreciate it and it will ultimately be a more fairer and more representative system than the current one. We can't wait for it to be implemented.	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/16/2021 17:17	Scott Rosenbush	I am very familiar with the process of Ranked Choice Voting. I am not in favor of it and ask that you reject this idea for SLC. If there is to be a runoff election I prefer to know who the remaining candidates are before I make my 'second choice'. Thank you.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:22	Amanda Funai	I think we should absolutely use ranked choice voting. it allows for more voices to be heard and moves away from polarizing choices and allows more third party voices to be heard.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:22	Glenna Wallis	I'm in favor of switching to ranked choice voting for city council elections. It seems like a great way to prioritize several issues and weight my voting selection for multiple candidates accordingly. I'd also be in favor of ranked choice voting instead of primaries for other city or state offices too in future. It would seem to save money on ballots and also provide more competitive races.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:29	Ben Burdett	RCV is gaining popularity nationwide. It's less expensive, saves time, and gives the voters more voice in their government! I am definitely in favor of using it.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:35	Tammy Hinckley	I strongly favor Ranked Choice Voting.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:38	John Gurr	absolutely support this concept and would urge the city to accept and to proceed towards adoption..	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:41	Benjamin Jordan	Please support ranked choice voting and then advocate for it at the County, State, and Federal levels!	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:41	Laura Thomas	fully in favor	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:44	Lance Hemmert	It's probably the most democratic and fair voting practice we could have. I'm glad to see SLC leadership considering its implementation.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:44	Archie Phillips	This seems to be a good system, now can you fix the gerrymandered unfairness?	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:53	Diane B Whittaker	Yes, please allow Ranked Choice Voting in Salt Lake City	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:56	David Langlie	I'm opposed to implementing Ranked Choice Voting.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 17:59	Larry Dean	I am in full support of Salt Lake City adopting rank choice voting.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 18:04	Anonymous Constituent	One vote, one person. Ranked choice is a ridiculous concept that tries to skirt the basic tenet of voting. Why are you trying to change such a simple structure? This just looks like another example of excessive bureaucracy that has nothing to do with the people. Are the people in the neighborhoods rallying to change voting? No, we're not because this concept doesn't need to be changed. What a waste of my tax dollars. Fix the roads instead!	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 18:07	Anonymous Constituent	I would love for Salt Lake to try out ranked choice voting.	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/16/2021 18:09	Ira Hinckley	I am in favor of rank choice voting. I support this.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 18:12	James Hunsaker	I think this is definitely worth trying	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 18:13	Ben Daniell Hagenhofer	I am in support of ranked choice voting and Salt Lake City elections should use it moving forward.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 18:31	Anonymous Constituent	Hello, I am writing to express my fervent support for allowing ranked voting. It just makes complete sense, please pass this measure. Thank you.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 18:33	Lynne Olson	I support Ranked Choice voting. I believe it is eminently sensible, and maximizes citizens' democratic involvement in the voting process.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 18:51	Anonymous Constituent	I support rank choice voting. Living in Utah, I think rank choice will encourage some candidates to break free of just standing by party and think of the needs of the actual voters in their county.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 19:03	Carole STRAUGHN	PLEASE USE RANKED-CHOICE VOTING THIS YEAR FOR CITY COUNCIL SEATS TO ELECT THE CANDIDATES MOST REPRESENTATIVE OF VOTER PREFERENCES. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO VOTE FOR MY TRUE FAVORITE, AND KNOW THAT MY VOTE WON'T HELP MY LEAST FAVORITE WIN.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 19:07	T Hose	Worked as temporary elections staff in SLCo Clerks Office for 2018 election. SLCo operations were well organized and staff well trained to assist in questions from the public. Confident in SLCo to perform RCV in future elections. Believe that RCV offers the opportunity for an individual's vote to truly count.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 19:29	Sarah Davis	I am strongly in favor of ranked choice voting.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 19:30	Rick Henriksen	yes yes yes let's do it!!!	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 19:31	June Taylor	I strongly support SLC going to ranked-choice voting. IMO it provides more competition and an escape from the "evil of 2 lessers" problem where voters have to vote for the least bad of 2 bad choices because no 3rd-party candidate has a chance.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 19:35	David Mcneill	I think it's a wonderful idea to switch to ranked choice voting. Let's do it!	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 19:37	Anonymous Constituent	1. Do it. 2. Do it, for goodness sake. 3. Do it now. 4. Do it for democracy.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 19:37	Arnold Bayer Klemens	This seems reasonable to me. If these are hand counted a worry about the margin of error.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 19:41	Justin Brown	In favor of ranked choice voting. It's about time we do it.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 19:47	Michael Wren	I like this idea, it's been well tested elsewhere, let's proceed !	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/16/2021 19:53	Zachary Haddenham	I support Ranked Choice Voting. I think first-past-the-post voting results in negative partisanship, hurtful campaigns, and increases othering of many of our friends and neighbors. We need less polarization in this world, not more. In FPTP voting, people often find themselves motivated to vote against a candidate rather than for their preferred candidate as a "wasted" vote. Being able to rank your voting preference ensures that no vote is wasted. It encourages candidates to highlight their own strengths, and even work together with their fellow candidates where they largely agree with each other rather than focus on negative campaigns about their competitors. Please adopt ranked Choice voting in Salt Lake City. It makes sense and will help make the world a little bit better, which we could all use.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 20:01	Vard McGuire	I totally suport ranked choice voting!	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 20:08	Margo Thurman	I think we should try it. It is a more valid than a primary. The Republican primary is run by just a few not everyone.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 20:08	Donald Emerson	i support ranked choice voting	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 20:11	George Chapman	If the City decides on ranked choice voting without a primary, and if there are a lot of candidates, it may skew the results in the General Election. I have no problem with ranked choice voting. I am concerned about a lot of candidates in the General Election resulting in unintended consequences. My previous example was of the 2013 election with several good candidates in D7. Ranked choice in the primary would have helped other good candidates get to the General Election. In addition, it forces all candidates to spend more, much more, to campaign in the last two months. This could significantly increase the cost of running.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 20:35	Elizabeth Bowman	I oppose ranked choice voting because it would allow reallocation of votes rather than majority rule. This could allow a candidate with fewer than half of the votes to survive, and disenfranchise someone who voted for someone who might have won if there were only two candidates. There should be primaries when needed and a final runoff. One vote per ballot.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 21:12	Karen S Major	I am all for it. it us do much more efficient, saving taxpayer money, anguish for candidates. get it over and done with in one fell swoop	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 21:17	Jeffery Olson	I support it enthusiastically. It is much more democratic. Everyone participates in the election of candidates, not just party loyalists who decide the outcome of primaries.	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/16/2021 21:44	Margo Markowski	I support ranked choice voting. :-) I also preferred street pick by neighborhoods because scavengers took a lot of things that would otherwise go to the trash.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 21:46	Anonymous Constituent	I think SLC should adopt ranked choice voting.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 22:44	Joel Barber	I'm just one Salt Lake City voter, but I've been reading about this voting system for many years and am convinced that, while it may not be perfect, it would be a HUGE improvement over the present system. This is true for both partisan and non-partisan races, and at all levels of government. Thanks, Joel Barber	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 22:53	Anonymous Constituent	I am a Salt Lake City resident. I support rank choice voting for city elections. I also hope it will help this change occur at a state level if voters become familiar with it and see more municipalities use the voting method. Thanks.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/16/2021 22:53	Kathy Adams	I AM IN SUPPORT OF RANK CHOICE VOTING	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 7:36	Miles C Petty	I think we should do it!	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 7:56	Caroline Phinney	Hello Council Members, I am writing with strong support for ranked choice voting, I am requesting you also support this and let the city know it is recommended to have Salt Lake City sign up to try this way of voting. It will be beneficial to be able to provide back-up choices, especially when we have many candidates running. More voices will be heard. Thank you.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 8:26	Anonymous Constituent	i support ranked choice voting and no primary	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 9:02	Anonymous Constituent	Ranked choice voting seems to be the best reflection of people's actual preferences.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 9:02	Brenda Koga	I am in favor of the rank choice voting for the council. I feel it is more equitable and will voice the overall sentiments of the public.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 9:05	Aleko N Kol	voicing support for ranked choice	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 10:02	Jessica French	This is a sensible and fair way to elect the best candidate in our heavily democratic city, which often has a crowded field of candidates.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 10:05	Anonymous Constituent	As a California refugee I encourage you to look to San Francisco as a policy counterexample, and RCV is no exception. A candidate with <20% of the first choice vote won as DA. In the next election, candidates cross-endorsed to game the system, and the 1st choice winner lost a second time. You cant rush or automate democracy. Voting is confusing enough for many, RCV adds a layer of complexity that I've only seen product outlier outcomes.	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/17/2021 10:15	Peter Ashcroft	I strongly support Salt Lake City using ranked choice voting. Although there are pros and cons with any voting system, the advantages fo ranked choice voting far outweigh the disadvantages. I believe the two greatest advantages are the following. 1) Candidates are incentivized to appeal to the majority of the population, rather than simply to an extreme minority. Rabidly partisan candidates and negative campaigning have historically been less of a problem in Salt Lake City than at the state and national levels, but Salt Lake City could help set a tone for Utah. 2) RCV allows voters to express their true preferences, rather than having to color their choices with speculation about which candidates might ultimately win. In this sense, RCV is profoundly more respectful of voter preferences than other systems. Voters should not be forced to engage in speculation and game theory when they cast their votes! Thank you. -Peter	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 10:36	James Keetley	Yes let's try it. Try ranked choice voting for a while. We can always go back to the other way if it doesn't work out. Thank you.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 11:30	John Kaserman	I'm in favor of ranked choice voting.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 11:46	Randall Carlisle	I'm 100 % in favor!!!	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 12:32	Jyll Sweet	Kinda Cool! I sort of like the idea of ranked choices but not sure I want to hurt other individuals running because I kinda-sorta don't "like" them so I have to RATE just how badly I like or dislike them. Not sure about that. Seems like a popularity contest instead of voting for one person and what they have campaigned for and will do for us in our community. Just not sure....	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 13:45	Robert Argenbright	I am for ranked choice voting.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 14:10	Steve Woodall	I am strongly in favor of ranked-choice voting. I can't imagine why anyone would object to it other than people just don't like change. Or, they believe that their unpopular candidate can only win with a divided opposition.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 14:30	Dannon Rampton	I would love to see SLC adopt ranked choice voting. I think it's an excellent way to increase voter representation and decrease partisanship in politics. It might also save money by reducing the need for runoff elections. I hope its implementation at the city level can become a model for future implementation at the state level.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 15:18	Allison Johnson	What a great idea! I support it wholeheartedly.	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/17/2021 16:30	Amy Carmen	We just got our online voting set up throughout the state, and now more people have voted than in the past. Why change? It is too confusing, people will make errors which will invalidate their vote. It is hard to understand. If people vote for more than one person, they might just choose random candidates they know nothing about. I want to know that my vote is counted for one of the candidates. With RCV it seems like my vote won't have much value - why should I vote? Thank you - Amy.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 17:06	Anonymous Constituent	I support RCV in Salt Lake City now that Salt Lake County has the availability to provide the option for the municipalities that contract with them. Thanks for all you do!	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 19:53	Shaunda McNeill	I'm in favor of ranked choice voting because it reduces the partisan nature of elections and requires that the winner is supported by at least half of voters. I strongly encourage SLC to adopt ranked choice voting.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/17/2021 22:10	Dave Brach	ranked choice voting is a great idea	Ranked Choice Voting
4/18/2021 6:14	Anonymous Constituent	I like this idea of ranked voting and it may increase voter participation.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/18/2021 10:18	Heather Whidden	I love the idea of ranked choice voting, and I hope the city council decides to implement it. Thank you!	Ranked Choice Voting
4/18/2021 17:39	Scott Christensen	All correspondences state based on State Law. "Based on State Law, if Salt Lake City wishes to join the Ranked Choice Voting pilot program, the City has until May 9 to notify the Lieutenant Governor's Office." Ranked Choice voting didn't pass into Law so it isn't based on state law. By using that terminology it makes it appear to have been accepted by law makers. I really think this statement needs to be dropped so as not to deceive voters into thinking it is contained or accepted in state law.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/18/2021 17:56	Renee Zollinger	Ranked choice voting seems like a win win solution. Voters have more ability to express their opinions, taxpayers fund fewer elections, candidates need to appeal more broadly to their diverse constituent. Please switch to this system.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/18/2021 18:53	John Bishop	I support ranked choice voting.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/18/2021 21:10	Kasey O'Connor	This has to be something dreamed up in some progressive state with too much time on their hands or there is no other way they can win. In case you havent figured it out yet,,,, I am dead set against this. The top vote getter wins, PERIOD..	Ranked Choice Voting
4/18/2021 22:37	Thea Brannon	I am in favor of ranked choice voting, with a reasonable limit on the number of candidates.	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/19/2021 7:54	Kev Nemelka	It's baffling to see such a Christian-centric community of leaders do the exact opposite of what their holy books and their Savior figure tell them they should do. Instead of displacing the unsheltered community (for whom the Savior would've cared) and calling upon your militarized Pharisees to harass and destroy, please make the common-sense, altruistic decision to designate areas wherein the community may live until the promised tiny home dev is complete, provide sanitation services and STOP giving the police more money! Deny their ludicrous million-dollar budget increase request and allocate those funds to resources for the unsheltered. There is an abominable amount of wealth in our city—do the right thing or karma will not rest. -- Kev Nemelka Director Designer etc.	Homelessness
4/19/2021 7:55	Marilyn McLean	YES - we should have ranked choice voting! THANKS, Marilyn McLean	Ranked Choice Voting
4/19/2021 7:56	Paul Mooney	This proposal does not pass my sniff test. It's 'rank' alright, really just a bunch of confusing nonsense. I did not find the video at all convincing, and over time, would prove to be a source of corruption and manipulation. I'm against the proposal.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/19/2021 7:57	Josephine Mass	Mayor Mendenhall, Nearly every week, I am horrified to see my tax dollars being used traumatize my community. Camp abatements are inhuman and ineffective. They do not solve the root of the homelessness problem in Salt Lake City. It's disturbing to see our resources go towards tearing apart people's lives rather than helping them. I am begging and demanding that you stop camp abatements. Thank you for your time and consideration, Josie	Homelessness
4/19/2021 8:18	Jill Bischoff	I highly support ranked choice voting	Ranked Choice Voting
4/19/2021 8:54	Carleton Detar	Hi Chris, We strongly prefer ranked choice voting to the current runoff system. Of course there are various ways to implement it. Let's give it a try. Best, Carleton	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/19/2021 8:54	Susan Sandack	<p>My name is Susan Sandack. I am a resident in District 7 and my comments have to do with the City Council's discussion about Rank Choice Voting on April 6, 2021. I appreciate hearing many thoughtful questions most of you raised regarding the fiscal impact this change will have for the City Budget, timing issues during an election year, and how to eventually best educate the public on this proposed new voting method if passed. I implore you to consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently spending \$120,000 on an election with a primary versus \$72,000 on an election under the Rank Choice Voting method with no primary seems the most cost efficient reason to adopt RCV. • Regarding money that the State is allocating (\$10,000) to cities and municipalities assisting with community education efforts, I do not recall hearing any questions as to whether or not the money from the state would still be available if the City Council were to decide to postpone a decision to adopt this next year. Those incentive funds should be used now in case they go away next year. • By adopting RCV, candidates and voters are charged with being concise. Voters are given a simplified way to learn about the candidates and make informed decisions. At the same time, the candidates are challenged to make certain their qualifications and issues are well articulated. Candidates should win elections based on their qualifications and how their constituents want to be represented and less on how much money they have. We have seen it happen too many times in a general election where more than two candidates are competing and those running behind always end up taking important votes away from one or another of the top two candidates which results in elections too close to call. This causes expensive, laborious and unnecessary recounts and run-offs. *Continued 1/2* 	Ranked Choice Voting

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	Susan Sandack	<p>*Continued 2/2* Ranking choices should result in no need for a primary. It does not make sense to support RCV and schedule a primary so that the community can ease into the voting method change. Just let it happen the way it should. The top two individual candidates will gain more quality time to strategize their campaign platforms and outreach to the community. It only makes sense to commit to this pilot program NOW during an election year and equalize the effort with no primary. • There was mention that three current City Council Officials are up for re-election some still undecided whether or not they even want to run for their seat again this election year. The comments to wait until newly elected officials come on board makes no sense whatsoever. They will be too new, too green and the learning opportunities too curved. I applaud the current Council for taking time to understanding the benefits of Rank Choice Voting. You all have had multiple trainings and mock presentations to understand the value and methodology. You are ready to commit now – not later because that feels easier. By postponing a decision to join this pilot program next year, the Council will lose valuable time and resources you have already invested to understand Rank Choice Voting. • On the subject of training, you are all well aware the League of Women Voters has arranged mock training to better understand RCV. I am certain they would be willing to arrange more Council trainings to help see you through this transition. • Finally, the most important reason I can think of has to do with leadership. Salt Lake City as the Capitol City for the State of Utah and should always take the lead when change is necessary to strengthen the community. With all the discussion nationally about election compromises, steals, fraud and suppression, it only makes sense to strengthen voter rights now by a City commitment to adopt the Rank Choice Voting method. Please support RCV on April 20, 2021 and sign up with Salt Lake County by the proposed deadline of May 10, 2021 or sooner. Thank you! Susan Sandack</p>	
4/19/2021 9:13	Anonymous Constituent	When the council asks for comments about a certain subject like ranked choice voting, it should also present estimates of how much it will cost and how it affects the annual budget. It's disingenuous to do otherwise. If cost hasn't been considered and evaluated before presenting an option, the council has more work to do. Please don't leave those that have to foot the bill uninformed.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/19/2021 9:29	William Komlos	I think ranked voting is a good idea.	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/19/2021 9:47	Jack Dolcourt	Hello Councilman Wharton, We live in your District (Avenues) and want to let you know that we both favor rank choice voting and encourage you to vote in its favor at the upcoming City Council meeting. We also support vote by mail and think those who contend rank choice voting would eliminate vote by mail are setting up an unnecessary hurdle. The combination of rank choice voting and vote by mail certainly creates complexity but that should be overcomable. Sincerely, Jack Dolcourt Joyce Dolcourt	Ranked Choice Voting
4/19/2021 9:53	David Buck	Salt Lake city council members, I made a 3 minute video to explain a voting science/algorithmic analysis on ranked choice voting. I think it is important for decision makers in your position to take into account. Let me know if you have any questions. David Buck	Ranked Choice Voting
4/19/2021 12:37	Elizabeth Hunt	Thank you for being willing to take on the leadership of issues of homelessness. I wanted to make sure you know our Gunnison Prison has a building trades program run by Snow College, and the inmates have built tiny homes in the past. The instructor is Jerome Black and he is great. I am thinking the inmates could help solve the homeless problem, learn vocational skills, experience feeling like valuable social contributors, and earn money to pay restitution, support their families and invest in their futures. I am copying Jerome Black on this email in case you would like to be in touch with him directly. Thank you both for the vitally important work you are doing.	Affordable Housing
4/19/2021 13:55	Everette Bacon	I am in favor of this.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/19/2021 14:52	Dorothy Pappas Owen	I am writing to encourage council members to support rank choice voting. Initially, I was ambivalent about this change feeling it would not make much difference in encouraging low voting turnout on the westside. After talking with people, I realize this change impacts not just city council races across the City but also the Mayor race. Furthermore, I believe this change is particularly important as it encourages broader issue dialogue that brings people together rather than divides people into camps. It also reinforces the fact that municipal races are non-partisan-- a critical fact that is often missed when only two choices are offered. It can save money but that is not as important, nor as certain, as the other factors. Please support this change as a representative of the people rather than looking at what is best for candidates. thank you.	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/19/2021 15:48	Chris Beckwith	Hello! I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I'm reaching out to you about the possibility of our city having Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in the next election cycle. I firmly believe our city should opt-in to RCV and try it out in November. RCV allows my vote to still count, even if my 1st choice doesn't win. RCV helps make politics more civil because candidates have to appeal to a broad base of voters to win. RCV will save our city money because we won't need primaries. RCV is intuitive. Everyone knows how to make choices in order of preference. Thank you for your consideration! -- Christina Beckwith	Ranked Choice Voting
4/19/2021 15:49	Richard Holman	Yes on rank choice voting. The perpetual delay because someone is up for reelection is unacceptable. Get it done please as there will never, as we've seen, be a time when circumstances are perfect. Do what is right for the voting public.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/19/2021 15:50	Susan Rennau	I do support the move to Ranked Choice Voting. Susan Rennau	Ranked Choice Voting
4/19/2021 15:58	Gil PODOLSKY	I'M IN FAVOR OF THIS	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/20/2021 8:42	Judi Short	<p>Amy, tomorrow, please vote in favor of Ranked Choice voting. You have to remember that you are a citizen of the US and Salt Lake City, look at this from your perspective as a voter, rather than just as a candidate.. What I like about it is often there are people running for office that I know nothing about and I vote for the person I know. The other guy hardly gets a chance. I really think this will make all candidates have to put their best face forward, get to know the people and the issues, and explain from the beginning why they are the best candidate. One of the most memorable local elections for me was some years ago, when there were about ten people running for the District 5 slot, and they were all in front of the Sugar House Community Council. I didn't know any of them. But listening to them all talk and answer the same questions, it became apparent very quickly which ones understood the issues, and which ones were clueless. We didn't have computers and social media like we do today, but reviewing all the candidates at once made it clear which were the top two or three for me. Now, every candidate relies on their website or FB page, and don't bother to answer questions when the League of Women Voters sends out their questionnaire for the Voters Guide. As a result it is harder for the voter to find information, and they might vote for the first person who knocks on their door. If they had a Voters Guide with everyone in one place, they would have better information to make their choices. And mailing it from home gives them time to read up on the candidates. I think RCV will level the playing field, make all candidates step up and work to earn the votes. And it will put more onus on me to study all the candidates. I think it will be a big improvement. I would think not spending the money for a primary will offset the extra cost for fancy ballots etc.. Best, Judi -- Judi Short</p>	Ranked Choice Voting
4/20/2021 8:56	Laura Boardman	<p>Dear Council member, Please not yes to rank choice voting, it is a much better way of voting than current voting system, it give voter a larger voice. Thank you, Laura Boardman</p>	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/20/2021 9:02	Jack Jowers	<p>Dear Ms. Fowler, I write in support of implementing a ranked-choice voting system in our city. I saw that you will be considering and voting on a proposal on joining the pilot program in your April 20th city council meeting. I am 22 years old and a second-year student at the University of Utah, currently living in the Sunnyside area. As a political science and economics major, I have been able to look at a wide variety of voting procedures and institutions. From this research, I have become increasingly convinced that RCV is one of the best procedures for ensuring accurate representation. I am increasingly concerned about our toxic political dialogue and stark partisanship, and I don't believe it is indicative of the vast majority of people's preferences. I believe RCV would allow for more issue-focused and positive campaigns, and, from my research, it seems that the implementation costs and potential educational lag are negligible compared to the long-term positive effects it has on democracy and a community. I admire you for your willingness to serve your community in public office. Your service inspires me to ensure that I find ways to serve and contribute to my community as I advance in life. I know you, especially as the Chair of the council, will make the decision that you feel will best serve your constituents, and I write as a concerned citizen that is passionate about making democracy work for everyone, not just those at the ends of the political spectrum. I have attached a memo I prepared for a class earlier this year on the topic of RCV. I hope it can be a resource to you as you research this pressing and important issue. I would be very proud of my city if we could be one of the pioneering cities to implement ranked-choice voting. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or if there's any way I can help. All the best, Jack Jowers -- Jack Jowers</p>	Ranked Choice Voting
4/20/2021 9:23	Carole STRAUGHN	<p>Dear Councilwoman Fowler, I am writing to urge you to vote FOR ranked choice voting tonight at the SLC Council meeting. Here's why RCV makes for better representation of voters' true preferences: In the 2013 SLC Council election there were three progressive candidates and two conservatives on the ballot. Although a majority of votes went for the progressives, it was the two conservatives who got on the general ballot, because one of them got a plurality of votes in the whole field. A conservative was elected and the majority progressive voters were disenfranchised. If we had had RCV in 2013, a progressive would have gotten on the Council from District 7, and we would have had more progress in city life. Please vote FOR RCV tonight! Your constituent, Carole Straughn</p>	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/20/2021 9:25	Jackson Green	Hi, Good morning to you all, I hope that your Friday is going well. I would very much appreciate the opportunity to be able to vote by ranked-choice. Thank you for your time, -Jackson Green	Ranked Choice Voting
4/20/2021 9:27	Tanner Gannaway	Hello, I'm a current resident of Salt Lake City and I implore you to vote in favor of Ranked Choice Voting on April 20th. It is absurd to live in a democracy where one must constantly choose between: A) Voting for one's preferred candidate, or B) 'Throwing your vote away' if your preferred candidate is neither the incumbent, nor supported by a major fundraising apparatus. Our current First-Past-The-Post system and all of its resultant 'strategic voting' nonsense is plainly anti-democratic, promoting fundraising dollars over actual issues. Utah must implement a system that more closely adheres to actual democratic principles and allows for citizens to do their research and vote based on policy and integrity, not on whoever manages to poll the best in the weeks leading up to an election. Utah deserves better. Utah deserves Democracy. Thank you for your consideration, Tanner Gannaway, Sugar House	Ranked Choice Voting
4/20/2021 9:29	Eric Swenson	Hello, I'm a current resident of Salt Lake City and I implore you to vote in favor of Ranked Choice Voting on April 20th. It is absurd to live in a democracy where one must constantly choose between: A) Voting for their preferred candidate, or B) 'Throwing their vote away' Our current First-Past-The-Post system and all of its resultant 'strategic voting' nonsense is plainly anti-democratic, promoting fundraising dollars over actual issues. Utah must implement a system that more closely adheres to actual democratic principles and allows for citizens to do their research and vote based on policy and integrity, not on whoever manages to poll the best in the weeks leading up to an election, or whomever the media chooses to spotlight. This is no longer a hypothetical issue, and we've had years of disastrous elections to prove why we need change now. Thank you for your consideration, Eric Swenson	Ranked Choice Voting
4/20/2021 9:30	Michael Poen	Hello! I'm just a guy who thinks ranked choice is the way to go, and I'm also a guy who voted for you. I think anything that can improve democratic choice should be strongly advocated for especially when the GOP is attacking our ability to vote at every opportunity. Thank you for your time, Michael Poen Sent from my iPhone	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/20/2021 9:31	Daniel Brinkerhoff	Good afternoon, My name is Daniel Brinkerhoff, I work at Hill AFB and I firmly believe that voting reform is necessary for the long term health of our Democracy and our nation. Please vote yes People need to feel like their votes matter or things will get worse. Thank you for your time,	Ranked Choice Voting
4/20/2021 9:33	Kory Holdaway	Dear Chair Fowler, I was interested in the discussion your council was having about Ranked Choice Voting/Elections during your work session yesterday. I do work with Utah Ranked Choice Voting and would love to be able to meet with you over coffee or virtually if you prefer and answer any questions you may have about RCV. I'd be happy to be able to provide an update on what is happening here in the state and to also share with you some of the reasons why this is an important movement for more civic engagement and civility in that engagement. I'd be glad to make myself available to match your schedule. I hope to be able to connect with you. Respectfully, Kory Holdaway KMH Consulting & Government Affairs	Ranked Choice Voting
4/20/2021 9:37	Suzanne Stensaas	* The Council announced it will make a choice at the April 20 meeting on changing this year's City elections to ranked-choice voting. Suzanne S. Stensaas	Ranked Choice Voting

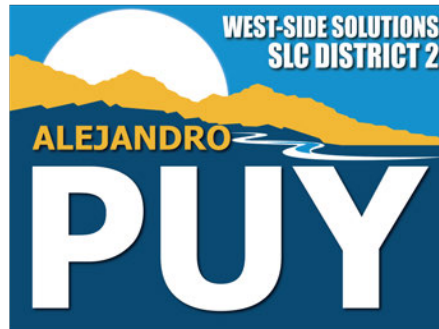
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4/20/2021 9:39	George Chapman	<p>During discussion of the Ranked Choice Pilot Program, I urge you to remember the effect on the voters and particularly on the community councils if Ranked Choice Voting is only for the General Election. If more than two candidates for municipal offices are on the general election ballot, community councils and voters will have less time to hear the two best candidates debate. From years of hands on experience both managing campaigns and running for office, I found that the problem with more than two candidates is that the community councils, and other groups hosting debates, have to allow all of the candidates into the debate. Even the ones that may not have a chance at winning. That decreases legitimate debates and relegated voters to rely on candidate marketing materials. Several examples show the problem. Nationally, during the Presidential Primaries, the number of candidates on the debate stage was almost laughable. Locally, in 2013, there were way too many running for office in District 5 to allow a good debate that could cover more than a couple of questions. In other words, there was not enough time for the community councils to allow all to participate in debates until after the top two were chosen in the primary (I helped set up the one debate.). In the 2015 mayor's election, the 5 candidates made effective debates at the community councils almost impossible. Greater Avenues settled the issue by choosing who they felt were the top two candidates for a first debate and let the last three debate at the next month's meeting. That could have resulted in a lawsuit if any of the candidates felt slighted (we didn't). *Continued 1/2*</p>	Ranked Choice Voting

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	George Chapman	<p>*Continued 2/2* The first mayoral debate in 2015 may have seemed to stay on point and provided good points but subsequent TV debates were rushed and didn't allow a good defining of the candidates, in my opinion. I expect many to run for municipal offices this year for each opening and that will make the hosting of debates almost impossible until after a primary that chooses the top two candidates. The best example is the large number of candidates that applied for the last opening on the District 5 City Council seat. I believe many activists will apply to push the issues that were common in the last year, including defunding police, police brutality, homeless camp cleanups, affordable housing, etc. My main point is that over the years, candidates for municipal offices cannot provide a good education for voters without debates and debates with more than the top two candidates are difficult and do not really provide more than a couple of questions answered. Without debates, voters have to rely on candidate marketing materials. With more than a couple of candidates, potential debates will turn into a bunch of slogans by activists hoping to get their point across. If the City really wants to educate the voters, the City should consider hosting debates for each Council District at local schools. In 2014, the Legislature made all public schools civic centers (all charter schools were added in 2015) so that the only cost for using the school facilities is a modest rental fee (and damage deposit) since added insurance is not needed. Local schools would provide a large audience and educate voters better than candidate marketing materials. The City should host these voter education debates for the Primary and for the General Election. It would also publicize the local community councils and increase community engagement in those councils. Please consider this when you are choosing how to use ranked choice voting this year. George Chapman SLC</p>	

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4/20/2021 9:44	Linda Johnson	<p>I am writing to ask you to approve ranked choice voting. It has been done many places and has worked well where used. though it takes a little effort for voter education. A number of Utah cities are considering it, and Salt Lake City should be a leader. As far as I know, the list includes Cottonwood Heights, Mill Creek, Murray, Sandy, Riverton, Taylorsville, West Jordan, and West Valley City. Ranked Choice voting also appeals to me because it assures that the most popular candidate wins. I am personally in favor of it because it saves time (for runoffs) and money (for duplicate, repeated campaign efforts). And I strongly believe that running for office has become prohibitively expensive. That may be off-putting to people who would like to run, and ought to work to diversify the candidate list, which is a good outcome. There are many other reasons, but I think you've heard most of them already, so I won't repeat. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, in Sugarhouse, and have been an active participant as a volunteer in environmental and governmental matters in SLCO and SLC for the past fifteen years. I thank you for considering this.</p> <p>4/4/21 Linda Johnson</p>	Ranked Choice Voting
4/20/2021 9:54	Don Brown	<p>Ranked Choice Voting makes the process more complex when we should be aiming for more simple. I urge you to defeat the idea.</p>	Ranked Choice Voting
4/20/2021 9:59	Andrew Cotter	<p>Salt Lake City has a chance to be a progressive leader when it comes to improving democracy, which is an urgent issue. Ranked choice voting allows for a fuller expression of voters' preferences and incentivizes accountability and dynamism among our leaders. RCV would lead to a more diverse and pragmatic set of ideas on the table, and would allow more voices to be heard. If Salt Lake City implements ranked choice voting, it would have positive impacts reaching well beyond the short term and well beyond the city limits.</p>	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/20/2021 10:31	Katharine Biele	<p>Dear Council Members, I'd like to encourage you to opt into this important opportunity to see how RCV works for our city. There is no need for a primary to "ease" voters into it. RCV eliminates the need for primaries, and your decision to move ahead would give you time to educate voters about the process before the general election. This is a nationally recognized voting method with very little downside. This is about the voters, not about candidates. I hope you will vote for your constituents tonight. Katharine Biele District 6</p>	Ranked Choice Voting
4/20/2021 10:33	Chris Beckwith	<p>Hello! I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I'm reaching out to you about the possibility of our city having Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in the next election cycle. I firmly believe our city should opt-in to RCV and try it out in November. RCV allows my vote to still count, even if my 1st choice doesn't win. RCV helps make politics more civil because candidates have to appeal to a broad base of voters to win. RCV will save our city money because we won't need primaries. RCV is intuitive. Everyone knows how to make choices in order of preference. Thank you for your consideration! -- Christina Beckwith</p>	Ranked Choice Voting

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4/20/2021 10:52	Eric Payne	I am a Utah resident of 30 years and I implore the council to adopt Ranked Choice Voting for local elections. A system where a candidate can win without a majority vote is a broken one. Please vote for the implementation of RCV and help the people make their voices heard.	Ranked Choice Voting
4/20/2021 10:58	Todd Sangster	I strongly support ranked choice voting as a means to ensure that those elected to govern have the assent of a majority of the population. Please join in protecting democracy and vote to support RCV!	Ranked Choice Voting
4/20/2021 11:22	David Anson	Dear Councilperson Fowler, 4-4 Greetings. Please vote for Ranked Choice Voting, an easy way to improve our democracy and save money. Thanks for all the work you all do. Constituent David Anson, Ph.D.	Ranked Choice Voting



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