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5/15/2024 9:44	James Alfandre	Request for reevaluating MU setback provisions **Attachment 1	<p>Dear Esteemed Councilmembers, I hope this message finds you well. Firstly, allow me to extend my sincere appreciation for the diligent efforts invested in the ongoing updates to our city's zoning regulations. It's evident that these updates are crucial to accommodate the evolving needs of our rapidly growing city. As a resident deeply invested in the urban fabric and livability of Salt Lake City, I am writing to express some concerns regarding the setbacks within the MU (Mixed-Use) zone. While setbacks undoubtedly serve a valuable purpose in shaping livable streets, it's essential to consider their application in a nuanced manner that prioritizes the human experience and buildable area in our built environment. Specifically, I wish to draw attention to the setback recommendations. As an example, Main Street, south of 1300 South, boasts a considerable setback of 30 feet from the private property lines to the curb plus a 70-foot-wide street. This configuration already allows for a generous allocation of space, including a sidewalk of 10 feet in width and 20 feet of landscape area. However, the proposed additional setback of 10 feet risks exacerbating the prevailing urban fabric characterized by large, imposing blocks and overly spacious streets. As fervent advocates for pedestrian-friendly urban design, we must acknowledge that imposing setbacks indiscriminately can detract from the very essence we seek to cultivate within our city. Rather than perpetuating a uniform application of setbacks, let us adopt a more nuanced approach. Let's reserve setbacks for streets where they genuinely enhance the pedestrian experience, while refraining from their imposition where ample space already exists within city-owned rights-of-way. In embracing this approach, we not only uphold our commitment to fostering a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly environment but also ensure that our zoning regulations align with the unique characteristics and needs of each street and neighborhood. I kindly urge the council to reconsider the implications of setbacks within the FBUN2 and MU zones, with a keen focus on enhancing our city's urban fabric for the benefit of all residents and visitors. I would be happy to lead a tour of Central 9th and Ballpark to show first-hand how setbacks can make or break a street design and walkability. We must take the time to get this right. Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to serving our community's best interests. Warm regards, – James Alfandre Managing Partner Urban Alfandre www.urbanalfandre.com</p>
5/15/2024 10:32	Jeff Myers	(EXTERNAL) No to heliport	<p>Please oppose the downtown heliport. If approved, it would apply to the Delta Center and Salt Palace, as well as the blocks directly north and south of the arena, and Quarter Row directly southeast of it. Salt Lake City planning director Nick Norris said provisions would still be put in place even if certain uses are immediately permitted. There would likely be regular operating hours for heliports in nonemergency situations, for instance.</p>
5/15/2024 11:10	Alan Sernholt	Proposed Taxation of SLC Residents to Host NHL Team.	<p>Dear Councilwoman Eva, As a constituent of District 4, I'm very much against my taxpayer dollars going to support the Arizona NHL Team (possibly moving) to SLC. The owners of the Arizona Team should seek "venture capital" and not SLC taxpayer dollars to move here. We have enough pressure here near the U where illegal parkers (due to football games) take up resident parking for those of us who pay the city for that right. It is our hope you think about all SLC taxpayers and not "rubber stamp" an approval for elitest team owners to further take our money. Regards, Area 4 Resident</p>

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5/15/2024 15:30	Pablo Cortez	(EXTERNAL) Protect our community from the climate crisis	<p>Climate change is already being felt by every community across the country—from intense heat waves and flooding to extreme storms and uncontrollable wildfires. The climate crisis is putting the health and safety of our families and the survival of our local wildlife at risk. It’s time to invest in climate solutions so our community can fight for our future and develop resilience to climate change’s impacts. In recent years Congress passed historic climate legislation including the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act that makes federal funding available for every state down to the local level. This funding can be used to invest in local clean energy projects that will create jobs and lower energy costs while making our air and water cleaner and reducing climate-altering pollution. This funding can also be used to build local climate resilience and reduce carbon in our atmosphere through natural climate solutions. Restoring carbon-storing habitats like prairies and forests removes carbon from the air and creates wildlife habitat, re-establishing wetlands and floodplains can protect communities from flooding and improve our water quality, and installing green infrastructure and green spaces in cities helps clean the air while creating recreational spaces for people and fighting climate change. Similarly, investing in renewable energy, battery storage, and electrification can keep jobs in-state while making businesses more efficient and drastically reducing planet-warming emissions. Later is too late – we must use the funding at our disposal to act on climate for our wildlife, water, air, and future generations. Sincerely, Pablo Cortez</p>
5/15/2024 16:02	Dana Carroll	(EXTERNAL) Re: What’s age got to do with it?	<p>Caution: This is an external email. Please be cautious when clicking links or opening attachments. p.s. If indeed Abravanel Hall is saved, my fear (and others) is that they will, in revenge, put the walkway and other things (they walkway that was purposely not shown as part of the rendition to the Council or the audience at the last council meeting) in position to cut the views and front exposure of the Hall, just like they want to smother and swallow up Japantown. This lack of full disclosure and lack of transparency was shameful. Don’t let this happen !!!!! I recommend that you watch the TED talk, "The Cure For the Common City" by Eve Picker--it's on You Tube On 05/15/2024 8:28 AM MDT DANA CARROLL <jsmarlowe@comcast.net> wrote: Mike Maugham claims that Abravanel Hall is old and outdated. The Mayors want Salt Lake City to be a First Class, Grand City of the world. Let’s see how the 45 year-old Abravanel Hall compares in age to the great performance halls in the Grand Cities here and abroad: Boston—Jordan Hall 1900 New York—Carnegie Hall—1891 DC—Kennedy Center—1971 Atlanta—Atlanta Symphony Hall—1968 Chicago—Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center- 1904 Dallas—Morton Meyerson Center—1989 Houston—Jones Hall—1966 SF—Davies Auditorium—new –built due to repairs LA—Disney –new Portland—Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall—1928 Seattle—Beraroya Hall—1998 Tempe Arizona—Gammage Hall built by Frank Lloyd Wright—1967 London—Barbaican Center—1971-1982 Paris—La Philharmonic—new *****Vienna***** The Musikvein—1870***** The grand-daddy of them all Hmmmmm—seems just right. Has Mike ever been inside the hall except to mock and criticize it? Has he ever actually ever been to a symphony? When M Ray Kingston (the K in FFKR) began his research for his part in designing Abravanel Hall, he bought season tickets to the concerts, attended music concerts, studied and researched other concert halls. He threw his heart and soul into his design. That’s how great visionaries create. Please feel free to double check my dates and figures. I, for one, cheerful admit I can make mistakes. Jeannine Marlowe</p>

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5/15/2024 16:19	Beth Winkempeck	Resident of SLC totally against public money for sports district	<p>Andy Larsen: How much are you willing to pay to help the Millers and Smiths build new stadiums? The majority of research is against public financing of stadiums. Here's why. The majority of research is against public financing of stadiums I can't emphasize enough how clear the evidence is here. Even from public financing advocates, you'll usually get little argument on the fact that taxpayer money going toward stadiums has no real economic backing. Two different major surveys of economists have been undertaken on this subject, once in 2005 and one in 2017. Both times, over 80% of economists agreed that public subsidies were a bad idea, while only 3-4% said they were good. (The rest were neutral or didn't know.) Excerpted from:</p> <p>https://www.sltrib.com/sports/jazz/2024/02/03/andy-larsen-how-much-are-you/ Please read this article and realize this 'entertainment/sports district' is a pipe dream that is really taking public money to fund the wishes of a billionaire and a Mayor who thinks this is what Salt Lake City needs. It doesn't and we as taxpayers should not be funding this! Brian & Beth Winkempeck District 7</p>
5/15/2024 16:24	Richard Steiner	Downtown Development	<p>Previously I wrote opposing the implementation of a regressive sales tax to benefit a billionaire who hardly needs to take money from those least able to afford a tax increase and least likely to partake in any of the activities in the redesigned area. Today I am writing to beg you to put some reasonable constraint on Ryan Smith's reprehensible plan for downtown Salt Lake City. The most egregious of the many faults with the plan is the inclusion of a heliport. The noise pollution of a helicopter is truly unnerving to anyone trying to recreate in adjacent space. Just ask anyone who encountered a Powderbirds helicopter while trying to enjoy a day of quite backcountry skiing. Air pollution and extreme wind generation are other negatives of helicopters landing in places people congregate. I dare anyone to sit in an outdoor cafe next to a landing helicopter. The suggestion of a heliport is indicative of the mindset of the developer that he only is thinking of the wealthy when designing the space. Another concern is the request for a rezone to allow skyscrapers. This is another example of the developer seeking to pander to the prestige of having a penthouse suite for living or office space. Assuming the buildings fill this will only exacerbate the traffic congestion and pollution downtown. Come on folk, surely there is a way to gentrify the downtown without burdening the poor with a tax increase and making accessibility harder (unless of course you can void traffic and just land your helicopter in the middle of the fun). Phoenix won't turn into a ghost town without the Coyotes and SLC won't turn into a ghost town if we proceed sensibly, albeit against the interests of the uber rich. Richard Steiner</p>
5/15/2024 20:16	Michael Varner	Abravanel Hall	<p>Please, please, PLEASE do not destroy Abravanel Hall for the sake of a sports arena. Abravanel Hall is a foundation of the arts for Salt Lake City and the Wasatch Front. It would be very difficult (and VERY expensive) to try to replicate its great acoustics.</p>
5/16/2024 7:49	Patricia Thaxton	Save Abravanel Hall	<p>I support development of the downtown Entertainment District and would be willing to pay a countywide tax levy to support it. However, Abravanel Hall should be saved and integrated into the district and NOT razed.</p>
5/16/2024 10:25	Brady Hauth	Concerns regarding SEG-D/7	<p>Constituent called in with concerns regarding SEG and SB272</p>
5/16/2024 11:28	Anonymous Constituent	Smith Entertainment Complex	<p>Why are we allowing this much development, and especially why are we talking about a tax increase to "help" this poor little billionaire pay for his project? This is bullshit</p>

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5/16/2024 11:47	Anonymous Constituent	public utility bill	Do Not raise our water bill!!! I own a small laundry and my water/ sewer bill has already gone way up over the last few years.. How am I suppose to pay my bills? I can no longer pass all the increase on to my customers without losing business. Also without putting a strain on people already stressed with high prices.. We can only pass on so much. Raising water and sewer prices makes us become even more unaffordable Utah which is happening already. I also have several apartments and I'm trying to keep my rent lower than the average. Do you think we just pass all this on to tenants . Enough is enough. I have to really watch my budget so should you!!
5/16/2024 13:45	Anonymous Constituent	Water rates	The need to increase revenue should be applied equally to all water users, using higher rates for large water users is unfair, we are already paying more because of our need for more water. We've already cut back on water use, what's next should we only shower once a week, only wash our clothes after they've been worn for a week, should we tell our children to play in the dirt and weeds because we can't afford to water a lawn.
5/16/2024 16:40	Anonymous Constituent	Voicemail to City Council	Regarding the Sale Taxes increase that Smith wants, We are completely against it. If he want the sport team, let him pay for it!
5/16/2024 16:46	Gerald Snow	Voicemail to City Council	Hello My name is Gerald Snow. I'm calling in regarding of the Downtown Entertainment district. My wife and I are strongly oppose the current the Abravanel Hall Please make it stay. It is the last finest building in Utah. The music is great and everything. Please preserved the Abravanel Hall. Thank you! Bye!
5/16/2024 16:49	Diane Walker	No Tax Increases for Downtown Entertainment District	As a resident and taxpayer, I am against your proposal to increase my taxes to fund a ridiculous billionaire's pipe dream of a downtown entertainment district. I don't watch sports. I'm not supportive of collective corporate welfare benefiting a very few at the top. I wish the city council would control their expenditures and refrain from using residents as cash machines for rich people's pet projects. I do support the arts. I am really disturbed by the hubris of the council that we accept a billionaire's vision for downtown by proposing changes to Abravanel Hall, the Salt Palace and Japantown. Navigating the nightmare of Sugarhouse is proof of how poorly the city has managed big construction projects. The results are horrendously disappointing. With details lacking and a wholly bought-in mayor, the proposal for this new entertainment district comes off like a brazen taxpayer funded grift from a snake oil salesman. No, thanks! Signed, Diane Walker
5/16/2024 16:50	Kathleen Digre	moderation in all things	Dear Council PLEASE do NOT destroy Abravanel Hall—it is SO important to support diverse cultural interests . So more sports places ok, but preserve our amazing symphony hall—and convention center! We could really use a bigger convention center to attract larger conventions. And we are attracting more people to downtown with walk ways, outdoor residents—let us not destroy the character of downtown. Kathleen Digre Kathleen B. Digre MD Distinguished Professor Neurology, Professor Ophthalmology Moran Eye Center Former Division Director, Headache and Neuro-ophthalmology, Department of Neurology Director, Center of Excellence Womens Health University of Utah Salt Lake City, Utah

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5/16/2024 16:52	Paul Christian	Downtown changes	<p>My comments: Abravanel Hall has been a world class facility and is well known in the classical music community as a gem not only as a fine acoustic facility, but also for the quality of the Utah Symphony. I am now retired, but have attended Utah symphonies since age 12, first in the tabernacle, later in the Abravanel Hall. The Utah Symphony is well known for its quality, and it brings in some of the worlds finest musicians each season to build our culture and expand our horizons in Utah. This resource needs to be untouched and not impeded by the expansion of the downtown sports destination. I am also concerned about the density of more venues downtown. Currently during winter months as there are activities in Abravanel Hall, the Delta Center, LDS, conference center and Temple Square, parking is incredibly challenging. Adding more events such as a hockey game to the downtown area will further cripple available parking and create more traffic problems. The soccer stadium has done very well in its location away from downtown. Also, future baseball stadium will also be logically located away from the downtown concentration of activities. A hockey stadium located in a location, such as south town mall area would provide a better location since it is closer to the center of the population of Salt Lake county. Paul Christian</p>
5/16/2024 16:54	Anonymous Constituent	budgetary extremism	<p>Salt Lake Community Counsel and Major I am deeply disturbed at the rapidity of proposed decisions concerning the derangement of the downtown by removing the Abravanel music hall after only 40 years of use and the bringing in of the hockey team after the billionaire Ryan Smith paid over one billion dollars for the franchise. It appears that Smith owns the Salt Lake Mayor and council. He also wants Salt Lake City use the already high and inflationary property and sales taxes to pay a billion dollar to support his scheme of managing 3 city blocks, tearing down the Abravanel Hall, and adding event parking lots. Apparently public transportation has not arrived in Utah yet. The excuse, a reckless statement, is that Abravanel music hall has fallen in disrepair after an existence of 40 years. Note the historic Walker Bank Building, built in 1912, is over 100 years. The disrepaired Abravanel Hall suggests an inferior constructed building without maintenance. The County, which built and manages the Abravanel Hall, does not recognize the disrepair and supports its continued cultural community benefits. It is good for the public that at least one government agency realizes the diversified needs of the community. The tossing around of billions of dollars for sports stands in sharp contrast to the homeless and houseless problem. In the elections of the last 4 years, the political contestants all recognized the homeless problem. Yet tents are everywhere as homelessness seems to be a growth industry, with homeless shelters only mitigating the problem, whereas providing every homeless person homes will solve the problem. After all these years, the homeless problem has increased. Where, in the last four years, is there a plan to end the homeless problem? Where is the allocated finance to end this problem? Where are the photo ops of politicians doing something constructive on this large scale problem? Hopefully, realism will return to Salt Lake City, whereby the taxpayers will be protected from such sport extravaganza. Highly disturbed, Peter Hovingh</p>

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5/16/2024 16:56	Anonymous Constituent	Downtown Sports District	<p>Hello, I have somewhat been following the purchase of a new NHL team & desire to build a sports district in downtown SLC with disappointment. Years ago when RSL was looking for a home & played at the UofU football stadium it was proposed that a parcel of land be purchased downtown and a stadium built there. Sadly, under the table negotiations by some former politicians, resulted in RSL being located in Sandy, Utah. Very sad....no parking, no bars, no desirable dining/eating establishments, no bistros, no infrastructure, no personality.... If my memory is right, RAnderson was then mayor and pushed for the stadium to be built downtown or at the state fairgrounds. Plenty of diners, parking, light rail, transportation & infrastructure in place but the deal could not be made. Now that parcel of land is an asphalt parking lot, creating more heat in an already polluted environment. My biggest reason for opposition to the sports district is funding being placed on tax payers. Again, tax payer financing for a private business owner. Further, many tax payers will never be able to afford a ticket to most of the events but are being asked to build the structure/monuments. This is wrong and I am very tired of the connected politicians benefiting financially by such arrangements. (I do vote & try to vote those folks out). On a side note but somewhat related is the issue of the gondola up Little Cottonwood Canyon. Curious how SBird acquired the land... recently...where the base station is proposed to be located. Also curious is how legislators managed to gobble up the adjacent land eyeing public tax payer funding for their already greasy pockets as they imagine commercial ventures. This abomination benefits the owners of two private resorts and does little for citizens in the state of Utah. The building codes/restrictions needing redefinition for the sports district are troubling. The short sidedness of the city planners is discouraging. The urban sprawl continues & we're more and more like SoCal with vehicles & freeways. Secondly, the threat to Abravanel Hall is concerning. A gem for the arts/education/entertainment/culture arm of the city. Seems this project is worthy of a ballot initiative and to appear in our elections upcoming. Sadly, the track record is poor as often public initiatives pass with a majority vote but the all mighty legislators disregard the vote and do what they please anyway. Disheartening indeed.</p> <p>Please consider the publics input on this matter. Thank you.</p>
5/16/2024 16:59	Laurie Mecham	Accessible and safe passage through construction!	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall and Council Members, I write to add my voice to the call to require construction sites to provide a safe alternative route around construction when sidewalks or bike lanes are closed, fenced off, or blocked by vehicles or construction materials. My young granddaughter uses a wheelchair, and I am a senior who rides a bike, and we have both been impacted by construction projects that have blocked safe routes to pass by. Putting this requirement into place would comport with the Complete Streets ordinance, requiring that city streets are maintained and operated for safe use by all modes of travel (S.L. City code §14.06.030). If anyone has the capacity to easily put a safe alternative in place, it is those who have the tools, materials, and skills to build something. Thank you for considering this request. Laurie Mecham</p>

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5/16/2024 17:03	Donna Y Johnson	Abravanel Hall	To Mayor Erin Mendenhall And the Members of the Salt Lake City Council May 16, 2024 Dear Mayor Mendenhall and Council Members, It was with great alarm and concern that I read of the possibility that Salt Lake City would even consider razing Abravanel Hall in order to build yet another sports arena in downtown Salt Lake City. Here is why I reacted that way: If anyone suggested razing the Salt Lake Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the outcry would undoubtedly be tremendous. But what some people don't realize is that Abravanel Hall is also a temple: a temple to the greatest artistic and creative achievements of the human spirit. It is unique in this city, the state of Utah, and the Intermountain West: an irreplaceable cultural center and a source of comfort and inspiration to hundreds of thousands of people. Many of them have chosen to live here because of the artistically rich environment that Salt Lake City offers. Abravanel Hall was acoustically and architecturally engineered to be among the finest concert halls in the world—just as our Utah Symphony is among the finest orchestras in the world. At today's prices we would never be able to build anything like it again somewhere else, and if it were razed we would suffer an irreplaceable loss—not only for our symphony, who would have no home, but for our citizens. I believe that our reputation nationally and worldwide would also be considerably diminished. Surely there must be spaces in this valley where a hockey rink could be built without causing such terrible damage to our beautiful city. With so much rage and so many divisions in the world today, we need our sources of beauty, peace and comfort more than ever before. The signatures on the petition to save Abravanel Hall show that there are many, many people who feel this way. Please—please, don't do this. Sincerely, Donna K. W. Johnson
5/16/2024 17:14	Klaus Bielefeldt	sales tax	Considering the 'for profit' nature of the proposed district, I strongly argue against the requested public money. At a time when the governor allocated \$25 million for the Great Salt Lake, which is critical our health and the viability of the Wasatch front, asking for \$900 million in public support for a sports and entertainment district is an irresponsible approach that supports a few, while leaving key problems that affect all of us underfunded. I hope that my representative votes against the proposal. Klaus
5/16/2024 21:03	Anonymous Constituent	Rising water bills	I think all the apartments that are popping up should be responsible for the rising infrastructure costs. They should be paying a higher rate than the homeowners since they are the cause
5/16/2024 23:02	Anonymous Constituent	Sales tax increase	Increasing sales tax on hard working citizens to fund a billionaire's playground is beyond absurd and shouldn't even be considered. If he wants this, he should pay for it.
5/17/2024 8:02	Patti O'Keefe	Sports Entertainment District	Several concerns regarding this proposal: 1. Increasing general sales taxes, which burdens everyone (especially lower income residents) to support the sports and rec interests of the few (and probably wealthy!). 2. Possible removal or rebuild of Abravanel Hall. I am a subscriber to the Symphony. The Hall's acoustics are truly magical! A rebuild could potentially destroy this world-class characteristic. 3. Potentially eliminating Japan Town. 4. Spending huge sums of money that could be better spent on real needs: affordable housing, for instance.
5/17/2024 9:06	Laura Deer	Phone call to City Council	caller would like to discuss getting signs to help slow down traffic in her Sugar House neighborhood. She would even like a speed bump if possible. (Assigned to Juliee)

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5/17/2024 9:39	Heather Wilkins	Public citizen feedback	<p>The feedback Im going to give you is out of great concern, for those of us Salt Lake City residences who are cleaning up after Homeless people, and paying taxes, and having to tolerate constant budget increases, when our city officials are falling a day short, and talking about how great Salt Lake City is, but its a lie. Our city really is, grose, dirty, and disgusting. We used to have clean storm water. But due to Rvs doing engine repairs on our streets, garbage and needles on the sidewalks, drugs being sold by homeless and other citizens. Where the crap is the Councils accountability ? We do have laws and budgets and policies in place. Why is is so hard for Erin Mendenhall and her council to have integrity, and show us real leadership? Im not proud of this city, Im disgusted, and we are paying 25% more in utilities then we were in 2018. Its crap!! You have a job, that you have been entrusted with. Do things with the management in budgeting that allows the money not to be mis-used. 29 E Cleveland Ave The email posted on this post card, blocks my email. So I will be sending this too all councilman.</p> <p>Namaste</p>
5/17/2024 10:03	Arash Farhang	Please take Weber County off the May 20th agenda	<p>Dear Victoria Petro, I am writing with deep concern regarding the approval of the proposed Inland Port in Weber County. As a resident of this area, I urge you to reconsider this decision based on critical factors that pose significant harm to our environment, public health, and economy. PLEASE TAKE THE WEBER COUNTY PORT OFF OF THE MAY 20th MEETING. The proximity of the proposed port to wetlands, wildlife management areas and Great Salt Lake itself demands careful consideration of the current state of this vital ecosystem. Great Salt Lake is facing unprecedented challenges, including substantial water draw-downs, reduced precipitation, and elevated levels of arsenic and mercury dust due to drying. These factors endanger the lake's fragile ecology and pose serious health risks to our communities. Furthermore, the destruction of wetlands, which act as essential buffers against pollution and provide habitat for numerous species, would have far-reaching consequences for the health of our environment and the biodiversity it supports. Wetlands are invaluable ecosystems that offer critical services such as carbon storage, sediment reduction, and water filtration, and their loss would be detrimental to the entire region. Additionally, the potential pollution associated with the construction and operation of the port poses a direct threat to public health. Diesel-powered machinery and vehicles, as well as increased truck and rail traffic, would contribute to air and water pollution, exacerbating existing health problems and causing significant harm to vulnerable populations. Moreover, the vague business plan for this proposed Inland Port, raises serious doubts about the viability and sustainability of the project. The lack of a sound business case and the failure to systematically examine potential harms underscores the urgent need to reassess the decision to proceed with the port. UIPA has recklessly spent millions of dollars in SLC on largely vacant lots, highlighting a troubling pattern of mismanagement and disregard for taxpayer funds. Despite the glaring absence of concrete plans for these properties, UIPA executives hastily signed long-term leases, committing taxpayers to tens of thousands of dollars in monthly payments for a decade or more. In light of these concerns, I urge you to remove Weber County from the May 20th meeting until proper assessments and evaluations have been conducted. The health of our environment, our communities, and our economy depends on it. Please prioritize the well-being of current and future generations by halting this project and exploring alternative, more sustainable solutions. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully consider the information presented and make the right decision for the welfare of our community and our shared environment. Sincerely, Arash Farhang</p>

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5/17/2024 10:13	Brandi Obrien	Please take Weber County off the May 20th agenda	<p>Dear Victoria Petro, I am writing with deep concern regarding the approval of the proposed Inland Port in Weber County. As a resident of this area, I urge you to reconsider this decision based on critical factors that pose significant harm to our environment, public health, and economy. PLEASE TAKE THE WEBER COUNTY PORT OFF OF THE MAY 20th MEETING. The proximity of the proposed port to wetlands, wildlife management areas and Great Salt Lake itself demands careful consideration of the current state of this vital ecosystem. Great Salt Lake is facing unprecedented challenges, including substantial water draw-downs, reduced precipitation, and elevated levels of arsenic and mercury dust due to drying. These factors endanger the lake's fragile ecology and pose serious health risks to our communities. Furthermore, the destruction of wetlands, which act as essential buffers against pollution and provide habitat for numerous species, would have far-reaching consequences for the health of our environment and the biodiversity it supports. Wetlands are invaluable ecosystems that offer critical services such as carbon storage, sediment reduction, and water filtration, and their loss would be detrimental to the entire region. Additionally, the potential pollution associated with the construction and operation of the port poses a direct threat to public health. Diesel-powered machinery and vehicles, as well as increased truck and rail traffic, would contribute to air and water pollution, exacerbating existing health problems and causing significant harm to vulnerable populations. Moreover, the vague business plan for this proposed Inland Port, raises serious doubts about the viability and sustainability of the project. The lack of a sound business case and the failure to systematically examine potential harms underscores the urgent need to reassess the decision to proceed with the port. UIPA has recklessly spent millions of dollars in SLC on largely vacant lots, highlighting a troubling pattern of mismanagement and disregard for taxpayer funds. Despite the glaring absence of concrete plans for these properties, UIPA executives hastily signed long-term leases, committing taxpayers to tens of thousands of dollars in monthly payments for a decade or more. In light of these concerns, I urge you to remove Weber County from the May 20th meeting until proper assessments and evaluations have been conducted. The health of our environment, our communities, and our economy depends on it. Please prioritize the well-being of current and future generations by halting this project and exploring alternative, more sustainable solutions. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully consider the information presented and make the right decision for the welfare of our community and our shared environment. Sincerely, Brandi Obrien</p>

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5/17/2024 10:44	Helen Hodgdon	City creek	<p>I guess what's done is done but I just wanted to express my thoughts b city creek canyon. Just a few years ago I frequently walked my dog in many areas of the canyon. I've tried walking there recently with a different dog. Awful experiences. Crowded, kind of dangerous with cars and bikes ugly 'protective barriers. Dog off leash (I have a reactive dog) .. it's just icky now...where until fairly recently it was peaceful, beautiful pleasant and nice. I think those paths carved into the hillside were the beginning. It's really unpleasant now. So too bad</p>
5/17/2024 11:57	Lance Homer	Thanks / Cycling	<p>I am not a constituent. I live in South Jordan. I like to ride my bike and many times on the weekends I will pass through the streets of SLC as I cross the valley. I'm grateful for the bike lanes that exist. I know there are several items in the budget related to making the streets better. It means a lot to not only have bike lanes but also have roads that are free of debris, potholes, and other obstacles. Thank you for you public service.</p>

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5/17/2024 12:08	Linke Hebrew	Re: 209 disruption	<p>I live at REDACTED. Since the inception of route 209 my house built in 1903 has sustained new or worsening cracks in the south most (street-facing bedroom). I have sent pictures to Chris Wharton. We have lived at this property for 30 years and have never experienced the speeding, the constant noise pollution, the windows rattling and now actual damage to our home that started with the influx of these terribly heavy buses that were never designed to run in this older residential area. Ridership on this route remains abysmally low. What small need there is for public transport in the Avenues could be much better and more efficiently served by replacing the current buses with smaller, quieter, more fuel efficient F11 style buses. The same maximum 2 people per bus that ride now could still have this service available and residents along 9th Avenue would be very grateful to have their historic neighborhood returned to some semblance of peacefulness while decreasing potential damage to their older homes. Wouldn't YOU want this kind of sensible change if these heavy buses were running in front of YOUR house and you understood meaningful public transport could still be sustained at much decreased cost and damage? Of course YOU would! Be helpful and reasonable and make this change to smaller buses. Thank you.</p> <p>Respectfully, Linke and Penelope Hebrew</p>
5/17/2024 12:11	Lexi Hoggan	Please Relocate 209 from 9th Avenue to 6th Ave	<p>BusNoise5.10.mp4 Hello, I have attached a video from this morning at 12:43am, where the bus sounds like a Boeing airplane landing and then you can continue to hear the bus for 2 blocks. These old homes, this old neighborhood, and your people need your advocacy more than ever. The issue of the bus is that my house was built close to my neighbors and noise is distorted up here. I can be on my patio and the construction across the street & 4 houses down sounds like it's right next to me or even my house. The sound from the bus gets stuck in between the house and rattles my windows. It's extremely bizarre and I welcome you all to come experience it. Because surely, if you understood the gravity of this experience, my neighbors and I wouldn't be sitting in agony and silence from you for the last two years. I used to sleep soundly in the quiet avenues... it was my favorite part of living here, now I sleep with a white noise machine at full blast, ear plugs AND I have to set a podcast for 30 minutes just to ensure I don't hear the bus.... I even paid to replace my original 1910 windows, with its gorgeous leaded glass that I absolutely adored, because the lack of sleep was actually killing me. I altered the charm and history of my home because of a bus....We are humans? We all live together in a community? I've lost the thing I absolutely adored about my home and the most devastating thing is I dread the moment in-between winter and spring because there aren't enough things to absorb the sound and vibrations so during that period I wake up almost every other night in a panic thinking there's an earthquake. This is a terrible way to live and there's a simple solution. 6th Ave has extremely wide streets and consistent traffic so the chance of these impacts hitting those houses are reduced. Please, please change the route, this is killing me - I want to enjoy my home and area again. I still have my original windows in the hopes that I can reinstall them....please have empathy. Best, Lexi Hoggan</p>

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5/17/2024 12:13	Jeannie Rollo	9th Avenue and UTA bus	Hi Chris, We live on the corner of REDACTED and as you know, we have UTA Bus Route 209 go past our homes an ungodly number of times each day. There is a moderate sized pothole on 9th Avenue and just west of H Street that needs to be filled ASAP. I am guessing the City may address this in the near future with their expeditious pothole repair program, but I am hoping that the fix this year can be done in such a way that it doesn't just re-form so quickly in less than a year. Our house shakes like there is a 4.0 magnitude earthquake when the buses go by. When a bus happens to hit the pothole, our house shakes like there is a 6.0 magnitude earthquake (dishes fall off the drying rack). And as you've likely heard from others, the bus is often well above the speed limit on our street, which causes considerable agitation to our house. It can't be great on our 1913 brick bungalow. Our streets and homes weren't meant to take the weight of the enormous (and scantily filled) bus. I have realized since that the behemoth known as UTA doesn't listen to constituents and that they will unlikely ever consider having smaller buses in their fleet. Buses that match the ridership (poor - at least in our neighborhood). Please, please, please encourage UTA to make changes in their next 5 year plan and have the bus route elsewhere. The ridership on 9th Avenue is dismal. It seems hard to justify (even by creative UTA executives/route planners) having the bus shaking our house (and I assume many other homes), causing possible damage to said homes; only to see the buses with 0-2 passengers per bus as it passes our house 134 times/day. This is simply ridiculous. Sincerely, Jeannie Rollo & Mark Sarfati
5/17/2024 12:48	Sean Zech	Foothill Baseball / Parking	Scott & Dan, Please help resolve the parking issue for Foothill Baseball - one that doesn't involve ticketing parents and grandparents. This is ~15 days per year for probably a couple hours (not the full day). I can think of much more pressing issues in the community than having the police writing tickets to this group. Let the kids play baseball and let the parents enjoy a couple hours with our neighbors cheering on our kids playing a sport. I think this can be resolved with about 30 min of your time and a couple emails/phone calls. Unfortunately I continue to see policies and efforts in SLC that make it very difficult for families with kids (I have 4 of them) to be seen as valuable in this community. Sean Zech
5/17/2024 12:49	Anonymous Constituent	Tax dollars	I think that the people that are going to profit from the major league sports are the ones that should pay for the venues. Not the taxpayers.
5/17/2024 13:12	Rebecca Biggs	Oak Hills Ballpark Street Overflow Parking Concern	Hi Scott, We have been battling the limited parking situation at the Oak Hills ballpark for years. With four teams (two games) going most nights, and the tennis complex also using stalls, there isn't enough parking for parents. Anything we can do to get more temporary evening street parking approved during the baseball season? Thanks for your help. Rebecca Biggs Foothill Baseball Parent
5/17/2024 13:14	John Waltman	Foothill Baseball Parking	Hi Dan, Just wanted to reach out regarding the parking issue at Foothill Baseball. I am a coach and parent, and have not been personally ticketed, but I want to add my support to finding some solution that allows for more parking that is accessible to the fields. If there's any way to allow parking on one side of the street at least, or just during certain times that help with the games, that would be amazing. I think people have been very pleased with the improvements at the league this year, and the parking situation has a significant impact on people's overall experience with baseball. I think the program adds tremendous value to the families that live in this district. Thank you for considering. John Waltman

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5/17/2024 13:17	Amy Keele	Parking at Foothill Baseball on Wasatch Dr. SLC	I understand you are the people in charge of helping us get more parking options for Foothill Baseball. The parking situation is worse than ever! There is ZERO parking up there. In the 12 years of Foothill Baseball in my family we have never seen it this bad. Foothill Baseball has improved their program and they are wonderfully run now and so much fun to play with. BUT...there is NOWHERE to park. Can you please look into some more options for us? Possibly paving some of the weedy areas between the diamonds and the golf course. Possibly opening up parking at the church on 1300 S and Wasatch Dr. Possibly opening up parking on the east side of the street on Wasatch Dr. (it is a weedy shoulder and it says no parking). Thanks for your help on this. Foothill Baseball is only growing. And it is a delightful park of our community! We want it to thrive and work for everyone. Amy Keele _____ Amy Asay Keele
5/17/2024 14:44	Jenna Williams	Oppose Tax Increase	Councilmembers, I am in full support of raising taxes if it is for the good of our community. We have many problems like homelessness, child care, housing, and clean air. Affordability generally has become untenable for too many families. Increasing the sales tax right now, when families are feeling the squeeze, is not the right time. And to pay for a sports district, subsidizing the wealthy who don't need it, is not a good use of those funds. We have so many unmet needs. Please focus our funds on that direction instead. Please reconsider this trajectory and tax increase.
5/17/2024 16:21	Brenda THOMAS	Phone call to City Council	Hello, I'm calling regarding the D4 letter to landlord. I know that my tenant have been following the rules and never cause any problems. but my frustration is that the neighbors were the one whom a U of U student flat house and always having a party at the late night. My tenant had called the police so many times but we've got no help. the police didn't do anything and my tenant don't want this issues to be a problems with the neighbors. I need to know more if they are any other source that we can get help to get this resolve? Please contact me back. (Transferred to liaison)
5/17/2024 16:24	Paul Grant	Sales Tax Increase.	I am opposed to the .5 % sales tax increase to fund the arena and entertainment district. I don't believe billionaires need to ride on the back of the middle class. If the tax goes through, I will not make large purchases in SLC. For example, I will buy my next vehicle, appliances and furniture in another city. I will not shop at the SLC Costco and I won't go to dinner in SLC. I think that if a sales tax is considered it should be limited to that local entertainment district or it should be a State wide because people from outside SLC will be patronizing and benefiting from the arena. Paul Grant SLC, Citizen
5/17/2024 16:27	Mary jo Grant	Sports center	I am opposed to the tax increase on SLC residents to fund the sports complex. I also reject any changes to Abravanal Hall. Mary Jo Grant
5/17/2024 16:29	Thomas Mcgrath	Downtown Sports Complex	I am a long time Jazz fan. Season tickets some time ago. Jazz personalized licence plates on my car when we lived in Virginia. Continue to be a fan. Do not allow the symphony hall to be torn down and replaced. Join Jenny Wilson in opposing replacing the symphony hall. Thomas McGrath
5/17/2024 16:30	Kaye Via Mickelson	Comments for SLC budget	As the budget is being constructed please take into consideration the following items for the west side:' Adequate fund SLCPD to continue security for west side along 500 west/west side of Gateway. Fund or release funds for the triangle garden planned along 500 west near Wasatch Gardens. Determine water safe plants to rebuild park like area along 500 west. Thanks Kaye Mickelson

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5/17/2024 16:31	Josh WILLIAMS	Sports facilities and other SLC improvements	<p>Since I can't make the next meeting, I thought I'd email in some comments: * We can no longer see our mountains, small businesses are being closed down wholesale due to lack of retail spaces in favor of high-priced apartments, and the good people that make SLC great are leaving. This really has gone too far. * SLC is an outdoor city, not a mega sports arena city. Our infrastructure is terrible (and gets WORSE with the poorly planned improvements made) and the roads are constantly taxed, traffic is increasing with no real need for it to happen, and people are frustrated. Get back to showing off the mountains, snow, and great salt lake- stop pandering to outside influences and this mayor has got to stop trying to impress her hollywood friends- we see it and we're over it. * People are unhappy, the city looks terrible, homelessness and addiction are a crisis, everyone is on anti-depressants, and we're slowly chipping away at the things that made SLC amazing. Now that we live in SOLD LAKE CITY, it's time to stop this before it gets out of hand. No more skyscrapers, no more apartments the residents of this city cannot afford (even with two jobs!), no more trying to force SLC to be something it isn't so the mayor and her husband can impress their friends. I am tired of hearing people I know work 50-70 hours per week scrape to pay rent and have to take long lunches to go to the food pantry. This was ALL avoidable. Small business USED TO thrive here. Salt Lake USED TO be a peaceful, beautiful, and warm city... now it's just embarrassing to bring people here. The leadership of this city has failed us. Our town has been planned for us rather than designed around what we already know works- and it looks and feels terrible. It's just heartbreaking to see what's happened to this city and the direction things are heading. I hope something is left to save by the time we can do something about it. Josh Williams</p>
5/17/2024 17:04	Anonymous Constituent	SECC Sales Tax Increase	<p>As a 30-yr SLC homeowner, I request a "NO" by those deciding the fate of this proposal. SLC's downtown infrastructure is fine as is, only needing the City and County to fulfill promises made with former tax increases! Any sales tax increase this year should address crime problems, out of hand vagrancy issues, increased law enforcement, traffic calming, fixing existing infrastructure issues (pothole, sidewalks, etc.), and renewed forestation efforts of our east and west side neighborhoods and parks. Look around, we have all the entertainment we need!</p>
5/17/2024 17:19	Anonymous Constituent	Sales tax	<p>I am alarmed by the speed at which plans are advancing for the development of an entertainment district and the accompanying potential 0.5% increase in sales tax. Sales tax is a regressive tax, with low-income tax payers feeling a disproportionate share of the tax burden relative to their income than high-income tax payers. We do not need to subsidize billionaires who wish to create an entertainment district.</p>
5/17/2024 23:14	Anonymous Constituent	Ice Hockey	<p>Pro soccer, basketball, major and minor baseball, 2 university football teams and now ice hockey? When is enough of sports enough? Our tax dollars will be required to pay for it and the cost of tickets prohibitive for too many. The construction mess, possibly losing other cultural venues to make room for the stadiums, more large buildings that block the sky and traffic congestion, to name a few cons. I am totally opposed to any more sports teams centered the Salt Lake Valley. At some point, growth becomes a negative. We are already in that negative! We have a lake and air and mountains and quality of life to save. NO no no to another sports arena!</p>

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5/18/2024 6:35	Barbara Gardner	I strongly object to an increase in sales tax to fund the SECC	I object in the strongest possible terms to an increase in the citywide sales tax to fund the proposed SECC. Study after study has shown that taxpayer funding for sports arenas does not bring the promised benefits to the city. Sales taxes are the most regressive type of tax, so the burden falls most heavily on those least able to afford it. Let the rich owners pay for their own facilities. This proposal does nothing but take money from people who have no interest and no stake in the proposed sports facilities and puts it in the pockets of billionaire team owners and promoters.
5/18/2024 12:07	Anonymous Constituent	Sports entertainment district	I have heard that there is a proposal being considered to replace symphony hall as part of the new sport district. This building is a cultural Landmark and should be preserved for its specific purpose. Let's not try to reinvent the wheel every 50 yrs. but use innovation and expertise to enhance our cultural treasures.
5/18/2024 13:05	Anonymous Constituent	Please don't raise sales tax	Many citizens don't enjoy hockey enough to benefit from a tax increase to build a stadium. Please think of a different solution.
5/18/2024 16:51	David A Taylor	Use of tax dollars to fund private enterprise	I am concerned Salt Lake City, like many other cities, is in a race to the bottom chasing sports stadiums and other venues that return profits from projects to private corporations. It seems many city and state leaders have forgotten or never learned the basics of American civics. The government's role is to provide a fair playing field, not to pick the market winners and losers. If the Smith Entertain Group thinks Salt Lake market is such a hot opportunity for the NHL to relocate a team here, let them pay for it without taxpayer subsidies. Not one dime of taxpayer dollars should go toward supporting a multi-billion-dollar, for-profit company. The promises that such projects will generate economic growth an opportunity for all of those in the area are bunk. Multiple studies have shown the promise of increased tax revenue and economic growth from these projects almost never materializes, yet city after city chases these projects leaving generations of taxpayers footing the bill. We should take a lesson from Kansas City where they put rebuilding of the stadiums to a public vote rather than the backroom deals with legislators and so-called city leaders that force these projects on taxpayers.
5/19/2024 14:33	Cindy Hall	Smith Entertainment Group development proposal	I am opposed to increasing taxes in the area of the SEG development proposal. I am opposed to SEG receiving a tax break in the SEG development area. I am opposed to tearing down the Abravanel Hall, UMOCA and Japan Town. The city should be doing more to provide affordable housing, and preserving our cultural heritage.
5/19/2024 17:51	Blair Bateman	Revitalization zone	I grew up in Holladay and live in Midvale, but I've visited and performed in downtown SLC all my life. Three thoughts about the hockey arena redevelopment: (1) This process has been rushed through so fast that it's been very difficult for the public to give input (which was obviously the Legislature's intention). Rushed processes rarely lead to good outcomes. (2) Keep Abravanel Hall where it is, how it is. (3) Raising the sales tax on every purchase made in SLC to support a sports complex that will benefit relatively few Salt Lake Valley residents is awful public policy. Shopping and dining already cost a fortune. If the tax increase goes through, I simply won't eat or shop in SLC any more. I'm sure the same is true for many thousands of Salt Lake Valley residents.
5/19/2024 22:21	Lehi Jenks	Convention Center	I am concerned about the potential loss of convention space in the Sports and Entertainment District plans. We need more convention floor space, not less. FanX always needs more room, and other conventions could use it as well. The poorly integrated hotel already took away useful space and left ugly blank gray brick walls in its place. Removing convention space is a good way to make many people hate hockey.
5/20/2024 6:09	Geoffrey Bedell	Sports district	Please do not let the allure of a shiny new sports district eclipse the enduring value of the arts in Utah. Please keep Abravanel Hall!

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5/20/2024 9:17	Jared Andersen	Opposed to Sales Tax Increase for Sports District	<p>Opposed to a sales tax increase for the proposed Sports Entertainment District. I do not believe we should be subsidizing the building of any sports stadiums with tax dollars. I believe that using taxpayer dollars for this purpose is a misguided and irresponsible use of resources. Here's why I'm against it: Misallocation of resources: Our tax dollars should be prioritized for essential public services like education, healthcare, infrastructure, and social programs. Increasing taxes to fund stadium projects deprives these crucial areas of much-needed support. Questionable economic impact: Studies have consistently shown that the economic benefits of new stadiums are often exaggerated. The promised job creation and increased revenue rarely materialize to the extent promised, leaving taxpayers with the burden of debt. Benefits for the wealthy: Publicly funded stadiums primarily benefit wealthy team owners and players, not the average citizen. This represents a transfer of wealth from taxpayers to the already affluent, exacerbating existing inequalities. Lack of transparency: Public-private partnerships for stadium projects are often shrouded in secrecy, lacking proper oversight and accountability. This raises concerns about potential corruption and mismanagement of public funds. Instead of a new stadium, I urge you to consider: Investing in our communities by improving public schools, hospitals, and transportation systems. Supporting local businesses and initiatives that create sustainable economic growth. Addressing critical issues like affordable housing, climate change, and poverty. I believe that our tax dollars should be used to improve the lives of all citizens, not to subsidize the profits of wealthy sports team owners. I urge you to reconsider this proposal and prioritize investments that truly benefit our community.</p>
5/20/2024 9:21	Azure Ewing	Regarding Tax Increase to Keep UT Jazz Downtown	<p>Representative Wharton, It has come to my attention that the SLC Council will be considering a measure to increase sales tax in the Salt Lake area in order to cover costs to keep the Jazz located Downtown. I urge you to vote down this measure. This is nothing more than welfare for the owner of the team, and frankly, if the Jazz remaining downtown imposes an economic penalty on SLC residents and visitors, it is no longer worth retaining the team downtown. The team should have a net economic benefit on the area, as opposed to a net economic loss, and I believe the time has long since passed that one would consider the Jazz a boon to SLC. Furthermore, the State Congress already bypassed the voters of Utah with funding for their proposed NHL team, and the funding for that similarly comes from increased taxes on residence. Historically, tax funds subsidizing sports teams tends to fail rather spectacularly. SLC residents have already had their agency removed with regard to a tax increase to subsidize a billionaires drive to have an NHL franchise downtown, I can only hope that you will not have the shortsightedness to unduly burden SLC residents with funding a basketball team on behalf of a billionaire as well.</p> <p>Signed, Azure Ewing, concerned resident</p>
5/20/2024 9:26	Joe Mangum	AIA Utah Statement on Abravenal Hall	<p>Hello, I'm with the American Institute of Architects Utah component. Our Board has prepared a statement, attached, on the possible renovation of Abravenal Hall and requests that it be distributed to council members.</p> <p>Thank you, Joe Mangum Office & Program Manager, AIA Utah</p>

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5/20/2024 9:32	Dee Brewer	Capital City Revitalization Zone Application: comment to SLC City Council	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council Members: The Downtown Alliance was created by downtown commercial property owners to invigorate downtown and promote it as the regional center for commerce, culture and entertainment.</p> <p>The Alliance is an affiliate of the Salt Lake Chamber. I write today to voice our support for the proposed investments by Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, and Smith Entertainment Group to build what they have described as a “downtown experience [that] will serve as the state’s anchor for arts, culture, sports, and entertainment.” These ambitious investments build on the billions of dollars that our stakeholders have already invested downtown. Our data shows that sports, arts, entertainment and conventions are major drivers in the growing downtown economy and they are enjoyed by patrons across the region and country. We recently sought input from downtown property owners, arts and entertainment producers, destination marketers, and merchants. Our stakeholders told us: 1. They want these efforts to succeed. 2. They want the new assets to be integrated with the existing commercial nodes and arts assets that are fueling the downtown economy. An entertainment district cannot stand alone. 3. Planning should consider the myriad patron groups that infuse a city with energy and the variety of uses that attract those patrons downtown, day and night. 4. They want the planning process to incorporate transportation stakeholders (City, State and UTA) to ensure optimal access to downtown and throughout downtown. 5. And, our stakeholders want the planning and execution of these investments to be done collaboratively. They want to be involved. They have valuable experience developing and operating downtown. We urge City, County, and Smith Entertainment leaders to engage downtown stakeholders in planning and developing downtown. We urge the City Council to approve the Reauthorization Zone Application with downtown stakeholders’ input in mind. Thank you, Dee Brewer Executive Director Downtown Alliance SLC</p>
5/20/2024 9:32	Kay Tanner	Abravanel Hall	<p>I want to go on record as being vehemently opposed to even the idea of demolishing Abravanel Hall for ANY reason. I benefit from the events held in this timeless, beautiful, amazing building many times during the year, as do thousands of other SLC and Utah residents. There are other sites that some “entertainment” center could be located. Abravanel Hall is an institution in this city that values culture. SLC has long been known for the many varied cultural attractions that our city offers. NOT EVERYTHING NEEDS TO REVOLVE AROUND SPORTS!!!!!!</p> <p>Only narrow minded people who are interested only in revenue would even consider such a ridiculous idea. Whatever it takes to SAVE ABRAVANEL HALL, should be considered first. Also, raising sales tax to pay for this “entertainment” area is WRONG!!!!!! Where is a vote to see if citizens are willing to endure a sales tax increase? Most people can hardly make ends meet with the terrible inflation that is plaguing our city, state, and country. Forcing another tax increase in any area is not right!!!!!! I personally have had it with the increases in every single aspect of my life. Utah is one of only about 13 states that TAX SOCIAL SECURITY. Who needs a break more than those trying to get by on social security? And Utah never discusses stopping this most unfair tax that is double taxing seniors money. I could go on and on about that one, but the point of this email is to say as vehemently and loudly as I possibly can LEAVE ABRAVANEL HALL ALONE!!!! DON'T BE A BUNCH OF SHORT SIGHTED, MONEY HUNGRY IDIOTS. REMEMBER YOU REPRESENT ALL THE PEOPLE, NOT A SELECT FEW. Kay Tanner</p>

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5/20/2024 9:33	Philip Snow	ABRAVANEL HALL	I would like to voice my support for Abravanel Hall. It is hard to believe that its future is even up for discussion. It is a world-class concert venue with acoustics that are unsurpassed anywhere in the world, no exaggeration. Much planning went into its design and construction. It is absurd for the Ryan Smith group to suggest that Abravanel Hall now needs so much renovating that the costs would be prohibitive. What renovating? I was there just last week for a concert. Abravanel Hall remains as beautiful as when it first opened. To say it needs extensive renovation is just a smokescreen to justify tearing it down. Everyone knows this. The Smith group's attempts to portray it as needing prohibitively expensive renovation is transparent to everyone as a false narrative. I used to attend a few Golden Eagles hockey games at the old Salt Palace. My son played high school hockey. I enjoy attending sports events. Nonetheless, I join many, perhaps a majority, who are not breathlessly enraptured about a new NHL team coming to SLC. It is as though some people have an inferiority complex about our wonderful city that leads them to so desperately want a new pro team to come here, as if to bolster our image. It reminds me of when the Utah Jazz came to Utah and the slogan of the day was that it put Utah on the map. Then the Olympics put Utah on the map. Then this or that put Utah on the map. And now the arrival of the NHL will put Utah on the map? How many times must Utah be put on the map? Utah was well established "on the map" before any of this happened. Many of us here in SLC do not like the idea of a tax increase to help fund a private business enterprise. This project should be funded solely by Smith Group money, and Abravanel Hall should be left alone. It would be beyond embarrassing for our city and state to send out an image that all we value is sports, and we tear down our concert hall to make way for hockey. What a shallow vision that would be. In the words of Richard Eyre who has written eloquently about this, such a move would be a generational blunder that would shame our city and those individuals who brought it about. Sincerely, Philip K. Snow Salt Lake City
5/20/2024 9:34	C Crompton	Abravanel Hall	Past, present, future. The Hall represents culture and design, indispensable to the character of any city. If this city is to belong to all of us, keep Abravanel Hall, appreciate it. We deserve all it offers. We honor the conductor who gave it his expert attention and his respected name. Please explain the tax credits available to Mr. Smith and all his business entitlements. Thank you, C.Crompton S.L.C. 84105
5/20/2024 9:35	Maggie Coffill	Abravanel Hall	We are blessed to have a world-renowned symphony orchestra here in Salt Lake. Tearing down Abravanel Hall would be like ripping out the hearts and souls of all the musicians and all the local music lovers, and for what , a parking garage. That is an obscene idea and must be stopped immediately. Also, I don't think the people who want to do that have any idea how precious the Dale Chihuly glass sculpture, Olympic Tower, for the 2002 Winter Olympics is. It was valued at \$900,000 at that time and cannot be replaced or moved. There are so many architectural marvels within the Hall, too many to go into. It is a masterpiece like the beautiful music played within it and needs to be respected and preserved. Maggie Coffill
5/20/2024 9:36	Alan Sparrow	SECC	I strongly oppose a tax for the SECC. The owner of the NHL team is a billionaire. He can pay for his own arena. If you want to raise taxes. Use it to address the homeless situation and increase the police force so there can be more community policing. It is ridiculous that cities pay these billionaires to build areas. When they sell the team, they aren't going to give any of that money back and they will make a fortune. Alan Sparrow
5/20/2024 9:37	Ivan g Weber	Abravanel Hall **Attachment 2 - 2 pages	Letter attached

May 19, 2024

Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

Subject: Abravanel Hall Preservation Imperative

TO:

**Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson
Salt Lake County Council Members
Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall
Salt Lake City Council Members
Salt Lake City Planning Commission
Utah Symphony and Opera
Utah Performing Artists Assembled to
Protect Abravanel Hall**

It was my great privilege, nearly a half-century ago, to work as a subcontractor on the construction of Abravanel Hall, then called Symphony Hall. I worked alone, so I had many months to reflect on the meaning of ‘Community’ and the place of great musical expectations as they are brought into momentary existence in the rare spaces we recognize as concert venues. I built the catwalks, a lowly sounding part of the ceiling system that, in turn, connected that roof structure with the almost magical, sound-reflecting acoustical ceiling.

This solitude afforded countless opportunities for reflections: Reflection on the intellectual and aesthetic values of the community of which I had become a part. Reflection on my own intellectual and aesthetic ‘handcart’ that I dragged across plains and mountains to the Salt Lake Valley.

I was honored to work for nearly a decade for Abravanel Hall’s Chief Architect, Ray Kingston, with Abravanel Hall as my personal touchstone for the almost countless FFKR Architects buildings for which I performed architectural technology-management services.

Given the pace of fleeting decades, it is likely that I’m one of the last surviving members of the legions of construction workers on Abravanel Hall, and surely among the few who worked alone.

I play no instrument. I read little music. I know almost nothing of musical history, other than what my ears tell me is at the pinnacle of greatness. The Symphony. The Opera. The Soloists who perform the magic that survives among the noise we call ‘culture’ of the day.

We hold up against that noise the purity of the great concert hall, and the many thousands of miles that separate one hall of its quality from another.

Now, however, I know when I'm being 'played.' Played, especially, by corporations, agencies, legislatures and political movements that pass themselves off as vehicles promoting 'economic development.' Like the threatened tragedy described in today's *New York Times* in the watershed of the Great Salt Lake, there is an epidemic of degradation "fatigue" setting in, manifesting as city planning and development fatigue alongside water supply and ecological deterioration fatigue.

At my age, this fatigue shows in aged faces and feeble hands, as well as feeble minds, displayed in unfortunate statements: "It won't be as bad as you think." Or, "Just be patient; things aren't all that destructive." Or, "He wouldn't really do that; he's only saying it to get elected, and to benefit us all."

There can be only one response, in order to move from darkness into light: **Fight! Fight this misinformation! Fight this societal fatigue! Fight a transitory culture that would steal the best of the venerable places that are left! Fight the giant corporations, like those of the quasi-governmental Inland Ports, and here, the greedy, indifferent, self-righteous Smith Development Group that wants to steal the heart of this City and this Community!**

Please, please, *fight to preserve the existing Abravanel Hall*, for every concert ever played in this Hall's hallowed interior, whether heard through those dark industrial cacophonies where it was assembled or through the brilliant lights and dazzling sounds of its marvelous music, *and for every future concert to be played long after I and my fellow builders are gone.*

Sincerely,
Ivan Weber

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5/20/2024 9:38	Ken and kate Handley	Proposed Sales Tax Increase	<p>At this point the only clear thing about the SEG's proposed "downtown entertainment district" is that SEG is looking for a half-a-percentage-point sales tax increase—\$900 million in taxpayer money—to fund it. Perhaps SEG can present a compelling case why this expense is justified, but since we already have plenty of sports-watching venues (not to mention TV), restaurants, shopping malls, and other commercial entertainments it seems likely that the only effect will be to siphon off business from existing outlets, with no net gain. This project is not needed.</p> <p>We are opposed to the sales tax increase. Ken and Kate Handley</p>
5/20/2024 9:40	Karen Leiker	Property tax increase for water	<p>I vote to NOT increase taxes to residents of SLC FOR WATER TREATMENT. Please stop doing this! I am elderly and cannot afford the constant increases. You have a SURPLUS right now. A surplus of property taxes so you do not need more. Stop stop stop. Tess love</p>
5/20/2024 9:41	Ivan Weber	Abravanel Hall, Singular Instrument in Utah Community's Greatest Hall	<p>To: Honorable Salt Lake City Mayor Mendenhall, Salt Lake Council Wilson, Salt Lake City Council, Salt Lake County Council, Utah Symphony, Utah Opera, and Performing Artists Assembled to Protect Abravanel Hall: It was my great privilege, nearly a half-century ago, to work on the construction of Abravanel Hall, then called Symphony Hall. I worked alone, always, so I had many months to reflect on the meaning of 'Community' and the place of great musical expectations as they are brought into momentary existence in the rare spaces we know as concert venues. I built the catwalks, a lowly-sounding part, of the ceiling system, hung from the roof structure far above, generally working in near darkness. I hung long, thick threaded rods from joists, then assembled narrow floors from those rods so the acoustically reflective ceiling could be suspended from the catwalks and from a spider's web of wires that held up the marvelous plaster ceiling, itself. While I was in the vicinity, I also installed the doors and door hardware --- hundreds of sets --- that had to precede wall construction throughout the hall. In subsequent years, I performed similar tasks on the Capitol Theatre, and then was honored to progress onward architectural and construction technological documentation for Abravanel Hall's Chief Architect, Ray Kingston. I play no instrument. I read little music. I know almost nothing of musical history, other than what I sense is great. I know that I love great expanses of the music that many know and love, however, as "classical" instrumental and vocal music. The Symphony. The Opera. The Soloists who perform the magic almost unimaginable in this noise called culture of the day. We hold up against that noise the purity of the great concert halls, and the thousands of miles that separate one from another. Now, I know when I'm being "played." Played, especially, by corporations, legislatures and political movements that pass themselves off as agents of "economic development". Like the tragedy described in today's New York Times (May 19, 2024) in the watershed of the Great Salt Lake, there is an urban epidemic of degradation "fatigue" setting in, manifesting as city planning fatigue alongside ecological deterioration fatigue. This fatigue shows its aged face and feeble hands in the form of unfortunate statements: "It won't be as bad as it appears now." Or, "Be patient; things aren't as bad as you think." Or, "He wouldn't really do things like that; he's only saying it to get elected." Fight! Fight this misinformation! Fight this societal fatigue! Fight these giant corporations, like the quasi-governmental Inland Port and the Smith Development Group! Please fight for Abravanel Hall, for every last concert ever played in this Hall's hallowed interior, whether seen through the dark from which it was built or through the brilliant light and dazzling sounds of its marvelous music, and for every future concert to be played after I and my fellow builders, every last one of us, are gone. Sincerely, Ivan Weber</p>

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5/20/2024 9:42	Ted Peterson	Sales tax	Dear Council, Please vote against the billionaire subsidy for a tax increase on sales tax. Our sales tax are already high providing a disproportionate disadvantage for those most in need in our community and on a fixed income. Smith doesn't need a handout from the great people of Salt Lake City. Thanks, Ted
5/20/2024 9:42	Bruce Woolstenhulme	Proposed Sales Tax Hike	I'm encouraging the City Council to vote "no" on the proposed sales tax hike. While the development it would fund would benefit those businesses in the downtown area, it does nothing for the high majority of taxpayers throughout the city, most of whom likely will never see or care to see a professional hockey game. Let those who benefit bear the financial burden. Thanks
5/20/2024 9:44	Jason BRESLEY	Stop the welfare to the rich	Why would taxpayers need to subsidize the infrastructure on behalf of the billionaire businessman to intentionally benefit specific businesses and tipping the scales to advantage the rich who get to exploit it and use it to make more money? Talk about reverse welfare. If they want to bring in another franchise to make money, then they ought to pay for the infrastructure required to do so. I absolutely oppose this tax increase on every level!! Don't be sellouts. Jason
5/20/2024 9:45	Brenda Koga	Tax for arts, culture Etc.	I am in favor of a tax to help support the arts and cultural endeavors. I am not in favor of a tax to support only the purposes for the rich and big developers. I also am not in favor of demolishing that whole area and rebuilding. I feel there are some very valuable entities in existence that need to be supported by such a tax. Also considering the history of that area in relation to what was once a thriving Japan town, I would like to see funding to revitalize that community.
5/20/2024 9:46	John Clapp	City Budget Season	Dear Council members, First thankyou for considering the following area for Funding I've listed some areas that may be currently funded, but I'm not clear on that. Madsen Park has much need of a face lift and many CIP's have been submitted. Folsom Trail monies needed for additional phases to be completed. Money for maintenance of the current Folsom trail , garbage cans, lighting repair etc. Funding for Markers along the Folsom trail for emergency calls to identify/locate the area of trail . Funding for garbage cans /recycle cans along N. Temple. Funding for Policing the Jordan Trail. Additional city lighting for low lit areas in the Euclid Neighborhood and adjacent Fair Park neighborhood in the N. Temple quadrant to assist with crime prevention in the area.. Thankyou for your time and consideration. Sincerely, John Clapp
5/20/2024 9:47	Brad Bush	Emigration canyon apartment project	Hi Kristina, I'm reaching out to voice opposition to the proposed emigration canyon apartment project. Obviously this project is a terrible idea for a thousand reasons obvious to everyone. I've shared similar sentiments to EBCC and I'm sure collectively this will be the response from EBCC. Dan - how do we avoid the continuous trauma to the community that come with these regular overly aggressive, dead-on-arrival proposals that invariably create a stir, cause emergency meetings and panicked phone calls amongst neighbors. The infrastructure for this area is already excessively strained and no multifamily project makes sense, and there is zero community support for these projects. But we all know too well how developers try and sneak these projects through, requiring constant vigilance by those of us who live here. But at some point this isn't fair to us to constantly be on guard. We need to have confidence there's a firewall in place that keeps this stuff shut down so we can all just live in peace. Thanks all Brad
5/20/2024 9:47	Jon OLSON	SECC District	May 18, 2024 I oppose a SECC district and .5% sales tax increase. Jon Olson

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5/20/2024 9:48	Marjorie McCloy	SECC District	<p>Hello, Although I support some sort of entertainment district in downtown SLC, I DO NOT enjoy a sports-oriented culture and would not support any tax increase that did not include retaining or expanding our arts and cultural offerings. I live in SLC because of its unique combination of proximity to outdoor activities and its strong cultural base. I recognize that many people enjoy team sports, but I am not one of them. Very important to me is the creation of a vibrant pedestrian zone, and recent surveys prove that the vast majority of SLC residents feel the same. While I appreciate the efforts of Mayor Mendenhall to create such a zone on Main Street in the last couple of years, Main Street, with its TRAX line running down the center, is NOT the right venue. A pedestrian zone is for pedestrians; when a train comes screeching and clanging by every few minutes, all ambience is destroyed. Last year I visited this zone to see what it was like. It was totally dead, apart from the aforementioned TRAX cars. No sidewalk cafes, no street musicians, no pedestrians, no nothing. I offer the following suggestions: * choose a different street; 900 S could be a great option * if you must keep Main St, expand to two streets (a parallel street in either direction) * regardless of the street, kickstart the idea by paying street musicians to perform * offer restaurants an incentive to install outdoor seating, perhaps with heat lamps for spring/fall evenings I have the good fortune to able to travel to Europe each year. I have visited dozens of European cities in multiple countries, and they ALL have large (multi-block), thriving pedestrian zones with sidewalk cafes and restaurants, as well as small shops. There's lots of energy and business. We have literally not seen one city or town, regardless of size, that does not incorporate this model. (Some zones allow cars for a few hours a day; all allow delivery and public safety vehicles as needed.) SLC is ideal for this, with its wide streets and its changing demographic. It's time for SLC to grow up into at least some degree of sophistication. I appreciate your attention. Sincerely, Marjorie McCloy</p>
5/20/2024 9:49	Holly Webster	Tax increase for Entertainment district	<p>The only way I would approve a tax increase [0.5%] is if the money would not only go to the sports venues, but toward the renovation of Abravanel Hall. Salt Lake City has, over the last 55+ years, created an impressive cultural presence in the city, an essential component of a city that is growing into a mid-size city. I'm not opposed to professional sports entertainment, but there must be a cultural balance maintained. So my vote is: a conditional "yes" on the tax IF it would also be used to facilitate renovation of Abravanel Hall. Holly Webster Avenues home owner</p>
5/20/2024 9:50	Chris Weinand	Approve Rio Grande Plan	<p>Hello Mr.Dugan I am messaging to voice the support of the Rio Grande Plan! Thanks Chris Weinand</p>
5/20/2024 9:51	Scott Rosenbush	SECC District and dedicated tax	<p>Dear Council members, Please count me as one of the many City residents who is OPPOSED to the added tax burden to support the proposed SECC District. There will be many other requests from the wealthy developers that involve non-cash contributions (zoning for example) that the City can offer without adding to the local tax burden. If you insist on increasing taxes to support this project perhaps you could limit the application to event tickets, food and other items sold exclusively in this District. In this way those who support the District with their expenditures will pay the 'public portion' of the development. All citizens of SLC should not bear this burden with their daily purchases. Thank you for your consideration. Scott Rosenbush</p>

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5/20/2024 9:54	Craig Dunford	Sports Meca	<p>I am writing to say: after living in S.L.C. for 82, mostly great years, I worry. I drove a lot is S.L.C., and the rest of the state. I had to go to Ut. County the other day, and was literally frightened by the massive amount of traffic. I live in Sugarhouse and make many trips East and West on 21st south used to take 5 minutes, now it's 15. Those in charge of the growth of our city are pushing to get more and more facilities (Sports Meca, NHL), not to mention one more bid for the Winter Olympics. I get that we need to grow, but good old S.L.C. is turning into San Francisco.</p> <p>PLEASE DON'T, Craig Dunford</p>
5/20/2024 9:55	Jacqueline Solon	Abravanel Hall	<p>Hello Dan, I was very disturbed to hear that there are plans flying through Salt Lake's elected politicians that would tear down Abravanel Hall for a sports complex. What??? Salt Lakers have always been proud of the cultural opportunities available here in our beautiful city. Our cultural history includes more than sports. I attend something at Abravanel hall more than once a month as I have season tickets to the symphony and also to a lecture series at the hall. The excitement I heard on the news this evening sounded like a moving train rather than a possible plan. Big plans for sports, tear down for culture, increased taxes for the people. I think the cash flowing into the plans has clouded our thought processes. Abravanel Hall is a cultural gem with world class acoustics, no columns to ruin site-lines, and a stunning, but contractually unmovable Chihuly sculpture in the atrium. I beg you to help your peer politicians slow down and rethink this foolish and short sited plan. Sincerely, Jacqueline Solon,</p>
5/20/2024 9:56	Denise Chancellor	Oppose .5% tax increase	<p>Dear Council Members, Ryan Smith has offered only very generalities in support of his sports entertainment idea. There is not enough information for the council to make an informed decision. Regardless of the legislation setting unrealistic timelines, I urge you to vote no if ALL the details from Smith are not forthcoming. Further, I oppose using public tax dollars to support private entrepreneurial schemes. Moreover, sports arenas are notoriously money losers. Under Utah's basically flat tax rate the burden will fall on middle and low income taxpayers who likely will be unable to afford to enjoy the entertainment district. Finally, don't mess with Abravanel Hall. It is an iconic downtown gem with many years of life still remaining. Denise Chancellor</p>

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5/20/2024 9:57	Terrell Dougan	Abravanel Hall	<p>Dear Council: In 1928, the leaders of the Mormon church, along with the mayor and council, made the first, and perhaps the worst, tragic decision in city planning. They chose to pull down the Salt Lake Theatre, because in 1928, the year before the Great Depression, the cost of maintaining it seemed too large. Never mind that it was a city landmark, built by hand by the master carpenters who gave it all the talent and skill brought from Europe after their long trek here. Never mind that it was nationally regarded as one of the three or four great historic American stages, that it was a pioneer copy of the great Drury Lane Theatre in London, seating 1500 people, and could be turned into a dance and party venue with the slide of a hidden extra floor beneath the stage. Even though the chandeliers were made from the wagon wheels used on the trek west, no one could tell unless Brother Brigham showed them. He'd made them himself. If only they had carefully shuttered it for the time being! But no. Tear it down they must. It took many more months than planned to destroy that great theatre, because it was built for the ages, with love and care and solid workmanship. The beams were so tightly fitted together it was almost impossible to break them apart. It was a major effort to destroy our pioneer heritage, and those who know what happened there on the northwest corner of First South and State Street glance at the ugly, now abandoned, Mountain States Telephone Company building, and shake our heads. If we walk by, we can read the small bronze plaque telling what once stood there. And now we come to another city landmark, built with that same loving care, built for the ages by experts in solid structure and, even more important, perfect acoustics. Seriously? This is considered not needed anymore? Not when we have entertainment such as ice hockey and its attending carnival atmosphere to take its place? Oh please. Please don't let us be this stupid. Again. Surely this magnificent building can be incorporated into some design of the future. If our new, young entrepreneurs who come to us with full pockets but not a lick of fine taste p, we must gently lead them by the hand to a sense of history. A sense of what this city values. And we can thank them for their enthusiasm. But they need gentle, polite guidance. I know I may trust in your intelligence, my dear council members. Sincerely, Terrell Harris Dougan</p>
5/20/2024 9:58	Becky Johnson	Feedback re: Sales Tax Increase	<p>Hello- I am a resident of Salt Lake City and in advance of the May 21 public hearing, I would like to provide my input regarding the City Council's consideration of a proposal to increase citywide sales tax by 0.5 to support development of a Sports, Entertainment, Culture, and Convention (SECC) District around the Delta Center. I do not support this proposal. The citizens of Salt Lake should have been able to vote on a proposed sales tax increase PRIOR to the decision being made for the NHL team to come to Salt Lake. Ryan Smith, owner of the NHL team, should take responsibility to fund development of the SECC District. In addition, I am a regular patron of fine arts and regarding Abravanel Hall, I am adamantly opposed to tear down and rebuild on the current site, or another site. Please send acknowledgement of receipt of this email. Thank you, Becky Johnson</p>
5/20/2024 9:59	S M Bushman	City Tax for Hockey	<p>Dear City Council, Our community as a whole will not benefit from an increase in any sort of tax. Please do not increase sales tax or property taxes. Taxes should not be increased to support hockey or any other sport. The responsibility for costs belong to the owners of such activities. If the City Council has a different opinion, please explain why this would be a benefit to the people of this city to be taxed. Sincerely, Sarah Bushman</p>

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5/20/2024 10:01	Carl Smith 1/2	Increase in sales tax	<p>Dear City Council: Why should we pay for something a billionaire can pay for and will directly benefit from? It's not fair by any moral or ethical accounting and suggests that either the majority of the council is compromised or blatantly not listening or caring about the day to day affordability of living within the confines of the borders of the city during an inflationary event along with a housing crisis. It suggests compromise because of the soon to be realized increase in sales tax revenue at the current rate from increased housing stock currently being built, which will increase the consumption of goods and services within the boundaries of Salt Lake City. It suggests compromise due to the increased sales tax and property tax revenue from high inflation along with higher property valuations providing higher city revenue. Are we to believe that you are incompetent? That you are unaware of these economic realities? That you are incapable of conceiving of more creative use of financing tools including muni bonds? It's clear to me and the neighbors and friends that I talk to within District One and Two that something smells wrong about this "deal." There is an insidious nature inherent to increasing sales tax and that is once a sales tax rate is increased it is never decreased. It is also a strictly regressive tax which is harder for those less fortunate or those who have suffered bad luck or the death or the continued sickness of a loved one from the Corona virus Pandemic to afford. It takes a larger percentage of total income from those that can least afford it and who will not benefit from the increased burden. You know this to be true. It is axiomatic. It seems to me and many others that you are not representing the interests of the residents who actually live within Salt Lake City. Making a billionaire and state legislators happy is a politically savey move. For an ambitious politician or business person the incentives for greater power and greater personal wealth are powerful. Those of us relying on you to represent us are aware of the incentives for you to put our interests aside in order for your personal gain. The loopholes, the abuse of the use of the federal opportunity zone for the benefit of developers, pushing long time residents out of their homes in a clearly lose/win scenario within a high interest environment and property values increasing each month, changing the nature of long established neighborhoods and cultures built over several decades in order to realize short term gains. This proposed raise in sales tax to be borne by us alone is to put it bluntly, unfair. We know this and it will become increasingly known throughout the city as we promulgate the actual costs, associated losses included now and in the future, and who is responsible. A savey politician already in the pocket of a billionaire and friends in the legislature won't care, but perhaps their replacement will.</p>

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5/20/2024 10:01	Carl Smith 2/2	CONTINUED!!! Increase in sales tax	My opinion is informed by a bachelor's in economics, a bachelor's in political science, an internship with the National League of Cities in DC, securities licences, work on Mayor Wilson's campaign for governor, work on various state and national legislative campaigns, developed organizational skills, suffering through the Great Recession with job loss along with my wife having breast cancer at the same time, barely keeping our home. Working through personal ethical problems, which helped me realize the temptations and strong incentives of financial incentives to work against the interests of those I was tasked with serving. I have been very lucky to experience many different worlds of experience. I know the many alternative options you have to pay for construction and infrastructure without increasing the sales tax within Salt Lake City. I know we are on the fast track to California style sales taxes. Disincentivizing sales taxes encouraging black markets in order to avoid a 9 percent decrease in buying power. Incentivizing crime as well as driving people to shop outside the boundaries of Salt Lake City. Your efforts have a high likelihood of decreasing sales tax revenue intended for Salt Lake City. A final advice, if you were smarter, you would have sold it as an increase in the Salt Lake portion of the current ZAP tax, which is widely popular. The benefits of this approach should be apparent. Your approach to selling this tax increase has been lazy, which means you have in essence already rubber stamped this increase. Sincerely, Carl Smith
5/20/2024 10:02	Mary Lee Walton	Sports, Entertainment, Cultural, and Convention District	Dear Salt Lake City Council, I have just read about the .5% sales tax. Please Use the taxes we already pay, first of all to save the Great Salt Lake, then for public schools and teachers, road repair, and affordable housing, Not sports arenas. Definitely Do Not tear down Abravanel Hall! Mary Walton
5/20/2024 10:12	Jaime Martinez	Entertainment district tax	I oppose the tax increase solely on the grounds that it isn't a tax city wide it focuses only on the fairpark neighborhood and that is ridiculous if any neighborhood deserves a break it is us and secondly why are the average utahn having to subsidize billionaires make them spend their own money
5/20/2024 10:14	Sherry Jensen	Entertainment District	I am alarmed by the speed at which plans are advancing for the development of an entertainment district and the accompanying potential 0.5% increase in sales tax. Sales tax is a regressive tax, with low-income tax payers feeling a disproportionate share of the tax burden relative to their income than high-income tax payers. We do not need to subsidize billionaires who wish to create an entertainment district. SJ
5/20/2024 10:16	Suzanne Stensaas	No zoning for entertainment District and Central Salt, Lake City	I will be out of town on the date of the hearing. I totally oppose increasing the sales tax in order to create a convention and entertainment district. While Abravanel Hall is a wonderful place, and should be retained. That is not the only reason I oppose this new district to Promote a hockey and possible baseball endeavor. Sales tax goes on food and there is no way that poor people or people with limited incomes should have to pay more for entertainment rhetoric will never receive. To make sports the important center of Salt Lake City rather than religion culture and art is a travesty to Mormon heritage. I like Salt Lake City because as a non-Mormon, the values they have for music art culture, lectures, and community engagement are exceptional and for this, I applaud the city at encourage the city Council to not give in to development interests to change Salt Lake City from a cultural and historic center into a sports mall . Suzanne Stensaas

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5/20/2024 10:52	Richard Kanner	Sports, entertainment, culture, and convention district	Dear members of the Salt Lake City Council: I have no objection to, and even support the sports entertainment, culture, and convention district concept. However, I believe that those would be profiting from this district should be the ones who fund this enterprise. Taxpayer money should not be used to support private business. There is always objection to money being spent to help the poor, but there seems to be no objection to supporting the wealthy. We do not believe in socialism for the rich. Thank you for considering my views. Sincerely, Richard E. Kanner, MD
5/20/2024 10:56	Billie Gay Larson	Sports, Entertainment, Culture....	Perhaps Salt Lake City's elected officials could consider allowing (sic) billionaire Ryan Smith, et al., (which includes the Millers, who never give to or support anything without a right-off, etc.) and the visions of grandeur pay for all of this! It's all a con game. Successful, too! First the people's representatives grant "tax incentives" for development for their own good! Then they pay increased taxes to help everything along. And finally, if they're able to afford it, they purchase the right to "go inside to watch." Wow! It never ends! Next we'll be asked to pay the salaries of the performers and the tickets to watch them perform! Yeah! And they blackmail cities! If you don't give them what they want, they'll take their marbles (teams) and leave town! It's all about money! This is the same con that has succeeded in Major Cities all over the United States! Salt Lake City could lead the way in protecting the people who live here and don't necessarily Want to pay to Make the Rich Richer. I realize I may as well be talking to a wall. Just let your conscience, ... nevermind. Billie G Larson
5/20/2024 10:58	Nate Housley	No to proposed sales tax increase	Hello city council, I am absolutely opposed to a sales tax increase for the proposed Sports, Entertainment, Culture, and Convention District. Sales taxes are famously one of the most regressive taxes, and public subsidies to professional sports franchises are famous for yielding negative returns. "Research conducted over decades indicates these investments almost never lead to massive economic gains for host cities" and "Overall, stadiums tend to shift economic activity, not create new spending." From this article: https://journalistsresource.org/economics/sports-stadium-public-financing/ The idea of further subsidizing the billionaire owner of the Jazz with a sales tax increase that even the many homeless people in our city will bear is preposterous. Nate Housley
5/20/2024 10:59	Kurt R Ovard	.5% sales tax increase	We wish to repeat our comment made to Governor Cox's Office. " From KUTV2:"In his monthly press conference, Gov. Spencer Cox was asked if the Utah Jazz's future in the downtown area depends on the sales tax passing." I must strongly object to this. I am 73 years old and in that time I have attended one "Bees" game and one "Jazz" game. Both paid for by someone else. If the sports arenas cannot support themselves, why should I be required to pay when I do not enjoy nor attend. I cannot believe that I am alone in this. Surely there must be a revenue stream that can be generated from the people who do enjoy/want/attend these things. Please pursue other avenues to support these events." Thinking about this further, this is an unfair tax on those who cannot/will not afford to pay the outrageous ticket prices by making the poor taxpayers subsidize those who CAN pay. Add a surcharge to each ticket purchased. Don't penalize the rest of us.... Sincerely, Kurt & Charlotte Ovard

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5/20/2024 11:03	Julie Allred	Tax raise/Abravanel Hall/pride festivities	<p>We have lived in Utah our entire lives. My husband and I have served elderly people in Salt Lake City for the last couple years. One of the most discouraging things to see is how real life elderly people are losing their grip on being able to make it each month. So we are going to raise sales taxes just so some billionaire can bring in a hockey team? And take away a beautiful historic building with so much entertainment and memories for families and friends because we need hockey??? It may not seem like a big deal to do these things for some but it is heavy to so many who are barely making it. Taxes should not be raised for the entertainment of a few and especially for a billionaire who decides this needs to be done. Regarding The pride festivities, when this is going on during Sunday, there are thousands of people who cannot get uptown to worship. Those of us who serve the elderly cannot go and help them as we cannot get anywhere near. It seems as though Saturday would be enough for the celebrations. It is very discouraging and for us that live in the outer cities it gives us one more reason to stay away from downtown Salt Lake City. Tom and Julie Allred</p>
5/20/2024 11:03	Edward Mathieu	Natural Magnetic Influenced Water	<p>Hello Dan, Thank you for chatting with me at last week's UWCF conference. It was great to discuss our new approach to saving water while promoting a healthier environment. I wanted to share the information we discussed in case Matt did not have a digital copy of our first season's progress report—plus, it's a large file. I have copied Matt and Stephanie Duer with SLCDPU in case they'd like to comment. In summary, we are monitoring Forest Dale for two seasons, reviewing water use, chemical applications, and soil health over the 2023, 2024 seasons and comparing it to past seasons. Our goal is to demonstrate a reduction in water and chemical use and improve site soil health using our passive, simple, and natural process. Additionally, we expect to improve the overall health and play-ability of the course—which will attract more golfers and generate more revenue for the course. I would like to clarify that this technology is not new; it has been around for some time but is unfortunately not well-known. We have implemented it in many sites in the region, including the Utah State Capital, Smith's Ballfield, and SL Real facilities, to name a few. The technology is also scalable for any size project, including residential properties where we average a 20%+ water reduction and an overall improvement in soil and plant health. I've also included another report you may have seen from the Salt City Water Efficiency Study prepared by SLCDPU. The report lists our magnetic technology as one of the arrows in their quiver as they demonstrated how new design, irrigation efficiency and water quality all play a role in reducing water need in future Utah landscapes. We feel this technology will have a large role in managing water resources and improving our western soil health for a sustainable future. Please see Droxbox link: https://www.dropbox.com/t/Wb4HbYUsGKO0icMD Please let me know if I can answer any questions you may have. Regards, Edward Mathieu</p>
5/20/2024 11:38	Lynn Paul	Phone call to City Council	<p>Caller states that the water tax increase is a joke. She is 80 years old and cannon afford to pay \$900 a month. It is one of her highest utility bills, higher then gas and electric. **Caller sent to Austin.</p>

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5/20/2024 11:49	Jeffrey Wood	Status on Plan to Address Issues on the Jirdan Riv Trail	<p>Dear Terry et al. Thank you for sharing the comprehensive update regarding the initiatives to address the ongoing issues along the Jordan River Trail (JRT) and adjacent neighborhoods. I appreciate the collaborative efforts of various agencies and community members during the JRT walk, and I am encouraged by the commitment to increase police presence in the area. While I acknowledge the progress, I am preaching to the choir when I say I would like to reiterate the need for swift and decisive action, particularly in addressing the entrenched (4+ years) transient camping along the JRT. I urge the city to extend its focus beyond 300 N, particularly to areas up to 600 N, the Northwest Community Center, and Bachmann Elementary School. These areas, especially those frequented by children, require enhanced safety measures. A particular drug hot spot is under the 500 North bridge at the Jordan River and around the Northwest Community Center (with a child daycare center). As someone in recovery, I understand the complexities of the issues surrounding homelessness and drug use. I commend the city's compassionate approach to those who want recovery. But I also caution, I'll say, again, CAUTION against enabling behaviors perpetuating our problems. I believe a balance can be struck between compassion and accountability. To that end, I urge the city to consider the following: 1. Recognize the diversity within the homeless community: Acknowledge that not all individuals experiencing homelessness desire the same outcomes. Some may require support and resources to reintegrate into society, while others prefer to remain in their current lifestyles. Tailor solutions accordingly. Addressing individuals who prefer to maintain their current lifestyle presents a significant challenge. However, low-barrier shelters and designated camping areas can offer a starting point. It's crucial to encourage a shift in perspective and deter the use of recreational spaces. 2. Prioritize safety and security: Do not tolerate illegal or unsafe activities in recreational areas. Implement stricter enforcement measures to deter such behaviors and ensure the safety of residents and trail users. School, Park, and Recreational Drug-free zones are not being enforced. 3. Explore alternative solutions to unsheltered camping: Consider creating sanctioned camping areas or alternative shelter options for individuals unable or unwilling to access traditional shelters. I remain hopeful that the collaborative efforts underway will yield positive results. I look forward to continued updates and progress reports as the city plans to address these pressing issues. Thank you for being so dedicated to the well-being of our community. We look forward to change. Every morning on our dog walk, we encounter drug use, illegal activity, or paraphernalia between 600 N to the fair park and back (SLCP Case 5/18 2024-107291, from this morning's walk, I observed two people smoking "blues." I look forward to the upcoming meeting, and I'll keep my eyes open for the time of your next meet-up. Sincerely, Jeffrey Wood VP. Wingate Townhomes</p>
5/20/2024 12:34	Cisco Rodriguez	Increased Sales Tax	<p>I think the council and city should find other ways to pay for improvements to the district, specifically the renovations to the Delta center for hockey games, and use these taxes to pay for more important bills. Recently it was revealed that school students owe almost 2.5 million in lunch debt here in the state of Utah, we should feed hungry children in Utah with the new tax revenue created by SLC sales. I think if you were to propose that honestly and earnestly to the tax payers they would prefer to pay for kids food than rich Ryan Smith's new upgraded seating.</p>

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5/20/2024 13:18	Joe Moss	The if the SECC is funded with public dollars, the public needs to be a part of this process.	<p>I'm a Salt Laker, a city planner, and urban designer that is thrilled with Salt Lake's opportunity to reinvent a long stagnant area of the city. An SECC could be great for the city, but how it is accomplished should be just as important, if not more so, than the outcome. In this case there is a wildly large sum of public tax money that would be transferred to a private developer (owned by someone of already significant wealth who could fund this on their own if they wanted to.) Public funds may be a good investment in reinventing parts of the city so long as they are for the public benefit. The way this SECC is proposed to be structured, I question the appropriateness (and the ethics) of such an arrangement. Why should such a large amount of public dollars be transferred to a developer who can spend those funds in a more opaque way with very limited oversight and public involvement? Given the SECC could use up to 1.6 billion public dollars, I feel it is appropriate to ask the City Council to make one of the following actions: 1- Reject this proposal per Section 63N-3-1405(b)(vi), and let the developer and county pay for their own redevelopments, or; 2- Approve the request with modifications to ensure the following: a. Requirements for a robust public oversight the use of the funds which clearly specify that public monies can only be spent on public facilities for public benefit b. Requirements for robust public engagement processes for developments in the SECC that receive public funds. These should ensure that the public is engaged throughout the planning, design, and programming, of these projects. I'm not against reinvigorating the Salt Palace and the surrounding area, however the proposed SECC arrangement circumvents the public process, but uses public money. I'd much rather see these funds be used on the City's much more urgent needs, but since the state legislature has determined that these funds can only be used for a redevelopment of a SECC, the City Council is the only publicly elected check an balance remaining. As a planner, as a taxpayer, as a citizen, I'm asking the Council to demand that the process is transparent and the resulting projects are for the benefit of the public, not just a billionaire's already healthy bottom line.</p>

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5/20/2024 13:48	Troy Justensen	Capital City Revitalization Zone **Attachment 3	<p>I represent a very large annual event that comes to Salt Lake City each February – the Western Hunting & Conservation Expo. The Hunting Expo is one of the largest events hosted at the Salt Palace Convention Center and has been there for 18 years. We have contracts in place with the Salt Palace Convention Center through 2028. Our plan is to continue holding our annual event at the Salt Palace Convention Center indefinitely. Our event is a full Salt Palace facility show with nearly 600 exhibiting companies from multiple countries and 68,000 attendees from nearly every state each year. Our show has experienced a 10–15% growth each year since the first Expo in 2007 (except for 2021-COVID). Our exhibit hall is currently sold out for 2025 with a waiting list of over 800 companies. The Hunting Expo has a proven track record of significant economic impact to Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, and the State of Utah not only due to visitors from 48 of 50 states (in 2024) but also through city and state tax revenue generated from exhibitor sales transactions conducted during the Hunting Expo. The Hunting Expo has generated well over \$100 million for Utah wildlife and habitat conservation for the State of Utah during its 18 years of existence. We are concerned about the reduction in exhibit hall space that a revamping of Salt Lake's Downtown Convention Center District would bring to the Salt Palace. Our show is actually in need of more contiguous exhibit space, not less. Reconfiguring the current contiguous Salt Palace space into adjacent space is problematic for us, and I'm sure for other full facility users as well. Losing any space would seriously impact our event. We are currently planning our 2025 and 2026 shows, negotiating rates and contracts with vendors, and working on placement of exhibitors within the current Salt Palace Convention Center exhibit hall layout. A reduction of contiguous exhibit space could place a significant burden on our show operations. We feel our partnership with Utah Governor Cox, the Utah Legislature, Salt Lake County, Utah Office of Tourism and Visit Salt Lake is a very solid foundation – and we hope to continue those relationships for many years to come. Thank you for considering our position and the needs of the Western Hunting & Conservation Expo.</p>
5/20/2024 13:55	Jack Sederstrom	Taxes for sports	<p>Hello, I live at REDACTED, Salt Lake City, UT 84116. I wanted you to know that I oppose taxes for sports arenas and other similar things. The teams and their owners make millions. The taxpayers shouldn't be subsidizing them nor their buildings. I would also like to comment on roads. We pay taxes for roads to be in good repair. 1000N is so far past replacement and it's embarrassing. Please fix the road. I would like to also say the lower speed limits in town are just too much. 25 in a residential is fine. 1000N was just lowered from 35 to 30mph. This is too slow for a major road. Thank you, Jack Sederstrom</p>
5/20/2024 14:02	Lisa Byrnes	Abravanel Hall	<p>Abravanel Hall is a world class concert hall for concert music. It is incredibly special both in sight and sound, and it would be an irreplaceable loss if you, the mayors and SEG choose to replace it with something new or even renovate it in a way that might ruin the acoustics and the unique architecture. I took a sabbatical in 2014-15 which brought me to every major concert hall in the U.S. and in Europe. I can tell you first hand that our own Abravanel Hall is in the top tier of great halls. Many newer halls where I attended concerts did not have an acoustic that even came close to ours. They also tend to look all the same. Let's preserve our unique one-of-a-kind concert hall and be proud of it. It stands on its own and does not need to be lumped together with the new sports complex. We can have both and be proud of both. I hope you will choose to be on the right side of history and do the right thing. Everyone I know who either performs or attends concerts in Abravanel Hall thinks it is a very special place. Don't take that away from the community. Having a world class hall makes Salt Lake City a place to be. Thank you for listening.</p>



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5/20/2024 15:22	James Miska	OPPOSED TO REZONING FOR THE "ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT"	I'm writing as a concerned citizen of Salt Lake City, also as a homeowner in Salt Lake City and a small local business owner. My opinion is that the proposed local "entertainment district" is a terrible idea, especially as it has been proposed. The proposed sales tax rate increase in Salt Lake City is unjust and unfair. The priority of consideration being given to wealthy groups like Smith Entertainment Group, or to the desires of wealthy individuals in this county that want to be "entertained", is simply appalling. Our priorities in this city should be focused upon even wealth distribution and on increasing quality of life equitably. Once again, I'm STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE REZONING OF DOWNTOWN THAT FAVORS THE CREATION OF STADIUMS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CONTRIBUTE TO AN "ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT".
5/20/2024 15:30	Jeannine Marlowe	SEG, Abravanel Hall, Eccles Theater	Constituent has comments and questions regarding SEG, Gov. Cox, Environmental Impact Study, Eccles Theater, and Abravanel Hall,
5/20/2024 15:32	James Miska	In favor of the Food Equity Microgrant	I want to let you on City Council know that the Food Equity Microgrant in both years 2023 and 2024 have been helpful to dozens of individuals and groups in this City that are struggling for equity in terms of food access. To my understanding, this year, 2024, the budget allowance for this grant was for \$40,000. However, the amount applied for by all individuals and group was over \$146,000. This demonstrates the present need of between 3 and 4 times the amount supplied by the City for this grant. Worth taking into account is the fact that even though close to 4 times the amount of money was asked for than was supplied, that was ONLY those in the know about this grant. If more people knew about this grant (I only heard of it by word-of-mouth), then it is a given that MORE money would be applied for. Therefore, in this next year's budget, please INCREASE the amount supplied for the Food Equity Microgrant program to at least 4 times the amount from 2024, to \$160,000. Maria Schwartz has been fantastic to interact with and she is doing a great job heading up the program.
5/20/2024 15:35	Paul Miska	Opposition to Sports entertainment district	I'm writing as a concerned citizen of Salt Lake City, also as a homeowner. My opinion is that the proposed local "entertainment district" is a terrible idea, especially as it has been proposed. The proposed sales tax rate increase in Salt Lake City is unjust and unfair. The priority of consideration being given to wealthy groups like Smith Entertainment Group, or to the desires of wealthy individuals in this county that want to be "entertained", is simply appalling. Our priorities in this city should be focused upon even wealth distribution and on increasing quality of life equitably. Once again, I'm STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE REZONING OF DOWNTOWN THAT FAVORS THE CREATION OF STADIUMS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CONTRIBUTE TO AN "ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT".
5/20/2024 15:41	Richard James	Waste And Recycling Rate Increase	I have no problem with a rate increase, however why isn't the percentage increase the same for all sizes of containers?
5/20/2024 16:26	Samantha Hawe	I do not support the proposed sales tax increase	I do not support the proposed sales tax increase to fund development of the downtown stadium and surrounding areas. SLC taxpayers should not be required to fund this project. The majority of research concludes that costs of major sports teams and installing stadiums outweigh the economic benefits thereof.
5/20/2024 16:35	Jim Byrne	Salt Lake City Council Water Property Tax Increase Proposal	The proposal to increase property taxes for water in Salt Lake City by 75% flies in the face of the City's commitment to "Save the Great Salt Lake" and the basic principles of economics. Hiding part of the cost of water in property taxes acts like a subsidy to water usage rates allowing the customer to see a smaller water bill for their usage, and thus (by basic economics) incentivizing excessive usage and therefor less water for the Great Salt Lake. It also exempts public buildings and churches, etc. which don't pay property taxes from the actual cost of the water. Please reject this proposed change and instead look to charging the full cost of water in usage rates.

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5/20/2024 16:37	Beth Chardack	SEG Downtown Project comments	<p>I'd like to encourage the SLC Council not to rush into anything with the Smith Entertainment Group. SEG owes the SLC public clear plans for what they intend to do with the land they are asking for, and accountability for the tax money they would get. Why not a bond of sorts that they have to pay back? Or pay back SLC residents for the 'loan' based on profits they make after it's finished. Why not consider getting the state of Utah involved also with finances, since surely the state would benefit also? I also think it's critical to take the time to evaluate the plans SEG has for this development and not rush into anything. This means allowing the planning commission, the mayors' offices, and the general public to weigh in on plans. For example, SEG says we are suddenly a 'hockey town' because they just bought a hockey team. I'm not sure if that's actually true, but I do know for sure we are an 'arts and culture' town. Abravnel Hall is a gem (although in serious need of renovation) that should not be on the chopping block at Ryan Smith's mercy. The bottom line for me is a lack of confidence in Ryan Smith and his intentions for Salt Lake City. I know for a fact his first goal is to make billions of dollars. He has no positive track record in this town for being an ambassador of good will to our city (like the Miller family has). I know from personal experience that Ryan Smith bought the Utah Jazz, raised ticket prices substantially and forced many long time season ticket holders to give up their seats. Then he proceeded to have a fire sale and decimate our team roster, getting rid of all star players from which he could have built up a championship team. Instead, he chose to bench the starters that were left, and have our rookies and G leaguers play Utah Jazz games at NBA prices. This is insulting to the season ticket holders and shows me that Ryan Smith is making decisions for the good of his business first (with the second lowest salary based in the NBA - he's cheap). He's spread himself too thin financially, and wants taxpayers to help him out (a billionaire!). Please take the time to do your due diligence and make sure Ryan Smith and SEG has a plan that is balanced and beneficial to our community. Do not rush. Ryan Smith needs to prove himself to the community, and at the very least, lets see the plans first (before the tax hike is approved), and have some serious study, discussion, and evaluation to make sure there are minimal adverse effects. This will take time. It should take time. Let's do it right. Thank you for all you do. Beth Chardack</p>
5/20/2024 16:40	Tj J Dunker	Waste & recycling services budget comments	<p>To whom it may concern: I am unable to attend the public hearing, but I do wish to share some feedback on the proposed rate changes. In addition to increasing revenue through rate increases I would like the council to pursue cost reductions to help offset the need for additional future increases. For example, reducing trash and recycling pick-up to biweekly could be a simple way to reduce fuel and labor costs significantly. For many single family homes, weekly pick-up is not necessary. In my neighborhood I notice that many houses do not put waste or recycling bins out weekly. Yet the city will pay to have trucks drive the complete route even though some houses do not require pick-up. I ask the council to consider this suggestion as a way to reduce costs and improve air quality for Salt Lake City residents. Yours truly, TJ Dunker</p>
5/20/2024 16:43	Richard James	Waste and Recycling Rate Increase	<p>I don't have a issue with the rate increase, however, why isn't the percentage increase the same for all three container sizes?</p>

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5/20/2024 16:46	Susan Olson	Two "sports and entertainment districts"?	Here is a question I hope will be addressed at the City Council hearing tomorrow. How does the proposed sports and entertainment district around the Delta Center relate to the also-proposed sports and entertainment district in the so-called Power District on North Temple? I know that legally one is in the hands of Salt Lake City and the other more controlled by the legislature. These areas are only about a mile apart. That's too far to easily walk between them, but it seems as if they would be in competition with or duplicate each other. Does any reasonable urban planner think that SLC and surrounding areas could support both? I doubt it. Please consider this larger picture, as well as the important questions about Abravanel Hall, taxing everyone to pay for entertainment that only a few can afford, and the need for affordable housing. Thanks, Susan Olson
5/20/2024 16:48	Cuauthemoc Sandoval	Capital City Revitalization Zone	Hello! I am a District 3 resident and want to comment in favor of the tax increase that will create the downtown revitalization zone. I support this zone because it has the potential to further promote arts and culture as part of a reimagined downtown, and I hope the council will keep that top of mind when driving these plans forward. As a board member of the Utah Museum of Contemporary Arts (UMOCA), I believe the new district will provide an exciting opportunity to support and amplify UMOCA's mission for years. I view UMOCA's voice as an essential part of a vibrant downtown and a key partner in supporting Salt Lake City's vision of building a modern city that supports diverse voices. When I first moved to Salt Lake City, UMOCA was one of the first places where I felt I belonged, and it has continually shown its ability to bring world-class arts programming to our capital city. UMOCA is always able to punch above its non-profit weight, and its cultural cache needs to remain in the downtown district. I hope the funding for a new building can be allocated within this plan -- which would be added to UMOCA-sourced funding -- so that it will allow UMOCA to scale its impact on artists, K-12 students, and art lovers throughout our state (and beyond). As a board, I know we are collectively excited about the opportunity presented by the city, county, and SEG and understand the complex planning ahead. Thank you for the hard work it takes to consider all of the stakeholders. Cuauhemoc Sandoval
5/20/2024 16:53	Andrea Paulsen	Voicemail to City Council	I'm calling in about propose property taxes increase due to Water. I don't want to see my taxes is going up because everything right now is so expensive. Also I do not want the fluoride in the water. because I don't think it is healthy for people and if we could save money on that instead of increase the Taxes. Let me know what's the respond. Thank you.
5/20/2024 19:23	Anonymous Constituent	Vote no on proposed sales tax increase for SECC district	Please vote against the sales tax increase for the SECC district development. An increased sales tax will further burden the most economically vulnerable among us, and many of those who will be most adversely affected economically are also those who are least likely to ever enjoy any benefits of the proposed development.

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5/20/2024 21:37	Carol Slawson	We should learn from other cities regarding height restrictions and GFA	Other major cities have learned lessons from relaxing height restrictions without concessions. A taller building can block sunlight at street level of not thoughtfully stepped back. Building out to the extents of a plot as well as extra tall will reduce ventilation, and increase sanitation problems. Concessions instead of simply eliminating height restrictions can allow for maintaining comfort, ventilation, and aesthetic outlook. In many cities you will find that buildings allowed to exceed high restrictions must give back in plot ratio or if they build out the plot and exceed high restrictions they might need to purchase an adjacent lot and give back as an open public space. Studies in major cities have shown that too many monolithic buildings side by side that block ventilation corridors increase problems with pollution and disease. Overall I feel that it is not prudent to simply eliminate a height restriction and there must be some planning review over how there can be give and take to ensure that we don't end up with a district of side by side monoliths if an unscrupulous developer relocates to take advantage of the lack of planning ordinances.
5/20/2024 21:39	Jack Rouse	Prioritizing Japantown Communities	The destruction of Japantown for the creation of the Salt Palace haunts Japanese American memory in Salt Lake City. All that remains of that catastrophic displacement events are the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple and the Japanese Church of Christ. Both of these faith community are pillars for the people of Salt Lake regardless of ethnicity. In addition to providing spiritual services, these entities host cultural events, language schools, sports leagues, host non-profits, provide educational programming, and support the larger community by being integral participants in events like Pride. The city council must provide two places of worship, the Japantown Revitalization group, and the Japanese Community Preservation Committee a seat at the table in discussions about the future of their neighborhood. I believe that there are win-win solutions that allow Salt Lake to grow without destroying a community that has already bore the brunt of Salt Lake's municipal development. Further, I believe this is an opportunity to highlight the cultural heritage of the city by reinvesting in Japantown.
5/21/2024 6:10	Jim Ehle	Sports district	Please don't spend any tax money on the sports district. Ryan Smith is already rich enough. A billion \$ from the state legislature is already too much. Abravanel Hall is fabulous as it is.
5/21/2024 9:04	Anonymous Constituent	No, thank you	I can't afford this tax. Why were we given a small reprieve by the legislature just to have a private businessperson raise it? And especially for "entertainment," in a climate of stagflation, that I couldn't afford to ever enjoy at present, much less after paying this tax, and apparently for essentially forever? Let him pay for it all, or move to Draper and let other rich people pay for it. I get all these new transplants have increased your tax base and so you want to spend it - not really on roads or homeless services or environmental concerns of course - but this isn't sustainable. Unless maybe your vision of a future SLC is rich people only.
5/21/2024 9:09	Edward Seniw	Feedback for FY25	To whom it may concern, The Business cost increase is ONLY \$1, but the poorest person that can afford to have garbage service pays an additional \$2? Rich business men should not make up the budgets for public services. We should charge the Businesses \$10 more and Residential \$.50 or even nothing more! The pricing for Residential is not proportional, it should be. If you dump twice as much, you should pay twice as much. Edward Seniw
5/21/2024 9:12	Lynne Olson	Support for proposed city Sustainability Dept rate increases	To All, I support the proposed city budget for FY 2024-2025, including rate increases for the Sustainability Department's increases for waste and recycling services. I thoroughly appreciate having my garbage, recyclables, green waste and glass collected from my curb. With respect, Lynne Olson

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
5/21/2024 9:12	Ted Peterson	Proposed waste removal fee increase	Dear Public Utilities, Thank you for the work you do for our community. I am concerned that the waste fees are proposed to increase by nearly 10 percent per month for garbage removal starting in July 2024. This is a significant increase well outpacing inflationary pressures on our community. This increase will undoubtedly hurt those most in need and those on fixed incomes. I am concerned that this increase follows significant changes on water rates from the past few years. It seems that putting these increases on now makes the community more out of touch with our community following proposed sales tax increases. Please do what you can to reduce or postpone this amount. Thanks for your continued public service! Ted
5/21/2024 9:13	John Higgins	re Sports Entertainment and sales tax increase proposal.	Dear council. I strongly object to: a. Rezoning and redeveloping this area into a ball sports entertainment hub b. Increasing the sales tax to contribute to the development of the above. Re a/ downtown SLC is already diverse and vibrant, and sufficiently crowded when existing events are on, without needing further attractions. Re b/ The sports entertainment industry is well funded and does not need any tax payer subsidies to continue its existence. One only has to look at the sort of salaries paid to coaches and players to see that any sort of handout is not required. This should continue to be a "user pays" enterprise, not a tax payer funded and city promoted enterprise. In addition, a sales tax increase across the city takes from the poor to give to the rich. See the above point. Why should everyone who makes a retail purchase be contributing to a profit making free enterprise industry? This is outrageous. I own and run a business in the outdoor recreation / endurance sports sector. Why should my customers be paying more in tax when using my services, for completely unrelated services and facilities that do not appeal to them, and for which my business and customers receive zero benefit? If the proposed tax increase is only going to be spent in the proposed development zone, then why not only tax business entities in that zone that most stand to benefit? John Higgins
5/21/2024 9:15	Luke SALISBURY	No more taxes	I average over \$600 per month in utilities as it is. Please cut from entitlement programs before increasing taxes on hard working Salt Lakers. Luke Salisbury
5/21/2024 9:16	Aline Devaud	I oppose a .5% tax increase for sports and revitalization project	Hello City Council, I welcome a vibrant downtown environment. I do not support a tax increase to fuel a sports-infused downtown. If the Salt Lake Council supports Ryan Smith's vision, I can support the zoning changes they propose keeping in mind the city needs affordable owner-occupied housing. I personally do not want to pay taxes for this sports-minded revitalization project. Just having travelled to southern Spain last month, I witnessed vibrancy every day and evening due to pedestrian areas, many restaurants and places to get drinks, small stores for shopping. Driving and large establishments were not part of the mix. This said, I acknowledge that Salt Lake City is not Spain but to me, vibrancy is individuals and families enjoying time in a shared environment. I do not support a .5% tax increase. Thank you, Aline Devaud Dan Dugan's district.
5/21/2024 9:17	Jonathan Marshall	Proposal to create a Sports, Entertainment, Culture, and Convention (SECC) District	I agree with the increased sales tax to support the SECC district. I like the idea of having visitors help pay for the city. Also as a member of the Fairpark Community Board I think that this will have positive effects for our neighborhood. Dr. Jonathan C. Marshall Professor of Zoology Weber State University
5/21/2024 10:12	Carl Olsen	Voicemail to City Council	Voicemail - Good morning, it is about 9:40 am. My name is Carl Olson, I am contacting about the sports entertainment district that could be possibility tearing down Abravanel Hall. I was the executive in charge of the construction team that built the venue, John Price Associates. It was a very important project, bicentennial arts project and should not be torn down. There are many plans for history and I am very concerned about it. I have a lot of details, mostly from memory, about the building and would like to share. Someone can contact me back or text me. I would appreciate it. - sent to Hassan for a response.

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5/21/2024 10:41	Katie Pappas	SED	<p>I am opposed to development of the Sports and Entertainment District in downtown Salt Lake City. My concerns with this project include; Major changes to an area already developed with other much loved and important facilities while there are other undeveloped areas in need of improvement, Changes to current zoning guidelines to accommodate one developer who is basically holding the city hostage, Regressive increased sales tax on Salt Lake City residents to pay for what many consider frivolous, unnecessary development, Interference in Salt Lake City projects by our Utah Developer Legislature, risking future tax revenue in Utah communities. Whether this project is approved or not will say much about the priorities of our city. We don't seem to be able to address homelessness. We've had years of road closures on multiple adjacent streets with developers closing multiple traffic lanes to accommodate construction vehicles. Often there is nothing happening and no reason for it. Small businesses are driven out or simply cannot survive because no one can get to them. It is a nightmare to travel around downtown, whether by car or bicycle. This project will ensure more years of gridlock. I've honestly considered leaving, but for now I'm going to fight to fix it. If the Smith Entertainment Group wants to go somewhere else, good riddance.</p>
5/21/2024 10:48	Cindy Cromer	"Something about a Parking Lot" Lily Rose	<p>Dan-On the lighter side: You may know about the ill-conceived parking lot for Allen Park at the end of 1400 E. I'm not sure that it is dead. If not, I believe that this song by Lily Rose can kill it. Will let you know. Best, cindy c. all-Just sent the message below to Nick Norris, hopefully for his staff. (We have plenty of room for housing if we get rid of surface parking lots. Dr. Chris Nelson said so 10 years ago.) If we don't have an official stake in the heart of this bad idea about a parking lot on Wednesday, then I will distribute the lyrics in Lily Rose's song broadly. See you Wednesday. c Nick-My battle over the proposed parking lot at the stub of 1400 E and Allen Park, led me to this song which could be worth sharing with your staff. I'm hoping the parking lot on top of the winter deer habitat in Allen Park is dead by the time of the Friends meeting on Wednesday. If not, I am copying the song to Public Lands staff and beyond. Onward, cindy c. Bing Videos From: cindy cromer <3cinslc@live.com> Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 8:52 PM To: cindy cromer <3cinslc@live.com> Subject: Lily Rose Lily Rose Is Redefining What It Means to Be a Country Artist: 'I Was Put on Earth to Break Barriers' (Exclusive) (msn.com)</p>
5/21/2024 10:48	Bill Tibbitts	Letter about Delta Center rezone proposal (Letter attached this time)	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall, City Council Members, and Planning Commissioners: The attached letter by our Executive Director, Glenn Bailey, is our public comment on the pending request for zoning amendments to the blocks surrounding the Delta Center. We believe that the proposed rezone should be analyzed through the City's new Community Benefit Policy with the goal of ensuring that the development includes at least as much affordable housing as is envisioned at the site of the old prison in Draper. We are happy to meet or talk on the phone to discuss this open letter and why we feel it is so important that this development be a model for mixed use, mixed income, development for the entire state. Bill Tibbitts</p>

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5/21/2024 10:55	John Badila	Invest in local climate solutions today	Climate change is already being felt by every community across the country—from intense heat waves and flooding to extreme storms and uncontrollable wildfires. The climate crisis is putting the health and safety of our families and the survival of our local wildlife at risk. It's time to invest in climate solutions so our community can fight for our future and develop resilience to climate change's impacts. In recent years Congress passed historic climate legislation including the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act that makes federal funding available for every state down to the local level. This funding can be used to invest in local clean energy projects that will create jobs and lower energy costs while making our air and water cleaner and reducing climate-altering pollution. This funding can also be used to build local climate resilience and reduce carbon in our atmosphere through natural climate solutions. Restoring carbon-storing habitats like prairies and forests removes carbon from the air and creates wildlife habitat, re-establishing wetlands and floodplains can protect communities from flooding and improve our water quality, and installing green infrastructure and green spaces in cities helps clean the air while creating recreational spaces for people and fighting climate change. Similarly, investing in renewable energy, battery storage, and electrification can keep jobs in-state while making businesses more efficient and drastically reducing planet-warming emissions. Later is too late – we must use the funding at our disposal to act on climate for our wildlife, water, air, and future generations. Sincerely, John Badila
5/21/2024 11:07	Steven Pappas	SED	The proposed sales tax is a burden on everyone, but the sports entertainment District will benefit only a small number of people. The proposal is another example of taking from the poor and giving to the rich. Tax revenue should be used to benefit those most in need, not those who are the least in need. I would support free mass transit throughout the city, more shelters for the homeless, availability of healthcare for those in need, and more open spaces. city wide
5/21/2024 11:19	Anonymous Constituent	Voicemail to City Council	Voicemail - the water bill is going up and I don't even understand it now. Seems like we are spending a lot of money on fixing the sewers in Sugarhouse, why is it taking so long?
5/21/2024 11:21	Ryan Mack	Economic Impact of SPCC **Attachment 4 - 6 pages	Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, On behalf of Visit Salt Lake (VSL) and the Salt Palace Convention Center (SPCC) we would like to formally voice our support for the funding and creation of the Sports, Entertainment, Culture and Convention District. This is truly a once-in-a-generation opportunity to elevate and enhance our downtown core in all facets of the district's focus areas. Visit Salt Lake (VSL) and the Salt Palace Convention Center's mission is to improve the area economy by attracting and providing support to conventions, sports events, leisure travelers, and visitors to Salt Lake County. Tourism is the front door to economic development. Attached to this email, you'll see a document highlighting the impressive economic impact of the convention and visitor economy in Salt Lake. We hope that you'll find this information useful in your decision-making process. Our hope is that this process will continue to remain transparent and collaborative. That we'll soon have a swift and clear timeline of development, and that project phasing is considered to minimize potential business impacts for conventions and surrounding businesses that rely on out-of-town visitors. Please reach out directly with any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration and your service to our capital city. Sincerely, Visit Salt Lake
5/21/2024 11:26	Norm Ad	SECC funding	Its troubling that taxpayer money is being considered for funding the SECC. Why is the 0.50% only applying to Salt lake City when clearly people all along the Wasatch front will frequent the venues. Please vote no on this. Marianne Campbell

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE SALT PALACE CONVENTION CENTER

Overview:

The Sports, Entertainment, Culture and Convention District is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Salt Lake. We believe this will be one of the most unique and successful districts in the entire country, benefiting both locals and visitors. Utah's economy is hot, and this project will only accelerate our trajectory.

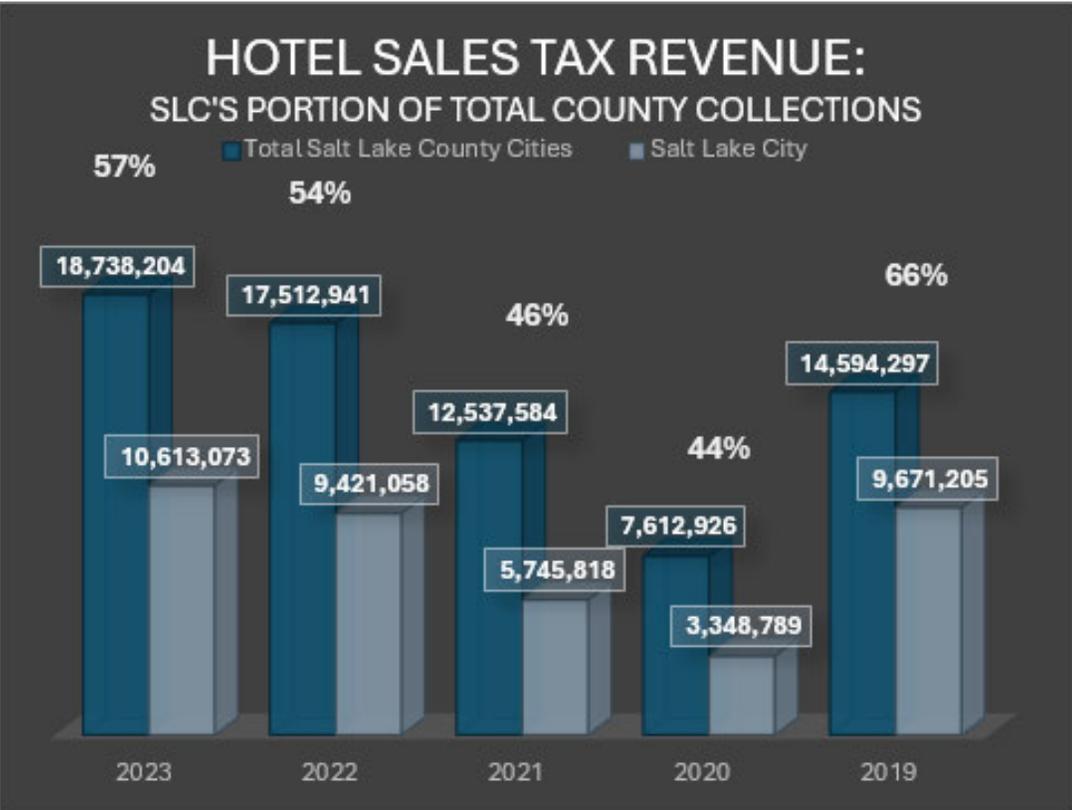
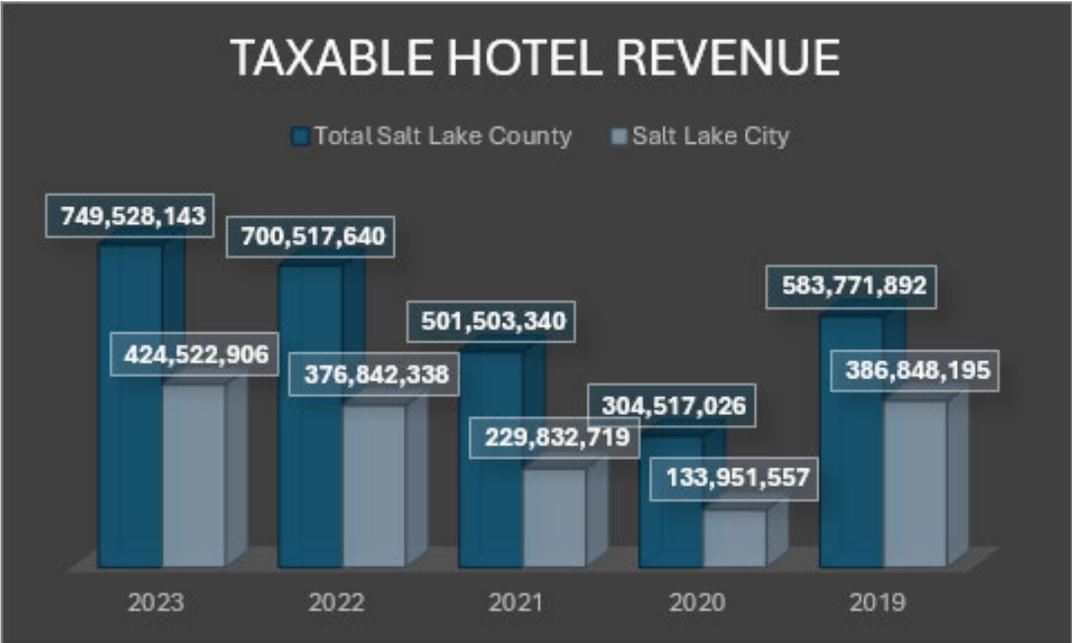
The Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center (SPCC) stands as a cornerstone of our city's economic vitality, serving as a catalyst for growth and prosperity. Visit Salt Lake (VSL) and the Salt Palace Convention Center's mission is to improve the area economy by attracting and providing support to conventions, sports events, leisure travelers, and visitors to Salt Lake County. Tourism is the front door to economic development.

- Throughout its history, the walls of the Salt Palace Convention Center have welcomed the world through conventions, meetings, sporting and cultural events. It served as an official Olympic media venue, hosted thousands of domestic and international journalists, tens of thousands of youth volleyball players with USA Volleyball and popular local events such as Qualtrics and FanX.
- Most importantly, SPCC visitors have injected more than **\$600 million of out-of-state, additive dollars** into the Salt Lake economy per year.

Economic Impact of Conventions and Visitation:

In Salt Lake County alone the visitor economy:

- Helps support over 44,000 tourism related jobs with many of those frontline hospitality employees – waiters, bartenders and hotel staff that rely on convention business for their paycheck.
- Generates over \$5 Billion annually in direct visitor spending and more than \$10.6 million just in hotel sales tax revenue to Salt Lake City
- On average, each convention delegate spends \$950 while in our community
- SPCC visitors help to support our hotels, bars, restaurants, venues, small businesses and cultural attractions.



Conventions and Sports Events Are Big Business:

- During certain times of the year, out-of-state visitors account for 20-40% of all retail sales at City Creek. - *Linda Wardell, General Manager, City Creek Center*
- We believe 15% of our private dining groups are associated with a convention over the last year and a half since we've opened. We believe that the revenue associated with that is around \$300,000. - *Brooks Kirchheimer, Co-Founder, Urban Hill*

Future Proofing – Build Back Better

- Visit Salt Lake and the Salt Palace convention center are a symbiotic team that is booking revenue, several years into the future. Think of this as a 401(k). What business model is there that can bank revenue 5-8 years in advance?
- Our facility is world-class, and we see this as an opportunity to build back better and elevate it to attract more business.
- **The Salt Palace Ballroom is operating well over practical maximum occupancy in 8 out of 12 months and within ideal occupancy levels 3 of the remaining 4 months.** An additional ballroom will allow us to attract 95% of certain groups we currently don't and book two separate groups at one time or one large group. While not limited to these changes, this will generate hundreds of millions in our community and additional tax revenue.

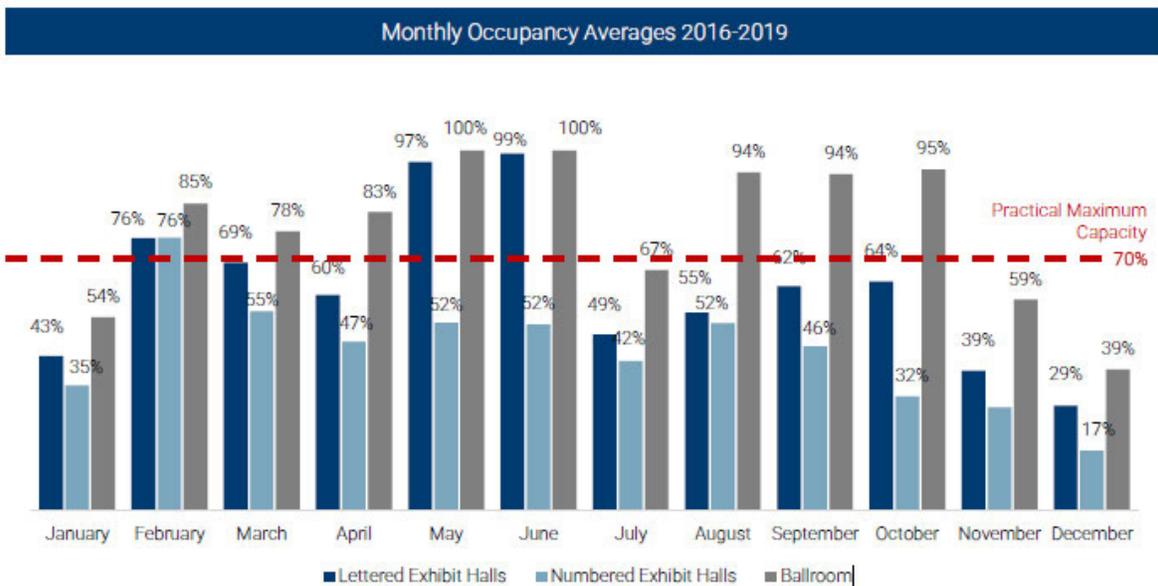
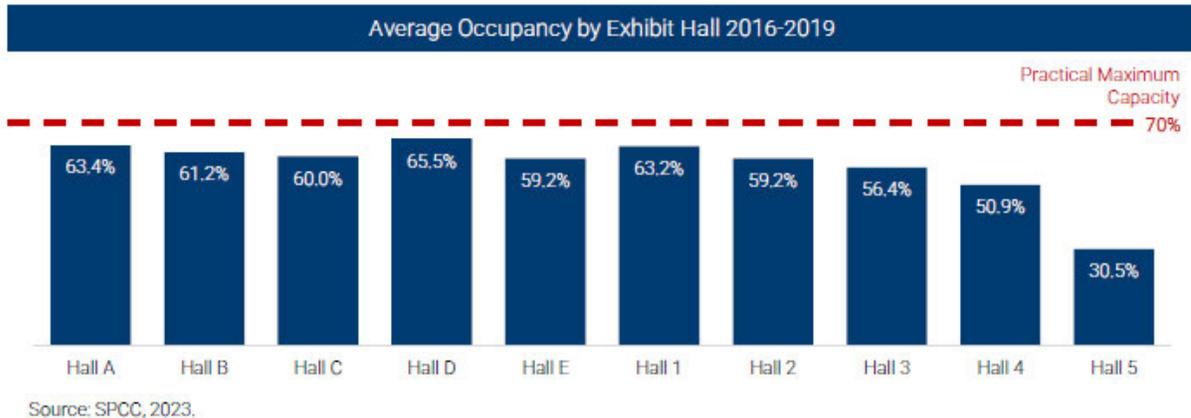
Convention Center, Economic Development and the Point:

1. Create economic impact by booking event activity that promotes spending by attendees. Attendees are most often from outside of Utah's economic model. These dollars are spent most often on hotel rooms, restaurant tabs, and retail purchases. Because these dollars are of an exogenous nature, they can provide exponential improvements in tax revenues as opposed to incremental.
2. Grow the hospitality infrastructure inside the community where the Center resides. Convention Centers play the role of leading the hospitality infrastructure in terms of capacity and capability. This situation spurs private hospitality development in the way of more hotels, restaurants, and retail developments. This in turn creates more jobs, increases tax revenues, and increases healthy competition between privately owned hospitality assets.

Convention Center, as an asset and the Point:

- Create a space that brings people together: to talk, to discuss, to debate, to learn, to create understanding and possibly grow empathy.

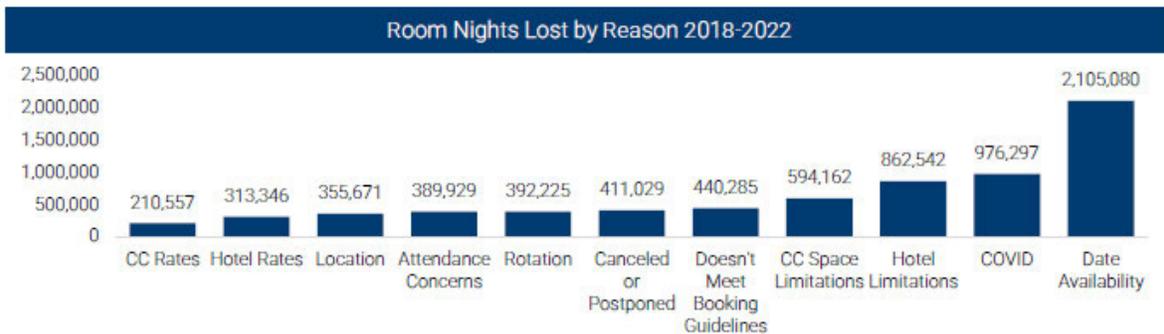
Historical Operations – SPCC Utilization



Key points of Data:

Occupancy stats:

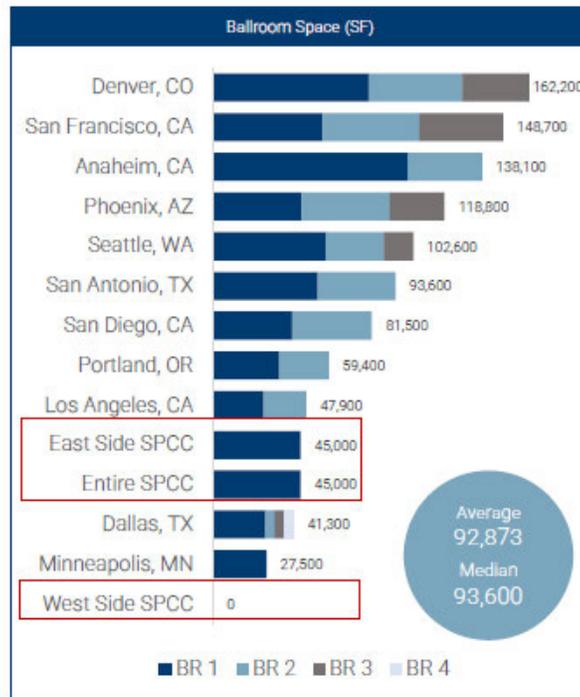
- Between 50% and 70% suggests your venue:
 - is well sized for the industry,
 - is well sized for the local hotel and restaurant development conditions.
 - is marketed successfully.
 - is operated successfully.
 - **is structurally well supported by venue design.**
- Below 50% suggests that one or more of the attributes above are not well aligned. In this case, where all of the other spaces are performing exceptionally, most of the above attributes are not relevant **except**: In the case of exhibit hall 5, there are shortcomings in the venue’s design and destination maturity that contribute:
 - Exhibit hall 5 is not supported by onsite ballroom and meeting space.
 - Exhibit hall 5 is not supported by proximate full-service hotel development.
- **Above 70% suggests:**
 - The venue and destination are turning away significant business opportunities. In this case, most of the room night generating events, i.e. conventions, tradeshow, corporate meetings require a ballroom to host their event. **The Salt Palace Ballroom is operating well over practical maximum occupancy in 8 out of 12 months and within ideal occupancy levels 3 of the remaining 4 months. The only month we are below 50% is December, a traditionally slow convention time. This data suggests that there is a significant unrealized opportunity for more event activity inside the Salt Palace, if we can add a second Ballroom.** Further, when our ballroom is consumed, irrespective of available exhibit hall space, events go to other destinations. **This is further supported by:**



All the above data being considered, suggests that “Date Availability” is synonymous with Ballroom availability.

Further supporting information:

Comparison of Key Ballroom Space Offerings at Selected Comparable Facilities



Key points:

- Relative to our competitive set of comparable facilities, the Salt Palace is deficient in **ballroom space**:
 - AVG Ballroom Space = 92,873 sf, Median Ballroom space = 93,600 sf
 - Salt Palace ballroom: 45,000 sf

Wishlist Moving Forward

VSL and SPCC are very supportive of the Sports, Entertainment, Culture and Convention District and the impact it will have for Salt Lake as a destination. If we had our wish list, it would be:

- Continued collaboration and transparency
- A swift and clear timeline of development
- Project phasing to minimize potential business impacts

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
5/21/2024 11:46	Joe Bateman	Capital City Revitalization Zone	Hello SLC Council Members, I am vehemently opposed to raising the city's sales tax to fund a stadium. Why should the SLC citizens be burdened with the cost for the stadium? Are SLC citizens the only ones to use the stadium? Obviously, the answer is no to both of these questions. While I'm opposed to publicly funding stadiums, the burden should be carried by every Utah resident. It is simply unfair to only tax SLC citizens for something that is enjoyed by people outside the city. In addition, the recent moving of the Bee's stadium shows how dangerous it is to use public funds for these projects. Thank you for your time and consideration, Joe Bateman
5/21/2024 12:02	Sophia Malik	Public Comment Re. Entertainment District	My name is Sophia Malik and I am an architect/developer working in SLC. I am currently the on the Board and serve as chair of the Master Planning Committee for the Utah Museum of Contemporary Art (UMOCA) and while I'm not able to make the public hearing today (May 21, 2024), I'd like to record my comments: As many people who have lived in SLC for some time already know, UMOCA is an important, long-standing cultural institution (95 years and still going strong) which I have supported since I moved here in 2016. I have served on the Master Planning committee for the museum since I was asked to join the Board in 2022 and am very familiar with the existing aging building and the many issues it currently has with its systems and other (non) functional aspects. While the current building has important historic value for downtown along with Abravanel Hall (they were both designed congruently) and we have been working on solutions to make the existing building work for the long run, a new building would provide an amazing opportunity for UMOCA and more broadly, Salt Lake City. When cities, especially capitol cities, are looked at around the nation, it is apparent that cultural and arts institutions are what draw people not only to live in those cities but also to visit. With the 2034 Olympics and other such events that continue to put SLC on the national/international stage in our future, it is imperative that we as a city invest in these institutions. They contribute to the broader visions of what is being proposed for the Entertainment District. The other important aspect is that for a non-profit organization such as UMOCA which is looking at potentially being displaced from this new proposal, funding from all parties needs to be in place. Funds from the government as well as SEG would be imperative if we want to keep this essential cultural institution in place and thriving in our city for the next 95 years. The UMOCA Board and the Master Planning committee are in support of the bill and we see this as an amazing vision and opportunity not only for Salt Lake City but also for UMOCA. Thank you to Salt Lake County as well who has helped to house and support our beloved organization for the past 50 years. Please feel free to reach out to me for any further comments or questions. Thank you again. _____ Sophia Malik, AIA, LEED AP Malik Office of Architecture and Development
5/21/2024 12:43	Amelia Wilson	May 21 public comment	I think investing in our city is great but we should be prioritizing spending money on real issues that are impacting SLC residents such as supporting homeless people, decrease housing costs, improve air quality, and funding schools. We should not make SLC residents foot the bill for billionaires who want to watch hockey. I'm not opposed to a hockey team in SLC but the Smith Entertainment group should be the ones funding it.
5/21/2024 13:01	Anonymous Constituent	Proposed waste rate increases	Just got this in the mail... how about NO! Average citizen is having a difficult time dealing with inflation and increases in EVERYTHING. You do this every year. Stop it. No more increases. I can barely afford to live, I try not to even use my water but the fees are already there, its like \$50 even if I dont use water, sewage, waste, or recycling... just the fees without the usage is \$50 a month. Add the gas bill, power bill you are looking at \$150 just in fees without any usage... not okay. Stop it. No more increases. Liberty Wells resident

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5/21/2024 13:34	Anonymous Constituent	Tax Increase	Do NOT increase the city sales tax by 0.5% to benefit sports. I should not have to pay for sports teams and arenas with my tax dollars. At the very least put it to a vote.
5/21/2024 14:34	William Nicholls	I strongly object to the "Revitalization Zone" giveaway to a billionaire developer / D5	Dear Council Representative Mano, I strongly object to the way the City Government lines up so readily to fulfill the visions of billionaires. You folks invent a concept of a Sports, Entertainment, Culture, and Convention (SECC) District to create an idea that this is somehow the City's idea instead of a pitch from a developer with deep pockets. Cities around the country have shown that tax money for pro sports facilities never delivers the promised benefits: https://www.stlouisfed.org/publications/regional-economist/april-2001/should-cities-pay-for-sports-facilities Utah government is overwhelmingly by developers, for developers. Sadly, it seems that the SLC government is also in the developer's embrace. Thank you for your consideration, William Nicholls
5/21/2024 15:25	Wendy Garvin	Bathrooms for public use throughout the city	Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am writing to advocate for funding and support for public bathrooms around the city of Salt Lake. There are hundreds of people living around city parks, along the Jordan river, near the library and in the Rio Grande area. This population has taken a sharp increase in the last 6 months, and has reached a crisis point. Biowaste has reached an all time high in the Jordan River, and the dignity of these hundreds of human beings without access to basic facilities is utterly compromised. We pride ourselves on being a first world country, a happy and healthy city, and a community which we can take pride in. A community without access to basic bathrooms is not a community to be proud of. I'm asking for funding for multiple supervised outhouses in the areas of the provided map, until more public bathrooms can be added to parks. Thank you for your time. -Wendy Garvin she/her/hers Executive Director - Unsheltered Utah

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5/21/2024 15:26	Jani Iwamoto	Messages in Support of Japantown	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, I received the message below from Rev. France Davis and Rev. Tipiloma Pupu'a. They each asked that I forward their messages to you on their behalf. Thank you. Kindly, Jani Iwamoto Dear Jani, We are disturbed by the news that Japantown is about to be disrupted again. It is important/essential that those who come to Salt Lake/Utah see our community as inclusive. Thus, we urge the power that be to do everything within their power to preserve Japantown. We trust Jani Iwamoto to speak on our behalf. We urge the city/county/all that have power to ensure Japantown is maintained. Please listen to the people and act on their behalf without negative impact. Sincerely, Rev. France A. Davis Dear Jani, Please share my words and thoughts with the appropriate part(ies). I have come to learn in the past couple of weeks proposals being considered for expansion of a sports/entertainment district in the northwest quadrant of downtown Salt Lake City. It is my understanding the expansion will affect the area where the Japanese Church of Christ and the Japanese Buddhist Temple are located (known as Japantown.) Although growth and change is inevitable, I would hope consideration is being given to balance, preservation of history, and celebration of cultural diversity. Japantown has been diminished greatly from its original sprawling days more than a century ago to just a fraction today, and it would be devastating and unjust to further decrease or erase its existence. It is important we preserve what remains of this historic area and the remaining structures and garden. Japantown is an important part of the history of Salt Lake City. Every spring, it brings the community together for the Nihon Matsuri festival. It continues to invite and embrace all residents of the Salt Lake Valley, especially newer immigrant groups who now call this great city their home. The Japanese Church of Christ, for example, offers its grounds and space to ethnic churches and refugee groups needing a place to worship. On any given Sunday, the Japanese, Jinghpaw, Kachin, Tongan, and English languages are spoken and cultural traditions celebrated. Sports and entertainment are important aspects of a city, but so, too, is history, culture, and diversity. I hope you will take all these things into consideration and find a way to maintain a healthy balance and preserve the rich history that is Japantown. Peace and Blessings, Rev. Tipiloma Pupu'a</p>
5/21/2024 15:28	Karen Leiker	Rate increase in buns	<p>Please stop increasing prices on bins/water/propertytaxes. This is absurd you have a surplus and DONT NEED IT. I need it. I'm on social security. My income is very low and you are forcing me to choose between medicine or food or the freakin bins. Which by the way I DONT need or use. I only need a trash can and I barely fill that up please do not increase the costs to senior citizens. Tess love</p>
5/21/2024 15:36	Ron Wilkins	voicemail to City Council	<p>Voicemail - Good afternoon, my name is Ron Wilkins, I am a D3 resident. I just received a flyer stating you will be raising rates on trash and lord knows what else. You just did this! If you want to go after people, go after the rich, I am not rich. I can't even afford \$3 more dollars. I am poor, I am disabled and on a fixed income. You got to do something. If you want to go after the people putting in the Hockey ring go after them but don't give me a cost of living thing to pay for them. I just can't do it. If you want to contact me you can but boy you will get a ear full. I don't appreciate this. If I could move I would move, this City sucks, I am sorry. I am not rich, period. Goodbye.</p>

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5/21/2024 15:47	Holly Christmas	SECC District	Dear Council Members. The proposal to raise sales tax to fund the efforts of a wealthy private investor is confusing at a time when we are facing high levels of income inequality in our city. Using public funds to absorb the risk of private development is rarely an equitable pursuit and appears to be a mismanagement of funds. With so much new development and the real estate market geared towards real estate investment companies rather than homeowners or long-term renters, dwellings in the area have become harder and harder to attain for the residents of the city and state. This proposal seems ignorant to the situation many of our citizens find themselves in and an insult to the residents and local businesses. If the additional sports arena make sense, they can be financed by the people who believe in their value and supported by the people who come to the games. It is not reasonable to ask Salt Lake City residents and businesses to support a private enterprise that - if viable - will be widely used by people from across the valley, not just some of the citizens of Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Holly Christmas Salt Lake City, Utah
5/21/2024 15:50	Kaye Via Mickelson	Sports Redistricting Conversation tomorrow: Tuesday/May 21, 2024	Alex: I'd very much like to second and add my name to the letter recently sent by community leaders providing homeless services and calling for more affordable housing as this major downtown expansion and renovation for sports occurs. The quick action by the state, county and city to respond to Ryan Smith's plans should be a model for how those entities respond to the critical need for housing by an increasing homeless population. As I've communicated to you previously, I volunteer in these services and see the every day need for housing and stability; are you aware the age range for at least one emergency shelter is greater than 62 - these are not the faces or the population most folks think of when they think homeless .. these are extremely vulnerable individuals medically, mentally and with limited mobility. Use the Ryan Smith "push" model to take care of these folks .. Kaye Mickelson
5/21/2024 16:00	Anonymous Constituent	Why are taxes being used for the stadium?	The stadium is going to be owned by a private company, so private funds should be used to build it. Tax dollars should not be given to private companies. You're taxing the people to pay the rich.
5/21/2024 16:18	Heather Wilkins	Extra	Why not instead of spending money, stop and think. Do we need a rainy day, account? Could we possibly have flooding this year? Do we have a lot of street pot holes that havent been repaired? Do we need to constantly give raises to our workers, every single year? Seriously when with Erin Mendenhall say, lets rethink how we Spend, How can we save money? How can we be smarter with the pen? 29 E Cleveland Ave, No more tax, utility or waste and recycle increases!! We have sready seen a water increase. When will it be enough? My regards, Ms Wilkins.
5/21/2024 16:19	Travis G Snyder	Proposed rate increase: Waste Recycle	I oppose the increase because I only put mu containers on the curb 1-2 times per month. Fees should be adjusted based upon use. I already use a small garbage can but I only fill it 1-2x per month. Sincerely, Travis G Snyder, MD
5/21/2024 18:19	Kathleen Durka	Air pollution and noise pollution	The inland port, the airport, and the I-215 freeway creates an untenable unbearable burden to the area where I have lived for nearly 30 years. We need real movement to reduce noise and air pollution - specifically a retaining sound wall. To say there is no money is unreasonable and insulting when you have approved the airport growth, the inland port and the subsequent consequences to me. I implore reasonable and real action to mitigate a sacrifice that this neighborhood has been expected to bear. Build the wall, make the inland port tenants bear the burden of the build and the cost. Thank you in advance for your just, real, and people leading action on these matters.

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5/21/2024 18:29	Joshua Ipsen	FY25 Budget - Street Repairs and Maintenance	<p>Hello, I have lived in Rose Park for nearly 10 years. I understand the need to increase the budget. However, it is extremely frustrating to have public utilities increase year over year, waste and recycling, and property taxes while driving daily on severely damaged and neglected roads. 1000 N between 900 W and Redwood Road and 900 W between 600 N and 1000 N are damaging our vehicles with every trip made on these sections of roads, which is almost daily. We work extremely hard to pay for and maintain our vehicles only to have them be damaged each time we have to use the roads in the area. Increases to the rates to build the new water reclamation facility, property taxes, and waste and recycling to only be stuck with such horrible roads is quite embarrassing to put it lightly. I would suggest that all council members take a trip to the area in a regular sedan and tell me how you would like to use these roads on a daily basis. Meanwhile, 700 N is being overhauled while it has always been in great shape for the past 10 years. Why is it that 1000 N and 900 W cannot be repaved? The pot holes are simply filled when we report them but it is not a permanent solution nor does it fix the road. We have had to replace tires, do alignments and spend excessively to maintain our vehicles due to the horrible roads. If I wanted to take my car on a bumpy dirt road every day, I would live in the country but I literally live 5 minutes from the Delta Center. Now we have to pay for the NHL arena and most likely the MLB stadium as well while our roads in this area are crap. Unless you drive an SUV or truck, the roads are not suitable for driving on daily. Why? How much money is spent trying to "fix up" the pot holes that don't last for more than a week when it would take a week at best to strip and restore the asphalt. Why do these roads constantly go neglected by Salt Lake City when residents are consistently complaining about the pot holes? It feels as though filling the pot holes gives the impression that the city cares and has a budget allocated for the maintenance and repairs but in reality it is just a never ending cycle filling pot hole after pot hole and a huge waste of tax payer money. There are sections on these roads that have been filled so many times that even a dirt road with boulders is a smoother ride than these roads. It's absolute insane how we have all these upgrades and projects going on around us but we do not get any of that in the immediate area. What is it going to take to get the roads re-paved? Should we begin submitting our vehicle maintenance invoices to the city for reimbursement? It makes no sense. If you took the same roads and put them in another neighborhood like the avenues for example, residents would have an absolute conniption and would not stand for it for a minute.</p> <p>Some attention to this matter and these short sections of streets would be extremely helpful so every neighborhood in Salt Lake City can love where they live. It would be nice if civil code enforcement were in charge of the street maintenance and repairs so something would get done as they are very helpful and extremely responsive. We want to love where we live here on the west side too! Please consider this as rate increases are also considered for every other service like sewer and waste and recycling. It used to be 14.95 a month for a 90 gallon garbage bin, now it is being increased to 33.20 while our roads are still a complete mess.</p>

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5/21/2024 19:07	Derek Dyer	Comment regarding the SECC District.	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, The Utah Arts Alliance is cautiously excited about the developments in our city regarding introduction of a new NHL hockey team and the substantial investment in revitalizing downtown Salt Lake City. These initiatives promise to bring energy and economic growth to our community. As a key player in the cultural offerings of SLC we see that sports like the arts brings people together, creates joyful experiences, and is good for the economy and quality of life. However, it is unfortunate that an arts versus sports narrative has emerged, highlighting the potential negative impacts on vital cultural institutions like UMOCA and Abravanel Hall. This narrative has been further fueled by the tangible effects on our organization. Specifically, the Utah Arts Alliance and our Dreamscape Immersive Art Attraction at the Shops at Southtown are facing an early lease termination to accommodate the new NHL practice space. It is clear that the Smith Entertainment Group (SEG) hold significant influence in shaping this development. We believe they have the power to by address and help mitigate the impacts on community arts groups that are being impacted in real time. Our hope is that SEG will collaborate with the city and the Utah Arts Alliance to find a new home for Dreamscapes in Downtown SLC, potentially within the new entertainment and cultural zone being developed. Cultural attractions like Dreamscapes bring vibrancy and life to our city year-round. To have a truly robust and active downtown, we need a balanced mix of cultural offerings, bars, restaurants, and unique attractions. The Utah Arts Alliance is eager to engage in discussions with SEG about creating a genuinely inclusive and dynamic entertainment zone that benefits all aspects of our community. Thank you for considering our perspective. We look forward to working together to ensure that the revitalization of our city includes and supports the arts, our sports teams, and enhancing the quality of life for all residents. Sincerely, Derek Dyer Executive Director Utah Arts Alliance</p>
5/21/2024 19:10	Anonymous Constituent	Waste fee increase is terrible	With inflation, the cost of life is super high especially for the middle class. On top of this, the city wants to increase the cost of garbage containers. I think this is a terrible mistake.
5/21/2024 19:57	Nathan PETERS	eBikes on BST	Hi Team, with the proliferation of eBikes, our trails are getting more and more dangerous. I recreate on the BST above the University and Avenues several times a week. I am frequently encountering people going far too fast on the single track trails, and the majority of the time these are eBikes. We need to consider restrictions for these areas to limit eBikes to certain trails, or perhaps restrict them altogether.
5/21/2024 20:03	Marlene Bills	Waste/recycling	Instead of a rate increase, why not reduce to size of the recycling bin, reduce recycling pickup to every other week and do away with the recycling police. In reality nothing is recyclable.
5/21/2024 21:07	Sean Lodge	Proposed cost increase	As a resident of SLC for over 10 year I am opposed to the proposed cost increase for trash removal. For the service that is being provided do not see where a higher cost will increase the service being provided, improve efficiency in trash sorting and recycling. I am a no vote on this issue.