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5/22/2024 9:06	Nancy Boskoff	"Downtown Revitalization District"	<p>Salt Lake City Council Member Petro, Chair — I'm writing to you this morning, rather than making a public comment at your Council meeting tomorrow evening. I attended the work session on this topic last week and I appreciated all of your comments. Of course, Salt Lake City has more than a significant stake in this issue. I do not see the SEG proposal as an opportunity to uproot and redesign the heart of downtown Salt Lake. It is of interest to me that the phrase "reactivate downtown" has been used in discussions about this idea. Downtown Salt Lake — thanks in great part to the cultural facilities, Pioneer Park, Salt Palace, Gallivan Center, Delta Center, restaurants, clubs and retail — is already "activated." I live near downtown, go there regularly for sports events, cultural events, shopping and dining. I don't complain about parking because I have learned to navigate that issue successfully.</p> <p>Please be an advocate for saving what already works and for rejecting change for the sake of change. As a postscript, as a voting citizen I was not pleased to hear that much of the discussion was held in secret, away from the public, and that the concept is moving forward quickly with no details for the plan. Be the great Council member that you are and continue to keep the best principles of public stewardship at the forefront. Thank you,</p> <p>Nancy Boskoff</p>
5/22/2024 11:45	Justin Roberson	Phone call to City Council	<p>The Salt Lake Buddhist Temple would be affected by this action being passed and there is much culture that dates back decades that could be negatively impacted. Much of our historical Japantown has already been taken so we want to preserve what's left. Allow our City to maintain one of its many rich and beautiful cultures.</p>
5/22/2024 11:55	Anonymous Constituent	Voicemail to City Council	<p>Voicemail - I am concerned about the increase in sales tax being used to fund a private company. I don't think taxpayer dollars should be given to the rich. Taxes are supposed to be for public benefit and I don't believe that a private company is part of that public benefit.</p>
5/22/2024 11:55	Anonymous Constituent	Phone call to City Council	<p>Please - no sales tax-increase. The majority of our population can not support the tax creep. The entertainment district is for the wealthiest of our population. Any sales tax increase could be spent on so many things that could better benefit our broader community</p>
5/22/2024 11:59	Jaycee Miller	Mayoral Office Salary Increase Vote	<p>Dear Councilman Chris Wharton, I'm writing to you as a resident in your district. I live in the lower avenues. I'm writing to you to urge you to not vote in favor of the proposal to increase the Mayor's salary. The mayor has been receiving increases throughout her tenure, and with all SLC employees slated to only receive a 5% raise this year, it would be a slap in the face to working class people to increase the Mayor's by 26%. Please respond with your assessment of the mayor's salary increase proposal, and how you plan to address this as a member of the city council. Thank you for your consideration, Jaycee Miller</p>
5/22/2024 12:00	Anonymous Constituent	Voicemail to City Council	<p>The popular thought is that downtown Salt Lake needs a sports zone but we already have a culture zone and I would really appreciate it if you respected that and respect the needs and the wants of the people who supply and grow the talent and attend the concerts. That is our cultural zone, don't take it away. A lot of things happened in the 70's that are not out of sate, including me.</p>
5/22/2024 12:02	Alan Sernholt	Proposed Rate Increases Residential Garbage.	<p>Dear SLC Council Comments, We are writing to you today in objection to the proposed residential garbage rate increase. SLC raised this very subject last year and increased garbage rates regardless of sky-high inflation and not bettering our service after the fact. Often times, we don't put out our 40 gallon can each week as it's not completely full. We should not have to pay more because of our efficiencies. Additionally, our property taxes were increased due to the "Parks Bill" on last years ballot. Give the SLC residents a break. Regards, Alan &amp; Carla Sernholt Area-4 Resident</p>

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5/22/2024 12:02	Barb Hansen	Phone call to City Council	<p>It's a shame we can't keep anything older than 50 yrs old. The City already looks like we never had a masterplan. Buildings go in miss matched fashion which really means at the whim of the latest rich guy who wants things changed so it will best benefit them financially. Echo of allowing anything someone wants as long as they say it is "low cost housing" which it never is or 1 unit of 500 units allowed is low cost. Abravanel hall should be cherished not dismantled to cater to the latest billionaire. Our City is turning into a mess instead of beautifully organized place to live.</p>
5/22/2024 12:03	Frederick Jenny	Comment to the Council about the SEG Venue	<p>Members of the City Council, I wish I could have made this comment in person but am unavailable due to scheduling conflicts. I wanted to make a few requests of the council and of the Smith Entertainment Group. If we are to have a revitalized downtown with a beautiful new arena and entertainment district, then we need to have a way to bring people into downtown. I cannot think of a better way than the Rio Grande Plan. Giving us a nicer central train station closer to downtown and only a five-to-ten-minute walk to the Delta Center. This will prevent the large-scale gridlock that will occur when cars come downtown and the possibility of drunk drivers getting on our freeways. The central train station will also allow for the Smith Entertainment Group to get more fans from the region rather than just the suburbs of Salt Lake County. I once again want to emphasize the importance of having the Rio Grande Plan Volunteers present to the City Council, the Mayor, the Miller's, the Smith Entertainment Company, and/or the Olympic Committees. We cannot revitalize downtown or break down barriers as long as the rail lines continue to cut the city in two. Thank you and I look forward to your response. Frederick M Jenny.</p>

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5/22/2024 12:05	Mercedes Smith 1/2	List of Questions re sales tax	<p>Dear Chris, You were all amazing listeners last night, thank you! I have no comments on the tax proposal, only a long list of questions. I understand if you cannot answer everything. I have sent the entire list of questions to each of you on the City Council, but the first 10 questions are different for each of you. If you only have time to answer a few questions, could it be the first 10 in this email? I'm not expecting long answers, many of these questions have yes or no answers. I know some of the questions seem to be related to the county, but I would still like to know your perspective. I want to acknowledge the enormous pressure you are all under and I am grateful for any transparency you can provide. Thank you in advance. • Could Salt Palace reduce in size to the south portion only? / Plan to build a second story on top of south SP? • Any possibility of the city saying \$0 can go directly to the arena? • Re: the difference between the 4 primary blocks of the SECC and the total project area.... is the larger project area really just for the zoning, signs to advertise his stuff and increasing building heights which help to increase the TIF? • What is the public infrastructure district mentioned in the SEG proposal and how would that be funded? • Why does SEG need to lease Abravanel Hall /umoca land? • Could they lease just the one block between us? • Is the Arena itself likely to get Olympic funds? How much? • If, for example, the Japanese Church of Christ is not touched at all, would they still be compensated in some way for the construction and inconvenience? • Could tax money go toward building a second lobby onto the South West side of Abravanel? (No need to spend another \$50M to regrade the entire floor of Abravanel for ADA purposes if you take this route.) • USUO board is supportive of this because they think USUO will only get money for a new build -is that true? Seems more like there's no money for renovation and no money for a new build regardless of whether the tax passes. Perhaps they support this because they were promised something that never existed? • Re: the larger map shown on the zoning/planning commission site, is that the Project Area? Why isn't it the full 100 acres? Is it because the Gateway is going to be added into the Project Area? • Do you think the project area boundaries could be better/different blocks? • Does Smith's deal in any way tie in with the baseball deal? • If this is an opportunity to 'correct an urban planning sin'.... will there still be commercial properties facing South Temple and 100 S, etc? • I understand that the city and county describe themselves as 'terrible developers' but what evidence do we have that SEG is experienced and good at development? • Studies show that arenas just transfer spending, if the jazz leave, what do you think will happen to downtown? • Is there debt on Delta Center, do they owe money? • The County's audit says they have \$1.2B net position, yet they have no revenue stream for Abravanel. Elaborate? • Can the sales tax be used to reimburse SEG after they have paid for stuff with their own money? • What actual facilities of the sports and entertainment center will fulfill real needs for the Olympics? • How is this not a direct subsidy as required in SB 272? • Are they really trying to connect to City Creek Mall? Seems like they would do better by having Abravanel Hall, and UMOCA blocking the way, that way more people stay in their district. • Would the proposal change if they succeed in buying Gateway? • Is a lot of this proposal related to general development stalling out due to high interest rates? • Any idea how much they would get in TIF? • Any chance for us to see the public asset plan? • What are the motives for passing the sales tax NOW?, since the sports and entertainment center plan is obscure and requires a risky, unknowable commitment for the city and county and Ryan Smith has already secured the NHL team. Original motive for the tax was to help him dazzle the NHL so they would give him an expansion team.</p>

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5/22/2024 12:05	Mercedes Smit2/2	CONTINUED!!! List of Questions re sales tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the city council square this proposed plan with other downtown plans like the high density State and Main corridors?, Main Street plaza, and the green loop?</li> <li>• Can the income from the bond be specifically directed ONLY to public priorities by agreement with the participant? We know that public investment in sports facilities does not pay back in economic terms, not nearly as much as investing in transit, infrastructure, parks, culture, etc. For example \$100 million for historic Abravanel Hall, \$150 million for affordable housing construction, \$25 million for Main Street plaza and other green priorities, \$15 million for desperately needed building repairs to the Leonardo, \$0 for demolition or private real estate development?</li> <li>• Why not return to the legislature and get the bill that we want to fund some improvements to the arena, but also to other public needs which are greater economic engines?</li> <li>• How much money is going to improve the Delta Center vs other costs? What counts as improvements to the Delta Center? Large parking garages on other blocks?</li> <li>• If stand alone parking garages are going to be a permitted use in all downtown zones, how does that align with the Downtown Plan and Plan Salt Lake, that call for higher density residential downtown (without parking), more pedestrian activity, more transit, less pollution, ground floor activation, and fewer cars?</li> <li>• Why should any of the funding from the bond go to finance private investment in real estate development (hotels, luxury condos, helipads, glamorous private clubs, restaurants, sports bars) if the Participant is essentially given almost 18 acres of private downtown land carte blanche, isn't that enough public subsidy?</li> <li>• I understand that SEG is threatening to move to Sandy. How real is that threat?</li> <li>• Has the city of Sandy indicated that they would pass a tax or bond?</li> <li>• How would it be financially advantageous or even viable for SEG to move to Sandy?</li> <li>• How long are the leases at Sandy Mall? Won't it take years before SEG can even start building the substructure for a new arena?</li> <li>• Can we forbid an arena in Sandy from being used in the Olympics?</li> <li>• Is SLC the only first class city in a first class county in the state? Sandy is getting close at around 95k population, is it possible SB272 can be used in Sandy?</li> <li>• Is there any guarantee that the tax will make more than \$900M available?</li> <li>• How quickly will that \$900M become available? 2 years? over 5 years? longer?</li> <li>• Is SEG being required to invest a certain amount?</li> <li>• If so, is there a time period that requires SEG to put their \$\$\$ in sooner than later? (all \$3B in the first 5 years?)</li> <li>• Could/will the county charge SEG market rate for the lease of the land?</li> <li>• Will there be a requirement that both the Jazz AND Hockey stay? Or at least the Jazz?</li> <li>• Is SEG not actually investing its own money, but instead just using the \$900M to leverage a \$3B loan?</li> <li>• Have amendments been proposed such as, for every \$1 that goes into the arena itself, \$0.25 goes to homeless services?</li> <li>• SEG Proposal specifically says funds go to participant, admin fee, and county's renovation of the convention center, is UMOCA, Abravanel included in 'Convention Center'?</li> <li>• Mike said the \$900M only goes to the arena and stuff he personally wants to build like bars, hotel, etc., but related to the above question, does the convention center get part of the \$900M or just the possible surplus over the 900?</li> <li>• In the proposal's current form, does the city get ANYTHING other than the 1% admin fee?</li> <li>• Is the West Salt Palace definitely coming down?</li> <li>• How is it possible that, according to Mayor Wilson, 'the least expensive option' is to have exhibit halls underground -under the Abravanel Hall Block?</li> <li>• Building underground is the most expensive way to build, can the city forbid funds for this nonsense? Onward, Mercedes Smith Principal Flute, Utah Symphony</li> </ul>
5/22/2024 12:06	Sam Thomas	Phone call to City Council	<p>As part of the proposed Capital City Revitalization Zone, I urge the City to consider the citizen-created Rio Grande Plan, burying the rails that divide our East and West sides and revitalizing the historic Rio Grand Depot. This depot, if restored, would serve as a proud gateway to our City, and in closing the divide between East and West, the RGP would substantially improve equitable access to opportunities through SLC</p>

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5/22/2024 12:10	Evelyn Linford	Public comment: support the Rio Grande Plan	<p>My name is Evelyn. I'm a resident of Fairpark. First I'd like to say thank you for the service you all are doing for our city. I appreciate the work that you do. I want to comment on trains. Every day I am impacted by the freight trains and Front Runner lines that run next to my apartment building. I have witnessed people almost get hit by trains, homeless peoples belongings get crushed, and personally had delays in emergency response and police response because of the trains. Aside from safety concerns the trains make it almost impossible for me to walk to the East Side. My partner and I share a vehicle and I do not have access to it nights and weekends as he is a professional musician and giging constantly. This means I have to Uber, which is outside my means. I have several chronic health conditions which prevent me from walking more than a couple blocks at a time. I don't get to enjoy Salt Lake and everything it has to offer. The way the rail line is set up is dangerous, costly, and makes it so I can't access the East Side. I can't access the malls. I can't access the restaurants. I can't access the stores or art galleries. I know that I'm not the only resident in my neighborhood who is impacted like this. The Rio Grande Plan provides the best solution for these issues. By building the train box 8 dangerous crossings will be removed, the East and West sides will be united, and the plan will PAY FOR ITSELF. It frees up 74 acres of land for development. Other cities have done the same like Denver, who saw a 700% return on investment. Additionally there are billions of dollars available from President Biden's infrastructure plan that could be allocated to us for this. The plan is expensive however so is adding lanes to the highway, even more so. Adding lanes doesn't fix the problem (look at LA). making the trains more usable and accessable with the Rio Grande Plan will fix it. This is doable and this would help provide better infrastructure for the Olympics which will be here sooner than we realize. As a resident and constituent I urge you to support this plan. It saves lives and will save the economy on the West Side. I want to see the Fairpark neighborhood thrive. And that's just not possible if we're being cut up by the train. Thank you for you time Councilpersons.</p>

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5/22/2024 12:12	Jonathan Jensen	SEG NHL Hockey proposal	<p>I wanted to voice my opposition to the proposal for the downtown entertainment and sports district that is being forced on Salt Lake City. This proposal and process go against everything I feel is important in local government: transparency, fairness, and citizen input. The state legislature enabled this situation in a manipulative and unfair manner. SEG seeks control of the center of downtown, when we were first considering just an arena expansion, with no public input or control. A highly regressive and unfair sales tax is about to be imposed on the city to finance a for-profit, private enterprise. And city taxpayers have to swallow this under the threat of losing the Utah Jazz, and now the Salt Palace Convention Center and Abravanel Hall and the Utah Symphony. This situation just stinks to me, and I can't stand the thought of this plan being carried out. Tax issues in Salt Lake City to finance new projects are usually brought before voters as a bond issue. Just recently, city voters have voted for new park construction bonds, road construction bonds, and bonds to pay for a Main Street theater. Property tax is raised to pay for these bonds, passing on the cost to property owners and wealthier citizens in the city. A sales tax on the other hand is a regressive tax, paid for disproportionately by people of lower income. A sales tax increase to finance new projects for a private enterprise is extremely unfair. In addition to funds to expand the Delta Center, SEG seeks complete control of three blocks currently under the control of Salt Lake County, where our convention center and symphony hall are located. These facilities have been strategically managed and expanded over many years, and I feel the city should be proud of having great facilities here. But suddenly we are told these facilities are all wrong, and the events that take place there are in jeopardy. The Salt Palace Convention Center is too large now, after years of pushing for larger space. Abravanel Hall suddenly needs \$200 million in renovations, conveniently announced as part of the SEG scheme. Why should Salt Lake City residents be paying for upgrades for Salt Lake County facilities?? Should this not be a bond issue put before county voters? And why are we to trust SEG with complete control of all these facilities? The Salt Palace and Abravanel Hall work, they are good facilities, they are managed well. If SEG can create an entertainment district, why don't they turn their attention across the street in the other direction, the Gateway Mall is practically a blank canvas ready for their fantastic vision. Why don't we look immediately to the northeast of the Delta Center at the 15 acres or more of surface parking lot the LDS church keeps vacant and empty, for this visionary entertainment district? If SEG wants to control downtown, it should start buying property. But SEG is a private enterprise, being run to make a profit, they shouldn't be handed tax money to take over downtown Salt Lake City. I could have almost swallowed the issue when it seemed like we would just be asked to expand the Delta Center, but I really feel SEG has asked for far, far too much. I am a devoted patron of the Utah Symphony, but unfortunately I can't say the same for the Jazz, and I know who I'd rather keep if it came time to choose. It is utterly insane that we have been forced to this point. I'm sorry that the state legislature has figured out another way to be unfair to Salt Lake City, essentially blackmailing us to keep the Jazz downtown. But this plan as presented is unfair and opaque. I urge the Mayor and the City Council to stop this plan as presented and find another way forward. Thank you, Jonathan Jensen</p>
5/22/2024 12:13	Pam Littig	Pay Raise	<p>Hi, Chris.... I am totally opposed to the Mayor or Salt Lake City Council receiving raises. You are selling us out constantly (Abravanel Hall and tax increases...). Vote NO for the raises.</p>
5/22/2024 12:14	Yuki MacQueen	Phone call to City Council	<p>I joined the Utah Symphony in June 2000. The acoustics of Abravanel Hall are wonderful. It was designed for amplified, symphonic music, it does this exceptionally well even compared to the concert halls of North and South America, Europe and Japan, in which I have had the privilege to perform. Granted, there are certain maintenance updates that cannot be ignored like the HVAC system. However, renovation estimates have been artificially inflated it being an exhaustive wish list of all the things that could be done to make the audience experience better + making it more convenient et. the \$200 million plush estimates should not be held as equivalent to the dramatic underestimation of a new build. I find it offensive that Mr. Maughan considers Abravanel Hall as a "wall" or impediment in the flow of a direct line from the delta center to the Nordstrom building.</p>
5/22/2024 12:16	Anonymous Constituent	Phone call to City Council	<p>There should be a ballot initiative to approve the tax for this purpose (Capital Revitalization)</p>

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5/22/2024 12:18	Nathan PETERS	Sports, Entertainment, Culture, and Convention District	Hi Team, I'm writing to provide feedback on the proposed 0.5% sales tax increase to fund the development around the Delta Center. This seems unreasonable given that sales tax in the city is already too high (including an absurd tax on groceries). A billionaire bought the Coyotes, and we have the largest 'non-profit' in the world headquartered in SLC. I would advocate that the city needs to partner with the church to support any development, along with doing more to clean up our city and address the homeless issues. These organizations have superfluous amounts of money and they need to contribute instead of putting the burden squarely on the shoulders of citizens. Thanks, Nathan
5/22/2024 12:20	Ng Starks	Phone call to City Council	The Council needs to save our history. Let us vote!
5/22/2024 12:21	Emily Sloan-Pace	SECC District <b>** Attachment 1 - 3 pages</b>	Good evening. Would appreciate having these comments (attached) included in the record. Best, Emily Sloan-Pace
5/22/2024 12:22	Rj Walker	G20 Public comment text submission	From RJ Walker of District 5 I am here today to speak on behalf of Salt Lake City's DIY arts community. I work with a nonprofit called AAMP Utah, Our mission is to support Utah's independent artists. SLC artists are starved of infrastructure compared to our sister cities. For example, Salt Lake does not have a poet laureate program like our neighbors do. Still, despite a lack of institutional support Salt Lake Artists still find ways to be excellent. For example, a Salt City Slam poet won the Women of the World poetry slam competition this year, beating hundreds of other representatives from cities around the world. Don't get me wrong, I love the arts programming the city provides. We just had the living traditions festival this weekend and it was as excellent as always. But artists require year round support. What is truly needed is space. Free and affordable rehearsal and performance space in which people can refine their craft and connect with their community. The Utah Arts Alliance has just lost their arts space at the south town mall for the sake of a hockey practice rink and it's likely they'll lose the Utah Arts Hub for the sake of hockey as well. The loss of that space will displace hundreds of artists. We must also recognize that casual artists are critical to a healthy society. Salt Lakers require places to express themselves and connect with other people in their community. Open Mic Nights, Sketch Cabarets, and Dance Cyphers are critical to the mental and social wellbeing of the city. Art isn't about making money it's about expression and a community that does not have avenues for expression is a dangerous one. I know this because I teach creative writing in the state prison, And what I'm doing there is damage control but what I do at the open mic night is prevention. What I have also found is that artists will build this infrastructure on their own but the moment it becomes popular and the community improves the interests of the wealthy displace them to profit from the value the artists have created.. We've seen what can happen when DIY spaces are allowed to exist consistently Kilby Court is the oldest DIY venue in town Now Kilby Block Party has become THE music festival to attend in the Mountain West. When discussing the plans for this new district, I am asking for your commitment to make space for the artists at the beginning of their careers. Spaces that are free and accessible for everyone. You can't poison the well for the sake of building a drinking fountain. Thank you.

# DCC Entertainment District Public Comment

Dear City Council and Staff,

We appreciate the opportunity to share our input on the sports, entertainment, cultural, and convention district.

One of the most significant changes Downtown, since the 1995 completion of the Salt Palace, is the substantial growth of our residential community. We, the Downtown Community Council, do our best to represent the residential voice in public policy discussions and we emphasize the goal of building a liveable city in decisions regarding the proposed Entertainment District. We have 7 major comments that we hope will inform your deliberations—both today and over the next few months. And while we are disappointed that the catalyzing legislation came together with practically no public input, it is with the assumption that a sales tax is a foregone conclusion that we make the following comments with one overarching sentiment: public dollars should be spent to achieve direct public benefit.

1. Salt Lake City needs to have a contingency plan in the event private funding is ever jeopardized
2. The entertainment district should be a catalyst for enhanced public transit for workers, residents, and visitors
3. The opportunity to restore and enlarge Japantown merits substantial public financial support
4. Residential housing for workers (and other groups) should be a key component of this project
5. A public recreational facility should accompany a billion dollar investment in professional sports
6. A reconfiguration of the Delta Center should be conducive to an 18-hour district
7. Development decisions regarding Abravanel Hall should not be based solely on financial considerations

Explanations for each statement can be found below.

1. While we are very aware of the shortcomings in the current configuration of Block #77 and #78 (i.e., the western extension of the Salt Palace), we are concerned that the demolition of taxable structures could take place without a guarantee of replacement with equal or improved structures. An unfortunate reality of a free market economy is that even well capitalized tech companies can lose value and go out of business almost



overnight. We strongly encourage the City to ensure that money for a detailed and feasible construction plan is in place before any demolition takes place. Moreover, we encourage the City to have a contingency plan in place for a scenario where (for whatever reason) private funding is no longer available for the project. Compounding the precariousness of the situation is the near certainty that we will be hosting the Olympics in ten years. We simply cannot risk having a block of undeveloped land at the heart of our Olympic operations.

2. We are concerned that current deliberations have featured no discussion of the impact on the service workers, local residents, and visitors as it relates to public transportation. It is a well known issue that workers at the Delta Center are forced to commute by car because Trax service shuts down before they are done with their shifts supporting the many concerts and sporting events. The development of this area should be a catalyst for enhanced public transportation to support non-car transportation. An 18-hour district needs 20-hour transit.
3. We cannot overstate our support for the restoration of Japantown. The opportunity to bring back a community that was so central to the development of this City and State requires a strong commitment of public and private dollars. We encourage the City and SEG to partner with the Japanese community to build in such a way to re-establish a vibrant Japanese business and residential space. We welcome this community back to the area not just as business owners but as neighbors. We are familiar with the work of GBSB, and consider it a bare minimum. We encourage SEG and the City to think bigger.
4. We have been encouraged to hear from our elected officials that public dollars spent in support of the SECC will be allocated solely for public amenities with broader public benefit. In the spirit of a win-win mindset, we strongly encourage the development of substantial housing for the growing group of service workers required to operate the SECC district. Given the City and State's housing crisis, this is an obvious opportunity for us to do our part in building upward to provide more housing opportunities. Incidentally, this will ease the need for additional parking that would take up previous space in our urban core that could find much more productive economic uses.
5. Given that the largest element of this \$3 billion dollar investment is supporting a pair of professional sports teams, we think it is appropriate that this project incorporate an investment in an amenity for public sports participation. Downtown needs a County recreation center/natatorium for the growing number of residents. The Mayor has made the idea of a family-friendly city a key item of her agenda; there is no better way to do so than to create a public space for residents of all ages to engage year-round in sports and physical activities. Stack an affordable housing tower on top of the recreation center and you have a recipe for local, sports-crazed citizens that are healthy and happy. This is a slam dunk and hat trick opportunity.

6. With the potential commitment of public dollars to this project, we believe there should be a corresponding commitment to greater street activation for the entire project area. Specifically, this area should evolve to support an 18-hour district which would mean all-day activation - not simply during evening events. As great as the Delta Center is, it does not create much day-time activation as currently configured. We encourage the City and SEG to bake this principle into the master plan for not only the new project area, but also the Delta Center block.
  
7. We are concerned that the decision to demolish or renovate the Abravanel Hall is being made on a one dimensional financial basis. We are not categorically opposed to demolition of the structure, but we ask the City to keep in mind the cultural and historical significance of the structure. We can't imagine a Salt Lake City where a structure like the LDS Temple is razed simply because it is cheaper to build a newer and bigger building; we ask that City to take an equally measured approach to the future of Abravanel. We have lost too much of this City to development attitudes that make contemporary judgments about the beauty of structure or usefulness based on momentary needs. We realize this decision is ultimately up to the County but we strongly encourage the City to use its voice to ensure a thoughtful decision is made based on more than just dollars and cents.

Respectfully,

The Downtown Community Council

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5/22/2024 12:23	Keith Widdison	Waste fee hikes	<p>I lived in the bay area in Ca for a few years and our waste was contracted , not city utility. They charged by the can, not by the week or month. If you put out a can, full or empty, the fee was charged. No can, no charge. I do not know the details of their billing, but it worked. SLC could maybe benefit from a similar approach. We have the smallest can and it usually takes a month for us to fill it, so it goes to the curb one-fourth as many times as our neighbors, but we pay as much as they do. How can that be fair, how does it encourage them to be more careful about filling the landfill? I the cost of the wear and tear, and fuel costs for our trash trucks is calculated for a stop and collect cycle vs just driving by, I believe there is added merit to counting and charging for cans collected, rewarding those who are not needing the refuse service as often, and filling the landfill. kw</p>
5/22/2024 12:24	Holly Grainger	Waste and Recycling	<p>Salt Lake City Council, I am responding to the information flyer concerning proposed rate increases from the Sustainability Department. The flyer arrived in yesterday's mail (May 21) too late to attend that day's public hearing. A week ahead would have been nice. I do not disagree with the need to increase fees but I think they can be done in a better way to reduce waste in an equitable fashion. Garbage container size should be rewarded for decreasing waste. At present the can sizes are not truly rewarded for their significantly different volume. A 40 gallon bin pays \$21.90 a month and 90 gallon \$33.20. The larger is 2.25x the size and yet little more than 1.5x the fee. Now a proposed rate increase of \$2.00 and \$3.00 respectively continues this pattern. Why not reward those who are trying to limit their garbage production? Thank you, Holly Grainger</p>
5/22/2024 12:26	Chris Storbeck	Proposed Pay Increase	<p>Mr. Dugan, We are strongly opposed to the proposed increase to Mayor Mendenhall's salary and to the nearly 26% salary increase for City Council members. Elected positions are public service positions. If the individuals running for office think the salary is inadequate, they should either forgo running for election, or make a pay increase part of their political platform. Less than a year ago, Mayor Mendenhall was re-elected with 58% of the vote. While this number is a majority, it can also be viewed as a 42% disapproval rating! It is noteworthy that this increase in pay was not put to the voters, but is instead being proposed when the public does not have the ability to reject it. The Mayor and Council have consistently sided with "moneyed interests" in city development projects. The proposed sales tax increase to primarily benefit the wealthy owners of the local professional sports franchises, the leasing of public land in Sunnyside Park to the University, and decisions that benefit property developers are all examples of putting private interests ahead of the publics. Similarly, the Mayor's focus on projects that come to fruition in future decades, if at all, shows a shocking lack of attention to everyday problems. The streets and roads are in the worst condition I've seen in the many years my wife and I have lived in Salt Lake City. Similarly, the Mayor's "feel good" projects like the gas leaf blower exchange, or tree planting in public spaces without plans to care for them, are ineffectual initiatives that waste public funds. The population of Salt Lake City is increasing at the rate of 1% per year. Such slow growth does not justify large increases in the salaries of city administrators. In general, the city's population faces steady increases in fees for garbage collection, water, and other city services, while congestion and quality of life in areas like Sugarhouse and Guardsman Way get worse. If the Council wishes to approve a pay raise for itself and the mayor, that pay raise should be identical to pay increases for all city employees, and should approximate the rate of inflation. A performance or "market based" pay increase is unjustified and, in fact, ludicrous. Chris and Jeri Storbeck</p>

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5/22/2024 12:29	Paul Grant	05-21-24 meeting	<p>Dear Council, I listened to the meeting last night and the people in support of the .5% sales tax increase were businesses or groups that will directly benefit from increased traffic flow revenues that come from the expansion of the district. It also appears that the active negotiation you are involved in with the Smith group means that the council intends to agree to some of Smith's proposals. I urge the Council to agree to a sales tax increase that is limited to the proposed entertainment district itself. It's inequitable to tax the city's population as a whole for amenities and attractions that we won't use. I personally seldom go to basketball or hockey games, the symphony, the art space or the restaurants in that area. The parking and traffic are a deterrent and I know many other SLC citizens feel the same. In addition, spectator sports, restaurants and bars frankly don't interest me much. Furthermore, many people can't afford to participate in those activities. The tax increase should be limited to the proposed entertainment district and borne by the people who use the district and benefit from it. That is the fair solution and I hope you have the fortitude to represent all your constituents.</p> <p>Paul M. Grant</p>
5/22/2024 12:31	Richard Goers	Garbage rate increase.	<p>Salt Lake City Council, According to your fancy and expensive flyer both in English and Spanish, I am informed of proposed garbage increases amounting to about 10% for the 2024-2025 year. I am totally opposed to such an increase because my Social Security does not justify any an increase. However, you, at the City Council, have no worries because you get paid plenty. If you truly represent the Salt Lake City public, do away with this proposed increase altogether and realize that most of the population in this city barely live from check to check. By the way, if you vote to have Abravanel Hall demolished to favor a private business deal and increase our already much too high taxes, you need to have your heads examined. This is an issue that the public needs to vote on, NOT just by your decision. Disgusted with Salt Lake City's corruption, I am, Richard F. Goers</p>
5/22/2024 12:31	Anonymous Constituent	Phone call to City Council	<p>Regarding the desire for economic growth as one outcome for the "revitalization" of downtown how could the issue of permanently altering Abravanel impact said economic growth? For example, many restaurants and venues are supported largely by citizens making a night of viewing the arts (in particular the symphony, opera, ballet, etc), so how would that be affected by the proposed changes?</p>

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5/22/2024 13:14	Dan Hilker	Cautiously supportive	<p>Hi there, I'm an SLC resident of 4 years, and Utah resident for most of the last 20 years, but I grew up in the midwest outside of Chicago. I'm a diehard sports fan and Utah Jazz season ticket holder. I'm also a supporter of the arts, with season tickets to Broadway at the Eccles. My wife and I love to dine out and support local restaurants. We can, and sometimes do, bike or walk to downtown. I am very excited about getting the NHL in SLC. We are Ryan Smith's target. That being said, I'm under no illusion that the entertainment district is going to make the whole city more wealthy, nor more affordable. Also recognize that these kinds of projects come with issues as well. The 16th street mall in Denver, while not a sports and entertainment district IS a district of restaurants and shops, and its largely closed up and dirty. I am supportive of high density housing and don't particularly care how tall Ryan builds, but I am not an expert in how high is too high for safety reasons. But there should be housing in these buildings. Hotels and homes. Rentals and units for sale. Subsidized and otherwise. Maintaining Abravanel and UMOCA is important to me though. They surely need renovation, but no need to replace perfectly good centers of arts. I love the idea of more restaurants and bars in the city, but can we stipulate that they NOT be national chains. I NEVER go to dinner at City Creek because I'd rather support our local chefs and entrepreneurs on Main Street at the Gateway. And, speaking of the Gateway, can we find a way to make it such that this does not damage the already struggling Gateway? It's made some great strides in the last couple years, and I worry this may hinder its revitalization. At minimum, while I'm supportive of this idea in the abstract, there's a lot of details that need to be discussed and hammered out. And, if Ryan Smith is going to end up essentially owning 3 blocks of downtown SLC, at minimum he should be required to live in SLC and pay taxes towards our public schools.</p>

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5/22/2024 13:16	Natalie Brooks	Oppose Tax Increase for Ryan Smith / D5	<p>I am a resident of Liberty Wells and district 5. Thank you for representing us. I am curious about how you plan to advocate for our district in regards to Ryan Smith's proposal? I want to voice my opposition to using our tax dollars to subsidize Ryan Smith's proposal. TLDR: I am not generally opposed to tax increases. I am not fundamentally opposed to pro sports in our city. I am strongly opposed to a tax increase to subsidize billionaire Ryan Smith's downtown as it is not a good return on investment per multiple economic evidence in other cities. We are already a desirable city offering economic opportunity for business, even pro-sports, and we don't need to desperately pander to billionaires and their business plans. Economists agree it does not benefit cities to subsidize projects like this. Here are some sources: Weber State Dr. Gavin Roberts: <a href="https://kutv.com/newsletter-daily/professor-questions-long-term-economic-impact-of-tax-funded-sports-arenas">https://kutv.com/newsletter-daily/professor-questions-long-term-economic-impact-of-tax-funded-sports-arenas</a>  <a href="https://www.marketplace.org/2015/03/19/are-pro-sports-teams-economic-winners-cities/">https://www.marketplace.org/2015/03/19/are-pro-sports-teams-economic-winners-cities/</a>  <a href="https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/mje/2022/01/15/cities-should-not-pay-for-new-stadiums/">https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/mje/2022/01/15/cities-should-not-pay-for-new-stadiums/</a> My own thoughts: Salt Lake City is a beautiful city with a lot of infrastructure and skilled workers to offer businesses. These sports businesses need us more than we need them. My gut tells me it does not make sense to subsidize a plan like this by increasing taxes. I would rather our taxes go to things like parks, transportation, and people (whether that be housing or education) which ultimately make us a desirable place for business to want to exist. For example, I live right by Hawthorn Elementary which is closing in a couple weeks, yet our city council is entertaining the idea of increasing taxes to support a pro-sports business. I would have been much happier supporting our local children, teachers, and families who are the future of this city. I do not trust large corporations and billionaires to give back to the community nor can we expect any economic benefits corporations make to trickle back down to our community. As a nurse I hold myself to a standard of providing evidence based practice at my job. When it comes to economics, I defer to the experts for what the evidence says, and it sounds like economists consistently agree that subsidizing pro-sports teams does not benefit cities economically. If Salt Lake City were a friend, I would tell SLC it does not need to be so desperate and thirsty begging to subsidize something like a big pro-sports business, when in reality they are looking for a city like us more than we need their commercialized downtown proposal. We should be the ones demanding from the business to give back to us for benefiting all of our public goods and infrastructure and being a desirable place to run a business. We offer businesses a safe downtown, a beautiful city, with trax lines to move customers etc. Let us focus on making SLC a more desirable city and make those billionaires feel lucky to run a business here. Thank you, Natalie</p>
5/22/2024 14:23	Anonymous Constituent	Phone call to City Council	<p>Caller states: Hello I am a D6 resident and I would like to comment on the Mayor including a raise for herself in the budget. I understand she is comparing herself to her peers but there are other City workers who make less than their peers. She should lead by example for everyone. I think the Council Members make PT pay and do FT work. She shouldn't need more money.</p>
5/22/2024 14:33	Anonymous Constituent	Voicemail to City Council	<p>Voicemail: I think it might be a bad item for most people to have a rate increase on waste and recycling. I know for me I have been struggling and able to get subsidized so I can afford the services. If they are going to provide that to people with special needs, people who don't have incomes but for some people it would be a real difficult for them to come up with more money. especially based on how everything else has gone up now with inflation.</p>
5/22/2024 14:35	Eddie Morgan	Rate increase	<p>I am not in favor of a rate increase. Everyone is increasing their rates and pushing us out of the neighborhood. Please don't raise them. A couple of years ago I down sized my garbage can but with your rate increase, I am right back to where I started. Enough is enough. Thanks Eddie Morgan Resident 24 years</p>

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5/22/2024 16:43	Anonymous Constituent	Waste and recycling rate increases	If you raise our rates again, you should give the actual service providers raises.
5/22/2024 20:45	Dakotah Reyes	Erin's proposed 44 thousand dollar raise	I think Erin's requesting an additional \$44,000 salary raise when many of her own constituents can't afford rent on SLC's minimum wage! Maybe make efforts towards raising that. Until then, deal with your "low" salary like the rest of us.
5/22/2024 23:17	Joe Dygert	city's budget, officials' income	we are all humans with the same needs and if we more evenly split the government's money between us all, more needs would be met.
5/23/2024 10:25	Jordan Kohl	Input Regarding Sales Tax Increase	<p>Councilman Mano, I'm very disappointed to hear of your support for raising a regressive tax that will take over a generation to pay off, in order to subsidize Smith Entertainment Group's business venture. I am a huge fan of what businesses and economic growth can do for a city and society, but if the city steps in to pick winners and losers like this it is 1) not fair and 2) inefficient. From Brookings: No recent facility appears to have earned anything approaching a reasonable return on investment. No recent facility has been self-financing in terms of its impact on net tax revenues. Regardless of whether the unit of analysis is a local neighborhood, a city, or an entire metropolitan area, the economic benefits of sports facilities are de minimus.</p> <p><a href="https://www.brookings.edu/articles/sports-jobs-taxes-are-new-stadiums-worth-the-cost/">https://www.brookings.edu/articles/sports-jobs-taxes-are-new-stadiums-worth-the-cost/</a> I know the sales tax increase has already passed, but it's a huge mistake. Please don't compound it by letting it get spent on a dubious investment that helps a few while taking from most. I understand your desire to possibly compensate victims of past urban renewal and the destruction of Salt Lake's Japantown. That is a worthy goal! But I will be shocked if more than an extremely small amount of the funds goes to that, making it an incredibly inefficient way to achieve justice. Thank you for your time, Jordan Kohl</p>
5/23/2024 12:59	Bob Gorelik	New Sports District	I am in full support of a new sports district! People need to realize change is the only constant in the Universe. Time for a BIG change downtown!!! I am in full support of a tax increase too! People that love Abravanel Hall (like myself) need to just grieve and move on... TIME FOR A CHANGE!! Mr. Gorelik
5/23/2024 15:04	Anonymous Constituent	Downtown revitalization	I oppose any changes to the Salt Palace. I oppose raising the sales tax at all. If it must be raised, 0.5% is too much, and it should be raised half of that at most. I oppose allowing SEG to lease the land now owned by Salt Lake City or Salt Lake County. Salt Lake City and County should retain possession. SEG should not be allowed to profit from any use of the Salt Palace. I insist that SEG pay the full cost of renovating the Delta Center without public money unless ownership of the Delta Center is transferred to Salt Lake City or County. Renovations to Abravanel Hall, a state treasure serving many counties, should be paid for with state, county, AND city money.

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5/23/2024 15:54	Jared Zitnay	Comment on Capital City Revitalization Zone	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, I want to lend my support to the many well-articulated comments last night about the preservation of arts, cultural, and historical institutions in the region of the proposed Capital City Revitalization Zone. As someone for whom Utah Symphony performances at Abravanel Hall are the primary reason I come downtown, I found these statements powerful and many of them reflected my views and concerns about this development. I hope you found them powerful too. It is my position on this matter that the city can provide an immense amount of support to the Smith Entertainment Group (SEG) proposal through zoning changes, public infrastructure projects, and community development which benefit this proposed SEG property development and directly benefit the residents of Salt Lake City and surrounding Salt Lake County. It is not necessary for the taxpayers of Salt Lake City to provide SEG nearly \$1B to fund their new project. Contrary to the statements from the council that your “hands are tied” in this matter, my understanding from the materials provided on the Capital City Revitalization Zone and the associated state legislation is that the city can choose whether to adopt the 0.5% sales tax increment. While on paper the city is doing the taxing, in effect a private entity is being given taxing powers; the city must be able to hold SEG to a set of contractual obligations such as not being allowed to move their sports franchises from Salt Lake City and the developed area without a vote from city residents and the development of affordable housing (not just in the city, but in the immediate downtown area). However, if the city is powerless about how a city-wide 0.5% sales tax that goes directly to a private entity is used, you should not adopt the tax increment. If you do not have the time to negotiate these terms with SEG, then just say no to the sales tax increment. Handing away \$1B of public money is not something to be considered on a hasty timeline, without robust agreements with the benefiting private entities, and without much more than a bullet list of “guiding principles” as a plan from the developer. When you consider the pressure from SEG and the state for a speedy process, remember that Ryan Smith demonstrated on day one as the proud new owner of an NHL hockey franchise that the Delta Center is ready to host NHL hockey games immediately. You have power in this negotiation, you have the power to say no. Respectfully, Jared Zitnay District 7 resident Salt Lake City, UT</p>



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5/23/2024 15:55	Todd Deetz	Pay Raises	<p>I am very disappointed with the City Council and mayor Mendenhall for being completely tone deaf and asking for huge raises at a time when people are hurting financially. If we didn't have homeless camps in Liberty Park, if we didn't have drug deals taking place at Liberty Park, if we didn't have the city streets that were nothing but patches and potholes, if we didn't have baseball leaving the downtown area while property taxes skyrocket, I might give your pay raises serious thought. The streets have never had more traffic on them and if you've tried to drive anywhere in between 3 pm and 7 pm, it's not uncommon to be caught waiting two or even three times for the same traffic light to change and the City Council is busy spending precious tax dollars on making 800 east into an obstacle course with round-a-bouts and curbs that extend far into traffic on a road that has little traffic!! This might be the most senseless waste of money I've ever seen! How much money was spent to turn 900 south from a 4 lane street to 2 lanes? If you truly wanted to "calm neighborhood traffic" you'd spend money to let it flow instead of building obstacles to stop it. I've lived in SLC since 1980 and I expect to experience some growing pains when there is the kind of population growth we've all seen but bad decisions on the part of the Mayor and City Council only multiply the problems. When I heard about these pay raises I asked my long time neighbor what his opinion was and his reply was "No pay raises until they do their job!". I guess I'm not alone in my opinion. You are asking for substantial raises. The Mayor has been a failure on many things that matter deeply to me and my neighbors but she's asking for a \$44,000.00 raise!!! That is too much for a mayor with all the unsolved problems she has. Don't insult us by congratulating yourselves with large raises while citizens are dealing with the kind of inflation that federal politicians have caused. The article that I read today claimed that these pay raises wouldn't affect individual tax payers (or something to that effect) but the living conditions in this city continue to deteriorate while the ruling class gets wealthier. Show some understanding and fix the crime, drugs and roads BEFORE asking for huge pay raises! Todd Deetz</p>

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5/23/2024 15:58	Mitch Potter	2024 Budget Proposal	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall, As a constituent of yours, I have to admit I found your proposed budget with salary increase of 24% for your position to be mildly insulting as a taxpayer. As a moderate-democrat, and contributor to the Salt Lake City tax pool, I personally object to your proposal for the following reasons: The position of mayor is one that covets an esteem that shall always be used to ensure a person has access to high paying jobs when that person is no longer in office. These high paying positions are a staple of former members of congress, or any other highly visible body of government and often a soft form of maintaining the power leverage that politics yield to those inside the circle. This, coupled with the much greater benefits inclusive of a public position, warrants a significantly less dollar figure when it comes to salary. There is an unrepresented dollar figure in your compensation which would mean a salary of 212,000 would be putting you by far and away in the top earners for something that is an elected position in consideration of all your unquantified benefits. To me, this underscores a level of entitlement that is tone-deaf to the economic problems of the vast majority of Utahns. I'm sure the people in your social circle are all making large salaries, which is indicative of a larger problem at hand that, as a democrat, I would hope you would be painfully aware of. The problem I am referencing is the fact that the overwhelming majority of Utahns don't have the luxury of writing their own salary to compensate for the damage the last few years of inflationary pressures have done. All over the place, people are a few paychecks away from being financially solvent. You're a leader. A leader stays in the trenches with his/her constituents. I also believe that a leader shouldn't be insulated from the problems their constituents face, especially when they can just legislate their way out of it. . This is already exemplified by corners of our congress. I understand that city managers' salaries in comparable areas are disproportionately high, and the current Salt Lake City mayor is doing the job of both. However, I don't believe this warrants a salary increase in response, more-so we should be looking with greater scrutiny towards the city managers that are overly compensated. In closing, a modest salary increase of 3-5% is more palatable to the every day person. You are already compensated well, especially when considering the unquantified benefits I have previously mentioned. The protection of your job security, especially when considering your networking value post mayoral position, is something many Americans would yearn for. I cannot, as a citizen of Salt Lake County, in good conscience look at this proposal with any sort of favorable position. -Mitch</p>
5/23/2024 16:03	Barbara Richmond	Garbage Fee Increase	<p>Has anyone looked into the cost of changing the system to charge for every pickup instead of a flat monthly fee? I see drivers picking up 1/2 empty, and sometimes nearly empty, cans. This wastes resources. This costs money by wasting man power, wasting gas which in turn generates unnecessary air pollution, wear and tear on the trucks, etc.</p>
5/23/2024 16:06	Cory Olsen		<p>This latest move by Mendenhall is disgusting in regards to her raise. She is not a good mayor, she rolls over for just about anyone and anything. How about we start by fixing the streets first, followed by the sidewalks. And lets get rid of Beckers concrete structures taking streets like West Temple from three lanes to one. There is plenty of room for two lanes with a bike lane. I hope you look at our poor lousy mayor and tell her NO! Ridiculous with all that needs to be done in the city.</p>

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5/23/2024 16:10	Julia Rossi	low income housing	<p>Mayor Mendenhall, I am writing as a homeowner in Salt Lake City, in particular, a home in the Avenues. My interests in housing resonate with yours: we must do what we can to make living in Salt Lake City as pleasant as possible, particularly for those with low incomes and the homeless. We have an idea that may be attractive to you, the Council and especially those of small or no income. LDS hospital will soon be closed, and then available for development; almost certainly for housing for the affluent. That will strengthen the idea that the Avenues are an enclave for, shall we say, "certain special people." That is an attribute we would like to avoid: we hope the Avenues can become truly diverse; not only in terms of heritage, but also in terms of affluence. To tear down LDS hospital for developers extends a trend that we would like to see Salt Lake City avoid. The hospital is filled with rooms that have adequate electrical connection, more than adequate lighting, bathrooms and sinks. It also has a vast collection of other areas that can be - at minimal cost - redesigned for small families, or areas for common use.</p> <p>There are facilities for the preparing and serving of food. All this is available for the city to provide housing for residents of low - or no - income. Therefore, we plead with Salt Lake City to purchase LDS hospital for this purpose - something that I believe will be attractive to IHC. It also would be something that the present Avenue residents will welcome - or at least, not resist. Sincerely, Hugo Rossi</p>
5/23/2024 16:15	Anonymous Constituent	Garbage Fee Increase	<p>Hi, I've got this flyer about the waste and garbage pick up, and I only put my garbage out for them to pick up once a month and if I'm going to be charge for \$21.90 to have them pick up and I will cancel my garbage collection and I will take care of my garbage elsewhere. Bye!!!</p>
5/23/2024 16:24	Anonymous Constituent	Voicemail to City Council	<p>Hello, I am calling in regarding the Utilities bills increase. I know that the county been paid these service with our Taxes Money and that's never been mentioned. I wonder if you please please please for once stop increasing these bills. Thank you!</p>
5/23/2024 22:36	Angela Morgan	Enough is Enough	<p>The Mayor is asking for a 26% salary increase for herself, which in turn will result in an increase of thousands of dollars for each Council Member. Additionally she is proposing an increase of 5% for every City Employee. Salt Lake residents are already facing financial difficulties with the high cost of rents, food. City services such as garbage, water and streets take another huge bite out of our below average median income pockets. We are suffering during these harsh economic times. It is an insult to ask the tax payers to have the added burden of increasing the Mayor, Council Members and City Employees salaries/wages in addition to the already proposed sales tax increase to bring in the MLB. You were elected to serve the people, instead, action after action, budget after budget all we are seeing is the Mayor taking care of herself and her cronies instead of assuring the well being of families, especially lower income families that are affected by irresponsible spending. Enough is enough.</p>
5/23/2024 22:40	Dolan Pritchett	Please do not fund the sports and entertainment district	<p>Stadiums have historically been poor investments. While obviously it is believed that this will be an exception I urge you not to gamble against the odds with taxpayers money.</p>

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5/24/2024 16:28	Angela Morgan	No, we cant afford it.	<p>The Mayor is asking for a 26% salary increase for herself, which in turn will result in an increase of thousands of dollars for each Council Member. Additionally she is proposing an increase of 5% for every City Employee. Salt Lake residents are already facing financial difficulties with the high cost of rents, food. City services such as garbage, water and streets take another huge bite out of our below average median income pockets. We are suffering during these harsh economic times. It is an insult to ask the tax payers to have the added burden of increasing the Mayor, Council Members and City Employees salaries/wages in addition to the already proposed sales tax increase to bring in the MLB. You were elected to serve the people, instead, action after action, budget after budget all we are seeing is the Mayor taking care of herself and her cronies instead of assuring the well being of families, especially lower income families that are affected by irresponsible spending. Enough is enough.</p>
5/24/2024 16:30	John Rand	Dogs - Physical Leashes vs E-Collars	<p>Good morning, Salt Lake City Council! With warmer weather on the rise, people want to take their furry friends out. This is a wonderful way to get out and be a part of your neighborhood. Straight to the issue: With the rise of e-collars, we have no clear definition of what a humane restraint is. When I/we see someone walking their companions without a physical restraint, we often turn and go the other way. We or others have no way of knowing whether a dog is under some form of restraint. If you do approach to inquire, there is no buffer, it is too late. If the dog(s) do not get along with you or your dog, an interaction is going to occur. HOPEFULLY, it is a positive one. This is doing the opposite of creating a friendly, neighborly environment. Unfortunately, we have have several dog owners with dogs off-leash that appear to be out of control. Upon speaking to them, they responded that their companion is on an e-collar. Being a long-time Rose Park resident, we are blessed with a beautiful neighborhood to walk in. Through the years, we have also dealt with several less-than-friendly dogs, some viscous or, in general, dogs at large. There is a lot of tension between the on-leash dog walkers and the unleashed dog walkers, not just in our neighborhood but all across the city. There is a lot of less than civil conversation on social platforms. It would be comforting to at least have some modernized amendments to the current city/county code. I would ask that the City come up with some clear definitions of what counts as a leash or humane animal restraint for on-leash areas of our City. If an e-collar does count as a restraint, should the owner also have a physical restraint in their possession? Thanks for your time. Kindest regards, John Rand, Linda Johansen, and Bella the dog</p>

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5/24/2024 16:32	Carolyn Kraft-Grauer	Waste and recycling	Dear Council members, I'm writing this email in response to a flyer I received describing the proposed rate increase for the waste and recycling program. I strongly support a rate increase to maintain and/or improve the waste and recycling program in Salt Lake City. I realize I may be in the minority in holding this viewpoint, but I also believe I may be more familiar with these issues than many constituents. I was lucky enough to participate in the Master Recycling program offered through SLC Waste and Recycling department. This program offered great insight into waste collection and management in our city. I was able to tour the landfill and the Materials Recovery Facility, and now have a greater appreciation for waste collection and disposal. Our city needs to increase our commitment to recycling. Unfortunately recycling is more expensive than dumping garbage in the landfill, but that won't always be the case. Our landfill seems vast at this point in time, but when the landfill is full, disposing of garbage will become a lot more expensive. I support a more proactive increase that would enable SLC to maintain and or improve the waste and recycling program in order to divert waste from the landfill. I also believe that more education of SLC is necessary. If more people recycle properly, the recycling industry will become more profitable and more trash will be diverted from the landfill. I would love to see the Master Recycling Program expanded. I would be happy to discuss any of these thoughts further. Please feel free to contact me. Thank you, Carolyn Kraft-Grauer
5/24/2024 16:36	Anonymous Constituent	Phone call to City Council	Hello, I'm calling in to leave a comment that my water bill alone is already over \$175 every months, I'm a senior retirement that living on a budget, You are going to raise it to make it that we can't afford it. I hope that there's humanity still with you guys. Thank you
5/25/2024 18:46	Tess Love	DO NOT GIVE AWAY OUR MONEY TO A BILLIONAIRE	This guy appears to be a rip off artist billionaire. He left Arizona with millions in debt. He sued the city to get profits he didn't make. I don't want to give him money. He is not the character that Utah needs. Please don't bring dishonest people into Utah!!
5/27/2024 11:42	Barbara LeBow	You Claim That My Input Matters	1. I oppose any increase in the residential garbage fee. Your proposed monthly increase is extravagant for most residents of SLC, especially in light of the constant increase in the cost of living, with many struggling to provide nutritious food and adequate shelter for their families. 2. I oppose the proposed sales tax increase of 0.5% for the downtown district surrounding the Delta Center. 3. I have been unable to access any information on the budget for the Salt Lake City Cemetery. The state of the cemetery has gone from beautiful to disgraceful. 4. The Mayor and Council need to add to the budget ways to decrease the deficit not increase it by 5.9%. The majority of the budget goes to city employees salaries, pensions and benefits - \$298.9 million, \$24 million more than last year and \$3.2 million going to increase the city bureaucracy by 32 new position. I propose that this part of the budget be decreased by enough to eliminate the proposed residential garbage fee increase and the 0.5% proposed sales tax increase and to go toward proper maintenance of The Salt Lake City Cemetery as well as to decrease the deficit.
5/28/2024 7:07	Alicia Scotter	Raising Taxes for Entertainment District	Why don't we have billionaires fund their own investments? If I'm going to be providing 30 years of monies, I'd like to be included as a shareholder in this development!
5/28/2024 9:02	Dee dee Firmage-Turpin	Carolyn Abravanel's daughter	Chris, Thank you for taking the time to listen to the arguments against demolishing Maurice Abravanel Hall and Plaza. I hope that you will continue to speak your voice for the hall and plaza to remain in its current location. I also wanted to reach out regarding the next SL County Council Meeting. The website is hard to follow. Thank you again, Dee Dee Firmage-Turpin About anecessaryconversation.com

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5/28/2024 9:05	Ira Hinckley	route 209 complaint	Hi, My neighbors and I continue to have issues with the new 209 bus route in the Avenues. The buses are too large for our small streets and they shake the houses. I am constantly being awoken in the night by the noise and the shaking of the house. I'm often startled awake thinking another earthquake is happening and am very worried about damage to the structure of my 120 year old house!!!! The buses are too noisy. With their brakes, engines, announcements, hydraulics, frequency and hours it's a constant onslaught of noise and disruption. These huge buses were not meant for these little Avenues streets! We are requesting a smaller bus like the F11 or going back to the #6 bus like everyone was happy with before! Regards, Ira Hinckley
5/28/2024 9:09	Isaac Hinckley	Say no to the Sports District	Sophia Allen, We did not purchase a hockey team. Ryan Smith did. We will not see profits from ticket sales. Ryan Smith will. We should not bear the burden of the risk of the investment and Ryan Smith will reap the benefits. The taxpayers should not subsidize the desires and risks of the wealthy. The only way that taxpayers paying for the sports district is remotely moral is for the taxpayers to own the team, property and receive the benefits of the profits. Say like the Green Bay Packers. A no supports the people.
5/28/2024 9:13	Anna Rollins	Inland Port Plan	Dear Mr. Dugan, My name is Anna Rollins, and I am a student who lives in the Salt Lake City Yalecrest neighborhood. An issue I have been made aware of recently is the inland port which is in the motions of being built. In my opinion, you should not go forward with this plan. The environmental consequences will be great, and if you plan to build it near the Great Salt Lake, will undo a lot of hard work from environmentalists who are actively trying to revive the lake. Also, it will add tons of new fossil fuel pollution to our already oversaturated valley. It will also make the area more at risk of oil spills and dredging. Please rethink this plan, for the environment. Thanks, Anna
5/28/2024 9:20	Wilma Odell	I'm in your district	I'm adamantly opposed to the Smith's proposal. Downtown Salt Lake City is congested enough. Symphony Hall's acoustics are fine, the lobby is fine, more ADA amenities are all I would suggest. How about taxing hockey & baseball tix (wherever games are held)? NOT ALL RESIDENTS WHO WILL NOT EVER GO TO A GAME? All Smith's demands will benefit affluent people (or those who choose to pay lots for tix instead of contributing to philanthropic causes. We are a great tourist town —let's not lose our charm. Wilma Odell
5/28/2024 9:33	Julia McGonigle	Mendenhall Corruption Raise	Do not give that woman one more cent. The average salary in Salt Lake City is \$61,000 and she wants over \$200,000. This is absurd. This is not about a competitive cost of living raise. She has not earned it. My tax payer dollars should not go towards padding the pockets of developers through RDA loans or Ms. Mendenhall whose personal campaign is padded through those developers themselves. This is absurd abuse of power. Give the librarians and K-12 teachers raises first and I'll support her BS raise. Your constituent of the Ballpark Neighborhood.
5/28/2024 9:41	Ross Chambless	Barricade related to PLNPCM2023-00890 - Carrigan View Phase II Planned Development	F Hello Eric, I want to bring to your attention that a shoddy barricade was placed at the entrance to the public Bonneville Shoreline trail at the end of Lakeline Drive a few days ago. I am attaching some photos. It seems this was erected by the developer only a day or so after last week's Planning Commission hearing that addressed the Carrigan View Phase II Planned Development. Respectfully, Ross Ross Chambless (resident)
5/28/2024 9:57	Amal Kawar	From Amal a resident in your district	. Hello. I keep wondering when will the city council notice that there are older people, senior citizens, with their own needs in the area of safety of roads (such as bad drivers) and public transportation. I have been anxious to hear recognition of us and our needs, regardless of West and East sides we live within. amal

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5/28/2024 12:10	Rosemary Nicholson	Increasing Waste Collection Costs	Hi, I would like to suggest including a smaller can size as an option as well as increasing the cost of those that use the 90 gallon cans. I feel that I pay a lot of money for this service and only fill my can ~1/ mo
5/28/2024 12:52	Anonymous Constituent	bigger concerns	From what I understand of research in other cities, sports-entertainment districts are generally found to only benefit the vendors directly involved and mainly only during event times. With this in mind, it does not make sense to pour community funds into such a project in SLC. I am concerned that the plan is too vague and already has been endorsed without a demand for details. Why would the city and state fund an entertainment and sports district that benefits and subsidizes the pet projects and dreams of a few already-wealthy people? Why not make a plan that clearly has funds earmarked for low-income housing? That is the main need in our city. Another need is to support small businesses, not billionaires. Look at a graphic that illustrates how much a billion really is. People with that kind of money should not ask for and should not be given a hand out. They have sufficient funds to risk part if they choose to do so. That is enough money to pay their own taxes and help fund community needs. Sports and entertainment are not needs. Housing and jobs are needs. Districts like this are not proven to provide living-wage jobs. If you want to raise taxes, it must be earmarked for the things that improve the daily lives and survival of ordinary people: affordable/free/accessible public transportation to school/work/healthcare from home, affordable housing, and living-wage jobs. Thank you
5/28/2024 15:35	Terry Marasco	JRT	Morning, you may have seen the emails about the Trail getting worse. This since the Mayor, Chief Brown and other officials and citizens walked the Trail. This is unacceptable. You folks are responsible for representing our interests on the West Side and need to get in front of the Mayor and make the case for addressing this problem now. You also know that the issues have spread beyond the Trail into the west side neighborhoods. Last night I called in an encampment (about 30 people) behind Carl's Jr on N Temple (at my apartment area) and it was cleared. At this moment they are back. What the people know is that after an intervention, there is plenty of time to go back before the next intervention. Best, Terry Marasco Salt Lake City, Utah
5/28/2024 16:01	Ryan Hinkins	Sports Entertainment District	Hello, I do believe that if Salt Lake City is going to be a major city that we need to have some pro sports franchises. I am concerned that the citizens of Salt Lake City are bearing the tax burden for a team that will represent the whole state and frankly will benefit the whole state not just Salt Lake City. The issue of the additional tax burden for this district comes when there is a sales tax on groceries. I would support this additional tax if the sales tax on food was removed. One shouldn't pay tax on a necessity. I have the means to pay for the additional tax but there are other residents who don't have the means. I think Abravanel Hall is a beautiful building but it is not an historic building. With the recent cost of refurbishment it makes more sense to take the best of Abravanel Hall (the glass structure for one) and build a new building within the new sports entertainment district. Some comments saying that the owner of the NHL team should bear the cost of this district because SEG will benefit the most from this district is a little to simple. Mr. Smith has invested his own money into bringing the NHL franchise to Salt Lake City as well as buying the Utah Jazz. It seems Mr. Smith has made a huge financial commitment. I'm glad you have to make this decision and not me because there are pros and cons for both sides. Ryan Hinkins
5/28/2024 16:35	Jamie Feliz	Sustainability Dept rate increases	Hi my feedback for the proposed rate increases is that the 40 Gallon container should stay at the same rate, while the larger containers increase. The price difference would be an incentive to use less waste. Jamie Feliz Rose Park Resident

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5/28/2024 16:36	Mary Paul	A 🗑️ Situation -And a Solution!	Dear Salt Lake City Council, As a lifelong resident, property owner, member of multiple local nonprofit organizations, and daughter of a patent attorney striving to launch a wastewater treatment company, I have learned a LOT about poop. And the truth is, we are starting to reach a crisis point with it impacting public health here in Salt Lake. We need a LOT more access to public restrooms in the downtown area, by the Jordan River, and the Rio Grande. I say this with particular mindfulness about our unsheltered community members. Safe, easy access to restrooms can dramatically improve multiple health conditions, preparation for work, and prevention of disease from spreading locally. I also say this as a mother who has given birth and needs to pee all the time. Oh and did I mention I raised two kids that also ran around needing to urgently use the bathroom? We've attended downtown festivals and events and nearly had to find an alley multiple times because it was so difficult (even as a paying customer) to find a place to use the bathroom. I've also been dismayed to see many city park restrooms locked up, putting families and the unsheltered in a predicament of where to go? (Did I mention I'm also a tennis coach for children? Not a fun challenge to deal with in the middle of practice.) I'm asking for funding for multiple supervised outhouses and increased access in the areas I mentioned. Thank you for your time and tolerance of my potty humor. Truly, this is not a situation that can't be overlooked. Sincerely, Mary Paul
5/28/2024 16:42	Lynn Pershing	increased sales tax to support Sports District	I do NOT support increase city wide sales tax to support the proposed Sports District. If the state wants to support the proposed "sports district" ALL cities and towns can pay for it since it serves ALL of Utah Lynn K Pershing Council district 6
5/28/2024 16:44	Celia Ward	Abravanel Hall	Please don't let the Abravanel Hall be destroyed for a sports themed building. Not all of us like sports and SLC does not need the reputation of a sports oriented city. Isn't there room in Salt Lake City for a diversity of entertainment? Many people come here, spend money downtown and appreciate the variety of musical performances. I live downtown and walk to Abravanel Hall frequently. Don't let this happen to our city. Celia Ward
5/28/2024 16:45	Sarahann Whitbeck	Fiscal Year 2024-25 feedback	Hello, I hope this message finds you well. I am unable to attend the public hearing dates, but wanted to follow up on the items included in the mailer received this week. The waste and recycling services are super important - and this extremely small monthly increase is absolutely worth the benefits in my small opinion. Thank you for being thoughtful about the fiscal resources of the city and the sustainability of our region. Your team is doing a wonderful job. Thank you! Sarah SarahAnn Whitbeck



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5/28/2024 16:48	S M Bushman	Crime, Homelessness, Taxes, Projects,	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, I appreciate your hard work and efforts but much more needs to be done for the success and growth of this city. In order for this city or any community to succeed they need to address the root causes that create failure. Projects that are not addressing the real needs of the citizens will face disappointment. There are many apartment buildings going up and projects being handled but they are not effectively helping our community. Raising taxes is not the answer. Projects and taxes should be approved by the community. For our community to flourish there needs to be law and order. Individuals need a way to progress and be self sufficient. Allowing crime to go unchecked will only enable people to continue in self destruction, as well as in destroying the community they live in. Handouts is not the answer but there needs to be a way to create the means where by individuals and families can grow. The housing that is being listed as affordable is far from meeting that definition. People are in need now for opportunities to personally be able to be self sufficient. There are many citizens and non U.S. citizens that need help. This need is growing daily. It will continue to increase until we assist them in becoming self reliant by assisting them with the means and the ability to achieve, which includes a safe place to live (not a hand out but an opportunity they can afford). Sincerely, Sarah Bushman</p>
5/28/2024 16:49	Barbara POLICH	salt lake city waste + recycling rate increase OPPOSED	<p>I oppose the garbage fee increase given the proposed .5% tax increase for the entertainment district. If the new proposed sales tax is going to be imposed then all other increases must be imposed only out of dire necessity. Any change in the budget must come from the touted additional revenues to be realized the proposed district.</p> <p>Normally I would not oppose the proposed increase but with the proposed tax increase for the entertainment district it is too much to ask of the residents of SLC. I believe the city should be establishing a budget and taxation scheme that takes care of all its citizens and provides for their basic needs. The increase in sales tax will not fix the potholes in front of my residence or keep the cost of my basic services from going up. But I am not worried for myself. I am worried for those who truly have no extra dollars. The City is being tone deaf to the economic situation of our residents. The SL Tribune suggested the yearly increase that will be spent will be \$221 per home, and that is if the calculation is correct that 60% of the sales tax burden will fall on non SLC residents. If that percentage estimate is incorrect that could be an additional increase of several hundred dollars more. I do not understand why SLC residents will bear the burden to the newly proposed entertainment district. I was intrigued by the Tribune article that indicated that user tax on tickets would be too costly. But wouldn't that put the burden on those who will benefit most by the new district? I will not use the new district. Not everyone lives and dies by sports. I am not opposed to the district just the proposed tax burden. I was fascinated that the Governor thinks it is only fair the citizens of SLC bear the cost burden. I understand this is a legislative cram down to a large degree but don't drink the Kool-Aid. Be practical, thoughtful and most importantly demand answers to the tough questions. To date, there is no concrete proposal or concrete numbers. A proposed tax increase being discussed when the Council wants to give generous raises seems like a lot to ask (and again normally I would not oppose such increases.) If we want the entertainment district, consider making the other necessary and serious cuts, starting with no waste increase and no salary increases, as unpalatable as that will be. Fundamentally we need to live within our means and that means not taking the easy way out by imposing a new tax increase. We are a small city and it makes no sense we are being asked to foot so much of the bill for new sports venues.</p>

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5/28/2024 16:50	Aline Devaud	Against .5% tax increase for downtown revitalization project	Hello Council members, I am opposed to paying more tax for the proposed downtown revitalization project. I would be in favor of a smaller tax increase state- or county-wide to increase public transportation and reduce or eliminate the cost of public transportation. How about doing something that will improve the well-being for many and improve the air quality for all of us? I know that this proposal may be bigger than what the SLC Council can do but at the same time, I'm suggesting that SLC citizens also not be burdened with a tax increase to benefit the few. Thanks, Aline Devaud Dan Dugan's district
5/29/2024 10:06	Robert Williams	Phone call to City Council	Caller stated he is a registered voter D1 constituent who came across very respectful youth talking about wanting to have a high school on the Westside in Glendale. He agrees with the students and believes the neighborhood should have a school and the children shouldn't have to travel too far. It isn't right for them to have to travel and it is important to the kids, There are many great people on the Westside.
5/29/2024 10:35	Matthew Johnson	Nobody likes hockey anyway	I'm as pumped as the next guy to have the historic Phoenix Coyotes here, but please look at every-example-ever of a pro team moving to a new city after failing to extort the old city. The new city always gets ripped off! Every sport, every time. I mean, maybe developers profit...
5/29/2024 12:22	Sarah Woolsey	Support for CIP: Citywide Park Restroom Planning Study/ Fairmont Restroom Conceptual Design	Dear Councilwoman Petro, I hope this finds you well. I met you at the interesting Sorenson Center meeting that had the "pitches" for funding innovative services for the homeless populations. I wanted to alert you the CIP that I submitted regarding restrooms and SLC. It is called Citywide Park Restroom Planning Study/ Fairmont Restroom Conceptual Design. I am a member of Friends of Fairmont Park (District 7) and we are committed to safe, accessible , open restrooms that meet the needs of our park. We have a busy, active park and need to have great bathrooms. We also think all parks should have this! I have had a support letter from Glendale Community Council (may be some of your constituents) and attached it. I know the Mayor has supported this in her funding list, and we all think a world class city inviting the world to come visit needs to have world class restrooms! I appreciate all you do, I love Rose Park (practiced there as a doctor for 20 years) and bike the Jordan River Trail all the time. I am your partner for a great city for all. I look forward to your support, Sarah Woolsey
5/29/2024 14:25	Kathryn Lindquist	rezoning	As you consider the redoing of downtown to accommodate the sports and culture center, please keep in mind that SLC's west side also likes to be able to see the mountains and doesn't need high-rises above the current level. I trust that you all know that Abravanel Hall is a city landmark, and anyone who allows it to be destroyed will carry that disgraceful legacy. Also, Japan Town should be accommodated for current status or expansion according to the wishes of the people who use it for the sake of respect, dignity, heritage and diversity. Thank you, Kathryn
5/29/2024 16:24	Jason Dalton	Skatepark	Hi. Im contacting in regards to the lack of skateparks in salt lake city. The Vans one at fairpark was a waste of money, terrible, rather drive to west valley or kearns are the only good ones in the entire valley. Please build some nearby downtown. Use whoever built west valley or kearns. Build some under the freeway somewhere with shade. Best skateparks in the country are under freeways. Pensacola FL, Boise ID, Birmingham AL. Are all excellent examples. Please build some. Thank you for your time. Jason Dalton
5/29/2024 16:26	Charles Parsons	Pay raises	I am opposed to the recommended pay raises for the mayor and council members, particularly when you will be raising sales taxes which have a disproportionate impact on those with a lower or fixed income and those in poverty. I guess that's what we get for electing closeted Republican's.

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5/29/2024 16:30	Richard Middleton	The proposed Sports, Entertainment, Culture, and Convention District	<p>I know that it is very early in the process of developing this project, but I hope that as the project moves forward one important aspect will not be overlooked - the potential adverse impact of all this added lighting on the environment, both urban and natural I live in the Marmalade District, close to the capitol. I am already adversely impacted by the stadium lights of West High School, which are misdirected (and reach up as far as the capitol, an elevation several hundred feet higher than the school), and to a much lesser extent by the existing Delta Center billboards. My house used to enjoy magnificent views of the sunsets - now these are interrupted by glaring lights most weekdays. Unless modern standards of downward-facing lights, appropriate Kelvin values, and limits to hours of operation are required, the new district, with relaxed maximum height restrictions on buildings and more billboards (and possibly even floodlighting the various new buildings to create a "Las Vegas strip") would be a serious infringement on my property. And not only my property - most other downtown permanent residents would suffer similarly (I admit that may not concern those who envisage downtown as primarily a tourist destination devoted to the AirBnB trade). Inappropriate lighting would also of course directly conflict with Governor Cox's plea to create "dark skies". The Great Salt Lake lies on one of the greatest bird migration paths in the world, and its decline has already impacted numerous species that rely on it as a "refueling stop". Extensive research has found that excessive light at nighttime confuses migrating birds, making their journey even more perilous (of course skyscrapers also present a collision hazard during the day, especially since so many curtain walls are now made of glass). Utah as a state ought to be paying far more attention to this issue, since it is guardian to the lake, but at least in this case Salt Lake City could set a clear example of better urban design. Now that we are all thinking about the possibility of a future return of the Winter Olympics, it would be wonderful if Salt Lake City could show itself as a leader in urban environmental stewardship. Richard Middleton -- Richard Middleton,</p>

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5/29/2024 16:36	Carolyn Abravanel Hall	Tuesday May 21 Council Meeting Entire Comments	<p>At the Tuesday May 21 Council Meeting, I spoke to voice my opposition to removal and/or relocating Maurice Abravanel Hall. However, I was cut off and couldn't finish my comments. Below is my full statement. I would appreciate it if you would: 1. Confirm receipt of my email. 2. Continue to fight for Maurice Abravanel Hall to remain in its current location, and to reinvest in this historic building. Thank you for your time, Carolyn Abravanel My name is Carolyn Abravanel. I live in SL City, and I am the widow of Maurice Abravanel. I am here to voice my opposition the destruction of the Maurice Abravanel Hall, and I ask each of you to to scrutinize the "untold impacts" of voting to demolishing this Hall What are the costs to our culture, if you vote to demolish a world-class hall. For those that may not be aware, the land (where Abravanel Hall is currently located) was a gift from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They understood the value of placing the symphony in that location! What does your vote say to the world about the priorities of Utah if you are willing to: Erase the past, by demolishing this historical building, just because it seems easier &amp; cheaper to relocate &amp; replace? What does your vote say to the world about the values of Utah when a financial incentive is: More important that saving an iconic landmark? Which is the current home of a world renowned orchestra. Study what other cultures do! Do they replace their history? Or do they reinvest in their historical icons? They reinvest because they place value in their historical buildings and they take pride in honoring their past! As each of you cast your vote, what will your legacy illustrate to Utah and to the world? Will you be courageous enough to invest in saving this cultural, historical, and iconic building? Or Do you deem Maurice Abravanel Hall to be replaceable? Unworthy of financial investment? Willing to erase it's 45-year contribution to society? Just one final comment... I highly doubt that NY City would ever consider demolishing the Metropolitan Opera just to make room for a hockey arena.... and I certainly hope you wouldn't either. Thank you and good night</p>
5/30/2024 10:10	Andy TRAN	Retail Spaces @ Marmalade District	<p>Hi Council Member Wharton- Hope this email finds you well! I am reaching out in hopes of getting some help. Over the past few weeks, we have seen a significant uptick in the businesses along 600 N &amp; 300 W either get broken into or trying to be broken into. We have videos of men breaking into the restaurants and of other men pulling and yanking super hard on the doors trying to get them opened...luckily to no avail. Hiring private security is a losing battle as we have tried this over at North Temple and the cost is overwhelming for small businesses. I am hoping maybe you can request PD to do more of a drive through in the area especially around 4-5am time as that is when we are seeing this happening. Thanks so much for what you do. Andy Tran</p>
5/30/2024 10:15	Tyson Prettyman	Rio Grande Plan	<p>Dear Chairperson Wharton, My name is Tyson Prettyman and I am a current Utah resident. I am reaching out to urge you to support the Rio Grand plan. If you are unaware of this proposal here is a link to the website <a href="https://riograndeplansalllakecity.org/">https://riograndeplansalllakecity.org/</a> This proposal will not only allow for a better, more connected public transport system in Salt Lake City, but it could act as a starting point to incorporate more public transit to our lovely state. This would allow for better mobility for the average citizen creating a more interconnect community. This is a great opportunity to start building a more engaged and connected state and I hope you can see the benefits it can bring. I urge you once more to truly consider this plan and the positive influence it can have. Thank you for your time.</p>

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5/30/2024 11:03	Nathan Leber	Refurbish, don't demolish Abravanel Hall	<p>As the Council is reviewing the proposed development plans and zoning changes around the Delta Center, It is imperative that the plans include the refurbishment, nor demolition of Abravanel Hall. The symphony hall is a unique treasure in downtown Salt Lake. Designed first and foremost for the symphony with the consultation of Dr. Cyril M. Harris, the Hall has excellent acoustics. The symphony hall has been host to scores of performances, lectures, and even comedians since it's construction. The Hall even has connections to the 2002 winter Olympics serving as the site John Williams used to recorded the "Call of the Champions." Built in 1979, Abvaranel Hall is showing its age. The Hall is no longer new and suffering from deferred maintenance. When the estimate of cost between remodel and rebuild are relatively similar It can be tempting, as a steward of the public trust, to look at demolition as the prudent option from an up front cost perspective. However, this line of thinking does not truly take into consideration the impact the loss of the Hall will have on the community. There are several compelling reasons why refurbishment is the wise option and keeping with the public trust. 1. Abravanel Hall is a treasured building with close ties to Salt Lake City and Utah's musical community. The symbolic gesture alone of demolishing the building, even with an eventual replacement, conveys the message that the arts are not an important part of the community. 2. Demolition will require either the temporary relocation, or the cessation of symphony concerts altogether during construction. This will be very disruptive to the Utah Symphony. Although remodeling will also be disruptive, the impact can be significantly lower than demolition. Refurbishment will allow portions of the construction to be phased, allowing portions of the building to remain in use, limiting disruption compared to demolition. 3. From a sustainability standpoint, refurbishing buildings is much more efficient than tearing down the same building and replacing it. Less materials are used, less energy is expended, fewer greenhouse gasses are emitted. Buildings should not be disposable. Repairing and refurbishing Abravanel Hall so that it can stand another 50, 100, 200 years is a much wiser long term investment than throwing the existing building in the landfill and building a new concert hall. 4. New construction is just as costly or and often more costly than remodeling. While initial estimate may seem comparable, the reality is the real cost is often much higher. For example, the Elbphilharmonie (Elbe Philharmonic Hall) in Hamburg Germany was initially planned with a construction budget of 200 million Euros. The final construction cost ballooned to 866 million Euros, over four times the initial estimate. Please save Abravanel Hall</p>
5/30/2024 12:28	Anonymous Constituent	Pay increases	<p>I feel that the work has not been done as promised. The council and the mayor do not deserve a pay increase at all. There are too many other things that need fixing and attention.</p>
5/30/2024 15:31	Anonymous Constituent	Subsidizing one of the richest Utahns (Multi Billionaire)	<p>Why does the city need to add a sales tax to everyone in the city to help the owner of a billionaire? This sales tax affects people on fixed incomes, the homeless, the poor students, and the young families scraping by. 0.5% may not feel like much for people with owned homes and pensions, but for those living paycheck to paycheck that have seen their buying power cut in half over the past decade - it hurts a lot! Please stop subsidizing billionaires. Utah is great. The capital, people, and business want to be here, you don't need to pay and incentivize them to come.</p>

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5/30/2024 15:50	Lori Wike	SECC District/Revitalization Zone: Abravanel Hall funding allocation	Dear Council Members, I am a resident of Salt Lake City District 5 and I am the Principal Bassoonist of the Utah Symphony. I am writing to request prioritization of funding allocation for the preservation and renovation of Abravanel Hall in the current SECC District negotiations. I was heartened to read, in Salt Lake Tribune reporter Andy Larsen's 5/29 interview with Mayor Mendenhall, that "preservation and incorporation of the historic components of our downtown are also chief among those" public benefits that Mayor Mendenhall is committed to prioritizing in the current negotiations with SEG. Please preserve our historic and irreplaceable Abravanel Hall and incorporate it into this SECC district with great care and consideration. "Opened in 1979, Abravanel Hall is one of the finest concert halls in America, and is internationally recognized for its acoustics. This architectural icon in Salt Lake City has served the people of Utah for 38 years [now 45 years] and is a monument to the rich cultural heritage of our community... Abravanel Hall is revered as one of the finest concert halls in America. Patrons are continually amazed at the acoustics and beautiful finishes within the hall." The above words are taken directly from the 2016 Abravanel Hall Master Plan for renovations and they are echoed by so many—including the 40,000 people (and counting) who have signed the change.org petition to Save Abravanel Hall. Abravanel Hall is an historic and iconic building of exceptional significance to the people of Utah. Its extraordinary acoustics are of exceptional significance and rarity and are something that everyone in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, and the state of Utah should treasure. Please commit to preserving Abravanel Hall and please prioritize allocating funds for its renovations as a part of the SECC District/ Revitalization Zone project. If this SEG deal is going to happen, then please prioritize public benefits within it as much as possible and make Abravanel Hall one of these prioritizations, along with commitments to Japantown, UMOCA and affordable housing. Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your work as Council Members. Lori Wike
5/30/2024 15:51	Phil H	Beer at the confluence	I honestly do not feel that the city should be sponsoring a BEER FEST !!! Phil Hansen SLC resident
5/30/2024 16:00	Catherine Lukes	property tax increase	This added property tax is absolutely despicable and abuse of SLC taxpayers.
5/30/2024 16:54	Yuki MacQueen	G20 - Abravanel Hall	I joined the Utah Symphony in June 2000. The acoustics of Abravanel Hall are wonderful. It was designed for unamplified, symphonic music, and it does this exceptionally well even compared to the concrete halls of North and South America, Europe, and Japan, in which I have had the privilege with to perform. Granted, there are certain maintenance updates that cannot be ignored, like the HVAC system. However, renovation estimates have been artificially inflated, it being an exhaustive wish list/of all the things that could be done to make the audience experience better and bading dock more convenient, etc. (front and back of house estimates). The \$200 million plus estimates should not be held as equivalent to the dramatic underestimation of a new build. I find it offensive that Mr. Maughan considers Abravanel Hall as the "wall" or impediment in the flow of a discrete line from the Delta center to the Nordstrom buildings.
5/30/2024 17:05	Ng Starks	G20 - Abravanel Hall	The council needs to save our history. Let us vote!
5/30/2024 17:07	Maia Gold	G20	Should here be a ballot initiative to approve the tax for this purpose?

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5/30/2024 20:35	Jason Martin	Unsheltered people shouldn't be sleeping on my front lawn	<p>For weeks now it seems that there is a new practice to push people out of Liberty Park each night. This has led to people camping on the park strip in front of my house and my neighbor's house. Not only are they often loud and disruptive, they also leave behind a huge mess that no one in the city seems to feel responsible for cleaning. I have found used condoms, drug paraphernalia, an old computer, a saw, a milk carton meth lab, numerous food waste, and various other hazardous materials in front of my house. In addition, they broke branches off of our tree and ruined other plants. They have also left behind human waste. I have submitted at least 3 complaints through the mySLC.gov app and was told I was in a queue for about a week and then received notice that they'd closed my case because a scout said the tent was gone. While I would like people to stop shouting and doing drugs on my front lawn each night, I would also like someone from the city to clean up the hazardous waste left behind. It is certainly better for people sleep in a public park with restrooms and trashcans than in front of a private residence.</p> <p>I hope the city council will take swift action to prevent this ongoing issue from continuing.</p>
5/31/2024 9:10	Jake Ryan	Water conservation	<p>How about instead of asking nicely we just enact and enforce a lawn watering compliance legislation? Empower neighbors to hold each other accountable by reporting improper water usage. Raise the tax credit incentive to zeroscape. Same with the car idling law, which is USELESS without enforcement. I swear you knucklehead politicians don't actually care to get results so long as y'all get paid. Disappointed in all of you. 🙄 Feel free to take a look at this document I've drafted regarding a voter initiative to amend the idol-free ordinance which has historically not been enforced in the city. <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/14MiKSgfgqFlq9uQkXYnK-VUuQqgQl6KLTkQVpUPHMZPw/edit?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR1N7hGyiyPjOnyS5x_XiXY2O3T_9hGaWluJLdfFA8DcB8_RVQVFpQnt5Ys_aem_Afoy5mjZ-eq57GuMGU00Eb5d3bytRyu1NshqroRsNW9aae9bNP59tmBMcJ-PPXcqqu0wO4EHHQPvN4PwIqhY-8Ql">https://docs.google.com/document/d/14MiKSgfgqFlq9uQkXYnK-VUuQqgQl6KLTkQVpUPHMZPw/edit?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR1N7hGyiyPjOnyS5x_XiXY2O3T_9hGaWluJLdfFA8DcB8_RVQVFpQnt5Ys_aem_Afoy5mjZ-eq57GuMGU00Eb5d3bytRyu1NshqroRsNW9aae9bNP59tmBMcJ-PPXcqqu0wO4EHHQPvN4PwIqhY-8Ql</a></p>
5/31/2024 11:35	Sabrina Fivas	Question about the proposed MLB team and hockey team	<p>Hi Victoria, I'm writing to you to ask about the proposed MLB team/stadium and the proposed hockey team and sales tax increase. Do you as a city council member get to vote on these proposals? I cannot wrap my head around the idea that our sales tax will increase and help pay for these things when both groups proposing them are BILLIONAIRES. If you get any say in how this turns out, I would hope you are strongly opposed to subsidizing the building of these things because it will be to our detriment. I was born and raised in Rose Park and feel like we are completely left out of the decision making process. There is also plenty of research that shows NO economic benefit to a surrounding community when a sports arena is constructed in the vicinity. No social or economic benefit at all and in our situation, a tax increase. I'm so worried about the future of my neighborhood and our city.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Sabrina Fivas</p>

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5/31/2024 14:22	Nicholas Von Stackelberg	Downtown Sports and Entertainment District	<p>Hello Councilmember Mano: I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposal to raise sales tax 0.5% in SLC to pay for an entertainment district. I strongly urge a NO vote on this proposal for the reasons outlined below.</p> <p>At a minimum, this should be put before the voters as a referendum. Taxpayers should be allowed to make a decision of such consequence for our city and pocketbooks. These are some of the reasons I do not support this proposal: This will exacerbate income inequality in our city by using public financing to further enrich a billionaire brat/sports bro and all the millionaires associated with the basketball and hockey teams. If he can afford to overpay \$600 million for the hockey team, he can afford to renovate his own stadium. It is morally bankrupt to raise taxes to pay for sports and entertainment in the context of the unsheltered population crisis in SLC. You cannot spend time in any park in the city without being confronted with this issue head-on. I recently volunteered for a trash clean-up on the Jordan River, and the amount of trash is overwhelming and toxic, some/much of it from those living in tents along the river. This housing problem is inhumane and negatively impacts our quality of life, recreational enjoyment and ecosystem function in the city. Downtown is not in need of revitalization - it is doing just fine, thanks in part to the City's leadership. Furthermore, a private entity should not direct the revitalization, especially an area as historically and culturally important as Japantown. This is bad government practice and policy that will further breed cynicism in future public endeavors. I myself am a sports fan and watch sports on television. I do not attend Utah Jazz games, as the product they have on offer is not worth the exorbitant ticket prices. I experienced this very same issue in Seattle. A brief synopsis: Seattle citizens passed a referendum banning public financing of arenas/stadiums. In response, the NBA allowed the Supersonics to move to Oklahoma City (a move that hurt the NBA more than Seattle, I would argue). In the intervening years, Seattle was awarded a hockey team and Climate Pledge Arena was renovated entirely through private financing (\$1.15 billion). So cities don't have to bow to monopolistic sports leagues, only insecure ones do. So if he wants to move his teams to Draper/Lehi/Orem or wherever, life will go on for our city. (On a side note, having experienced the heartbreak of losing the Sonics, I find it ironic how callously super-nice Utah is to devastate other communities (New Orleans and Phoenix) by stealing their professional sports teams.) Thanks for your consideration. Nicholas von Stackelberg District 5 Resident PS. I am supportive of pay raises for the Mayor and Council Members. In the future, make it an annual thing, rather than waiting ten years.</p>
5/31/2024 15:18	Perry Bankhead	comment for council	<p>I am against any tax increase for the new entertainment zone around the Delta Center. As you already know (or can research) Arena's do not economically improve the city. And an increase means that the majority of the people in SLC get no use from it. I would like to see a tax added to the events at the arena so that the people attending the events are paying for the renovations and those who can not afford to attend events are not subsidizing those who live outside of SLC for the upgrades.</p>
5/31/2024 18:43	Anonymous Constituent	why is tax increase needed?	<p>If the rezoning is favorable to development why is a tax increase needed vs the developer funding since they and the tenants will be yielding the profits of operation and capital appreciation? Is any of the tax increase an offset to tax breaks to developers or tenants? And how on earth can a tax increase on residents be justified in the middle of economic hardship, huge utility bill increases and steep inflation over the past 4 years? The development district website conspicuously omits this key information.</p>
5/31/2024 21:54	Damien Bosse	Stop giving billionaires our tax money	<p>I'm tired of billionaires claiming to be giving us redevelopment benefits while taking our tax money. If they want a new stadium that they will charge us admission for, then they can take out a loan. Make the smith group develop their new stadium on their own dime, unless you're handing out free money to everyone in the city now.</p>



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6/3/2024 9:16	June s Taylor	Renovating Abravanel Hall	Dear Dan, Just my input on the current discussion on Abravanel Hall: It's beyond ridiculous to consider trashing the current hall & building a new one because 1. Building a new one as good as Abravanel would cost as much or more -guaranteed. Practically every estimate of "new stuff" costs, from the new Prison by GSL to the projected Gondola up LCC, is lowball. I guess the developers consider us all stupid sheep to be sheared. Which I for one resent. 2. The acoustics of the current hall are great - and there is no way in hell that a new hall could be guaranteed to have acoustics as good. That alone should dictate choosing to renovate. 3. Last but not least: Why should I trust leadership & its advisors on building vs renovation when it's clear SLC & the state of Utah can't even take care of the assets it has? Like, why haven't at least some of the needed renovations , like the ADA retrofits, been done over the years? Inquiring minds want to know. June Taylor
6/3/2024 9:18	Brad Bush	I oppose the tax increase	Dan, Just registering my opposition to a tax increase to fund these downtown vanity projects. There are so many other priorities we should be focused on, and so many more sustainable paths to growth and making SLC a great city to live in. Mendenhall is a very problematic mayor (I was disappointed you endorsed her) and this is just a textbook Mendenhall example of the wrong direction she's taking the city. Thanks, Brad
6/3/2024 9:40	Aline Devaud	Against .5% tax increase for downtown revitalization project	Hello Council members, I am opposed to paying more tax for the proposed downtown revitalization project. I would be in favor of a smaller tax increase state- or county-wide to increase public transportation and reduce or eliminate the cost of public transportation. How about doing something that will improve the well-being for many and improve the air quality for all of us? I know that this proposal may be bigger than what the SLC Council can do but at the same time, I'm suggesting that SLC citizens also not be burdened with a tax increase to benefit the few. Thanks, Aline Devaud Dan Dugan's district
6/3/2024 9:43	Becky Johnson	Re: Feedback re: Sales Tax Increase	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
6/3/2024 9:44	Joyce Marder	Abravanel Hall	I support the preservation of Abravanel Hall and what's left of Japantown. I oppose subsidizing a sports complex with an increase in taxes of any kind. Joyce Marder
6/3/2024 9:48	Elizabeth ROGERS	Bonneville Shoreline Trail Access	Greetings Mr. Dugan, Thank you for your service to our community. I have lived in Arcadia Heights for more than 20 years, and it came to my attention last week that we may lose public access to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail next to the H rock. This is an iconic outdoor space in Salt Lake City that I hope we can preserve. What influence do we as community members have to keep this trail public? Can we create a petition? I would like to do everything I can to take action to keep this space from private development and seek your council on this matter. Thank you so much for your consideration. Sincerely, Liz Bond Rogers District 6 Resident
6/3/2024 9:49	Aline Devaud	Bonneville Shoreline trail at top of Lakeline drive	Hello Dan, I was surprised and dismayed on my walk last Friday to encounter the person installing a fence and sign closing off the south entry to the Bonneville Shoreline trail just north of the Parley's Pointe trailhead. Please do what you can to reinstate public access to this stretch of trail. Thank you, Aline Devaud

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6/3/2024 9:51	Alessandro Rigolon	Re: H Rock/East Bench Preserve access	Dear Councilmember Dugan and Public Lands, I'm writing to express my concern about signs that the East Bench Preserve might no longer be accessible from Lakeline Dr and Scenic Dr. I have seen posts and orange nets in the last few days, alongside a sign saying "private property - no trespassing." As you know, this is an extremely popular trail and open space, very well used, and part of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail system, which the city and state are seeking to expand. Removing access would go against that goal. Is there any official update from the city regarding this trail? I remember reading that the city was seeking to negotiate with this property owner. The trail has been open for such a long time that it would be a huge loss for the neighborhood. I use that trail at least 4 or 5 times per week, and it is a big reason why I chose to live in my neighborhood (on the other side of Foothill Dr). I would appreciate any information you can provide. Thanks, Alessandro Alessandro Rigolon Beacon Heights resident
6/3/2024 10:04	Andrew Turscak	Access to East Bench Preserve	Good Morning Dan, As a resident of the East Bench neighborhood, it is disappointing that the property owner has decided to close off access to iconic hiking like Jack's Peak, the H Rock, and the rest of the East Bench Preserve. I view these areas as the main reason I love my neighborhood. Closing access to this area seems counter productive for the character and health of the community, as well as state objectives to expand access to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. The area is well taken care of by recreationists and residents like myself, and I see no logical reason for it's shuttering. Please let me know if you have any resources available to folks like myself who would like to keep this area available for public access. Best, Andrew Turscak
6/3/2024 10:05	Joan OGDEN	Councilpersons' "automatic" salary increase as proposed by the mayor	I very much appreciate the work that you do on behalf of our district and the citizens of Salt Lake City. That said, I note the story in today's Salt Lake Tribune, regarding the mayor's proposal for a 26% increase for her salary, which would automatically increase councilpersons' salaries by the same percentage to roughly \$53,000 for what is described as "half-time" work. That would put the salary for councilpersons at about 86% of the average salary (for full time work) in the city, and at about 59% of the full-time salary for top earners in the City. I am concerned that citizens would see the increase as inappropriately large. Best, Joan Ogden Average Salary in Salt Lake City, UT Annual Salary Hourly Wage Top Earners \$89,626 \$43 75th Percentile \$78,899 \$38 Average \$61,685 \$30 25th Percentile \$44,471 \$21

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6/3/2024 10:07	Chris Storbeck	Proposed Pay Increase	<p>Mr. Dugan, We are strongly opposed to the proposed increase to Mayor Mendenhall's salary and to the nearly 26% salary increase for City Council members. Elected positions are public service positions. If the individuals running for office think the salary is inadequate, they should either forgo running for election, or make a pay increase part of their political platform. Less than a year ago, Mayor Mendenhall was re-elected with 58% of the vote. While this number is a majority, it can also be viewed as a 42% disapproval rating! It is noteworthy that this increase in pay was not put to the voters, but is instead being proposed when the public does not have the ability to reject it. The Mayor and Council have consistently sided with "moneyed interests" in city development projects.</p> <p>The proposed sales tax increase to primarily benefit the wealthy owners of the local professional sports franchises, the leasing of public land in Sunnyside Park to the University, and decisions that benefit property developers are all examples of putting private interests ahead of the publics. Similarly, the Mayor's focus on projects that come to fruition in future decades, if at all, shows a shocking lack of attention to everyday problems. The streets and roads are in the worst condition I've seen in the many years my wife and I have lived in Salt Lake City. Similarly, the Mayor's "feel good" projects like the gas leaf blower exchange, or tree planting in public spaces without plans to care for them, are ineffectual initiatives that waste public funds. The population of Salt Lake City is increasing at the rate of 1% per year. Such slow growth does not justify large increases in the salaries of city administrators. In general, the city's population faces steady increases in fees for garbage collection, water, and other city services, while congestion and quality of life in areas like Sugarhouse and Guardsman Way get worse. If the Council wishes to approve a pay raise for itself and the mayor, that pay raise should be identical to pay increases for all city employees, and should approximate the rate of inflation. A performance or "market based" pay increase is unjustified and, in fact, ludicrous. Chris and Jeri Storbeck</p>
6/3/2024 10:10	Sydney Zimonja	SLC Airport	<p>Hello, We are East High School seniors and wanted to express our concern about the accessibility in the new Salt Lake City airport. With gate B being so far, individuals may have a hard time getting to their gate without assistance. If people are in a hurry, the lack of accessibility could cause issues when trying to make connecting flights or arriving to their gate on time. The updated airport is good for accounting for the expanding demand for air travel. Having so many direct flights from Salt Lake with a variety of airlines makes it welcoming, desirable and convenient for people traveling. Thank you so much for your time, East High Students</p>
6/3/2024 10:12	Paula Morris	NHL Arena	<p>Our family is opposed to the sales tax increase in Salt Lake City (Capitol Revitalization). Why only our SLC city council can vote on this proposal makes no sense. Voters should have a say in the matter. We have 8 voters in our family living in SLC including our adult children and two grandchildren who are registered voters now. We all are opposed for public money for a hockey arena. Using some data from the Utah Taxpayers association about how much a family will be taxed ranges from \$150 more a year to \$400 more a year. And this is for 30 years. I would expect that the City Council and Mayor provide more exact figures. I have read the bill SB272 and also noticed that sales tax could also be raised in West Valley City and West Jordan (first class cities in a first class county). If this sales tax increase passes our family will be making larger purchases in the County from now on to reduce our tax burden. Salt Lake County is a short drive. Paula Morris</p>
6/3/2024 10:14	Joan OGDEN	Ryan Smith "wants"	<p>Per today's Salt Lake Tribune issue, Smith wants to soak Salt Lake City for his own pockets. NOOOOOO! Joan Ogden</p>

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6/3/2024 10:16	Tyler Cruickshank	Hockey Tax	Hi Dan. My input on the potential tax increase for Ryan Smith. The hockey team is fine if not good, however, I probably won't go. The tax proposal is not fine and feels like a real inside job. This year I started working at the SLCSE high school in Rose Park. I wanted to see if I could help and encourage kids. I'm just a paraprofessional even though I have a graduate education etc. As a paraprofessional you can't work more than 29 hours, no benefits and make 18\$ an hour. It's unlivable. These kids need help and I'm helping but there are not enough parapros and there's not enough money. The tax increase along with the terms of the proposal would be a real slap in the face. Thanks for listening. -tyler and 4 adult family members.
6/3/2024 10:19	C M Bender	Input on upcoming vote re sales tax increase to fund Ryan Smith's hobbies	Dan, I'm one of your constituents. I'd like to express my preference for a no vote on increasing the sales tax (or any of the other handouts he wants) to fund Ryan Smith's latest hobby venture. Here's why: There is no evidence that public financing of privately held entertainment venues or districts provides any tangible economic benefit to the cities that pursue this course of action. There are, however, multiple studies that demonstrate public financial participation doesn't provide any tangible economic benefits to the taxpayers. If Mr. Smith wants to enhance the Delta Center to better accommodate his customers, that's his choice. If he wants to develop and build a surrounding "entertainment district", again, that's his choice. Asking for public help to pay for this completely private business venture is the behavior of a panhandler, not a businessman running a successful private business. Salt Lake City doesn't need his teams presence in the Delta Center to remain a vibrant, growing city. Nobody is moving here, staying here, or keeping downtown vibrant because the Jazz and an NHL team to be named later play 82 times in the winter. If he decides he wants to move, let some other city pay the billion dollar price tag. Agreeing to Mr. Smith's demands to remain in downtown won't benefit the majority of Salt Lake City residents but it will certainly cost us socially, morally and economically. Thanks Mike Bender
6/3/2024 10:22	Austin Grams	New "Delta Center" Arena / other SLC issues	Dear Councilman Dugan, The funding for the new "Delta Center" arena in downtown Salt Lake City should not be funded by taxpayers. Sales taxes for a sporting arena is a big NO. The arena can be funded via private contributions, and/or renovated privately at a much more affordable rate like many other professional sports team owners do. Salt Lake City, the state of Utah, and the United States of America has a much more serious problem of national debt, rampant inflation, unaccounted for impulsive spending, funding overseas wars, unacceptable Social Security Disability & Social Security problems. This is unacceptable to force more taxes. Thank you, Austin Grams.
6/3/2024 10:27	Byron CANNON	Sports facilities frenzy in SLC	Dan: My entire family is concerned that SLC's frenzy to spend millions more for more sports and arenas has gotten out of control. Please oppose any plans that will cost tax payers for this sudden and unnecessary movement! Thank you, The Cannon family
6/3/2024 10:29	Diane Hartz Warsoff	Abravanel Hall	Dear Councilman Dugan - I have been dismayed to learn that the new "entertainment" district proposed for the new NHL team could result in the destruction of a very unique and special building, Abravanel Hall. I have attended over 100 concerts and talks there in the past 30 years, and the acoustics and overall ambiance would be difficult to duplicate. In addition, this proposal comes less than one year before the building is eligible to be placed on the National Historic Registry. Please ensure that the total tenor of downtown SLC isn't usurped for a sports team, regardless of where the money comes from. As your constituent and an SLC resident, please do the right thing for our city. Sincerely, Diane Hartz Warsoff

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6/3/2024 10:30	Tom Stephens	Ryan Smith's entertain district and tax dollars	Dear Dan, When everyone is in favor of a certain course of action, it's time to be highly skeptical. Ryan Smith's grand plan for an entertainment district has received a lot of positive press. Mr. Smith comes from a predictable mold – an entrepreneur who makes it big, highly enthusiastic, a promoter to his core, buying professional sports teams, on top of the world at this point in time. If the city is intent of helping fund Mr. Smith's grand plans, please strike a hard bargain, a very, very hard bargain, including having your antenna up for Smith's lobbyists and sophisticated public relations. Sincerely, Tom Stephens .. a resident of Salt Lake City for 20 years before moving to Millcreek.
6/3/2024 10:32	Ryan Moran	Smith Entertainment Group	. Dear Mr. Duggan, My name is Ryan Moran and I live in your district. I am writing to express my staunch opposition to the Smith Entertainment Group's plans for its downtown expansion. The following KSL article has detailed plans <a href="https://www.ksl.com/article/51001504/smith-entertainment-group-seeks-99-year-lease-2-extra-blocks-as-part-of-salt-lake-plan">https://www.ksl.com/article/51001504/smith-entertainment-group-seeks-99-year-lease-2-extra-blocks-as-part-of-salt-lake-plan</a> . SEG asks for carte blanche to redevelop two city blocks, doesn't detail which blocks those will be, and seems to expect the city to pay for this. Individually, any of these demands would be abhorrent. Taken together, this is an absurd demand for a redevelopment plan that most economists agree will demonstrate very little net benefit to the city. You are quoted in this article as touting the potential benefits to downtown. I would urge you to read some of the reporting that Andy Larsen has done for the Salt Lake Tribune on this issues (such as this <a href="https://www.sltrib.com/sports/jazz/2024/02/03/andy-larsen-how-much-are-you/">https://www.sltrib.com/sports/jazz/2024/02/03/andy-larsen-how-much-are-you/</a> ). In short, the economists Larsen cites all note that sports stadiums do not provide a net benefit for the city; they essentially shift spending from one part of the city to the downtown area. If SEG was willing to foot the bill for the stadium, that would be one thing. To give a huge subsidy to a project that will provide little benefit to the entire city, however, will be awful. The fact that historic Japantown, one of Salt Lake's only historic ethnic communities falls within this potential footprint is a further travesty. I urge you to vote against this plan and the approval of any tax increases for the construction of SEG's stadium. I have voted for you in the past as I thought you would do the most to support affordable housing and improved public transit infrastructure. Spending one billion dollars to construct a stadium will take away from these important issues, and likely further the problem of affordable housing that is already hurting so many of our city's residents. Sincerely, Ryan Moran
6/3/2024 10:33	Paula Morris	Downtown	I listened to the presentation before the City Council last week and was very disappointed with both Mayors. Sitting there on either side of Mr. Maughn was not a good look. I did appreciate your comment on going slow but it seems to be a done deal with no public vote and just the one public hearing next week. The artist drawing of downtown SLC looks like Vegas or Times Square. So sad. I am appalled that anyone would buy into using the phrase that SEG wants to keep Abravanel Hall "on-site". That's pathetic. I am one of the almost 35,000 signators of the change.org petition to keep Abravanel Hall just the way it is. There is a contract between SLC and Dale Chihuly about his glass sculpture. I guess someone will find away around it and move it or destroy it. After all, we need more than one helipad for the billionaires. Paula Morris
6/3/2024 10:37	Tom Bielen	Entertainment District Vote	Why do we want to give all that cash to a billionaire.Our roadways are pot holes The police force has been reduced etc. This proposal points out everything that is wrong with government activity. Hope you vote no. Tom Bielen Voter in your district

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6/3/2024 13:57	Kerri Nakamura	FW: (EXTERNAL) Consideration of Fayette Avenue street improvement CIP - Constituent Submitted application number 451357	Council Members: I recognize that you are in the thick of budget deliberations and that finding funding for capital projects that didn't make the Mayor's Recommended budget is a tall task. That said, I am asking you to consider the funding request for street improvements, including sidewalk, curb/gutter, and most importantly street light installation on Fayette Avenue between 200 West and Washington Street in the Central Ninth Community Council. Fayette Avenue does not meet Salt Lake City's minimum street standards. This project has broad community support, including strong Central Ninth Community Council support, and would help the Central Ninth community by improving two large parcels of Salt Lake City land that are located adjacent to Fayette Avenue. As outlined in the application, this project is part of a much larger project the community is working on with UDOT to improve UDOT's property in the area. The upgrade of Salt Lake City's land will send a great signal to UDOT to remain engaged with us as we work to improve their properties. Thank you for considering funding for this application during the 2024-25 funding cycle. Best, Kerri Nakamura
6/3/2024 16:20	S Crofula	Comments	The proposal to raise the city tax to support the arena is fundamentally unsound. We are a desirable market for professional sports teams, which make enough money to build their own infrastructure. Let them walk rather than punish the locals. Other teams will beg to come here.
6/3/2024 16:23	James Miska	Feedback on 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 groups 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 coming from 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. Thank you, James Miska District 4
6/3/2024 16:45	Anonymous Constituent	Voicemail to City Council	Why is it the Salt City Council is ignoring the nepotism in the Salt Lake City Golf Administrates Office. The People there are ruining golf in the Salt Lake City for their own personal agenda, Mainly Kelsey Chugg she should really be investigated for nepotism. It's really sad. All the people who play golf in Salt Lake City will find out about this and they all voted for Salt Lake City Council Members.

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6/4/2024 9:09	Kerri Nakamura	Consideration of Fayette Avenue street improvement CIP - Constituent Submitted application number 451357 / D5	<p>Council Members: I recognize that you are in the thick of budget deliberations and that finding funding for capital projects that didn't make the Mayor's Recommended budget is a tall task. That said, I am asking you to consider the funding request for street improvements, including sidewalk, curb/gutter, and most importantly street light installation on Fayette Avenue between 200 West and Washington Street in the Central Ninth Community Council. Fayette Avenue does not meet Salt Lake City's minimum street standards. This project has broad community support, including strong Central Ninth Community Council support, and would help the Central Ninth community by improving two large parcels of Salt Lake City land that are located adjacent to Fayette Avenue. As outlined in the application, this project is part of a much larger project the community is working on with UDOT to improve UDOT's property in the area. The upgrade of Salt Lake City's land will send a great signal to UDOT to remain engaged with us as we work to improve their properties. Thank you for considering funding for this application during the 2024-25 funding cycle. Best, Kerri Nakamura</p>
6/4/2024 9:24	Jan Hay	Comment on water rate increase - D2	<p>This voice message came from a resident of Poplar Grove concerning the Public Utilities item on the agenda for tomorrow's Council Meeting. She wanted to voice the concerns of her community about the continued rate increases with water bills and garbage collection. She is requesting that Council Member Puy advocate for keeping these rates low, particularly as many of the residents of Poplar Grove are living in poverty. She would like to see the funding for the water reclamation facility come from another source. She also mentioned that it is nearly impossible to have a vegetable garden any more because of the increased water bill costs.</p>
6/4/2024 9:34	Carl Smith	Voicemail to City Council	<p>Voicemail: My name is Carl Smith. I live in D1, Victoria is my Councilwoman. She is doing a great job. I haven't given her enough credit but I see her in action and she is doing great. I wanted to comment on the budget Fy 2025 proposal. There is one thing you are not taking into account and that is inflation market values. Property taxes are increasing quite a bit and you will receive a huge windfall. You can use a fund in between to pay for that infrastructure you need to build for all the new projects you are proposing. You can use that instead of the new fees and sales taxes. Only SLC will be paying that tax but all of Utah will reap the benefits, it isn't really fair and it isn't really an opportunity like you think it is. It is mostly for the legislators and mostly the state but you don't care about the City, it seems to me. I don't think most people see this, but I have an education in economics, finance, and politics from the U of U. I know that the things you are proposing and the tools that you are using are basically just not effective and disincentivizing to the people who live here. They will not shop here and not want to live here. It will become like California and we all know what prop 13 did California in relation to the sales tax. I can see SLC turning into a regressive state. You are also proposing that the Mayor get a 26% pay raise and that is outrageous. Stating that is a market correction when it is not. It is a money grab when everyone else is hurting because of inflation. Do not do it, I am against it. I am okay with the Council receiving an increase in pay, just because of the fact that they have a hard job and they would probably do a but better with a higher pay or maybe we will get better people from the rest of the districts. I think you are making a huge mistake and being callus with fees. You are using the water increase across the board as a sale tax so you should drop those. Decreased water usage should be rewarded not disincentivizing as well. I think another governmental mistake. I don't understand how you can't make choices while seeing how it will effect the future. Wait a bit and see the money come in from increased property taxes. I don't see why we need to pay an increase for someone's wet dream.</p>

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6/4/2024 14:09	Sara F Taggart	Opioid Settlement Spending	I'd like to know what plans the city has made on spending the opioid settlement money. Where can I find more information and what kind of accountability measures are being put in place to ensure the money goes to the right people (people affected now and prevention)
6/4/2024 15:02	Executive Presbyter	Petition PLNPCM2024-00441	<p>Presbytery of Utah Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 699 E. South Temple Salt Lake City, UT 84102 Concerns Regarding the Newly Planned Entertainment District: On behalf of the Presbytery of Utah, I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed Entertainment District and its potential impact on the Japanese Church of Christ (JCC). As a remnant of Japantown—a once vibrant and active community—the JCC holds significant cultural and historical value. Unfortunately, during the 1960s, much of Japantown was dispersed and nearly eradicated when the Salt Palace was built. Only the JCC, the Buddhist temple, and a garden remain as witnesses to this rich heritage. The JCC continues to play an essential role in celebrating cultural and religious diversity. Throughout the year, it hosts various events that honor Japantown's legacy. However, the current district plans threaten to eliminate these last remaining witnesses of our community's past. While I understand the financial benefits associated with the new district, I implore you to consider including Japantown in your plans. By doing so, the city can demonstrate its commitment to preserving cultural diversity and honoring the contributions of Japantown. Moreover, I ask that the JCC be treated with the same respect afforded to places of worship associated with the dominant religion here in Utah. Interfaith relations are crucial for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as emphasized by President Monson and President Dieter F. Uchtdorf at the General Conference in April 2008 where both shared, "I would encourage members of the Church wherever they may be to show kindness and respect for all people everywhere. The world in which we live is filled with diversity. We can and should demonstrate respect toward those whose beliefs differ from ours." Further they declared, "we honor and respect sincere souls from all religions, no matter where or when they lived, who have loved God, even without having the fullness of the gospel. We lift our voices in gratitude for their selflessness and courage. We embrace them as brothers and sisters, children of our Heavenly Father."(<a href="https://newsroom.churchofjesuschrist.org/article/interfaith#:~:text=Uchtdorf%20of%20the%20First%20Presidency,for%20their%20selflessness%20and%20courage.">https://newsroom.churchofjesuschrist.org/article/interfaith#:~:text=Uchtdorf%20of%20the%20First%20Presidency,for%20their%20selflessness%20and%20courage.</a>) We Presbyterians have very good interfaith experiences with different faith traditions here in Utah, including the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I hope that we can see this relationship in how the New Entertainment District honors and respects the JCC and Japantown. I am willing to engage in further conversations and offer assistance to create a plan that both respects progress and preserves the Japanese heritage. Sincerely, Rev. Dr. Mirjam Haas-Melchior (she/her/hers) Executive Presbyter Presbytery of Utah</p>
6/4/2024 15:40	Executive Presbyter	FW: (EXTERNAL) Petition PLNPCM2024-00441 <b>**Attachment 2</b>	*this comment is attached as a picture* I acknowledge the Ute, Goshute, Paiute, Shoshone and Navaho tribal peoples on whose land I live and work and offer my deepest respect to the Native American Elders both past and present.
6/4/2024 16:16	Andy Moss	Please review NHL Deal	I just saw the prices for the season tickets. They are higher than the jazz season tickets and are higher then pretty much any NHL team. If our taxes are going towards the delta center it should be affordable to the people. Please ask the smiths to look at costs and reconsider their prices so it can be a team for all and not the elite





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6/4/2024 16:24	David Troester	Comment: City budget for water and sewer	I'm opposed to proposed increases for Public Utilities water and sewer rates. Often my monthly water fees are double or more than the charge for my water usage. Last month, for example, my water service fee was \$13.41 and my water charge was \$6.03. See my bill below. My fees should never be more than my usage charge. It's punitive and mismanagement. Please add these comments to the official record of comment regarding the proposed rate increases and redact my address. Thanks, DB Troester
6/4/2024 19:34	Emily Radivoyevich	FY25 City Budget	Hello. I am a resident of District 5 and am messaging to voice my feedback on the FY25 city budget. I support the following budget proposals: - the increase in property taxes to support the City Library system - repairing fractured sidewalks and making pedestrian crosswalks safer - increasing public transit and on-demand ride services on the west side - AFFORDABLE housing Single family homes LESS THAN \$350K, more condos to own, RENT CAPS PLEASE - the increase of funds for community and neighborhoods that support open streets, parks and Tracy Aviary I do not support the following budget proposals: - the increase of SLCPD budget, including new cops along the Jordan River and North Temple You are using my tax dollars for the wrong thing. I want my taxes going towards resources for the homeless and that doesn't just look like more beds in homeless shelters. It looks like harm reduction clinics, creating more jobs for homeless case workers so that homeless people can get off the street faster, and free food programs for all. Stop criminalizing homelessness and using my tax dollars to continually displace homeless people around Salt Lake City! No more cops! - Smith Entertainment Group's proposed "Sports Entertainment District" downtown This is a terrible idea. Sport's aren't the only thing Salt Lake City has to offer and this proposal caters to a limited portion of the population. - Mayor's salary increase Take it out of the police budget if you want it so bad. Regards, Emily