

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/12/2024 8:54	Dayna McKee	Sports Entertainment District	<p>Dear Council, I do not support public funding for this project. The SEG group should find a way to pay for this without needing additional taxpayer dollars. Curiously, the legislature and the City can find money to pay for a Sports Entertainment District, something that will be available only to those with the means to enjoy it, yet somehow cannot find enough funding for the homelessness crisis facing our city and state. Not to mention the dire housing crisis, the lack of affordable childcare, and the health disparities in our community, if we are to increase taxes, we should be funding projects that tackle the most pressing issues we face today. There is no equity in a sports entertainment district; if we are to fund anything, we should fund the basic needs of our community rather than a billionaire's pet project. I do support bringing sports and entertainment to our city as well as updating the infrastructure of downtown to be more walkable, sustainable, and equitable. However, I do not support giving public money to SEG to fund this project. Thank you for your time.</p>
6/12/2024 9:14	Mindy Wilson	Mayors Raise	<p>Hi Eva— I think a 25% raise for the mayor—just to “keep up with the Joneses”—is way too much. 10% raise is plenty generous & still double what city employees are set to get. Thank you. Mindy Wilson</p>
6/12/2024 9:15	Anonymous Constituent	.5% tax increase	<p>I am strongly opposed to the "Downtown Development" tax increase. Why do I, who rarely go downtown, have to subsidize a billionaire's development and profits? This is unfair. I am 80 years old and the cost of living in SLC is becoming prohibitive.</p>
6/12/2024 9:16	Ben Thronsen	Illegal Scooter Riders	<p>just curious what can be done about those riding commercial electric scooters while breaking city code. I have reported to the scooter companies and they say they have no recourse. I have reported it to the police and they say they have no time/jurisdiction, have reported to the city and they say talk to the scooter people. These riders are violating city code and the companies that are making money off them are apparently supposed to police their riders. Who has jurisdiction over this illegal activity that I can talk to? Thanks</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/12/2024 9:17	Deborah Ellis	Remaking Downtown SLC	<p>Hello all City Council members, I've lived in SLC for 30 years and have great concerns for the hastily proposed plans to push through the extreme razing of our downtown as a result of one billionaire's purchase of a hockey team. There is no transparency to the plans really; big decisions not yet made and not yet reviewed by the public, and yet there is a looming deadline for voting on the proposal which is based upon an increase of SLC sales tax. As with many legislative decisions and bills as of the past few years in particular, they are announced in kind of a back-door manner and voted on, often in the middle of the night with an immediate deadline and no opportunity for public input. This proposal is really dressed up with little concrete information and as well is on a fast track to being voted on. There are more questions remaining about the plans than there is known information. To use an old expression, I think that SLC (developers, government, wealthy class) has gotten way too big for its britches and biting off all this in the face of another Olympics is just too much and will be hurting the many people who can't even afford housing here anymore. We need to focus our tax monies on roads, public safety, transportation and homelessness, rather than creating new entertainment venues for a handful of wealthy citizens. Why do the taxpayers have to foot the bill for a billionaire's project that will provide hockey (expensive hockey) to mainly the well off and millionaires who can afford to attend? Based on estimates of the actual costs of pro hockey games in other states, it may cost five hundred dollars for a family of four to attend one game. We have been subject to tax increase after tax increase for the recent years of the current mayor, and it is poised to continue. One tax cut sandwiched in between endless increases does not make it any easier for the average taxpayer. Since the millionaires, billionaires and the state of Utah will be the beneficiaries of this great plan to remake downtown SLC, the millionaires, billionaires and the state of Utah should foot the bill. There was a decision to stop taxing food in Utah, but that decision was made probably 18 months ago and still hasn't gone into effect. Yet if this sales tax increase passes, it will go into effect right away. Such double standards. There have been several other sites proposed for business development around a new hockey arena. Why does half of downtown SLC need to be torn down ("revitalized") to accommodate new businesses ("sports district") when a sports district can be newly constructed around any other new venue with more space to develop than there is in downtown SLC. Half of downtown is already inaccessible due to roadwork and current construction projects. I am 72 years old, still paying a mortgage, and have already been seeing for a number of years that I'm being taxed out of my home which I have owned for 27 years. Yet my house payment is less than any studio apartment I can move to in the city, or probably less than any studio apartment all along the Wasatch front. Please do not go forward with this pressurized plan to "revitalize" downtown SLC, based on the narrow financial interests of one man or a very small group of wealthy people, which will not benefit the great majority of taxpayers who are being targeted to finance all of it. Again, the state of Utah has a lot of funds that should be applied to this project, instead of all taxpayers paying for all these things which they will not be able to use due to cost for the majority of residents. In good faith, Deborah Ellis</p>
6/12/2024 9:19	Michael Walker	Taxpayers dont want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Michael Walker</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/12/2024 10:57	Douglas Forney	FW: (EXTERNAL) Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Douglas Forney
6/12/2024 13:56	Sonja &	Sports, Entertainment, Culture, and Convention District	SLCity Council How short sighted can our city leaders be? When you are looking to make money & fame by creating a Sports, Entertainment, Culture, Convention District, rather than respecting some of Salt Lake's historic venues. I am totally against rebuilding Abravanel Hall. It is a beautiful building that was built in 1979 as Symphony Hall. Please do not try to remodel this historic and beautiful building! Salt Lake resident, Sonja Chesley
6/12/2024 14:18	Rainey Tadehara	SB 272	We have a beautiful skyline and it would be a shame if we destroyed it for money. That being said. If you choose to go that route, it would be a significant snub to the immigrants that helped build salt lake to have started today's city council meeting dedicating a day to immigrants and refugees and then refusing to include them in the town they built. Thanks, Rainey Tadehara
6/12/2024 14:21	Kim Paturzo	Support Livable Streets	Hello, I'm contacting you on behalf of neighbors and myself. Please hear me when I say Livable Streets make our streets safer. We've seen it firsthand in the adjoining neighborhood to us. Our neighborhood is a byway that bicyclists, families and the like utilize. Our street needs the continuation of the street calming effects. Please support us in making our street safe. Please support Livable Streets. Thank you, Kim Paturzo
6/12/2024 14:24	Jesse Plautz	Intermountain Healthcare Parking Ramp	Hello- I have quick feedback that I hope you'll consider Regarding the recent plans for the Intermountain Healthcare Hospital in the Sears Block. I'm happy to hear distaste from the council about the plan. The City needs to preserve Main Street as a pedestrian and bike thoroughfare as much as possible. The parking ramp on Main Street is a big problem. I propose the following: Put the garage access ramps on 800 south, on the east and west side of Main Street. tunnel under Main Street without disrupting it. Build a beautiful pedestrian and bike thoroughfare under the skywalk. Thank you for your continued efforts in making SLC more walkable and less car centric. I see your work and I'm happy that you see the same opportunities for "new urbanism" as I do.

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/13/2024 9:05	Jack Weis 1/2	Stadiums and "Cultural Districts"	<p>Dear Chris, The fad of the year seems to be pro sports stadiums: first baseball, then hockey, now some sort of basketball / hockey / convention mashup at the Delta Center. The City seems to be pretty gung-ho about these plans, to the point of wanting to commit the proceeds of a sales tax hike worth nearly a billion dollars to it. I think that would be a serious mistake. I have no general objection to big public-works projects, or even to sports stadiums, but this one is being sold to us under false pretenses. I will explain my objections to the arguments we have been given below. The stadium will pay for itself with increased business activity downtown. This almost never happens, and most economists agree that building stadiums is a poor use of taxpayer funds if the goal is economic development. This is an investment in world-class amenities for our city. The facility and the teams which play there will be privately owned. No bank on the planet would invest a billion dollars in exchange for a 0% ownership stake in any venture, no matter how good its business plan is. The taxpayers receive nothing for our investment beyond the vague hope that this will spur economic growth, which it won't - see above. If we were looking at buying a 49% stake in Ryan Smith's venture, maybe I'd think differently about this - but so far we have only been offered the opportunity to give Ryan Smith a billion dollars for free, while he pockets the profits of this "private" venture. This stadium will promote upward mobility. The stadium complex will further enrich Ryan Smith, already one of the wealthiest people in the state, via a tax on the goods and services purchased by everyday people in SLC. The players themselves will be paid well but will primarily come from out of state; the prospect of becoming a pro hockey player is hardly a realistic path toward upward mobility for our children. Utah already can't find enough construction workers, so that industry hardly needs the stimulus. Beyond construction, the only jobs we can realistically expect this to create are custodial and food-service jobs. That sector already struggles to hire people because those jobs are low-paying, dead-end jobs. Ryan Smith says the financials on this look amazing! Ryan Smith is an experienced businessman and has amassed a significant fortune in his own right. If this project is really going to be drowning in money, he shouldn't have any trouble lining up financing for it without going cap-in-hand to the taxpayer. If no bank anywhere is willing to lend him the money for this project, and he is unwilling to commit his own personal fortune to cover the gap, that ought to tell you something. Utahns are extremely excited about pro sports! Then why can't it be funded through ticket revenues & televising deals alone? This stadium will showcase our state to the world! Exactly zero CEOs are going to fly into SLC from New York or Shanghai or Bangalore for the sole purpose of watching an obscure NHL team play only to be wowed by our state, which they had previously never heard of, and you know it. For our skiing or national parks, maybe, but not this.</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/13/2024 9:05	Jack Weis 2/2	CONTINUED!! Stadiums and "Cultural Districts"	But Natalie Gochnour said it was a good idea! Professor Gochnour is a very smart lady, but she would say literally anything if she thought it would move us closer to her ideal of a "high-amenity, mid-size city," regardless of the cost. She has not, to my knowledge at least, given us any numbers on what sort of return we can expect from this investment. If she were to make a sincere effort to quantify the benefits of this project, I strongly suspect she'd be in for an unpleasant surprise, as has been the case in every other city to fall for the sports-driven development meme. Our tax burden isn't all that heavy and it's important to invest in our city! I agree. Start by building the Trax downtown loop and extensions to Glendale and Research Park so car-free living can become realistic in this city. Or finish building out the Google Fiber network, or build a couple pilot-scale air purifiers for our winter inversions, or use the money to incentivize pollution controls at area industrial facilities, or establish more slots for medical training at the U of U, or send all the homeless people to rehab / assisted living / job training as needed, or establish a scholarship for SLC residents studying needed subjects at the U of U to get free tuition, or build a bunch of apartments downtown, or hire people to streamline and digitize the process for building permits, business licenses, and such. I'm sure you've thought about this more than me, but there are hundreds of better ways you could use a billion dollars to improve life in SLC. This stadium proposal as currently conceived, in short, is little more than welfare for the wealthiest people in our state, and I hope you will vote no on any proposal to fund it with tax dollars taken from the less-fortunate. Regards, Jack Weis
6/13/2024 9:14	Helen Thatcher	IHC Hospital Proposal	I am very surprised at the magnitude of IHC's proposal for the 8th S and State Street location. When first proposed, my immediate thought was gridlock. It's been a year and the SLC traffic is overwhelmingly worse and the project is so much bigger than I thought. Getting downtown is already a problem. I wish I could suggest the solution but the hospital will only add to the traffic situation. Even the employees are not going to want to walk the 4+ blocks from a Trac station. Please consider the serious traffic issue before approving such a project. Thank you for listening. Helen Thatcher
6/13/2024 4:07 PM	Kenna k Kies	Revitalization of Salt Lake City/ Salt Palace	Hello, I hope this message gets to you well. I'm messaging an inquiry about the revitalization efforts in Downtown Salt Lake. Please don't allow the Smith Entertainment Group (SEG) demolish part or all of the Salt Palace. While I may not live in SLC, I do spend a ton of time down there going to Fan X, City Creek, and the Eccles. The plan to demolish part or all the Salt Palace would cause a disturbance with events like Fan X where we have so many people attend from out of state or even out of the country. I absolutely love Salt Lake City and wish for it to be revitalize, but not at the expense of the convention center.
6/13/2024 16:10	Curt GRESSETH	Tell the mayor	How about fixing the potholes along 500 East from South Temple to 400 South? Then we can talk about raises.
6/13/2024 16:12	Bernie Hart	Best laid plans and the problems they encounter	Wayne, Seems someone or some entity wants to build a grand coliseum in downtown SLC. Sort of like Rome strutting its stuff with total disregard for the masses. Honoring themselves and having an oversized idea of its own self-importance was the start of a whole series of problems for the empire. Having so many homeless folks in the middle of all this does not fit the image...so.. move them.... or jail them.... whatever is necessary ... but they have to go. I now have 70 survey's, on my way to 300. 60 are campers and everyone has been in a number of programs and is still struggling with a mental health or addiction problem. No exceptions. But move them where. Who would want this headache? This is the problem you all have to deal with before that grand idea works. Bernie

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/13/2024 16:13	Bernie Hart	Please help me understand all this... I'm confused	Wayne, Over 3,000 unhoused people in Utah. In Utah, and the plan is working. I may need more surveys to get your attention, the Mayors attention and the attention of the SLC City Council. I originally thought 300 would do the job, but that only represents 10% of the mentally ill and addicted in the "let us help you" system. They were all housed at one time. They all were in a number of treatment programs when they were in housing and still 3K "fell through the cracks" while in the system that you all are going to now reuse to "help them" deal with the same problems using the same solutions. Solutions and programs that didn't help them the first time, or third time around. Almost all have also been in jail or institutionalized while unhoused and each of those interactions with the system was an opportunity for you all to show the system you are going to use to now "help them" once they are "housed" is going to really work. But first you have to get them in housing. Good luck with that. But if you are lucky enough to get a few of them into housing and I understand all this, you all then expect the same system they were in a number of times to now "help them"... Hmmm! My head is starting to spin... I'm getting confused. Maybe someone could explain all this to me. Maybe it's old age and just a touch of dementia and I've forgotten how well the "system" really works. Could one of you stop by one morning and help a confused old man understand all this. Bernie
6/13/2024 16:15	Gil Podolsky	Delta Center project	I favor putting this project on hold for now. Leave the convention center and other existing facilities alone, except for routine maintenance. The new hockey team can share the Delta Center with the Jazz; or else use the E-Center or build their own place somewhere out of town. We don't need another downtown sports venue or glitzy hotel. Salt Lake taxpayers don't always need to subsidize private developer's grand business schemes. The Council surely can come up with simpler, less costly and better targeted projects that address real needs. Gil Podolsky
6/13/2024 17:10	Anonymous Constituent	Exploitative Behavior from a Council Member	Council member Puy recently hired "models" from Nomad Alliance. These "models" were the reason Nomad Alliance got their funding pulled from the state. The "models" are homeless individuals that have been exploited. On top of that, he is paying them illegally in cash. They were used for a political advertisement. This is wrong and unethical on so many levels. This lack of judgement has no place in city council and he should be removed immediately.

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/14/2024 9:14	Ira Hinckley	Sad. Thanks a lot city council	<p>The Avenues community has worked together for four years asking Ivory Homes and the City to create a reasonable development at 675 N F Street. We have lost. The lot was zoned for nine homes but the multiple applications from Ivory Homes to the City have resulted in a Planned Development that will have 21 primary residences and 21 ADU's for a total of 42 residences. This is a complete bastardization of the concept of the ADU. ADU's are intended to be added one at a time-here and there- by individual homeowners, not built in bulk by developers effectively, creating a sub-division of ADUs with far higher density than the surrounding community. There is very little to recommend this project; large two-story homes crammed together with no yards and grossly deficient parking, but we have run out of options. In retrospect we understand that we never stood a chance given the City's relationship with Ivory Homes, their lack of interest in the opinions of residents and the City's myopic focus on density and ADU's Your support has not gone unnoticed. You helped us collect over 2100 signatures opposing the rezone. You helped fund our efforts. You wrote letters. You showed up for countless Planning Commission and City Council Meetings. You hosted yard signs. Your continued support has been overwhelming and we are so grateful to you for standing with us. During the past few months, we appealed the Planning Commission's decision to approve the Planned Development based on the following six points: 1. The decision violates the Conditions of the Rezone from FR-3 to SR-1. 2. The lack of adequate parking or snow storage violates the compatible use requirement of City Code 21A.62.040. 3. The project does not qualify as a planned development and is not entitled to reduction of setbacks and expansion of building footprints. 4. The decision's approval of high intensity development violates multiple provisions of city code. 5. The planning commission violated due process by approving a subdivision with built ADUs. 6. The Planning Commission decision is illegal as it overburdens an easement and violates City Code.</p>
6/14/2024 9:20	Terry Marasco	Hockey tax	<p>Issue with the hockey tax - I oppose it 1. I had a conversation with a council person, who said the burden on west side families, of lower incomes, is much less as we eat in fast food, not ritzy restaurants. a. There is no justification for any tax on low-income families under these circumstances 2. The tax will be spent internally, not going to the city but to pay for the stadium 3. The Ryan family is wealthy, and it becomes a moral question that those with much imposes on those with little. 4. It is unlikely that low-income families can afford the admission fee You can email these folks to express your concern.</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/14/2024 9:23	Terry Marasco	The NWQ Review group's proposal is unacceptable	<p>Dear Board Members: As a community leader on the west side who recognizes that the west side is the most polluted area in the state my opposition to the Group's recommendations are herein. Note that of almost 50 in the group, only 8 are from the west side, The group is a majority of Salt Lake Government officials and environmental groups. In no way has this group come to the west side and asked for input from a broad reach of citizens and businesses. For me, the proposal appears to be what the Salt Lake Government and environmental groups want rather than what is best for the west side. Any discussion of this tax allocation needs to be postponed until west sliders have a voice. Here are my suggestions: 1. RE: Great Salt Lake Shoreline Preserve land acquisition This is our priority request. Contribute match funding to land protection and restoration projects benefiting the wetlands and related areas of the GSL Shoreline. Salt Lake City received a GSLWET grant of \$2 mil This request \$3,000,000 The GSL has already received a large amount of attention from the city and the legislature (e.g., Salt Lake City received a GSLWET grant of \$2 mil). \$3M spent on pollution mitigation is more useful to the west side. While the GSL does have an effect on the west side, our needs are more immediate. For example, our neighborhoods are infected with drug dealers, illegal encampments, theft, and property damage. This money could be spent on safety issues as well as air pollution mitigation. https://www.clarity.io/blog/clean-air-cities-innovative-approaches-to-improving-air-quality-in-urban-settings 2, RE: On-Demand Transportation expansion Salt Lake City This Request \$1,000,000 minimum could fund a one-year limited pilot This \$1M would be better spent on pollution reduction and heat reduction on the west side. My opposition – this amount would be better spent on a tree project. The west side is already noted as lacking in trees (see Heat Island article), trees sequester carbon, remove pollutants, lower ambient temperatures. As climate change heats up the atmosphere trees are a viable solution to lower temperatures. https://www.kuer.org/health-science-environment/2023-10-17/want-to-know-where-salt-lake-citys-hot-spots-are-take-a-look-at-the-new-heat-map “New hyperlocal heat maps from a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-funded study show where the city’s hot spots are — generally anywhere with lots of asphalt and few trees. Temperatures tend to get hotter on the west side of town, with State Street serving as a loose dividing line.” Terry Marasco mentioned in: in https://dailyutahchronicle.com/2023/04/12/solving-poor-air-quality-on-the-west-side/ https://dailyutahchronicle.com/2023/04/12/solving-poor-air-quality-on-the-west-side/ Trees remove air pollution: https://groundworkdenver.net/devs/Trees_airquality.pdf 3. No money should be spent on the landfill remediation Best, Terry Marasco Salt Lake City, Utah</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/14/2024 9:26	Craig Ogan	Dispatch from the Front	<p>Please forward this message to your contacts who care about Abravanel Hall It may take the descriptive brevity of Hemingway or the articulate gravitas of Edward R. Murrow in London during the blitz to describe the action at the Salt Lake City Planning Commission, tonight, June 12, 2024. The Topic: Zoning Changes to Facilitate the Entertainment District proposal described by Salt Lake City Planning Department. A very professional and articulate discussion from the members of the public attending the meeting and then the Planning Commission members ensued: • First, some very well placed artillery shelling from several of the Utah Symphony Musicians about Abravanel Hall and how the Planning Commission's decisions on Zoning in the Entertainment District will effect Salt Lake City, the City's reputation, and cultural landscape • Second, a nuclear warhead was launched by Planning Commissioner, Bree Scheer. The Commissioner exploded the Zoning change proposals for the ED o Not being enough of a plan to consider o The changes are not consistent with what SLC has tried to do with development in downtown since the 1960s o The fallacy of chasing a "big thing" solution when there's no real problem that needs to be solved o The effect of the ED's height and digital footprint on neighborhoods surrounding the ED o Big projects don't age well (see ZCMI and Crossroads Mall, Main Street Beautification, even the Gateway and it's several reimaginings) • Other commissioners, from different prospective, found many other faults with the ED zoning proposal The result: the Planning Commission voted unanimously to "Save Abravanel Hall" and "not recommend" the proposed zoning changes which facilitate the ED to the City Council. The City Council and Salt Lake City mayor can ignore the Planning Commission. So continued interaction with the City Council Members is key Fantasy met reality, tonight at the Planning Commission, and reality carried the day. The meeting was recorded and will be available. Watch. Goodnight and good luck.</p>
6/14/2024 14:25	Alex Churchward	IHC Hospital on Former Sears Site	<p>Good Afternoon Alejandro, My name is Alex. I live in District 3 of Salt Lake City, but am writing to you as you were specifically quoted in the Salt Lake Tribune. I am dismayed by the Council's lack of support for the proposed hospital facility in downtown Salt Lake City. A world-class medical facility is a much-needed and desirable amenity. Expecting a hospital to somehow revitalize or engerize the downtown area is absurd. The City County building for example, in which you work, does little to add vibrancy to the city's core, but that's ok because that is not its purpose. How many of these mid-rise apartment buildings have street level retail that sits empty? Most of them. Please allow this project to move forward without requiring such ridiculous expectations. Thank you, Alex Churchward</p>
6/18/2024 9:13	Marjorie McCloy	Voicing Opposition to SEG	<p>Marjorie left a voicemail explaining her opposition to SEG and urging the Council to reject their proposal. Transcript: Hi, my name is Marjorie McCloy and I am a 9th and 9th resident, so Darin is my representative. I wanted to urge the Council to adhere to the planning commission's recommendation that the Smith Entertainment Group's proposal not allow any special treatment, that the height restriction not be allowed. I am quite, quite opposed to the Smith Entertainment Group owning a large section of downtown and the development being funded by Salt Lake City taxpayers only. I think this was an egregious misuse of power and I strongly recommend that the power systems listen to the people who are not politicians and whose job is to oversee the planning and Salt Lake and reject this height increase that the Smith Group is putting forth. Thank you very much.</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/18/2024 9:25	Taylor Wilson	Proactive Drought Management for Utah's Future	Councilman Mano, My name is Taylor Wilson, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. While we have been fortunate to experience two good snow pack years in a row, I remain deeply concerned about the ongoing threat of drought and its potential impact on our water supply, agriculture, and environment. As part of a comprehensive emergency management strategy, it is crucial to address the vulnerabilities in our water resources and infrastructure. I urge you to prioritize water conservation efforts, invest in modernizing our water infrastructure, and promote sustainable agricultural practices to mitigate the risks associated with future droughts. By taking these proactive measures, we can enhance our resilience and preparedness for drought conditions. Updating drought contingency plans, exploring water recycling technologies, and involving the public in water management planning are essential steps in ensuring our state's long-term water security. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue and for your commitment to safeguarding Utah's future. Sincerely, Taylor Wilson
6/18/2024 9:33	Bernie Hart	Phone call to City Council	Hi All, The survey we're doing shows that over 99% of the 75 campers we talked with are dealing with a mental health or addiction problem, and all had been in a program that claimed it could help them. Most had been in a number of programs..... and they are still lost. Maybe no one wants to talk about the effectiveness of the "we can help you" programs that claim they can help people who were lost because the survey sample size is too small. 75 is not a very big number. If that's the case, we'll just have to do a lot more surveys and along the way tell more stories about all the lost folks... who needed help... went for help ... and are still lost... Bernie
6/18/2024 12:35	Julie Altred	Mr Smith	This would affect every person in the state who are already reeling from the cost of living. I would say 90% or more never even come into the city. Why should we all have to pay for his dreams? Utah already taxes social security and is one of the highest taxed states. Please do not vote for this travesty for those of us who would never benefit!!
6/18/2024 12:44	Debra Day Olivier	Tax increase .05% for Delta Center area development from District 6er	Hello, Lived in Salt Lake City for more than 30 years and understand all to well the costs of increasing sales tax. As a retired teacher I would appreciate funding government from taxes and fees, NOT the sales tax. The SLC sales taxes are too high already, almost to California heights without the benefits. I was the caretaker for my ailing, poor sister in southern California, and the services for her were incredible-meals delivered to her home, full medical, in-home assistance(scheduled but not in effect she passed away), free rides to medical and dental offices, a service that would pick her and take her different places to walk(beaches, parks, etc) and more. This in a city that pays their police officers really well, has found housing for so many homeless that few are living unsheltered, beautiful parks and beaches, a pier for visiting and fishing, etc. I really object to raising sales tax to pay for this plan. What is the benefit of major league teams here? More tourists, more visitors, more strain on our utility, transportation, Police and fire departments. Seeing the new hotel at the Salt Lake Convention- what promises were made? As a Salt Laker please STOP this funding this plan from sales tax. Find another way. Perhaps the guys who had 53 million for a coal port in Oregon would be good guys to ask. Sincerely, Debra Day Olivier Salt Lake City, UT

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/18/2024 12:48	William Moran	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, William Moran</p>
6/18/2024 16:26	Bernie Hart	The surveys are showing that	<p>Hi All, 102 homeless campers have now completed our informal survey. 99 have acknowledged that they are dealing with an addiction or mental health problem. And all 99 have been in treatment programs. The three who are dealing with neither problem, live in camps run by people struggling with mental health and addiction issues. All have had regular contact with SLCPD. SLCPD knows who they are, where they are ... and nothing changes. Is it possible that collectively they have been in so many "let us help you" programs without being "helped", that they are not service "resistant", but their shared knowledge of failure becomes a block and makes further engagement with services unappealing? If programs are failing and SLCPD is not impacting the situation. What do we do? Bernie</p>
6/19/2024 16:44	Oswaldo Ponce de Leon Landa	(EXTERNAL) Urgent Concerns Regarding Police Response to Student Protests at The University of Utah	<p>Dear Council Member Eva López Chávez, I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Oswaldo, and I am a concerned resident of District 4 in Salt Lake City. I am writing to express my deep disappointment and anger regarding the recent violent police response to peaceful student protests at The University of Utah. As a community organizer and liaison, I know you have a track record of showing up to help residents and businesses. However, your lack of response to this critical issue has left many of us feeling unheard and unsupported. Sharing a post from the ACLU on your social media is not enough. The events that unfolded during the protests were deeply troubling, and it is essential that we address them promptly and effectively. Here are some specific concerns I would like to bring to your attention: 1. Excessive Use of Force: Reports indicate that law enforcement officers used excessive force against peaceful student protesters. Tear gas, rubber bullets, and physical aggression were employed, resulting in injuries and trauma. As our representative, I urge you to investigate these incidents thoroughly and advocate for accountability. 2. Transparency and Accountability: We need transparency regarding the decision-making process that led to the police response. Were there alternative strategies considered? What protocols were followed? As our elected official, you have a responsibility to ensure accountability and transparency within law enforcement agencies. 3. Community Healing: The aftermath of these events has left our community divided and hurting. We need leadership that fosters healing, dialogue, and understanding. Please consider organizing community forums, listening sessions, or town halls to address residents' concerns and work toward reconciliation. Council Member López Chávez, I believe in your commitment to social justice and community well-being. However, your silence on this matter has left me deeply disappointed. I urge you to take immediate action regarding the use of city resources during this unnecessarily violent incident. Sincerely, Oswaldo Ponce de León Landa</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/20/2024 8:46	Taylor Wilson	Proactive Drought Management for Utah's Future	<p>Councilman Wharton, My name is Taylor Wilson, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. While we have been fortunate to experience two good snow pack years in a row, I remain deeply concerned about the ongoing threat of drought and its potential impact on our water supply, agriculture, and environment. As part of a comprehensive emergency management strategy, it is crucial to address the vulnerabilities in our water resources and infrastructure. I urge you to prioritize water conservation efforts, invest in modernizing our water infrastructure, and promote sustainable agricultural practices to mitigate the risks associated with future droughts. By taking these proactive measures, we can enhance our resilience and preparedness for drought conditions. Updating drought contingency plans, exploring water recycling technologies, and involving the public in water management planning are essential steps in ensuring our state's long-term water security. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue and for your commitment to safeguarding Utah's future. Sincerely, Taylor Wilson</p>
6/20/2024 9:08	Mercedes Smith	one quick question about the tax and vote	<p>Hi Chris, Thank you for meeting with some of my colleagues the other day. I'm hoping you can help me answer just one 'easy' question. If the city council votes for the tax on July 2, can you still make amendments to the participation agreement between then and Sept 1? Or is the day of the vote also the last day to get an amendment made? Thank you. Onward, Mercedes Smith Principal Flute, Utah Symphony Founder, Black Strad Concert Attire</p>
6/20/2024 9:30	Scott Rosenbush	Smith Redevelopment proposal question	<p>Dear Councilman Wharton, At the Avenues Community Council meeting last week you mentioned that the City has until September to reach an agreement regarding the Smith Group's redevelopment proposal. Would you please confirm who is leading the negotiations on behalf of the City? Is it the Mayor's Office? The RDA? And who specifically is doing the negotiating? Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of the City. Scott Rosenbush</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/20/2024 16:24	Stephanie Irvin	NHL Impact Break Sports Grill	<p>Hello, My name is Stephanie Irvin, owner of The Break Sports Grill Restaurant franchise located at 140 w 300. We are a crosswalk away from the Delta Center, and the only Sports Grill within one block. My brother Bam Peck opened the first Break 10 years ago in South Jordan. He started as a bartender and opened his first Break with the support of friends and family investors. His brand is loved by many locals and non-locals due to the fun sports atmosphere, great service and amazing food. Our downtown location is the fourth Break to open and we cater to local and out of towners who want to eat local food and drinks. We opened in December of 2022, and have been extremely successful due to our proximity to the Delta Center and Salt Palace. We've hosted fans for the NBA Allstars, NCAA tournament, Jazz Games, concerts and much more. We have 30 employees who rely on the income from the events at the Delta Center. We are extremely excited about NHL coming to Salt Lake and the Delta Center. We love hosting fans and are excited to continue to serve locals and travelers who come to Salt Lake to watch their favorite sport and concert events. While we are excited about NHL, I am concerned about the future of our location if we are not incorporated in the plan to host and entertain local and non-local sports fans. A few of my concerns: Our business will lose revenue during construction if 300 S or 140 W are closed. If this is The new Entertainment F/B area south of the Delta center will choke our business off from the promenade and there will be no doors that open to our business front as they do today. What plans are there to support local businesses as part of the promenade, how will the Break be incorporated into the overall plan? Funds provided by taxpayers should be used to incorporate the Break into the overall plan and update the look of the Hyatt so that we fit into the overall plan. We want our local sports grill to be part of the plan and we would like to be given an exception to become a full bar as others in the surrounding area will be granted. My business partner and I have invested about \$600k into the Break and we do not want to lose out on our investment while others will be benefitting from new opportunities. I will be contacting Salt Lake City as well, and appreciate a response to my inquiry,</p>
6/21/2024 12:43	Perrine Anderson	Abravanel Hall	Perene Anderson, a constituent up by 15th and 15th. I want you to vote against tearing down Abravanel Hall.
6/21/2024 12:48	Maura Powers	Abravanel Hall	Maura Powers, Roosevelt Ave. Against Downtown hockey district getting rid of Abravanel Hall Call back
6/24/2024 12:37	Matthew Peters	Request to Address Scooter Parking on Private Property	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Transportation Division, I am writing to express my ongoing frustration with Lime scooters being repeatedly parked on my private property at REDACTED, in the Avenues. Despite numerous attempts to resolve this issue directly with Lime through many emails, there has been no effective resolution. I have specifically requested that Lime create a no-parking zone on my grass, but this has not been implemented. As a homeowner paying a significant amount in property taxes, I find it unfair that I have to deal with the burden of these scooters on my property while receiving no share of the profits. It is unreasonable for me to continuously move these scooters to maintain my lawn, such as mowing. Lime benefits from their presence on my land without my consent or any compensation. I urge the city to implement stricter regulations and designated no-parking zones to prevent scooters from being left on private properties. I request that this is escalated to the Cities contact at Lime to ensure it is addressed promptly and effectively. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a prompt and effective resolution. Sincerely, Matthew Peters</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/24/2024 16:37	Thea Brannon	SEG's Downtown "Revitalization" Project	<p>I am writing as a citizen of Salt Lake City for 24 years, active with the Sugarhouse Community Council Zoning Subcommittee. I am deeply concerned about the inappropriateness of Ryan Smith demanding reimbursement (essentially) from the residents of SLC for his own personal ambitions. If he has enough money to add a hockey team to his collection, he can darn well pay for all his plans himself! The idea that we should be taxed primarily for his benefit is incomprehensible to me. The initial project itself is a cool idea, especially ditching the monstrous back end of the Convention Center and celebrating what's left of Japantown. However, I reject his blandishments about the value of increased property values--they're already TOO HIGH, accelerating homelessness and people struggling to pay rent! Likewise, his suggestion that his project will attract more outside private investment, I find chilling. That is the LAST thing we need! The only parties who would benefit from this are the real estate/developer bullies who populate most of the legislature, and who have allied with Smith to force this on SLC by Sept 1. Outside investment companies would be completely attuned only to their bottom line, not the health, happiness, and best interests of our community. I read that SEG wants a 99-year lease at current rate, with no leeway for inflation. NOT ACCEPTABLE. Also, a full 100-acre project area? NO. Probably the worst is the possibility of tax increment financing--a proven scam benefiting developers primarily, and a "Public Infrastructure District"--whatever that means. Sounds suspiciously like a Utah Inland Port Authority boondoggle... If any more TIF has to be done, it should be done for the Rio Grande Project, which would be more beneficial to the larger community by perhaps even providing truly affordable housing on the newly available land, and by restoring a grand old train station to its proper use (as was done very successfully with a much less imposing station in Denver). And lastly, why on earth should Ryan Smith be deciding the fate of our Abravanel Hall? Who is he to have such power? I realize that you as a City Council are outgunned, but I beg you to be REALLY TOUGH in negotiations over this project and throw whatever weight you can back at the legislative and corporate powers that be. I greatly appreciate all the members of the Council struggling with this dilemma, and thank you for considering my comments. I really did try to restrain myself!</p>
6/24/2024 16:40	Bernie Hart	Surveys can tell a story	<p>Hi All, We have now collected almost 200 surveys. By the end of next week we will have reached out to every area in the city that has become the home of the campers in our city. The surveys are telling an interesting story. The campers story. And the story does not reflect the narrative created by most service providers. We'll also be gathering surveys from campers in Ogden and organizing a separate survey for people staying in the shelters. If anyone would like to join us, we'd really like the participation. It would be an opportunity for each of you to hear the experiences of people the "let us help you" system has failed to help. Bernie</p>
6/25/2024 10:53	Brian M Arthur	Please do not allow this unacceptable pay raise for SLC Mayor position	<p>Hi Chris, This raise asked by the current mayor is absurd. In business and corporations, a double digit pay raise in 10 to 15% range is considered extremely high. Also consider this article from Axios https://www.axios.com/local/salt-lake-city/2024/05/23/mayor-erin-mendenhall-salary-comparison Thr mayor , while I do like her, needs to SHOW us all she's the one who can lead this into our significant transitions needed for NHL, maybe and hopefully MLB and certainly the Olympics. Otherwise SLC and it's dilapidated streets and parks will continue to be a laughing stick of the West. I would agree to a 13 , half requested, increase if you truly believe it's merited. Then she shows us she deserves more thru the next few years. Thanks</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/25/2024 10:55	Graham Stork	Taxes, Fees and Ryan Smith	<p>Mr. Wharton, I just finished reading The Salt Lake Tribune article on tax and fee increases for fiscal year 2024/2025. The increase is a significant chunk of change, but I understand that sometimes taxes and fees must go up. Infrastructure maintenance is required, expensive and cannot be deferred forever. BUT...What Ryan Smith is proposing is not required for my well being in Salt Lake City and I am completely opposed to my tax dollars being used to facilitate Ryan Smith's dream. I don't care what Ryan Smith does with the Salt Palace, Abravanel Hall, the Delta Center or any other part of downtown Salt Lake City...AS LONG AS HE DOES IT WITH HIS OWN MONEY. I do not support using Salt Lake City or State tax dollars to fund Ryan Smith's dreams. Graham Stork 204 M St Salt Lake City, UT</p>
6/25/2024 14:34	Sheri P Bernard	Understand your constituency	<p>Many of us are on fixed incomes and continue to watch EVERYTHING go up in cost, from property taxes to groceries, to gasoline. It is tone deaf for the older residents, as well as the ones who are living paycheck-to-paycheck, to subsidize a sports center like this. We don't want it; we don't need it. If sports are big business, let them fund 100% of the cost, to show 100% support of the community. If ticket sales will not fund the center, then the whole concept isn't financially feasible. Don't be seduced by the marketers and lobbyists ... the majority of SLC folk aren't supportive of this endeavor -- or wouldn't be if they understood what it will cost them, personally.</p>
6/25/2024 16:18	Michael Jones	District 6 Mailer, Traffic Calming	<p>. Dear Council Member Dugan et al, I received your mailer about traffic calming over a month ago and I am responding to your call for feedback with regard to safe streets and neighborhoods. I live in the area of REDACTED, which sees a lot of traffic of many different transportation modes. The intersection is on the UTA Bus Route 9, is designated as a bike route, and conducts neighborhood and thru traffic for automobiles. College, high school, and elementary school students walk along these streets, and many other people getting out to walk dogs, go for a run, or spend time outside. In the five years I have lived in the neighborhood, I have watched private drivers run the stop signs while driving east-west on 900 South (Orange Arrows). I have watched the 9 bus get stuck making a right turn from 1600 E to 900 S, because the turn is too tight. The bus must swing out into eastbound traffic on 900 S (Red Line), which is impossible if there is a car present (Blue Rectangle). Last year a UTA bus damaged a car that was parked on the curb (Pink Rectangle) when it took the turn too tight. I have watched traffic jam while drivers don't heed 4-way stop rules during high volume times around the UofU commuter traffic. I have seen pedestrians hustled across the crosswalk by impatient drivers. I am a practicing civil engineer in the Salt Lake metro area, and I have been thinking on this intersection for a couple of years. Below is my proposed solution. Begin by adding bulbout/curb extension on the north sides of the intersection (Purple Polygons). The effects are Increase radius for bus turn Decrease pedestrian crossing distance Increase pedestrian visibility Horizontal deflection for East/West traffic (details below) Add pedestrian refuge islands, south of where the current 900 S centerline exists (Purple Rectangles, Yellow lines for restriping centerline). The effects are In conjunction with point 4 above, adds horizontal deflection to slow traffic Create space for bus turns Pedestrian visibility, priority in language of built environment (could be coupled with raised crosswalks) For this to work, remove street parking for lane space on the south side of the intersection (Red Lines). Since this is residential with homes with driveways, impacts to parking are negligible. One concern with this design is bicycle use. Experienced cyclists are used to taking a car lane to perform a left turn, but inexperienced users should be considered in this design. Thank you for reaching out and for this opportunity to share my thoughts about the neighborhood. Respectfully, Michael Jones</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/25/2024 16:22	Thea Brannon	EG's Downtown "Revitalization" Project	<p>I am writing as a citizen of Salt Lake City for 24 years, active with the Sugarhouse Community Council Zoning Subcommittee. I am deeply concerned about the inappropriateness of Ryan Smith demanding reimbursement (essentially) from the residents of SLC for his own personal ambitions. If he has enough money to add a hockey team to his collection, he can darn well pay for all his plans himself! The idea that we should be taxed primarily for his benefit is incomprehensible to me. The initial project itself is a cool idea, especially ditching the monstrous back end of the Convention Center and celebrating what's left of Japantown. However, I reject his blandishments about the value of increased property values--they're already TOO HIGH, accelerating homelessness and people struggling to pay rent! Likewise, his suggestion that his project will attract more outside private investment, I find chilling. That is the LAST thing we need! The only parties who would benefit from this are the real estate/developer bullies who populate most of the legislature, and who have allied with Smith to force this on SLC by Sept 1. Outside investment companies would be completely attuned only to their bottom line, not the health, happiness, and best interests of our community. I read that SEG wants a 99-year lease at current rate, with no leeway for inflation. NOT ACCEPTABLE. Also, a full 100-acre project area? NO. Probably the worst is the possibility of tax increment financing--a proven scam benefiting developers primarily, and a "Public Infrastructure District"--whatever that means. Sounds suspiciously like a Utah Inland Port Authority boondoggle... If any more TIF has to be done, it should be done for the Rio Grande Project, which would be more beneficial to the larger community by perhaps even providing truly affordable housing on the newly available land, and by restoring a grand old train station to its proper use (as was done very successfully with a much less imposing station in Denver). And lastly, why on earth should Ryan Smith be deciding the fate of our Abravanel Hall? Who is he to have such power? I realize that you as a City Council are outgunned, but I beg you to be REALLY TOUGH in negotiations over this project and throw whatever weight you can back at the legislative and corporate powers that be. I greatly appreciate all the members of the Council struggling with this dilemma, and thank you for considering my comments. I really did try to restrain myself! Sincerely, Thea Brannon</p>
6/25/2024 16:23	Byron Yensen	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Byron Yensen</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/25/2024 16:35	Bernie Hart	Unbelievable	<p>Andrew, A sample of what the surveys are showing: Martin went into a program for the first time when he was 17. He is now 49 and sleeping in Liberty Park. Angel was 16 when he went into a program, he is now 41 and sleeping on the street. Celestino was 12, is now 60 and sleeping on the street. Usa was 18, is not 38 and sleeps around the library. Terry was 17, is now 35 and sleeps around the library. Brittany was 8, yes 8, is now 30 and sleeps around Taufer Park. No Name was 18, is now 32 and sleeps on the street in Sugarhouse. Bernadine was 7, yes 7, is now 43 and sleeps in Fairmont Park. Jacob was 18, is now 43 and sleeps on the street in Sugarhouse. Cassidy was 7, is now 47 and sleeps on the street in Sugarhouse. Kat was 13, is now 27 and also sleeps on the street in Sugarhouse. No Name was 17, is now 38 and sleeps on the street in Sugarhouse No Name was 9, is now 56 and sleeps around the Mission. Braden was 6, yes 6, is now 34 and sleeps arounds 2nd and 2nd. Dirk was 7, is now 44 and was sleeping in Washington Park. James was 16, is now 68 and was sleeping in Washing Park. Linda was 20, is now 36 and was sleeping in Washing Park. No Name was 6, is now 45 and was hanging in Washington Park. Timothy was 7, is now 37 and was hanging in Washington Park. Angelo was 19, is now 50 and was sleeping in Washington Park. Richard was 16, is now 33 and sleeping around 2nd & 2nd. Lonnie was 13, is now 49 and sleeping in Fairmont Park. This information comes from just one quarter of the surveys. They are all sleeping on the streets of Salt Lake City and all have been in some kind of "we can help you" program. And according to local service providers, none, even those who have been in a number of programs are ready to be helped. Unbelievable Bernie</p>
6/25/2024 16:51	Diane B Whittaker	Sales Tax Increase	<p>DO NOT increase the city-wide sales tax to pay for the new sports entertainment district. All counties should have the sales tax increase, not just SLC residents. This is detrimental for retail businesses and residents. This would put our sales tax a full 1% higher than the rest of the county.</p>
6/25/2024 20:01	Paul Zuckerman	Taxes for Developers	<p>Hello, In short, I do not wish my taxes to be invested in a developer's repurposing of our downtown. Nor do I wish to have my taxes raised for this purpose beyond proposed increases for public services. If this project is to be undertaken, and if it is financially worthy of being pursued, the developers and businesses that will profit from it should be paying for it. Private developers can renege on promises and walk away anytime making public partnerships a questionable proposition. Ask the folks in Phoenix. And finally, the council should continue to be very discriminating regarding requests for rezoning as was done when the request for elimination of the height restriction was denied. Thank you, Paul Zuckerman</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/26/2024 9:28	Arlin Cooper	Rio Grande Plan	<p>Dear Councilman Puy, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the current iterations of the Rio Grande District Project and to respectfully request that you do not support any version of the plan that does not include a provision to bury the train tracks. The presence of surface-level train tracks in Salt Lake City poses significant challenges that critically impact the cohesion, safety, and growth of our community. These tracks act as a formidable barrier, disrupting the connectivity between neighborhoods and limiting the potential for seamless urban development. The current state of the train tracks leads to several pressing issues: 1. Safety Concerns: Surface-level tracks increase the risk of accidents for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Burying the tracks would significantly enhance safety, preventing tragic incidents and promoting a more secure environment for all residents. 2. Noise Pollution: The noise generated by passing trains is a persistent disturbance that affects the quality of life for nearby residents and businesses. Subterranean tracks would mitigate this issue, contributing to a quieter, more livable urban space. 3. Traffic Congestion: Train crossings cause frequent interruptions in traffic flow, leading to congestion and delays. Burying the tracks would ensure uninterrupted vehicular movement, improving overall transportation efficiency in the city. 4. Urban Development and Connectivity: Surface-level tracks fragment the urban landscape, hindering the development of cohesive neighborhoods and public spaces. By burying the tracks, we can reclaim valuable land for parks, commercial areas, and residential developments, fostering a more integrated and vibrant community. 5. Economic Growth: Enhanced connectivity and improved urban aesthetics resulting from buried tracks would attract new businesses and investors, driving economic growth and increasing property values. I understand that incorporating such a significant infrastructure project into the Rio Grande District plan involves considerable investment and complex planning. However, the long-term benefits of burying the train tracks far outweigh the initial costs. This initiative would transform Salt Lake City into a more connected, safer, and prosperous urban center. I urge you to advocate for a version of the Rio Grande District Project that includes a comprehensive strategy to bury the train tracks. Your support in this matter is crucial for the future development and well-being of our city, especially for West side residents. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I look forward to your positive response and am hopeful that, together, we can drive meaningful change for Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Arlin Cooper</p>
6/27/2024 9:03	Daryl Ashley	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Daryl Ashley daryl</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/27/2024 9:08	Chanda Ashley	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>From: Chanda Ashley <AFP@sp.actcentr.com> Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 9:52 AM To: Petro, Victoria <victoria.petro@slcgov.com> Subject: (EXTERNAL) Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium Caution: This is an external email. Please be cautious when clicking links or opening attachments. Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Chanda Ashley St George</p>
6/27/2024 9:13	Kay Martin	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Kay Martin</p>
6/27/2024 11:17	Barbara Gandy	Thank you for Council support of the arts in Utah	<p>Dear Members of the City Council - This email is to offer sincere thanks for your support of the Arts in Utah. Our theatre company, Pygmalion Productions dba Pygmalion Theatre Co. (a Resident of The Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center), has been the benefactor of grant money from Salt Lake Arts Council as well as Utah Arts and Museums and ZAP. Be assured that the grants directly support our shows, and without it, we would likely be unable to survive. There is such a bounty of cultural and arts events in Utah, and we are proud to be part of this vibrant community. I hope you are proud too, and will continue to support not only Pygmalion, but the broader arts community through continued funding. Sincerely yours, Barbara Gandy Member of the Board of Trustees Pygmalion Theatre Company - Giving Voice to Women</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/28/2024 9:05	Tim Funk	City sports, entertainment zone proposal	<p>. Dear Victoria and Darin, We hope the finds you both safe and well, Salt Lake City should pause and take a much longer look at the Smith Sports and Entertainment Group proposal now before you. This is probably the single most costly decision the city has ever had before it. When a proposal adds up to billions of dollars and stretches out over three decades or more it calls for deep inspection of all it demands of you as Council members. And, of all of us city residents faced with higher taxes. There is so much that can be said. However, we want to make two main points. First, we agree entirely with the City Planning Commission unanimous vote against the SEG proposal. We think the proposal asks too much too soon and that the City Council, and the Mayor in turn, should take a longer, more detailed look at what it offers and what it costs. Planning Commissioner Bree Sheer pointed out the history of previous city "big deals" that have fallen far short of what was anticipated. We don't need another Crossroads Mall, or Gateway or stumbling City Creek Mall. We are strong enough and smart enough to go slower and get even smarter. Second, there are many struggling city residents, including my household and extended family, who are older and on reduced incomes who don't want and really dcan't afford higher taxes in the city prior. Given the the tax increase the City Council is now considering and the proposed increase in local sales tax we charging towards a \$500 increase. Really we love living here but the cost of living is killing us bit by bit. As a lower, middle income renter and/or homeowner I have been paying local property and sale taxes in Salt Lake City for over sixty years. I can honestly say the sports, entertainment and convention glories predicted by this big deal only mean a harder time for me and other older residents. It is reported that more than half of senior households locally and and across the country rely on Social Security as their main source of income. Contribute as we have, and still do, to the body politic we cannot afford the SEG pie in the Utah sky. Take your time and do it right. If you have any questions please give me call. Take care. Tim Funk Crossroads Urban Center</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/28/2024 9:44	Sean Farrell	300 West Policing	<p>Hello Marie, Chris and Alicia, I am a Capitol Hill Neighborhood resident and attended the Neighborhood Council meeting yesterday evening. First of all, thank you for your time and participation in these meetings. I had not attended one before last night and found it informative and helpful. Nevertheless, I want to follow up on the discussion around police patrols and enforcement on 300 West. While it was encouraging to learn there are new overtime patrols on 300 West between North Temple and 300 North, it was equally discouraging to learn these patrols will not extend farther north along 300 West. As a resident of this neighborhood who lives on 300 West and also runs along 300 West four or five times a week, I can assert the majority of the traffic issues, particularly the worst of the issues, take place between 600 North and North Gateway Park. I went from feeling discouraged to exasperated when I learned these patrols are only happening because a group of private citizens are funding them. I am deeply concerned that the only way to get the SLCPD to address the myriad traffic issues affecting this part of the city is to supply additional funds beyond the taxes we already pay as residents. My wife and I moved to this neighborhood in 2018. Over the last six years, we have noticed a near complete lack of a police presence in this neighborhood despite having brought these traffic and other concerns to city officials. We have been told repeatedly that one reason for this is the police are busy addressing other crimes. In talking with neighbors, including another couple at the meeting yesterday, they have been told the same. However, SLC-wide crime rates have been dropping sharply since 2021 per SLCPD statistics and, as we heard yesterday, crime rates continue to drop in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. Based on the city-wide and neighborhood trends, and the fact there are patrol divisions within the SLCPD, I am genuinely curious why there cannot be a regular patrol that includes the north end of 300 West? I believe a consistent presence, even if not frequent, would curtail many of the traffic issues we experience. I appreciate your consideration in this matter. Thank you again for all you do. Sincerely, Sean Farrell</p>
6/28/2024 13:12	Rhonda Johnson	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Rhonda Johnson Kearns</p>
6/28/2024 13:21	Paul Hamric	Emigration	<p>Hello Dan Paul Hamric here from Canyon Crest Condo. I would love to see the rezone request get denied by the council vote. Thank you for all your day after day work that makes our district the best in our city. We at Canyon Crest appreciate all that you and your staff do for us. Thanks again Dan</p>
6/28/2024 13:24	Stephanie Stewart	Emigration Rezoning denied by Planning Commission	<p>Hello Councilman Dugan, I am an owner at the Canyon Crest Condominiums, REDACTED, and have recently learned that The Planning Commission denied the request to rezone the Emigration project. I would like to ask for your support to please accept the Commission's recommendation and deny the zoning request when the City Council meets. Thank you in advance and for your service. Very respectfully, Stephanie Stewart</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/28/2024 13:34	Richard Layman	Roundabout at Kensington Ave. and Ken Rey Street	My next door neighbor told me there is some opposition to this. I live next to it and supportive. I do have a transportation planning background in sustainable mobility. I do think implementation was mishandled and I wrote a blog entry about it. RL
6/28/2024 13:46	Diane Epperson	Emmigration Canyon rezoning	The planning commission denied the rezoning for Emmigration Canuon re-zoning. When the city council meets, I would like you to support the planning commissions decision not to rezone Emmigration Canyon. Thank you, Diane Epperson resident of Canyon Crest Condo.
6/28/2024 13:47	Martha Wunderli	Emigration project	Dear Councilman Dugan, I am very happy that the Planning Commission rejected the request for the Enigration property rezoning. It is a poorly thought out project. They suggested a second roundabout in front of the property at a point where there is a bend in the road. That, the environmental impact on the area, flooding issues and the 30 degree slant on the land by Bench Towers, etc, etc, make this is a dangerous proposition. My husband, Sara and I attended last evening's meeting. If you were able to watch, you would have noted the number of people who attended to object. Please vote against rezoning when this comes before the Council. Thank you for your service. Martha Wunderli President
6/28/2024 14:31	Marcia Richards	Emmigration Canyon rezoning	I am writing to encourage you to accept the denial of rezoning near where I live. I have owned a place in Canyon Crest condos for 30 years and have watched the traffic get worse in Emmigration Canyon as it has been developed. A high density project would make this intolerable besides being inappropriate for the area. Thank you for your representation. Marcia Richards
6/28/2024 14:35	Dianna CANNON	Fwd: About the rezoning Emigration Project	As a constituent and person who lives near Emigration canyon, I am respectfully requesting that you honor the decision of the Commission and deny the request to rezone for the Emigration Project. So many of us are opposed to this and think it is a terrible idea to build so much additional infrastructure near our drinking water and in an area that should remain as it is. Many of us enjoy the trails, the shade, the wildlife and the beauty of the canyon. I strongly oppose more building in the area and hope that you do too. On top of that, it was originally decided that it was unsafe to build there for many reasons and rezoning it doesn't make it any safer. It is also just a terrible idea to destroy the beauty of the area for more buildings. Housing can go in somewhere else. The area cannot take any more congestion. Please vote against the rezoning. Thank you, Dianna Cannon
6/28/2024 14:40	Julio Facelli	Planning Commission denied the request to rezone the Emigration Project	Dear Dan, I am writing to request your support of the planning commission recommendation on the rezoning request of the property at the east end of Salt Lake City on Emigration Canyon. All the community is against this rezoning request that is driven by landowners in search of making a quick profit without any appreciable benefit for the community. I urge you to vote in support of the commission recommendation and have the city consider the purchase of the property for the open space reservation program. It will be ideal for the city to purchase this property and connect it with the "dog park" making a true open space gateway from Emigration Canyon. Sincerely, Julio Facelli

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/28/2024 14:57	Emily Chipman 1/2	Kensington "street calming"	<p>Hello, Jon and Julianne and cCouncilman Dugan, I am writing to express my concern about a recent "street calming" addition just east of 1900 East on Kensington Ave. I recently spoke with the transportation project manager Will, and he shared some insights about the project. However, I have now spoken to multiple neighbors and feel it's important to share some additional concerns. This installation has now CREATED multiple safety and traffic issues, which I am sharing below: Potential accidents and traffic issues are already occurring and multiple times a day. I and multiple neighbors have witnessed multiple drivers confused by the installation. Some are confused that it may be a traffic circle, and are driving into oncoming traffic. Due to the odd triangle shape and large size, it is unclear that the road is still a two way street. Yesterday, within a period of 15 minutes, I saw multiple cars driving on the wrong side of the road to treat it as a traffic circle rather than a 2 way road. I learned in speaking with Will that he thought it was funny seeing how people reacted after it was installed, and clearly people didn't know how to react. That's not good, and indicates we're not the only ones to see this. Child endangerment: Children have now started using this as a place to hang out and play. We've seen small children (hardly seeable aa they are bent over) drawing in chalk to play four square, and others hanging out on their bikes. In addition to playing in a place where cars are driving the wrong way, it also has not been properly installed which presents further risk. (See bullet below.) (I even took a photo last night of two 12 year old boys hanging out in the middle. There is also still chalk left in the middle of the street from children playing four square in it.) As a reminder, in 2022 a little girl was hit and killed in this area (21 east and 13th south) by a truck. This should be taken seriously and we take child safety seriously in our neighborhood. This is NOT safe. Improperly installed:</p> <p>This was not studied with a traffic study and has been used by a single neighbor who has a pet peeve. The city website indicates that studies will be done before changes are made to streets. This was not done. The person who installed it was not even aware that there is frequent street parking by neighbors when he arrived to install it. These cars include wide trucks. Given he had no awareness and the neighbors had to inform him of immediately calls design into question. The city website indicates you'll connect with the community before making changes. Our street was not notified about the installation as a street. The design was not controlled or created by the city. On the day of installation, two neighbors got involved. The first was the driving force and the person who mase the request. According to the other neighbor who was there, the neighbor made it larger than it originally started out. A second neighbor somehow learned about this and stayed home that day to make sure that it wasn't installed in a way that blocked her driveway. She had to leave early. The installation does partially block her driveway and disregarded her home. No neighbor should be involved in the installation or haphazard design of our street traffic. It is not even correctly installed: During my conversation with Will from your department, I learned that it doesn't even have the correct number of posts. (I'm sure because it was intended to be smaller.) Also, the fact that the city used a Prius to install the sticky pads for the poles causes me to question whether this is even legitimately put together and thought through. difficult to see and use. As noted, this has been a very confusing installation. When driving west on Kensington, it actually makes the street look cut off. One neighbor took to placing hot pink flamingos inside of it that does help. But if they weren't there, I wouldn't have noticed them the first day. I don't dare remove them because they've actually helped. creating neighborhood problems:</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/28/2024 14:57	Emily Chipman 2/2	CONTINUED!! Kensington "street calming"	<p>The neighbor who stayed to make sure that their driveway wasn't blocked have now had people coming to their home to complain. Someone laterally came, parked in their parking lot, and approaches them to express their displeasure. But these neighbors were not the ones who made the initial request, and now they have people upset with them. This has now created a streetwide community issue. The only person fully happy? The one person who has made the request. Unclear communication: when I spoke with Will, he would not give me a clear answer how long this would be in place other than "through at least end of summer.. Multiple concerns here: this is when kids are out playing the most, and creates greater risk.</p> <p>Our street should have been informed of changes to traffic and we should know what the situation is. Where was this communication rather than a sole person getting to make decisions for the complete neighborhood? I and my neighbors support safe driving and safe children. We understand if you want to study traffic patterns. However, this is not safe, nor is it appropriate for neighbors to choose the design at will. I request the following: Please immediately remove the dangerous installation. Will has indicated that it will "stay up through summer." However, I and multiple other neighbors are concerned that it puts children at even more risk when they are outside playing during this time. I ask that it be removed immediately. If something needs to be there, it needs to be safe and a STUDIED out and thoughtful design from a traffic engineer - not a neighbor! It was safer without this. We should lean towards safety and proper traffic design. Please complete a traffic study and reach out to our neighborhood before making future changes. We are impacted by the upcoming Kensington bikeway. Your department's actions suggest we will not be heard or considered, and brings into question the relationship we will have in coming years. It also calls into question how openly you will communicate with us and whether we will be notified of things that impact us. It is important that you honor what the city has committed to about making street and traffic changes, especially as this builds the relationship we'll be in as you make changes in coming years. Should you find traffic calming is needed, I'm sure we can understand that IF it has been properly designed with studies and ensures safe driving and children.</p> <p>We see many other options that were not considered, including: setting up a speed alert so that people are aware of their speeds putting up road signs to notify people that children are at play. Having proper street design and signs. It's important that we work together and build a positive relationship with the pending Kensington bike pathways, and this is an important step in building a positive relationship. Taking appropriate steps to care for this neighborhood is an important step in doing so.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to express my concerns. Councilman Dugan, I am happy to visit with you more if you have additional questions. I can also point you towards other neighbors who have concerns. We need your support because Will reported that this was installed as the city does not have money. This haphazard approach has now wasted time and created problems. I'm sure I and other neighbors would welcome your help with this. Emily Chipman</p>
6/28/2024 16:53	Bernie Hart	Let's start counting	<p>Andrew, It seems the focus is going to be centered on how long people are homeless and how many "we can help you" programs they have been in. And I personally may start counting the number of excuses I hear about why the "we can help you" programs could not help someone. Yesterday I was talking with a SLCPD spokesperson about the number of homeless on our streets. They said it was a major problem and the solution was getting more of the people living on our streets into "we can help you programs". They have already been in at least 10 such programs and are still on the street. So, is putting someone back into programs that failed to help them a number of times really the best and only long term solution? The list of names: Ann entered the "we can help you" system when she was 7, she has been in 12 different programs, is now 39, addicted and sleeping behind a building on 600W. David entered the Bernie</p>
6/28/2024 16:54	Bernie Hart	... and a few more names	<p>Andrew, A few more names. These represent people who were older than 20 when they first reached out for help. Each has been in more than an average of 10 mental health or addiction programs and sleeps on the street in Salt Lake City. Anna, age 50, she sleeps in the area around 200S 300E Dave, age 60, is an addict and he sleeps around the Mission on 400E London is 42, been in a number of programs and sleeps in the Rio Grande area Now I'm starting to wonder what programs they were in ... and if the programs they were in really help more than a very few people. There are a lot of names, Bernie</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/28/2024 16:56	Granary District	Granary District Alliance - Letter of Support - Historic 5th Ward	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall and Salt Lake City Council members, The Granary District Alliance is writing you this letter as a consortium of business owners and local developers who are heavily invested in the well-being of the Granary District of Salt Lake City and Salt Lake City as a whole. We appreciate the City's immediate attention to the unlawful demolition of the former 5th Ward on 300 West by the developer TAG SLC and the listed property owner, and partner in TAG SLC, Jordan Atkin. This illegal act, was deliberate circumvention of safeguards, and it gives other responsible developers a bad name, and selfishly and unilaterally removed a piece of the history and soul of our community that our board and many members of the Granary community work very diligently to preserve, restore and revive. Any claim that the building has no economic value is false. On May 20th, not two weeks before the unlawful demolition, the GDA hosted a group highly interested in purchasing, renovating and creating a unique LGBTQ+ friendly meeting place at the historic 5th ward. This news was welcomed and encouraged by our board and was applauded by the nearly 40 other attendees present at the meeting. The immediate and loud public outcry about what this building meant to the citizens of Salt Lake City following its partial demolition further emphasizes the cultural value and importance of this building. We honor and recognize the character that buildings like this have for the soul of our city and our neighborhood. We also recognize the cultural and environmental benefit of retaining existing structures. The Granary district has several prominent, well known and successful adaptive reuse projects including breweries (Fisher Brewing, Kitos Brewing, TF Brewing), the Dunn Engineering Building, the currently under construction Pickle and Hyde buildings as well as the large, multi-million dollar Evo and Industry campuses. We are a neighborhood that values, preserves and activates our historic structures. We know that you are hearing many voices on the matter and wanted to make clear that the position from the GDA and Granary community that you have our full support in pursuing this matter with this irresponsible developer as aggressively as possible, including penalties, bans on future development activity, and mandates to restore the structure to its original condition, etc. We also encourage you and your teams to take further action using the tools at your disposal, to preserve important historic structures in the Granary and throughout Salt Lake City. Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued care for our city and community. Sincerely, The Granary District Alliance Board</p>
6/28/2024 16:58	Riley Cooney	0.5% sales tax increase - please vote 'no'	<p>Hi Daniel and City Council Members, I encourage you to vote 'no' on a 0.5% sales tax increase. I'm a young father and inflation has been hard enough. In fact, I'll routinely drive to Costco in Lehi to avoid the Salt Lake City sales tax. We are considering leaving Yalecrest because taxes are getting out of control vs other parts of the County and State. I grew up in Seattle and saw my hometown lose an NBA basketball team because they voted against a tax like this on behalf of Starbuck's CEO and team owner, Howard Shultz. Don't believe Ryan Smith if he tells you the team is going elsewhere, they are not. We will not lose the team. We will not lose natural capitalism which will take place around the stadium. We don't need another tax and if we ever want to save room for tax increases, we should not rush into this decision as proper non-partisan studies haven't taken place. A MLB team down the road may require a short-term increase in taxes, and such a scenario will drive significantly more traffic (80 home games per year, family friendly environment) vs revitalizing an area that will naturally correct itself. This tax is a slippery slope, paid for by Salt Lake City residents but enjoyed by the rest of the state as 'free-riders' - better tax the tickets for games and concerts, but not a sales tax on everyone that only benefits ~10% of the residents of the city. Riley Cooney & Madeline Huntsman</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
6/28/2024 17:00	Bernie Hart	Bullying and harassing the homeless is now legal....	Andrew,and now that the Supreme Court has made harassing and bullying the mentally ill and addicted living on our streets legal, saying their names and telling their stories is even more important. Names added to the list: Mary, age 37 sleeps behind the bushes on 900S, is addicted and the victim of severe abuse and has reached out to the "we can help you" programs for help a number of times. She showed up last week with a black eye and crying. She spent that night behind the bushes on 600S. And Daniel.... and Dave.... and JoJo... and Bernie
6/29/2024 5:55	J R	3RD WORLD ROADS!!!!!!!!!!	Where the hell is all the TAX MONEY they have been collecting from us all these decades for ROAD REPAIRS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! They still look like 3rd world roads! Downtown & Sugar House! Etc... Some are like 1/2 done! Why the hell stop!!!! Why not finish!!!! Who's going to pay for our car & tire repairs!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Whose greedy pocket has ALL OUR TAX MONEY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This is REDICULOUS!!!!!!!!!!!!!! FIX IT NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!! OR I & our social media influencer accounts will ALL VOTE YOU OUT!
7/1/2024 9:20	Joe Mangum	American Institute of Architects Utah Chapter Letter to the Editor re: Abravanel Hall	Hello, The AIA Utah Chapter Board has recently sent a letter to the editor of the Salt Lake Tribune regarding the preservation of Abravanel Hall. I have been asked to forward this letter to select members of the county and city governments and press. Thank you for your time, Joe Mangum Office & Program Manager, AIA Utah Letter: Editor: The board of the Utah Chapter of the American Institute of Architects implores Salt Lake County to preserve the iconic Abravanel Hall. Abravanel Hall is a well-crafted example of 20th-century Utah civic architecture. It was designed in 1976 by Frank Ferguson, a prominent Utah architect and Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. Abravanel Hall's distinctive characteristics are representative of its architectural type and period, its high artistic value, and its status as a significant and distinguishable entity, make it a strong candidate for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Its noteworthy features include its angularity, verticality, natural light, and connection to the outdoors. Abravanel's glass curtainwall looks out onto a distinctive civic plaza and Temple Square beyond. It is worthy of the investment of taxpayer dollars to upgrade and renovate it to modern standards. It is also the duty of our leaders to ensure that accurate and vetted information is evaluated and understood before deciding on the future of this beloved building. For example, does Abravanel Hall need to bear the full cost of renovating the mechanical system tied into the Salt Palace? Can other improvements, such as the plaza redesign, be phased in to make the costs more attainable? Cost estimates are most accurate when performed by a professional third party. The price of a new building needs to be based on an orchestral concert hall and not a multi-use venue. Where do these numbers come from and what do they include? What assurance do we have as patrons that a new building will have better acoustics, improved siting, quality materials, elegance, and stature? How much will this really cost? Most importantly, will it hold the same place in the community's heart? We hope that Mayor Jenny Wilson honors her statement that the facility will stay in its present form and that necessary upgrades and creative solutions will be found that respect the building's integrity. Board of Directors American Institute of Architects, Utah Chapter

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
7/1/2024 9:38	TAYLOR WILLIAMS	SEG Sports Complex	<p>Salt Lake Councilmembers, I spent a good amount of time pondering on what I might say to you in this letter. At the outset I admit that my entire intention is to persuade you to vote “No” on subsidizing the cost of a hockey arena and sports/entertainment district with the use of tax dollars. I considered how a few simple words make you reconsider a “yes” vote or reinforce a “no” vote. Perhaps I would talk about the economic research on stadium subsidies, the impact of inflation and building costs, the cultural and historical impacts of the suggested site, the problems with crony capitalism and corporate welfare, or maybe just remind you of Ryan Smith’s net worth. While each of these has merit, validity, and value, as I thought through them I realized each of these options essentially missed the central issue at hand: people. So instead of giving you numbers or principles or facts and figures, I simply ask that you go through a simple thought exercise: Think about a person(s) you know who lives in the city who is financially struggling. Maybe it’s a single parent who is working to provide for their children; maybe it’s a newlywed couple who is just starting out and is on the bottom rungs of the economic ladder; maybe it’s a family who is trying to manage finances due to the dramatic increased cost of housing in the area, or anyone else. Now imagine yourself standing in front of them and you deliver – essentially – this simple message: “I want you to know that I voted yes to increasing your taxes so a billionaire businessman can build a hockey stadium. It’s going to cost you roughly \$250 more dollars each year for the next 30 years.” As you imagine this moment think about how you feel. Are you excited and proud at the decision you made? Are you nervous and reluctant? Are you bracing for backlash or waiting for a fist bump? If you can imagine yourself with certainty in that moment I think you already know how to vote. I do not envy your position. Some decisions for elected officials are easy; others are hard. Sometimes there is clearly a “right” or “wrong” answer; other times there isn’t a right or wrong and just tradeoffs. I can imagine that there is immense political pressure on you from outside groups, both in favor and against this proposal. Regardless the scale of difficulty of the choice before you one thing is certain: every choice made has a consequence and outcome. As you think through the choice before you, focus on how you will feel as you explain this vote to your constituents. Respectfully, Taylor Williams Deputy State Director AFP Utah</p>
7/1/2024 10:57	Matthew Peterson	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Matthew Petersen Paradise , UT</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
7/1/2024 10:59	Lynn Pershing	Sports district	<p>Good Morning Dan I am deeply concerned and disturbed to learn that SLC might allow the “give away” and destruction of our City’s grand and long historic support of our outstanding fine arts culture and the recognition of the critically important and often abused Japanese community that shaped our city. Our city, county and state has had unwavering support of the arts since its inception. The arts is what makes our city amongst the greatest in our nation independent of size and was one reason I decided to move here 47 years ago this month. It celebrates a learned culture, a place of inspiration, and sensual refuge from the onslaught of urban chaos There are many types of entertainment a city can add to their downtowns. Variety is essential. When I traveled to Boston I often attended the Boston Pops and Symphony. When I traveled to Washington DC, I always included some time to visit the city’s many art museums. I was better for it. Let’s create a city with diversity of entertainment with a diversity of prices and diversity of cultural groups. Sports venues are exceeding expensive, the arts, food and historic areas are accessible to all. Let’s transform our city that touted itself to be the “crossroads of the West” in the past to be a “crossroads to the world” with our new accessible airport in the future. Respectfully Lynn K Pershing</p>
7/1/2024 11:42	Lowell Young	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Lowell Young American Fork, UT</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
7/1/2024 12:42	Alicia Ramirez	homeless plan	<p>Salt Lake City Council I would like to request that the homeless plan be further extended to a later date before final vote on how funds should be spent regarding the homeless plan and all other plans put on hold due to lack of comments from those effected by homelessness due to lack of knowledge and not having the information given to them about the plan that will greatly effect their quality of life on their human rights to comment for lack of knowledge of their human rights and of the homeless plans due to lack of devices and other resources to be able to get the information adequately to all those effected and making sure that they must know that their voices are important in a decision that is crucial to their human rights and their quality of life and have a right to be treated equal with dignity and respect and have the right to know that their comments will insure that the state use every maximum resource to insure everyone living in their jurisdiction has access to this information and that they have rights to essential levels of housing, and other social , economics an cultural rights and they need to know that their comments will make sure that public funds must first be spent to house the homeless before considering other expenditures. They also have a right to know that no one deserves to be tortured or treated inhumane during the ebatements and their personal property , documents and things of sentimental value destroyed and disposed of causing irreparable damages to their mental health, physical health and to their psychological health causing the trauma that effects their health due to stress and anxiety of how the city has mishandled the homeless funding by creating more problems with the health of homelessness by funding what creates a bigger problem with their health causing them to be put in survival mode. I was unable to voice a comment on the 27th of June and I have evidence and screen shots of the emails i got back when i tried to comment on this plan. I am part of the Homeless society and i represent the homeless on these streets who are disable</p>
7/1/2024 16:04	Kyle Stephens	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Kyle Stephens Logan, UT</p>
7/1/2024 16:23	Brandon McReavy	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Brandon McReavy</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
7/1/2024 16:43	Ira Hinckley	Say NO to SEG	Please vote no to billionaire welfare and keep tax payer \$ out of Sports leagues. I'm completely fine if the Jazz want to walk away from here. Good riddance. Even your own Planning Commission thinks this is a stupid idea. Ira Hinckley Resident.
7/2/2024 12:09	Herald dennis Dennis PIERCEY	Comment on Entertainment District	Hi, Darin! I thought I would share with you an email I've sent to Chris Wharton. ----- Hi, Chris! I'm an attorney, we've talked a couple of times when you were canvassing in the Avenues. I'm interested in talking briefly to you about the proposal. I've spoken in public comment to the City Council before focused on the climate crisis. Long-term distractions from addressing climate seem the path societies have followed for decades now, a habit seemingly impossible to break. The entertainment district presents as top-down economics further entrenching money and power with tools aimed at amassing more money and power? In many ways, perhaps inexorable, but not impossible to imagine better. I appreciate your efforts. Nothing to do but try to have the positive impact we can, limited for us all. Dennis
7/2/2024 12:12	John Powell	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, John Powell TAYLORSVILLE, UT
7/2/2024 12:24	Nanette Olson	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Nanette Santaquin, UT

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
7/2/2024 12:32	Diane Hadley	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Diane Hadley Herriman, UT</p>
7/2/2024 12:35	Bernie Hart	Data shows....	<p>Andrew, Our survey shows that every camper surveyed (168) is dealing with a mental health or addiction problem. All have been in a number of programs. All... not some ... not most ... but all. All a number of times. I believe further research will show that they have been in at least 15 programs. Is the problem really a result of being unhoused, or the result of our health system being unable to effectively help people with their mental health problems? If you help people struggling with mental health problems... they can find housing without our help.... and never leave the housing they were in before they moved to the streets... More surveys will just reinforce the idea that this is a mental health crisis, not a housing or homeless problem. Thanks, Bernie</p>
7/2/2024 12:36	Adam Silver	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>. Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Adam Silver</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
7/2/2024 12:36	Bernie Hart	Efficacy and Anosognosia	<p>Hi All, Change is difficult and how we deal with and understand our problems may be the key to overcoming many of the problems we face. The two words that have most impacted my work with the homeless and engagement with service providers and policy makers are: Efficacy... the questioning of current truths and the continuing search for a better more effective truth Anosognosia.... the denial that we have a problem, or thinking we already have a solution to a problem, but really don't. Anosognosia: It often seems that we are unable to convince someone that they/we/society have a problem and current solutions are not impacting the problem. Anosognosia is a mental health condition and words have no impact and thinking you can use words to convince someone dealing with anosognosia of anything may be as big a problem as the problem itself. If we are in denial, searching for or being open to considering a different truth is impossible. We just know we are right and we already know everything we need to know about almost everything. We do. Yes, we do. Just ask me. Efficacy: It is a simple thought. Maybe we can do better. But to even consider doing something better, we have to first acknowledge that our current ideas about anything and everything may not be the whole truth... Can someone struggling with anosognosia do that? Even when the number of homeless campers on our streets keeps growing and the number of teens taking their own lives keeps increasing... we believe our answers are answers. But are they.... really...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bernie</p>
7/2/2024 12:37	Marilyn Neilson	Abravanel Hall	Exclude Abravanel Hall from sny new development Marilyn Neilson
7/2/2024 12:39	Adam Whipple	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Adam Whipple</p>
7/2/2024 12:46	David Clark	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>. Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, David Clark Park City, UT</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
7/2/2024 13:40	Paula Morris	Sales Tax Increase	Mr. Dugan, I can see by the agenda released yesterday that the Council is very likely to endorse today the very rushed application for Mr. Smith. In spite of all the studies showing no economic benefit to these projects, the Council seems to be willing to go ahead with the project. I realize that the legislature has put a burden on the Council but the Council has done nothing at all (that I can see) to push back or ask for clarification. My husband and I have grown children with families who live in SLC and so the impact of the sales tax will be a large burden with no benefit to us as taxpayers. It has also been clear with the three different articles in the DNews this past ten days that the County will demolish Abravanel Hall. County Mayor Wilson, the UMOCA spokesperson, and now even the CEO of the Utah Symphony have seen the writing on the wall and if one reads between the lines, it is obvious that the Smith downtown "experience" will happen. It is amazing to us that with the long history of failed "revitalizations" of downtown that the Council is just going to repeat the mistakes of the past. Paula Morris
7/2/2024 13:42	John Neumann	Hockey Entertainment District	Yes to district, NO to tax increase! This is a private venture and should be supported by private funding/venture capital. Taxes should be used for "basic" community needs such as infrastructure. I am an avid hockey fan but making everyone pay for MY ENJOYMENT via taxation is ridiculous! Thank you!
7/2/2024 13:52	Amy G Carmen	concerns	Dan - Thanks for talking to me at the Wasatch Hollow meeting tonight. As I mentioned, I (and many others) have a lot of concerns and unanswered questions about the Smith sports area. Is there a website that gives the details about funding, design, traffic, timeline, etc.? Who could I contact with the legislature about the sports arena proposal? I'm on the Accessibility and Disability Commission for Salt Lake. I would really like to see someone hired to represent the ADA aspect as they design and build it. One major complaint through all the city is accessibility in construction areas. I will discuss this with the commission as a concern of mine. Change of subject - As I left the library tonight, I drove through the round about on Princeton/Herbert/Yale that is just west of the library. Why can't they do that at the Bryan/Kensington/1950 E. intersection? It would definitely calm traffic and be more safe. Thanks for your time! Amy Carmen
7/2/2024 1:56 PM	Tim May	Emigration Canyon Development	Councilman Dugan. I strongly oppose the development proposal being considered on June 26th. Do you have a position on this issue? Tim May
7/2/2024 14:05	Richard Price	Emigration Canyon proposed development	Mr. Dugan, Please strongly object to the proposal for the apartment complexes at the mouth of Emigration Canyon scheduled for the City Council Meeting on June 26th, 2024. The response by our East Bench Community Council reflects our views. Dr. and Mrs. Richard R. Price
7/2/2024 14:09	Kathie Supiano PhD, LCSW	Public Hearing - Zoning change	Mr Dugan Kathie and I reside in Emigration Oaks (Marathon Circle). We purchased this home 19 years ago precisely due to its location and ease of access to the UofU campus where we both work. We are strongly against this potential zoning change. The owners of the property knew the current zoning when they acquired the property, but now want to change the zoning to permit building a high-rise building. In addition to the eyesore in the mouth of the canyon, we are concerned about the increase the canyon traffic from additional residents and their friends and visitors. We each drive past this section of Emigration Canyon road at least twice a day where the access road would be built. We are also avid cyclists and similarly would need to traverse this additional point of access to the canyon road. We urge you to vote against this proposal during this week's Planning Commission meeting. Best, - Mark & Kathie Supiano

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
7/2/2024 15:19	Rose Flores	FEEDBACK - Kensington Ave/Ken Rey Street/Bryan Ave Intersection - Quick Build Project	<p>Dear Mr. Baranowski, cc: jon.larsen@slcgov.com dan.dugan@slcgov.com transportation@slcgov.com We are writing to you Mr. Baranowski as the project manager of the Kensington Ave & Ken Rey St. Quick Build Project, namely the installation of a traffic calming structure in the center of the intersection at Kensington Ave/Ken Rey Street/Bryan Avenue. This is our response to the city's request for feedback about the project. We are writing to express our strong opposition to creating this temporary installation, and from what we understand, also the plan to install a more permanent structure at this location in the future. Here are the reasons for our opposition: 1. No notification, nor neighborhood input, nor traffic study before installation of the temporary structure. It is our understanding this project was begun because one or two neighbors complained about speeding in the area. We and other residents in the neighborhood were not notified before installation (either by the city or the neighbors who complained), nor given an opportunity to have input before installation, nor made aware of any traffic study done to warrant its installation. The structure just appeared one day, much to our collective surprise! 2. The configuration creates confusion now regarding where cars are supposed to drive through the intersection (to the left, or to the right, or to go around the structure like a roundabout). This could easily lead to collisions and property damage, and possible injuries. 3. The temporary structure is already proving to be a magnet for children in the neighborhood who have used it as a playground, sometimes inside the triangle and sometimes on the periphery. This creates a dangerous situation for the children and a stressful situation for drivers in the area. Children should not be playing in the street! And the city should not be enticing them to do so. This was not the case before this temporary structure was erected, but could be expected to continue if a permanent structure is installed. 4. If the traffic lanes are narrowed by a permanent structure, which is the case with the temporary structure now, emergency vehicles such as ambulances, and especially large fire trucks, will have great difficulty passing thru the intersection. Similar problems could be expected for snow plows, and garbage and recycling trucks. With the structure in place, and the allowing of on-street parking in front of the houses around the intersection, the lanes for thru traffic are and would be too small. Overall, there seems to be here an example of "If it isn't broken, don't fix it." Having lived here for 30+ years, we have not experienced, observed, nor heard of any substantial problems justifying such drastic change to that intersection. As we have noted, the temporary reflector post structure is already creating problems, and a permanent structure would be sure to cause even more serious problems. That said, if it is determined through more careful study that some traffic safety measure is justified, then reflector posts like those currently in place, but arranged in a smaller dimension, would be superior to a more obtrusive permanent structure, such as a concrete berm or barrier. Thank you for the opportunity to give input, and thank you in advance for taking our concerns into consideration. Sincerely, Robert Flores and Rose Gacnik-Flores Kathy Barnes Shu and Karen Cheng Rob and Sandy Rowland</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
7/2/2024 15:27	Thomas Lombardi	please vote NO on Capital City Revitalization Zone proposal	<p>Mr. Dugan, I am a constituent of yours in District 6. I am writing to ask that as my elected representative, you vote against the proposed Capital City Revitalization Zone proposal. It is offensive that a regressive taxing mechanism is being proposed for a development which seems to disproportionately benefit the more well off in our society (SEG, developers, and those who can afford to purchase services at the proposed zone). I am also concerned with the lack of transparency (the city's revitalization zone website is conspicuously lacking proposal details and next steps/dates), lack of oversight of how city funds are allocated, the Planning Commission's unanimous vote against the proposed zoning changes, and the speed at which such huge decisions are being made. I am originally from Salt Lake, however, I have lived in 3 other larger metropolitan areas with multiple professional sports teams. Some of the renderings of the proposed sports venue remind me of LA Live, in Los Angeles. I have been there, it is over-rated, and to build something like that here would be a sad use of taxpayer funds. Also, as the Wasatch Front grows, it is not realistic for every single attraction to be located in Salt Lake and trying to achieve this goal will result in a perpetual cycle of the city's taxpayers being fleeced by the attraction's owners. I would prefer city funds be used to build something that benefits the majority of the citizens who spend a large amount of time in the city. Some city elected officials, such as our Mayor (I am unsure of your stance), cite the state's legislative deadline as the rationale for the hurried process. Hopefully, the citizens of Salt Lake have their own government representatives to provide balance and guard against the whims of the Utah State Legislature. If they are unable to do this, then what is the point of having the city government? Thank you for your representation. Sincerely, Tom --</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thomas Lombardi, M.D.</p>
7/2/2024 15:42	Rich Jones	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Rich Jones West Valley UT, UT</p>
7/2/2024 15:46	Carol Cagle	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	<p>Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Carol CagleMidvale, UT</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Subject	Description
7/2/2024 15:49	Richard Weaver	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Richard Weave South Jordan, UT
7/2/2024 15:54	Cindy Yates	Taxpayers don't want to subsidize stadium	Dear City Councilmember: I urge you to oppose the proposed citywide sales tax increase that would give nearly \$1 billion to the NHL sports/entertainment district. Inflation and growth have substantially increased the cost of housing, food, energy and other essential household expenses in recent years. These compounding costs amount to more than \$11,000 a year for the average family of four! Many Salt Lake City residents simply cannot afford the additional estimated cost of \$225 per year if this sales tax increase is approved. We should not be subsidizing businesses and billionaires at the expense of the average working family. The risks that private businesses choose to take should not be placed on the backs of taxpayers, especially when that business alone stands to reap the financial rewards! Study after study shows that these subsidies do not provide the promised economic benefits, and often leave taxpayers with broken promises and mounting costs in the long run. Please vote against this tax increase and subsidy! Sincerely, Cindy Yates PLEASANT GROVE, UT
7/2/2024 16:39	Denzel Eslinger	No Tax increase for billionaires	Listen, I get you want to change downtown, you have been trying for over 20 years to create something that will keep workers from leaving as soon as they are done working, that will bring people downtown in the evenings, or weekends. I understand the efforts, but it is time to stop rewarding billionaire businesses and individuals with taxpayer money. If SEG believes in this project then let them get private financing for it, let them take out loans, pay interest and make payments like every other person wanting to start or improve their business. I am a huge NHL fan and while I love them bringing a team to SLC, let them follow the model used in Vegas, a private entity bought and paid for the team, a private entity bought land and build the arena, because public funds should go to everyone not just people who can afford tickets to sporting or other events. Let those folks pay, put a \$5 per ticket tax on every event there and let the people participating pay for it. Salt Lake City has real issues with homelessness, crime, an addiction crisis and there is no way anything should be done to make a multi-billionaire more wealthy while there are people suffering in poverty that are unable to get the help they need. It is time to simply say no to corporate welfare, I don't have a couple hundred dollars a year to pay so SEG can build things that will make them richer, let them pay their own bills. No taxes, no special lease offers, nothing, billionaires do not deserve my tax money and I don't deserve to pay more in taxes so they can get richer.
7/2/2024 19:29	Elise Lazar	Sales tax increase for sports arena	Not in support