



Newsletter

Howdy, neighbor!

I'm thrilled to connect with you through this message. In District 4, we're at a pivotal moment where we have the opportunity to welcome transformative investment and development. As we navigate growth and affordability challenges, I am eager to champion initiatives that forge safer, more inclusive, and sustainable communities. Together, we can bolster policies that enhance public safety and health and support water conservation, homeownership, public transportation, sustainability, and more.

Should you have any feedback or concerns, I'm all ears. Don't hesitate to contact me at Eva.LopezChavez@slcgov.com or 801-535-7782.



Great Salt Lake and Air Quality

Preserving the Great Salt Lake (GSL) is of critical importance to our community. This natural wonder, where Salt Lake City gets its name, is not just a picturesque landscape, but a vital ecosystem sustaining life, culture, and our local economy.

The GSL is a natural marvel, spanning over 1,700 square miles and hosting a diverse array of plant and animal species. Its significance goes beyond its scenic beauty; it is a critical resting point for millions of migratory birds, making it an indispensable part of the Pacific Flyway.

Our beloved GSL faces unprecedented threats, including declining water levels due to drought, human diversion, and pollution from various sources. These threats pose grave risks to its health, wildlife, and vitality. Immediate action is necessary to prevent irreversible damage and the profound environmental and economic consequences of neglect.

The City received grants to preserve and restore wetlands and habitat on the lake's south shore and a grant for public art addressing the Great Salt Lake's environmental crisis. Visit the links below to learn more.

tinyURL.com/GSLPreservationGrant and tinyURL.com/GSLArtists



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Shaping Salt Lake City's Tomorrow, Together

In June, the Council adopted the City's nearly \$2 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY25). This budget invests in efforts to enhance residents' quality of life, maintain public spaces, provide homeless services, improve public safety, and more.

Before adoption, Council Members added funding to the budget to further enhance the priorities of needs along the Jordan River, public restroom facilities, parks maintenance, noise enforcement, and traffic safety on neighborhood streets. For more information, visit [tinyURL.com/SLCFY25](https://tinyurl.com/SLCFY25).

The FY25 budget also includes \$58.1 million for the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This money is available for citywide community projects that improve public property. Over the summer, the Council will review FY25 requests and appropriate project-specific funding by Sept. 1. Learn more at [tinyURL.com/SLCFY25CIP](https://tinyurl.com/SLCFY25CIP).



Discover Rental Resources in SLC and beyond

Access to affordable housing and rental assistance is crucial, especially in Salt Lake Valley. Various local programs and resources are available to help community members facing financial challenges, particularly those worsened by the pandemic.

Whether you or someone you know needs immediate shelter, long-term housing assistance, or specialized support, these resources are here to help. For more information on eligibility and how to access these services, please visit their respective websites or contact them directly.

[tinyURL.com/RentCounty](https://tinyurl.com/RentCounty)
211Utah.org
[tinyURL.com/UCAHousing](https://tinyurl.com/UCAHousing)
[tinyURL.com/SLCHousingStability](https://tinyurl.com/SLCHousingStability)





Scan the QR code or visit tinyURL.com/D4SmallBusinesses to view an interactive map of small businesses in District 4!

Small Business Grants

Small businesses are the lifeblood of our community, driving local economic growth and vitality. I encourage business owners to consider utilizing the resources listed below and contact local economic development offices for assistance with eligibility and applications.

Salt Lake City initiatives

to help small businesses include the Construction Mitigation Grant, which provides financial assistance to businesses impacted by City construction. Meanwhile, the Economic Development Loan Fund (EDLF) is designed to boost business growth, create jobs, draw in private investment, and support economic development in the City.

tinyURL.com/SLCConstructionGrant
tinyURL.com/SLCEDLF

Statewide and County opportunities

include the Utah Microenterprise Loan Fund which provides customized financing for new businesses and small companies. Additionally, the Utah Technology Innovation Funding (UTIF) program gives grants to innovative businesses. Salt Lake County offers grants through its Housing & Community Development Department to support local businesses and community development.

tinyURL.com/SLCoEconDev
Business.Utah.Gov/Services

UNLOCKING HOMEOWNERSHIP Down Payment Assistance in SLC

I am committed to expanding homeownership opportunities in District 4 and throughout SLC. For many, saving for a down payment is the biggest hurdle to buying a home.

The City, Salt Lake County, and the State of Utah offer a range of down payment assistance programs for first-time homebuyers and those with limited incomes.

These programs provide financial assistance, educational resources, and guidance to help individuals and families navigate the homebuying process with confidence and ease.

Please visit the links below for more information about these opportunities and other homebuying resources.

tinyURL.com/SLCHomeOwnership
tinyURL.com/UtahHousingCorp
tinyURL.com/SLCountyHousing

Family and Childcare Resources

One of the most crucial aspects of family life is having access to reliable and nurturing childcare. Whether you're a working parent, a guardian, juggling multiple responsibilities, or someone seeking educational opportunities for your child, there's a wealth of resources to support your needs.

Salt Lake County Childcare Centers

offer safe, educational environments for young children, ensuring a solid start in life.

[tinyURL.com/SLCoChildcare](https://www.tinyurl.com/SLCoChildcare)

[tinyURL.com/SLCYouth](https://www.tinyurl.com/SLCYouth)

Statewide Initiatives

include the Child Care Assistance Program, which provides financial help to low-income families for childcare, enabling parents to work or attend school.

[tinyURL.com/UtahCCAP](https://www.tinyurl.com/UtahCCAP)

After School Programs & Summer Camps

offer school-age children care and enrichment activities at community centers, schools, and organizations during school breaks and after-hours.

[tinyURL.com/SLCAfterSchool](https://www.tinyurl.com/SLCAfterSchool)



Federal Programs

like Head Start and Early Head Start are vital in providing education, health services, nutrition, and parental support to low-income families with children up to age five.

[tinyURL.com/UtahHeadStart](https://www.tinyurl.com/UtahHeadStart)

Utah Child Care Resource & Referral

offers guidance and referrals to local childcare providers, helping families make informed childcare choices. They also provide resources on selecting quality care and financial assistance information in Utah.

[tinyURL.com/UtahCCRR](https://www.tinyurl.com/UtahCCRR)



PROMOTING PUBLIC TRANSIT

Building a Sustainable Downtown Salt Lake City

Public transit is a vital resource that enhances mobility and fosters a sustainable and vibrant urban environment for all. As our City grows, so do congestion, pollution, and parking, but public transit can help alleviate these issues.

I urge all residents to consider the benefits of utilizing public transit. With an extensive network of buses, TRAX light rail, and Frontrunner commuter trains, the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) offers many affordable transit options that can help you get around downtown and beyond.

Visit [tinyURL.com/TransportationSLC](https://www.tinyurl.com/TransportationSLC) to learn more about transit opportunities and resources in SLC.