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Dear Salt Lake County Residents,

This season brings a fresh opportunity to connect, celebrate our shared achievements, and look ahead to the exciting projects that will shape our future.

## 2024 Regional Solutions: Aging in Place

In the face of rapid demographic changes and an evolving urban landscape, planning for resilient and inclusive communities has never been more critical.

This event will bring together experts, planners, and community leaders to address pressing issues related to our aging population and to explore innovative strategies that support aging in place.

We will engage in dynamic discussions, expert panels, and presentations aimed at fostering sustainable, livable, and age-friendly communities.

[Learn More](#)

**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024

**Time:** 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**Place:** The Library's Viridian Event Center, 8030 S 1825 W, West Jordan

## Purchase Your Ticket

# Public Safety Bond

This August, through a bipartisan vote of 8-1, the Salt Lake County Council moved to accept my recommendation to put a Public Safety Bond on the ballot this November.

The Public Safety Bond is a key part of Salt Lake County's Human Services, Homelessness, and Criminal Justice Plan to address public safety, expand mental health services, and reduce homelessness.

This ballot initiative asks voters to invest in measures to reduce crime and break the cycle of repeat offenders. By filling gaps in our homelessness and criminal justice systems, addressing homelessness by modernizing and expanding mental health services, and updating and improve the County Jail, we will improve community safety.

Specifically, the ballot asks voters to fund:

### Building a Justice and Accountability Center:

- The Justice and Accountability Center is an alternative to jail primarily for low-level offenders who are repeatedly involved in the criminal justice system because of underlying issues, such as unstable housing and mental health and substance use disorders that have not been addressed
- The Justice and Accountability Center will connect people to outpatient treatment, job training, permanent housing opportunities, and support services to get their lives back on track with a goal of eliminating criminal behavior

### Consolidating and Improving the County Jail by:

- Combining the two county jails
- Increasing the number of beds
- Expanding access to mental health treatment
- Building a reentry unit to help people leaving jail prepare to rejoin society

The jail costs \$136/day per person—the Justice and Accountability Center will cost \$75/day per person, a \$60/day savings to taxpayers.

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# Zoo, Arts, & Parks (ZAP) Tax

The Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) tax was approved by voters in 1996 and went into effect on January 1, 1997. Every ten years since, voters have voted in favor or reauthorizing the ZAP tax. The ZAP tax is on the ballot this November and, if approved by voters, the tax will continue another ten years, beginning January 1, 2027.

### What ZAP funds:

- The mission of the Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) Program is to grant ZAP tax funds to art, cultural, botanical, and zoological organizations. ZAP also funds parks and recreation projects in Salt Lake County. Thirty percent of ZAP tax revenues support Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation operations and projects.

### How much is the ZAP tax and is it going up?

- The Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) tax funds a variety of arts and culture programs in our community. It also funds parks and recreation projects in cities and towns around the county, as well as Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation operations and projects.
- The ZAP tax is one penny for every \$10 spent within the county, which equals 0.1 percent. If approved by the voter it will be a continuation of the ZAP tax, not a tax increase.

Learn more: [zapisyou.org](https://zapisyou.org)

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## Lower Little Cottonwood Canyon Receives Historic Climbing Area Designation

On August 5, 2024, lower Little Cottonwood Canyon became America's first recreational climbing area to be listed in the National Register of Historical Places. Partnering with Salt Lake Climbers Alliance, the State Historic Preservation Office, Kirk Huffaker Preservation Strategies, and Alpenbock Club Members we celebrated this historic designation on September 25.

It was inspiring and touching to be in the company of the remaining original members of the Alpenbock Club. My dad, Ted Wilson, was one of the original members and the event embodied some of his top priorities: friends, climbing/recreation, and preservation. I was humbled by the many people who attended and remain true to my commitment to preserve Little Cottonwood Canyon.



## Mayor Jenny Wilson's Book & Media Club featuring a *Love Your Enemies* book discussion with Dr. Arthur C. Brooks

My latest Book & Media Club, featuring a "Love Your Enemies" book discussion with Dr. Arthur C. Brooks, was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who attended and made time to learn the value of loving our "enemies."

A few takeaways:

- Engage with civility
- Be a force for unity
- It's possible to disagree respectfully
- Build a culture of warm-heartedness toward political foes
- Call people into conversations instead of calling them out on differences
- Challenge dividers on our side

I look forward to connecting with everyone at the 2025 Book & Media Club events!



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Sincerely,



**Jenny Wilson**  
Mayor of Salt Lake County



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