



Dear Salt Lake County Residents,

Salt Lake County Council **UNANIMOUSLY approves** the County's 2024 budget.

At a time when many are politically divided, the Salt Lake County Council came together and passed a balanced 2024 budget. I am proud that as mayor I have unanimously passed two budgets by two different County Councils. **The council overwhelmingly supported the My County Rec Pass program which will make free passes available to every Salt Lake County kid, age 5-18.**

The new budget will also provide continued funding for public safety and behavioral health services. It includes increased pay for sworn officers in the Sheriff's office, maintenance of public parks, an extensive network of trails, and continued investment in essential public services like libraries, health clinics, aging services, and animal services. **The County's work supports public safety, economic development, public health, parks and trails, affordable housing, social services, arts and culture, recreation, and so much more.**

FREE "My County Rec Pass" for School-Aged SLCo Youth

While we had to be very strategic and make cuts across the board, I'm proud of the way this budget invests in the people of Salt Lake County. The **My County Rec Pass is one of the most exciting programs I've ever championed** mayor.

As of summer 2024, **all school-age youth, ages 5-18 who are Salt Lake County residents will be able to access all County-operated recreation centers, ice centers, and swimming pools (indoor and outdoor) at NO COST.** This program is funded by the Tourism, Recreation, Culture & Convention Support Program (TRCC), which raises revenue from tourism, so can be funded even in this tight budget year.

Elimination of Library Late Fees for Children

As of summer 2024, **all late fees on children and young adult materials will be eliminated for a one-year pilot program.** This will eliminate barriers to all of the fantastic resources available in the award-winning Salt Lake County Libraries for children and young adults. Late fees too often keep the very residents who could benefit most from using the library. While late fees for children's material will be waived, they are still expected to return checked-out materials after a three-month period or will be charged for them.

Other Key Initiatives Approved in the Budget

Some of the key cuts in the budget included cutting county-wide travel expenses in half, denying 90% of new general fund requests, a 3% spending cut on personnel budgets in county-wide tax funded programs, and a 2% cut to program operations budgets in county-wide tax funded programs.

Sincerely,



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