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Mr. Delquadro,

We want to thank you for allowing us to give input on the 2021 budget. And thank the council for taking the time to consider all the options for Salt Lake County Employees.

This year, 2020, has been anything but an average year. As with everything this year, we can't expect the 2021 budget to come without a struggle. What so many of us learned this year, is we do not know what tomorrow will bring.

As an organization, we are happy to hear the mayor pledge that there will be no merit employees laid off. With all the employees have face, we believe that job security helps relieve so much of the stress brought on due to today's uncertain environment.

Although we always hope for better wage increases, and additions to benefits, We can support the 2021 mayor recommendations in its entirety.

We were pleased to see there was no cost shifting for the health benefits, and with everything that took place, the Mayor's office found it important to include a small wage and grade increase.

Salt Lake County employees are feeling the same stress as so many people in our communities. In many cases, Salt Lake County employees are the eyes and ears of the covid-19 pandemic. UAGE would request that as we move out of these trying times, that the all the employees are recognized and rewarded for their efforts in the mid-year, and next years budget.

This will be an interesting budget year, and we thank you again for putting employees first.

Respectfully,

Gerald Haskell

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerald Haskell", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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