



July 30, 2019

To Salt Lake City Mayor Biskupski and Police Chief Mike Brown:

The July 3, 2019 stabbing of Joseph Allen at the 1300 South Maverik station was the fourth violent homicide in the Ballpark neighborhood in the past year^{1,2,3,4}. Our community is deeply alarmed by this pattern of violence.

We the undersigned, as stakeholders in the Ballpark Community and the well-being of Salt Lake City, ask for a response from the Mayor's Office and Salt Lake City Police Department. We invite you to meet with our community representatives and to address our larger community to propose practical, measurable solutions to our neighborhood's problems with homicide and violence.

In 2017, representatives from the Ballpark neighborhood watch organization reached out to Maverik's corporate office, who agreed to add security to the 1300 South location. That claim either wasn't carried out or the additional security wasn't maintained. In other words: we've tried as a community-level organization, but we can't accomplish what needs to be done alone.

We need meaningful support from our City.

We respectfully request that the City and Salt Lake City Police Department work together to determine how our neighborhood can use nuisance ordinances and other mechanisms to change practices in our neighborhood's crime-ridden businesses.

¹ On August 27, 2018, Marcelino Johnson, a 16-year-old boy, was stabbed to death on Kensington Avenue: <https://www.ksl.com/article/46382327/friends-remember-slain-teen-as-just-the-greatest-guy>

² On September 28, 2018, Wanyun Judd, a 47-year-old woman, was killed in a drive-by shooting near Harrison Avenue and Major Street: <https://fox13now.com/2018/09/28/police-investigating-after-woman-shot-killed-in-salt-lake-city/>

³ On October 8, 2018, Elizabeth Silver, a 30-year-old woman, was strangled to death at the Main Street Motel: <https://www.ksl.com/article/46440427/murder-charge-utah-man-strangled-woman-after-she-declined-his-advances>

⁴ On July 3, 2019, Joseph Allen, a 41-year-old man, was stabbed to death at the Maverik station on 1300 South and Main Street: <https://www.sltrib.com/news/2019/07/03/stabbing-kills-one-person/>



We invite you to contact the Chair of the Ballpark Community Council, Amy J. Hawkins, at your earliest convenience, to initiate a community dialogue about these shared concerns.

Sincerely,

Amy J. Hawkins, Chair of the Ballpark Community Council

and the following community members:

Derek Kitchen, Utah Legislature, State Senator

Joel Briscoe, Utah Legislature, State Representative

Angela Romero, Utah Legislature, State Representative

Erin Mendenhall, Salt Lake City Council Member for District 5

Ana Valdemoros, Salt Lake City Council Member for District 4

Stan Penfold, former Salt Lake City Council Member

Soren Simonsen, Executive Director of Jordan River Commission, Former Salt Lake City Council Member

Joshua Bell, Principal of Horizonte Instruction and Training Center

Pastor France Davis, Calvary Baptist Church

Matthew Minkevitch, Executive Director for The Road Home

Paige Huff, Executive Director of Alliance House

Paul Svendsen, City Home Collective

Darlene Carter, Division President, C.W. Urban

James Alfandre, Founding Principal of Urban Alfandre

Randy Okland, Okland Construction

Scott Snow, Chair of the State Street Coalition

Joe Post

Isaac Furniss, Utah Pride Center Interim Operations Director

Liz Pitts, Utah Pride Center Community Engagement Director

Casee and John Francis, Owners of Amour Spreads & Cafe

Hasen Cone, Owner of Sweet Lake Biscuits & Limeaide

Mike Tuiaso and Cori Christine, Local Business Owners



Paul Chamberlain, Owner of SLC Eatery
Eric Quilter, Principal Owner and CEO of WorkForceQA
Lynn Quilter, WorkForceQA
Darin Mano, Ballpark Community Council Board Member
Jeff Sandstrom, Ballpark Community Council Board Member
Thomas Merrill, Downtown Community Council Chair
Jason Stevenson, East Liberty Park Community Organization Co-Chair
Darryl High, East Liberty Park Community Organization Co-Chair
Paul Johnson, Chair of the Central 9th Community Council
Mary Gordon, Owner, Jade Market LC; former chair of Central 9th Community Council;
Jesse Hulse, Central 9th Community Council Board Member, Co-Owner of Central 9th
Development Co, Atlas Architects, and Blue Copper Coffee
Jen Gilroy, Central 9th Community Council, Business Owner Board Member; Chef/Owner
Meditrina
Sean Neves, Central 9th Community Council, Business Owner Board Member
Jordan Katcher, Central 9th Community Council, Resident Board Member
Andrew Middleton, Central 9th Community Council, Resident Board Member
Eva Lopez, Central 9th Community Council, Resident Board Member
Tamara Mateus, Central 9th Community Council, Resident Board Member
Michael Iverson, Former Chair of Central City Community Council
Zachary Bartholomew, Liberty Wells Community Council Executive Committee Member
Valerie Vaughn, Manager, Liberty Park Market
John Allison, Resident
Toni Allison, Resident
Taylor Anderson, Resident
Sonja Berger, Resident
Terrell Bodily, Resident, Project Manager at Method Studio
Shelley Bodily, Resident, Assistant Professor at Salt Lake Community College
Chris and Rosicler Derbidge, Residents, Members of Ballpark Neighborhood Watch
Jin and Jane Hou, Residents
Andrew Martin Del Campo, Resident
Ryan O'Mahony, Resident
Daphne Pringle, Resident
Justin Smith, Resident
Eric and Raemie Uquillas, Residents and Members of Ballpark Neighborhood Watch
Brian Whaley, PhD, Resident, Associate Professor at Utah Valley University
Paul H. White, PhD, Resident