



Dear Salt Lakers,

Today, I'm sharing two efforts that reflect the heart of Salt Lake City: a budget that steers us forward with care, and new City flags that reflect who we are.

Both are rooted in the same values—responsibility, equity, and belonging. Whether it's investing in affordable housing, improving safety in our neighborhoods, or lifting communities that deserve to be seen and celebrated, we are choosing to lead with purpose and compassion, even in uncertain times.



My Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Last night, I presented my proposed [Fiscal Year 2026 budget](#) to the City Council. At its core, this is a steady, responsible budget. Economic uncertainty means we must be careful stewards of our resources. So while this budget continues to support critical programs and future-focused projects, it does so without a property tax increase and with caution in the face of unpredictable revenue.

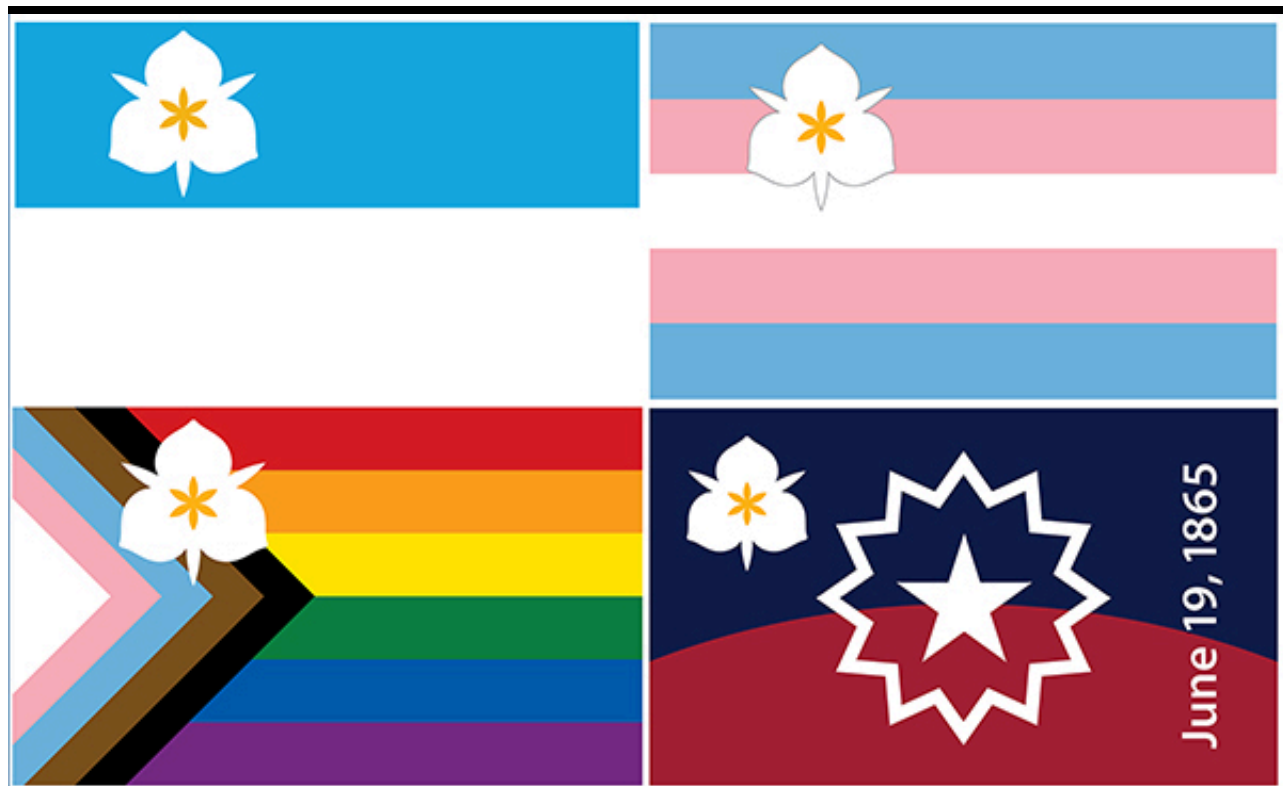
Highlights include:

- **\$5 million** for creating more deeply affordable housing
- **\$3.9 million** for public safety initiatives, which will directly support the completion of seven more City actions outlined in the City's Public Safety Plan
- Creation of the Clean City Team, which will focus its efforts around North Temple and the Jordan River Trail
- **\$3 million** for the first phase of the Green Loop, the Civic Center, which will transform 200 E between Library and Washington Squares
- Modest rate increases to protect vital services like clean drinking water and waste and recycling management
- Vision Zero safety improvements to Redwood Road, 900 West, and 800 South

Over the next few months, the City Council will meet weekly to review, discuss, and fine-tune this budget according to their priorities and public input. The final budget will be adopted by June 30.

[Read the full speech](#)

[Understand the budget process](#)



New City Flags

As you might know, Salt Lake City has a longstanding tradition of displaying flags representing diverse communities during observances. After H.B. 77 was passed, we looked closely to understand how we could abide by the new law while still representing Salt Lakers and the values guiding us. We determined that when it comes to representing our city's values, we could do more than a single city flag.

So, last night, I proposed the adoption of three new City flags, in addition to our current Sego Flag:

- **The Sego Celebration Flag**, representing the history of Juneteenth and our Black and African American residents;
- **The Sego Belonging Flag**, representing our LGBTQIA residents and our acceptance of them; and
- **The Sego Visibility Flag**, representing our transgender community and our commitment to seeing and celebrating their lives.

On each flag, the same sego lily emblem adorns the upper hoist canton, leaving no question that it represents Salt Lake City and our shared values of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

In Salt Lake City, I want each and every resident to look up at the flag that flies at City Hall and be reminded that their community values belonging and acceptance—that their community values every one of them. Let the sego lily send a simple but powerful message: Salt Lake City is here for you. We believe in you, and we love you. ❤️

[Learn more](#)

PS: #TusksUp 🐘

As always, feel free to reach out to me at mayor@slc.gov.

Your friend,



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