

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of sund60@icloud.com
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Date: Sunday, July 27, 2025 8:52:21 PM
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Brian Sund
Your Email	sund60@icloud.com
Your Phone	5035761622
Street	582 Rural Ave s
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	<p>Please add my name to the growing list of community members who are opposed to the restrictions placed upon City councilors in communicating with their constituents. I am especially concerned, in regards to limitations in councilors attending neighborhood association meetings and events. I am a SCAN Board member and depend on the information, input and Q&A that comes from our councilors' regular attendance. It was disappointing at our July 9 meeting, when hearing from interim City Manager Namburi, then later, reading same in the paper and through City emails on the subject. Yes, I agree on the importance of proper ethics. I have served on several advisory councils that have been legally instructed to update their bylaws, in order to cover potential liability. Still, it will be unfortunate if our City Council is cut off from communicating with our community. And, combined with current less interaction from our police and fire liaisons at meetings, I fear a greater degree in lack of trust and questioning of transparency of local government. This, combined with another example of erosion on free speech. I know of many residents within SCAN who attend our meetings primarily to hear from Councilors Nordyke and Nishioka, with open opportunity to address public concerns. Other City staff are also big draws. In addition, several residents, based on these connections, have now chosen to volunteer on our Board and committees. I can see a waning interest in service involvement, without these "carrots". I wish you all the best, as you continue to serve our City. Hopefully this issue will be resolved in an appropriate and timely manner. Brian Sund</p>

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 7/27/2025.