



CITY OF SALEM

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Written Testimony #2

City Council

Monday, August 10, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

5. a. [20-295](#)

Extension of the declaration of state of emergency related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Safe Community;

Recommendation:

Adopt resolution no. 2020-36, extending the declaration of a state of emergency within the city of Salem related to the COVID-19 Pandemic through January 12, 2021.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 2020-36](#)

[Public Comment received 8-10-20](#)

[Additional Public Comment received](#)

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5. b. [20-297](#)

Extension of the Emergency Declaration related to unsheltered residents

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Safe Community; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 2020-37 extending the declaration of emergency until January 12, 2021 to continue the vehicle camping pilot program.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION extending unsheltered emergency declaration](#)

[Public Comments received 8-10-20](#)

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Amy Johnson

From: Rachel Johnston <rjohnston0814@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 4:57 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Regarding Tonight's City Council Meeting Agenda Items

Hello city council members, and happy Monday!

Talking points on today's agenda:

5.a - I support the extension of the state of emergency in Salem due to COVID-19.

5.b - I support the extension of the state of emergency for Salem's unsheltered community. If COVID-19 is bad enough for the City Council meetings to still be held via zoom, then it's still bad to continually aid ALL Salem residents.

Non agenda items:

I am writing today because the city of Salem has yet to make lasting change listen to the voices of the NUMEROUS Salem residents speaking out for more equitable treatment of BIPOC. I demand that our elected officials do the following :

1. Require body and dash cams by all Salem PD and for that money to be spent out of Salem PD's current budget.
2. Work diligently to reallocate funds from the Salem PD budget and focus on lasting techniques to reduce crime in Salem. Helping the poor, disabled, homeless, underprivileged in our community is a much more efficient and impactful way to change our city. Continuing to profit off of people's hardship is an embarrassment to our beautiful and diverse city.
3. Permanently remove SRO's from the Salem-Keizer schools.
4. Publicly and openly condemn the White Supremacists that have been harassing our community, and those speaking out for justice.
5. That Mayor Chuck Bennet stop hiding in cowardice and face his constituents by attending ALL upcoming BLM and BIPOC related events. If minimum wage service industry workers can muster up the energy to fight for what is right, the literally least he can do is SHOW UP!

Sincerely and with great hope,
Rachel Johnston, a concerned citizen