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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the realignment of Ward boundaries in Salem. As a longtime resident of West Salem, my strongest support would be for Option 3, since that both provides for anticipated growth in West Salem and, more important, provides a far greater adherence to the general intent of the realignment of "not dividing communities of common interest" and "using existing or geographic boundaries." Option 3 does this by focusing on creating neighborhood continuity around Eola Drive. In contrast, Option 1 provides, for me, the greatest geographic upset and severs my local community. If this Option 1 is chosen I ask that the boundaries be redrawn (affecting far less than 100 households) to include College Drive, Crozier and Turnage Streets and extend to Stoneway and Kaley to incorporate a community centered around College Heights Park. Option 2 provides a more contiguous Eola "neighborhood" but I feel this creates an "island" south of Eola Drive that omits connectivity of this sector to the rest of West Salem. In conclusion, Option 3 is preferred.

Thank you

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