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Good Afternoon Jamie,
Attached is our comments for the city council meeting on April 28, 2025. I tried doing it online by searching the tax lot but I couldn't find it. This letter is in support of the Annexation of the 3300 block of Levi St NW

Thank You,

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Salem City Council

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Dear Honorable Members of the Salem City Council,

I am writing to respectfully advocate for the annexation of the land located at the 3300 Block of Levi Street NW into the City of Salem.

Without annexation, this property remains at risk of falling into disuse or misuse, potentially becoming a site for unauthorized encampments or illegal dumping. Since the property has remained vacant, it has repeatedly been subjected to unauthorized use, including illegal dumping and encampments. Large amounts of waste have already been removed, and trespassers have had to be cleared from the site. These recurring issues highlight the urgent need for formal oversight and proactive management.

Leaving the land vacant not only invites unauthorized use but also restricts its potential for contributing positively to the community. Without formal oversight, opportunities to utilize the property for meaningful purposes remain limited, and we the current owners face financial setbacks due to its stagnation. Annexation would allow the city to implement measures that ensure the land is properly maintained and used in a way that aligns with Salem's broader community interests—whether as green space, park or another beneficial purpose.

Bringing the property under city oversight through annexation would allow for responsible planning in alignment with Salem's broader goals. This land holds potential to serve the community—whether through preservation, environmental enhancements, or other beneficial uses. Annexation would help ensure the property is managed proactively, contributing to the city's social and economic well-being.

I urge the City Council to consider this proposal as a forward-thinking step that not only addresses present concerns but also creates opportunity for future growth and positive impact.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration,

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