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To: [CityRecorder](#); [citycouncil](#); [Chris Hoy](#)
Subject: Items of Public Trust for 8/28 Meeting
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Mayor Hoy and Members of City Council,

Several agenda items scheduled for discussion on Monday, 8/28, directly relate to the public trust deficit that Councilor Nordyke previously brought to your attention. I write with the hope that you will strongly consider taking action on the agenda items discussed below in ways that will work to rebuild the public trust of the City Council.

Item 3.2a 23-236:

It is too early to know if additional parking will be needed at the Salem airport when Avelo Airlines begins service. It would also be hypocritical of this Council, which voted to eliminate parking mandates, to support personal vehicle access instead of transit options. I encourage you to not move forward with this purchasing proposal.

Item 3.3a 332:

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Item 7.1.b 23-338:

I've previously testified to Council that I believe a proposal put to a vote of the people would pass. I still believe that this is true. Councilor Hoy, in her motion, speaks to the importance of resetting public trust. For this reason, I encourage the Council to repeal the previously passed measure and focus on reworking the tax proposal in a way that is equitable and inclusive. The City and the Council should expend as few resources as possible on the current proposal, choosing instead to create a tax that is based on the expressed needs of the people.

In these three items the Council has tremendous opportunity to act in a manner that will partially restore trust in transparency, and belief that councilors are acting in the interests of their constituents. I look forward to seeing you reaffirm these commitments in your actions.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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