



CITY OF SALEM

Written Testimony #2

City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting / Council Policy Agenda Work Session

3.a. [20-29](#) Declaration of emergency related to unsheltered residents

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

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

Recommendation: Adopt resolution no. 2020-4, declaring a state of emergency within the city of Salem related to unsheltered residents.

Attachments: [Resolution no 2020-4 Unsheltered resident emergency declaration](#)

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4.a. [20-20](#) 2020 Policy Agenda.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Natural Environment Stewardship;
Safe Community; Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Strong and
Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Recommendation: Provide policy direction on issues to include in the 2020 Policy Agenda.

Attachments: [2019 Progress Report](#)
[Policy Agenda Issues for Consideration \(November 18, 2019\)](#)

[Policy Agenda Issues In Depth](#)

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Amy Johnson

From: gglewis@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 4:16 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Visitor shocked!

Hello

This morning I came to Salem to exchange something for my very elderly mother at Macy's. I was shocked, horrified, scared and saddened all at once.

I was born in Oregon 59 years ago and today's Salem is shameful. I drove east past the old Payless towards Macy's and it was disgusting. People going to the bathroom and surrounded by filth. I am sure someone must be trying to figure this out but it is not working.

Because of some medical issues I had not been to Salem for some time. Something needs to be done! I was nervous just going into Macy's. I feel so bad for the merchant's. I used to bring my children to the Gilbert Museum and walk around. I now have grandchildren I would like to take there but from what I saw today I don't plan on coming back until can find out ahead of time if the people have been cleaned out.

From what I know most of them must be drug addicts or alcoholics. A homeless person can find help if they follow the rules. NO DRUGS
NO ALCOHOL!

My mom is 94 years old. Born in Oregon she lives alone and still drives her car. She grew up during the depression. Her father lost his job as a bank manager and ended up pumping gas. He was happy to have a job with what must have been 20-25% unemployment. She said there were no homeless people. What is different today with a 3.5% unemployment rate?????

The liberal thinking of throwing money into housing will not stop this. They are not homeless they are addicts. Until they change Ends!

I hope for Salem's sake someone gets this taken care of..

Madeleine Lewis

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of lauriedougherty@gmail.com
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Message	<p>Re: Policy Agenda To: Mayor Bennett and Salem City Councillors, I am very pleased to see that in your policy proposals for the next fiscal year that you will be moving forward with developing a Climate Action Plan for Salem. I'm interested to see the results of the staff audit of what has been done to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and review of other cities' plans. However, I'm concerned that there is no mention of the recently completed greenhouse gas inventory. The ghg inventory should establish the baseline from which goals are set for ghg reductions and then evaluate and prioritize actions to meet those goals. The audit looks back to what has been done, but the Climate Action Plan looks forward to what should be done. A well developed Climate Action Plan can synchronize projects and programs for achieving greenhouse gas reduction goals. Thank you for your consideration, Laurie Dougherty 350 Salem OR member</p>

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