

CITY OF SALEM

Written Testimony #2

City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, September 27, 2021 6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

3.3d. [21-410](#)

Creation of a fee to use on-street parking spaces in the Downtown Parking District for outdoor dining platforms

Ward(s): Ward 1

Councilor(s): Stapleton

Neighborhood(s): CANDO

Result Area(s): Strong and Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Recommendation: Approve the proposed fee for the Sidewalk Caf /On-Street Platform Program.

Attachments: [Public Comments received.pdf](#)

[Public Comments received by 3:15 p.m. 9-27-21.pdf](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

3.3f. [21-421](#)

Managed Temporary Camping.

Ward(s): 8

Councilor(s): Lewis

Neighborhood(s): West Salem

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

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to establish a managed temporary camp at the 2700 Wallace Road NW parcel, within the city-owned commercial retail zoned portion.

Attachments: [Wallace P&R Site Plan v2.pdf](#)

[Public Comments received by 10:00 a.m. 9-27-21.pdf](#)

[Public Comments received by 3:15 p.m. 9-27-21.pdf](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

From: [Howard Potter](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Outdoor dining fee
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:17:09 AM

I just read the city council is considering a fee for using parking space for outdoor dinning. I can't believe the council doesn't have more important things to do than screw over an already hurting business with another fee-ridicules ! That sounds like something the president might dream up !
Please, city council, leave the working people alone !
Howard Potter, former Salem business owner

Sent from my iPad

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of hpalmer176@aol.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Contact a City Department
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:55:32 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Mary Palmer
Your Email	hpalmer176@aol.com
Message	I am very much opposed to charging a fee for restaurant on street dining. I would applaud Salem for allowing this and for getting people downtown. Restaurants have enough trouble staying afloat during the pandemic. Let's give them a break.

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From: [Ashley Fults](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: 2700 Wallace rd
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:55:15 PM

Dear City Council,

The placement of this camp is a terrible choice. It's far from mental health and addiction services for the campers. It is also extremely close to two elementary schools and one high school. How are they going to manage sexual offenders if are present at this camp?

My family has and still lives in this area. I'm very disappointed in the city of Salem and want better for our city. Our city is turning into a disgrace.

Please reconsider the placement of this homeless camp.

Ashley Cameron

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of ivan3930@hotmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:16:14 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Irena Ivanitsky
Your Email	ivan3930@hotmail.com
Your Phone	503-363-2915
Street	1652 Brush College Road
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	I think relocating The unhoused to the area on the corner of Brush College Road and Wallace road is a terrible idea. We have had a safe area and community with nearby schools for years, which now are at risk becoming extremely unsafe to our neighbors and children. This is not a solution. It is merely a way to hide the problem and clear up the downtown.

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From: [Bob Binger](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Fwd: Homeless relocation
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:15:51 AM

Subject: Homeless relocation

I am writing you to ask that the discussion on the relocation of homeless camps be removed from the agenda and tabled for further discussion at a later time.

There has been only minimal information provided to the public and as a resident of west salem, I am very concerned about the impact that this will have on our community.

Besides the monies needed to fund this “camp”, there are even more issues with regard to public safety. As you know, we have very little police oversight in west salem and even salem as a whole and since last year when “camping” was allowed at the river park we have seen a significant increase in crime and vandalism.

Putting a homeless camp in this particular area of west salam is especially problematic as it is next to our Salemtowne senior housing, elementary school and small local park. We already have had numerous car break-ins, vandalism of our mail boxes, increase in stolen packages etc. This action by the city would make it increasingly unsafe for our residents and children.

There has to be a better solution. Using a building like the closed down K-mart or the closed youth facility out toward Turner could be options. For the cost that is being proposed at \$1600 per individual (or even per tent), paying for an apartment would be more favorable than having these individuals living on open land, our parks or on the sidewalks.

Again, I ask that you remove this agenda item and do not vote as there has not been enough information sent to the public nor enough public input.

If it is not removed, I implore you to vote “no” on this action for the reasons stated above.

Robert Binger
Kelly Binger
Christina Street NW, Salem

From: [Bethany Cooley](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed Homeless Camp near Salemtowne
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:06:51 PM

Dear City Council,

Please do not approve a site for a homeless camp near Beish College and Wallace Road. We have elderly communities and many family residences here that would be at risk for an uptick in crime. We don't have amenities out here that could support the needs.

This area has already experienced a big uptick in crime with car break ins, mailboxes damaged, stolen packages and much more.

Please remove this agenda item and do not vote as there has not been enough information provided.

Paying for an apartment would be much more favorable than having these individuals living on open land, on our parks and sidewalks.

If the item is not removed, please vote "NO" in this action for the reasons stated above.

Sincerely,

B. Cooley

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Bradmdadsen1987@gmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:43:30 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Brad madsen
Your Email	Bradmdadsen1987@gmail.com
Your Phone	5035082143
Street	1722 toucan street nw
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	The proposed homeless camp on brush college and Wallace road is unsafe. As a parent of a 2 year old who plays at brush college park and will be going to riviera school I am TOTALLY against this. West salem has been a safe place and if you want to just move people out of downtown so it "looks nice" that is unacceptable. The homeless have camped at Wallace marine park for how many years? Leave them there. We don't need homeless camps throughout our nice community.

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Bradmdadsen1987@gmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
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Your Name	Brad madsen
Your Email	Bradmdadsen1987@gmail.com
Your Phone	5035082143
Street	1722 toucan street nw
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	The proposed homeless camp on brush college and Wallace road is unsafe. As a parent of a 2 year old who plays at brush college park and will be going to riviera school I am TOTALLY against this. West salem has been a safe place and if you want to just move people out of downtown so it "looks nice" that is unacceptable. The homeless have camped at Wallace marine park for how many years? Leave them there. We don't need homeless camps throughout our nice community.

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From: [Barbara Sanders](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Site of homeless shelter
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:57:19 AM

I live in Salemtowne and I object very strongly to this site. Who will provide water, sewer, and food to these people? Will you limit residence to truly homeless people, keeping out addicts and paranoid schizophrenics? Salemtowne will be in real danger from this siting. If this is allowed to happen, West Salem gets dumped on again!

Barbara Sanders

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Be thankful for simple things.

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Momdomesticdiva1@gmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:49:07 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Brenda Stubblefield
Your Email	Momdomesticdiva1@gmail.com
Your Phone	5037890359
Street	2618 Nautilus Ave nw
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>I would like my representatives to vote NO on the proposed homeless camp for West Salem. I feel not enough information is known at this time the location is too close to daycares and schools , housing and high traffic areas! As a tax payer I feel more research and input by the business , schools and neighbors already living and paying taxes should have input !! I also feel the number of homeless it will serve against the cost is astronomical and where are these funds coming from ???!</p> <p>Overall we would like more time and options on this! If you look at areas of Portland that have tried this it's brought crime , trash and unsanitary conditions to those around them !! Business have struggled or had to hire security Please VOTE NO on this today !! - Brenda Stubblefield</p>

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of chrisa@oregonlock.com
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Type the subject of the email-here
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:04:51 PM
Attachments: [Agenda 21-421 Micro Shelter camping.docx](#)

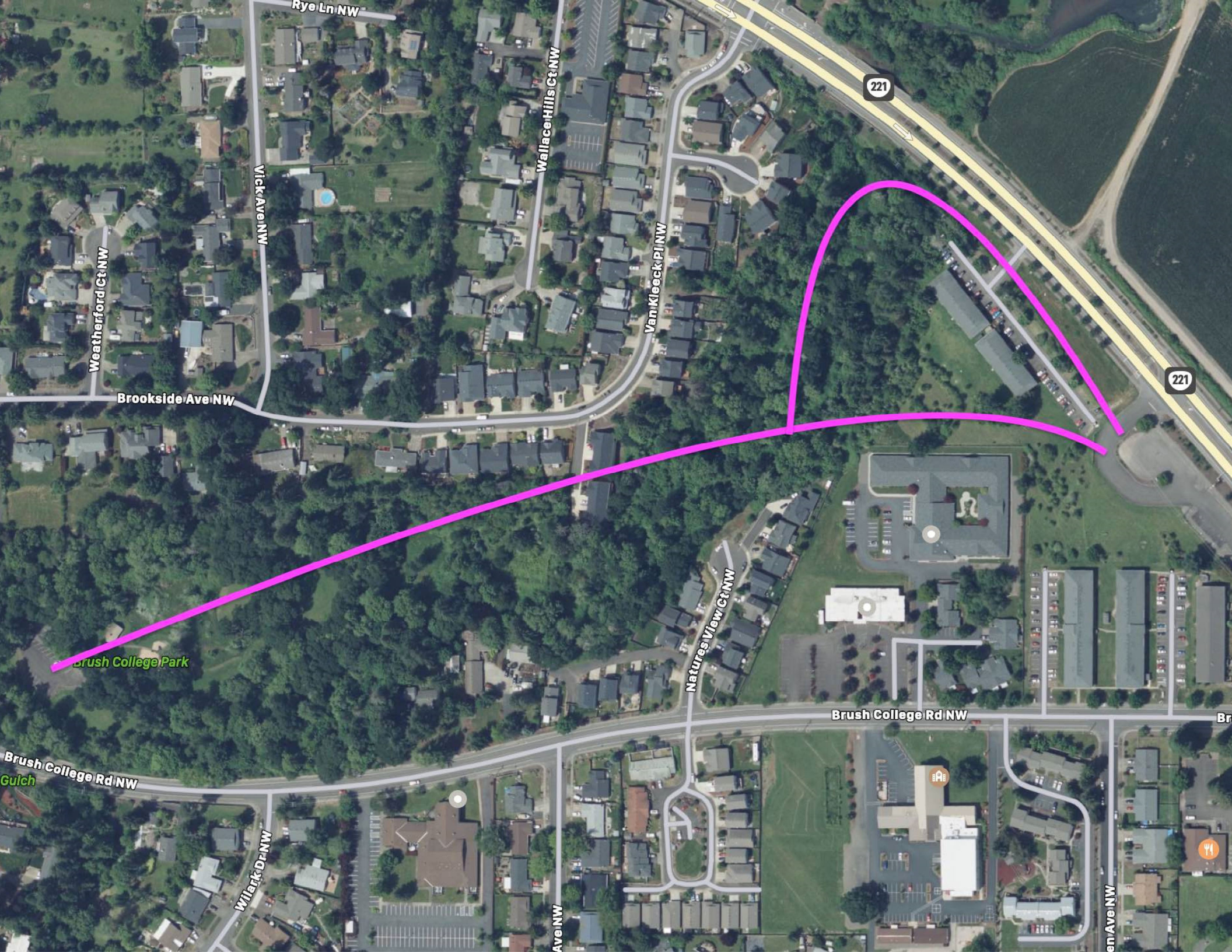
Your Name	Chris Arnett
Your Email	chrisa@oregonlock.com
Your Phone	503910-6551
Street	200 Hawthorne Ave SE, Suite C-310
City	salem
State	OR
Zip	97301
Message	I am sending this as a representative of the Independent Order of Oddfellows Chemeketa Lodge #1 located at 1492 Brush College Rd NW. We are very disappointed in the lack of notice of this item and with the fact that we cannot have an actual voice in the matter this evening. This process needs to be more open and completed only after proper notification of the affected properties. Any questions can be directed to my email or I can be reached at 503-910-6551. Chris Arnett Trustee Independent Order of Oddfellows Chemeketa Lodge #1

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of charlescraig3@comcast.net
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:28:45 AM

Your Name	Charles Craig
Your Email	charlescraig3@comcast.net
Your Phone	503-551-2835
Street	2262 Wilark Dr NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>What will be done to reduce the natural tendency for a congregation of people at the encampment location to attract other people who will make their way through the Gibson Creek riparian area and ultimately all the way to Brush College Park and the proximity to Brush College School? I walked along Wallace Road to the area where Gibson Creek crosses under Wallace Rd NW. There was clear evidence that people have been camping in this area including thing like discarded styrofoam coolers and abandoned piles of belongings such as clothing and blankets along a worn path to the Creek. At a minimum, exclusionary riparian fencing such as that at the intersection of Brush College RD and Doaks Ferry Rd. is likely to be needed to protect the stream. Otherwise a walking corridor between the highway and Brush College park is likely to develop resulting in degradation of the Gibson Creek riparian area.</p>

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Brush College Park

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Thealteredartistry@gmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:17:30 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Camillea Hughes
Your Email	Thealteredartistry@gmail.com
Your Phone	7023346446
Street	2321 Banyonwood Ave
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>No After learning of what is planned for lot 2700 Wallace rd, My neighbors and I are riddled with anxiety. This will be absolutely ditmenteral to our community. The cost alone to construct this project is astronomical and unbenifecial to the West Salem community. Crossing the bridge is constant challenge, since it is the only way to enter and exit West Salem from town. Traffic is horrendous and backs up constantly. Constructing the camp there will only increase traffic in our small community. For them to have services brought to them will just increase issues here. There are 9 schools, 5 being elementary within a 2 mile radius of this designated space. Brush College Elementary, Kalapuya Elementary and Harriet Elementary are within walking distance. Our neighborhood playground is less the one minute from here. There are only houses and apartments in this area. The camp will be in the apartments back yard where the children ride their bikes and play basketball. It's all residential. Also this will be destroying all of our property and housing values. This is on our main road facing all the traffic coming in and out of town. It is also right next to a children's school bus stop. It does not make sense to be choosing this location. We do not have emergency responders located on this side of the bridge. Our crime has risen with homeless breaking into our cars and homes. Pushing them further into neighborhoods is ludicrous. Also after seeing our "welcome to the state capital" sign next to it is a homeless camp. Is this is the image we will advertise? Yes, homelessness is a increasingly huge problem in the state of Oregon. Mental illness and drug issues being of concern. How is moving the this camp into a residential area surrounded by schools, families and homes. We have limited resources for this side and no immediate first responders. How would this be for the best? Please consider our children. We moved to West Salem for the safety of our family. Moving more homeless to this area and setting up this type of housing will cause so many issues that West Salem can not handle. Crime and violence will elevate putting our children in danger. Please reconsider this location for your tax payers. The impact of this camp will be devastating. Thank you, Camillea and Christopher Hughes</p>

From: [Cindy Lenker](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Managed Camp in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:44:24 PM

Dear City Council Members:

As a Salem resident, my husband and I have grave concerns with the proposed location to this managed camp for the following reasons:

This is being proposed in a residential area made up of a retirement community, residential care facilities, family neighborhoods, churches, businesses, and several schools. Seeing other areas that have become homeless encampments, it stands to reason this managed camp would introduce many unwanted results including additional crime, trash, drugs, etc. How will these things be prevented and addressed?

This area does not provide adequate mental health, transportation, or other services that are needed by those who would be living in the camp to provide their daily and basic needs.

How will water, sewer, garbage, food be supplied in this area?

The proposed monthly cost of \$96,000 for 60 individuals is exorbitant. You can rent a nice apartment for considerably less, allowing individuals to reside in more typical housing at a lower cost and not create a "managed camp" environment that needs managed.

Many City of Salem residents already do not see the City's actions toward addressing homelessness to be effective - this idea will not create additional confidence in the decisions being made nor garner support from those living in this area.

I respectfully submit that this is not a good location for either the clients who will be moved there or those who currently live in the area. Please find another location and/or solution.

Thank you,
Cindy and Bud Lenker
2916 Vick Av NW

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of cjy@eitevents.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:34:41 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Casey J Yarbrough
Your Email	cjy@eitevents.com
Your Phone	9494638018
Street	4195 Eola Dr NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>**UNEQUIVOCAL NO!!!** I am extremely disappointed to learn of your proposal to place a homeless encampment near Brush College Rd in West Salem. Historically, the addition of a homeless population into a particular area has quickly led to an increase in crime, both person and property crimes. My immediate concern is the location of both Riviera Christian School, and Brush College Elementary. With children present, I am curious who will be vetting these "residents" for a past as child predators or drug addicts? How will the property be policed - similar to the hands off approach you have given to the rest of the filthy homeless camps throughout the city? Will crimes continue to be ignored as you do with every filth ridden encampment or city street corner throughout the city? Since these people are only a drain on the system and dont contribute to the city coffers you seem so happy to spend, who is going to pay for the exorbitant costs of promoting their drug addicted lifestyle? Who is going to pay for additional police protection of the actual tax paying residents in the area, where crime has already increased due to your out of sight out of mind policy to place them in Wallace park last year? Who has looked into placing them in the neighborhoods around your homes, near your kids' school, or you businesses? Lets give that a trial run before you invite more to invade our neighborhood. Im sure we can find enough folks who would be happy to shuttle them to your doorsteps. To conclude, do not put this encampment in West Salem, do not spend further tax dollars enabling and turning a blind eye to this out of control problem caused by your bad policies.</p>

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of dustin@legacyleadersinc.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:53:53 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Dustin Caldwell
Your Email	dustin@legacyleadersinc.com
Your Phone	503-881-1420
Street	4742 Liberty Rd SE PMB:243
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	Writing today in opposition to the proposal for the homeless camp. This is not the solution Salem needs or can afford. It is far to close to the school and puts our kids at risk, these camps are full of junkies and perverts. Maybe you would like them camping outside city hall so you can experience first hand just how vile these "camps" can be. It would be far cheaper to grab each of them a bus ticket to San Diego, I'll buy the first 100 personally, 1 way out of here.

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 9/27/2021.

From: [Deborah](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless camp on Wallace rd
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:03:58 PM

Good afternoon,

I am writing this email in response to the proposed plan to house homeless off of Wallace Rd.

While I agree we have a serious homeless problem that needs attention and a well thought out plan -this proposed plan is not the answer!

Not only is the location ridiculous - far away from resources, stores, doctors offices, yet close to our children's schools - but why on earth will it cost \$1600 per person? At this cost they could be placed in apartments.

Safety of everyone needs to be considered. The reality is that if there is a homeless camp on this BUSY road, crime in the neighborhoods and schools will also increase. As far as the homeless themselves, who often are not in the right mental state or are high on drugs, this busy road has a lot of traffic at high speeds. Someone will jump out in front of a car and get hit.

This plan is not our answer to the homeless crisis. We can do better. We MUST do better.

Deborah Krebs
West Salem Resident
(503) 269-8508
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dale Smith](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless camp to west Salem. At 2700 Wallace rd.
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:13:44 PM

I am writing you to ask that the discussion on the relocation of homeless camps be removed from the agenda and tabled for further discussion at a later time. There has been only minimal information provided to the public and as a resident of west salem, I am very concerned about the impact that this will have on our community. Besides the monies needed to fund this "camp", there are even more issues with regard to public safety. As you know, we have very little police oversight in west salem and even salem as a whole and since last year when "camping" was allowed at the river park we have seen a significant increase in crime and vandalism. Putting a homeless camp in this particular area of west salam is especially problematic as it is next to our Salemtowne senior housing, elementary school and small local park. We already have had numerous car break-ins, vandalism of our mail boxes, increase in stolen packages etc. This action by the city would make it increasingly unsafe for our residents and children. There has to be a better solution. Using a building like the closed down K-mart or the closed youth facility out toward Turner could be options. For the cost that is being proposed at \$1600 per individual (or even per tent), paying for an apartment would be more favorable than having these individuals living on open land, our parks or on the sidewalks. Again, I ask that you remove this agenda item and do not vote as there has not been enough information sent to the public nor enough public input. If it is not removed, I implore you to vote "no" on this action for the reasons stated above.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [gary Daily](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: homeless camp
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:34:47 PM

To: the city council and city manager, Steve Powers

I would like to express my outrage at the proposed idea to create a homeless camp in West Salem at 2700 Wallace Road NW. I live in this area and pay incredibly high property taxes. I pay taxes because I believe in supporting government's attempt to create a safe, educated, and affordable city in which to live. Creating a temporary homeless camp does nothing to provide safety, education, nor affordability. There are plenty of services for the homeless in the downtown area of Salem. As your own website has said, there are openings at facilities in Salem, and the homeless do not want to avail themselves of this help.

Have you ever spoke to the homeless? I have, believe me, the best thing you can do for them is to enforce a strict no lie/sit policy in all of Salem. I saw what you tried to do to relocate them to Cascade Gateway park (and have just recently moved the homeless out). I visited the park 3 months ago, and it was disgusting. Now you are intending to do the same thing, this time, in West Salem!

This plan will only hurt the homeless! Only fixing the problem will fix this problem. Moving them around the city is no solution. Clean up the city, period. There are plenty of services that they could utilize. I am sure that you have surveyed the homeless and found that most of them (90% in Los Angeles for example) are not even from this area. We don't want to be mean to anyone, but again, letting people sleep on the street or in camps hurts everyone, including the homeless.

Sincerely,

Gary Daily, MA, EdS, LPC
Licensed Professional Counselor
School Psychologist
<https://www.strongeroregon.com/gary-daily-lpc>

From: [George & Kathryn Wyatt](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless Encampment at Bush College/Wallace Rd.
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:50:04 PM

Mayor Bennett and Council Members:

We have been observing all of the different ways the homeless have been handled and mishandled in Salem for over two years. Unfortunately, a plan to place an encampment with the \$96,000 a month price tag makes absolutely no sense. We have heard from individuals in other states that the homeless are being housed and supported for MUCH less than what you all are proposing. Many of the solutions seem to support the homeless with much more dignity. It also seems there is no assurance of mental health and addiction services close by.

Further there are security/safety concerns in our immediate neighborhood of Salemtowne. We have recently experienced increased and record crime activity for Salemtowne. **AND, there is currently very little support for the seniors in Salemtowne. Our neighbors are concerned and actually scared.**

Your proposed solution for dealing with the homeless is an open invitation for increased trouble and problems for our senior community!

We have participated in supporting the homeless by volunteering our time and money for years. In Fact, Kathryn received the "Homeless Humanity Award" along with Mayor Bud Clark from Jean DeMaster of Burnside Projects many years ago! We still VERY much care about the plight of the homeless.

We appreciated this opportunity to submit our concerns for your consideration.

Kind Regards,
George and Kathryn Wyatt
Salemtowne Residents

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[Dr. George & Kathryn Wyatt](#)

From: [Haley Strom](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless camp in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 11:05:50 AM

Hello,

I am the granddaughter of two elderly grandparents in Salem Town, they also watch their almost 14 month old great grandson a few days during the week. I also know of a few other kids that's are babysat during the week in that community. By placing this homeless camp so close to Salem Town, you are not only putting elderly and incredibly vulnerable people at risk, but also children within that community. I VERY STRONGLY oppose this homeless camp going in and suggest the city find other places and resources.

Sincerely,

Haley Lozier
Salem Resident who's sick of this

From: [Ike Nail](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [budgetoffice](#); [Lee Ann Nail](#)
Subject: Proposed West Salem Homeless Camp
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:32:41 PM

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Salem City Council:

I feel compelled to write expressing my total opposition to the planned establishment of a homeless camp at 2700 Wallace Rd. in West Salem. I am dismayed that a project of this nature would be considered by the Council without public hearings or neighborhood input and I am troubled that the timeline for the project seems so hurried and precipitous, almost as if normal democratic processes were being avoided and denied. There has been no advertised zoning change hearing (Is the current site zoned commercial retail?) and the only notice of today's vote came from an online news feed article and (finally) a small article in last Friday's Statesman-Journal. Why is our Council avoiding democratic process?

Just because his site is owned by the city does not make it suitable for this purpose. A few of the problems include the fact that it is located on an extremely busy (at times highly congested) highway, needed medical and mental health services are distant, food sources are over two miles away, water and sanitation services will need to be trucked in, transportation to and from site will be a constant problem. Even if it is competently managed, it will be problematic; if it is allowed to develop without management, it will be the source of real and serious danger.

Despite the fact that it is advertised as giving preference to those over 55, it seems certain that younger, more hard-core homeless will also occupy the site, creating additional problems. The location is adjacent to some large apartment complexes with children, residential neighborhoods, an assisted living complex and near a large Adult (over 55) Community built around a golf course and featuring a club house, swimming pool, and RV storage, all open to community members and located on public streets. Incidents of theft, vandalism, and suspected arson attributed to homeless have already been on the increase in the area.

While many in our neighborhood are sympathetic to the plight of homelessness, this location presents too many real and potential problems to be a viable solution. I urge you to reconsider this move or to at least delay it allowing further input.

Sincerely,
Ike Nail

Dr. Ike Nail, Music Director (he/him, his)
Director of Instrumental Studies.
Western Oregon University
Music Director, Western Oregon Winds

Music Director, Western Oregon Symphony

Music Director, Salem Pops Orchestra

Music Director, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., 102A Smith Hall, Monmouth, OR 97361
(503) 838-8341, Fax (503) 838-8880

From: [Jeff & Tonya](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: NO Homeless Camp @ 2700 Wallace Rd.
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 11:45:51 AM

Dear Salem City Council,

Please don't take the homeless problem and literally kick it down the (Wallace) road. Trying to push it further away from downtown where it has grown beyond your ability to manage, simply puts it "out of sight-out of mind.."

Besides obviously pushing them away from food, health and welfare services, water, sewage, etc.:

1. Is the newly built UGM apartment complex completely full to capacity *with Salem homeless*?
2. Have you considered the well-being of elderly residents living in multiple retirement communities in the immediate area?
3. Would this camp detrimentally expand the focus of law enforcement patrol areas and intensity?

This feels like the city is headed (literally) in the wrong direction as a homeless solution.

Thank you,
Concerned Salemtowne Neighbor

From: [Joan english](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed Homeless Camp at corner of Wallace Rd and Brush College
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:55:35 PM

Respectfully submitted to the City Council of Salem, Oregon for hearing September 27th at 6pm.

In a spirit of advocacy for the Homeless of our community I respectfully submit the following issues, concerns and questions regarding the proposal to locate a Homeless camp at the corner of Wallace Road and Brush College:

1. How will food and water be provided to those living in the camp? Who will provide these?
2. How accessible will health services be to those living in the camp? Who will provide these services?
3. How will sewer services be provided and maintained to keep the area free of disease? Who will provide and maintain?
4. Has there been a traffic analysis and study been completed? The intersection of Wallace Road and Brush college
Has periods of intense traffic. School traffic from West Salem High School, Straub Middle School, Kalapua, and Brush College
Have high utilization rates for Brush College and Wallace Road. What safety concerns regarding this fact have been studied?
5. Where will Homeless park their vehicles. Please refer to issues with cars and trucks that developed at the corner of Salem Parkway and Hiacynth.
6. It has been estimated that the cost to taxpayers will be approx. 96,000.00. Would it be more caring of the Homeless
To provide them with 1600.00 each to rent an apartment?
7. If each Council Member was Homeless, would each one of you choose this option?

Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns and I look forward to your response..

Sincerely, Joan A. English

From: [jolene fanony](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless relocation
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:45:37 AM

I am writing you to ask that the discussion on the relocation of homeless camps be removed from the agenda and tabled for further discussion at a later time.

There has been only minimal information provided to the public and as a resident of west salem, I am very concerned about the impact that this will have on our community.

Besides the monies needed to fund this "camp", there are even more issues with regard to public safety. As you know, we have very little police oversight in west salem and even salem as a whole and since last year when "camping" was allowed at the river park we have seen a significant increase in crime and vandalism.

Putting a homeless camp in this particular area of West Salem is especially problematic as it is next to our Salemtowne senior housing, elementary school and small local park. We already have had numerous car break-ins, vandalism of our mail boxes, increase in stolen packages etc. This action by the city would make it increasingly unsafe for our residents and children.

There has to be a better solution. Using a building like the closed down K-mart or the closed youth facility out toward Turner would be far better options. For the cost that is being proposed at \$1600 per individual paying for an apartment would be more favorable than having these individuals living on open land, our parks or on the sidewalks.

Again, I ask that you remove this agenda item and do not vote as there has not been enough information sent to the public nor enough public input.

If it is not removed, I implore you to vote "no" on this action for the reasons stated above.

Jolene Fanony
Oakcrest Dr NW, Salem

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jan Fults](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: West Salem Homeless Camp - Comments
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:52:39 PM

The idea of establishing a site for a homeless camp in West Salem does NOTHING to address the problem and only adds to the numerous problems the homeless population have done to Salem.

First, the cost. \$87,000 for site prep, \$150,000 for micro shelters and \$96,000 PER MONTH for maintenance. What is the purpose of spending **any** TAX-PAYER dollars on this site? It is a waste of money and the investment will not show any return on the dollar. Who is going to feed them, provide transportation, pick up their trash or police the illegal activity? Investing in people who do not want to help themselves is throwing good money after bad. This misconstrued proposal will do nothing but enable more people to migrate to Salem for all the free services that Salem provides to them.

Second, locating this "camp" near an elementary school and a private school for toddlers and elementary age children is irresponsible and whoever thought this idea up should be ashamed of themselves. It is no secret that this population has significant mental issues usually due to drug or alcohol abuse, have dogs that are not necessarily trained or safe, and are irresponsible with human waste, needles, animal feces, and trash. The hoarding, damage to the provided "micro shelters" and the mentally unstable and/or sexual predators pose a significant risk to the Salem children and to the community.

Salem has sacrificed numerous parks to the homeless and thus the beautiful facilities that tax payers have invested in cannot be used. I was even told by a "homeless" person that they wouldn't camp at Wallace Marine Park because it was too dangerous. If Wallace Marine and Cascade Gateway Park are dangerous and cannot be managed, what makes it possible to think that this "camp" could be managed safely?

Bottom line, forget this venture and quit enabling these people. Make them pay something or food, medical care, housing, transportation and all the other basics of life that the rest of us have to find a way to make do. If a person does not have "skin in the game" they will not appreciate the efforts made to help. If you notice, most homeless have a cell phone, dog, and cigarettes (let alone Meth, Heroin and alcohol). Where do they get the money for these? Steal, panhandling, charitable organizations, etc. Stop the cycle.

I called Salem my home for 30 years and was very proud of it. I moved out of state this year primarily due to the way the state enables the homeless populations and allow them to trash the best cities and a beautiful state. My daughter's family and my grandson are directly affected by this issue and I hope you take time to rethink what this proposal would do. You might take a lesson from other states that do not have a significant homeless population. Do not add to this nightmare and endanger the children and others that deserve so much more from our city leaders.

Thank you
Janet Fults

From: [Jason G](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: 2700 Wallace Rd NW - Proposed Managed Camp
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:37:02 PM

Good evening,

I am writing to oppose the establishment of a homeless camp at the address stated above.

It is far from established social services, it is near a residential area, it is near an elementary school, and the site does not have established services such as sanitary sewer or water.

Kind regards,

Jason Gately
West Salem resident

From: [Jesse Halgren](#)
To: [Jesse Halgren](#); [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed homeless camp in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:14:24 PM

To whom it may concern.

I am against the proposed homeless camp in West Salem on Wallace Road. This location is not close to any mental health or addiction services that are all located closer to downtown Salem. The location is also less than 1 mile from two different elementary schools and right next to multiple apartment complexes where many school aged children live.

How will adequate food, water and sewer services be provided??

The \$96.000 monthly budget for this camp for 60 people averages out to \$1600 per person per month. That amount of money would pay for a nice apartment in many parts of Salem and the surrounding area.

Thanks.

Jesse Halgren

From: [Jeni Lindorfer](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [Jim Lewis](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting 9-27-2021 Public Comments
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:49:55 AM

With regards to Resolution 3.3f, File 21-421 "Managed Temporary Camping" in West Salem.

Your plan to put in a homeless camp in an area that is filled with family apartments, homes, and a retirement community will have only a negative impact on what is currently a clean, safe and desirable place to live. This decision will only result in **you** allowing this community, the community we live in to become unsafe and unsanitary to those that pay to live nearby.

I believe that it is your duty as elected city council members to take into consideration the safety of the almost 170,000 citizens that live in our city. I would argue that a majority of our homeless population are transplants to this area, and they are only here because of free services, and free legal drugs that our city and state provide to them.

It is also your duty to spend federal grants wisely. The monthly maintenance cost of \$97,000 for 60 people averages \$1,616.67 per person. That is a large chunk of money for a group of people who make zero contribution to our community, and receive additional funds and free services on top of that.

It's difficult to speak about the homeless situation without seeming negative and unsupportive. I don't know about you, but I have seen first hand what "homeless camps" look like. They look like giant overflowing garbage heaps, and the residents of said camps could care less. They have zero investment in "community" and what it takes to be a contributing member of a caring community. That is not something that will ever be welcome here in West Salem.

Thank you for your time.

Jennifer D
West Salem, Oregon
Ward 8, Councilor Jim Lewis

From: [John Mangini](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Message for 9-27-2021 Council Meeting
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:23:00 PM

Dear councilors,

September 27, 2021

This message is in regard to your proposal to establish a temporary managed camp around 2700 Wallace Road NW. I want you to know I am very much against this idea and urge you to consider my reasons:

- a. I have lived in the Court Street Historic District for 18 years and have seen the downtown area of Salem practically ruined by continued misuse and favoritism granted to the "homeless". It has come to the point that living in down town Salem seemed very unsafe. We just recently moved to Salem Towne in West Salem. Your proposed usage of a very nearby parcel of land for your camp will have a very adverse impact on both local retirement homes and the Salem Towne subdivision. We have been visited with crime recently and adding a shelter such as the one you are considering will continue to make it worse, especially as we are an older group and at risk.
- b. There needs to be more specific details about any encampment that will help ensure proper care is being given. I have seen no such wording in this proposal.
- c. The area is not near any of the type of facilities and help that these people need.

Thank you for considering my comments.

John Mangini
3194 Oakcrest DR NW
Salem OR 97304

John Mangini Realty
Licensed Oregon Principal Broker
(503) 409-8699

From: [Janet Romine](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [budgetoffice](#)
Cc: ["Janet Romine"](#)
Subject: Council meeting Sept. 27, 2021 Homeless camp testimony
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:56:34 PM
Attachments: [Homeless camp Sept. 2021.docx](#)

Please get the attached letter to the proper channels before today's meeting.

Thank you, Janet Romine

September 27, 2021

Dear City of Salem Council Members,

On Saturday, September 25, I heard for the first time about the homeless camp off of Wallace Road that the Council is recommending. I was upset by the lack of public information, although today for the first time, I saw a Statesman Journal front page article about the proposal. I would think if the Council wants input there should have been lots of ways to get this information out to the public. It was not done. My mother lives in Salemtowne and two board members told me this weekend was the first time this proposal had come to their attention. It was so last minute they said they couldn't even convene the board to make a formal rebuttal of the proposal.

Because of the lack of information and the timing of the Council meeting, I am begging you to postpone this agenda item until a later date. I am requesting detailed information about the proposal that is easy to access. Many of the people affected by such a site are no longer computer savvy or even have computers. There needs to be written material that is either attached to doors or mailed to residents near the proposed site.

In case the Council does not "do the right thing", delaying the discussion of this proposal, then I am saying "please please under no circumstances put the camp at this particular site"! Why? It is near the most vulnerable of our society....elderly and children.

- The property backs up behind a retirement/assisted care center.....Bonadventure.
- The property is directly beside apartments that have many children.
- The property is very close to Salemtowne.....another vulnerable population of elderly.
- The property is close to an elementary school.....Brush College Elementary.

My elderly mother lives in Salemtowne (which has recently had an uptick in break-ins) and has already stated that she does not want to remain there if this camp goes through. Her words, "I am scared." She was once burglarized (in Salemtowne) through no fault of her own (doors locked....outside lights on.....etc.) and lost everything of value. She was out of town, thank God. The burglars went through the front door with a crowbar and hammers. It really brought home how vulnerable we all are as we age.

So, please scrub this proposal. Consider if you would want your elderly parents to live close to a homeless camp. I understand that the unsheltered need services and help. There are services and help available within Salem. I understand many unsheltered are mentally ill, but Wallace Road is not a good spot for them. Please protect and help our elderly. At \$96,000 a month to maintain a camp for 60 people, I would think a better use of money would be to rent an apartment space or motel room for those in need.

Please do "what is right" for our elderly and children!!!

Janet Romine
2915 Eric Ct. NW
Salem, OR 97304
romine@teleport.com
503-871-9309

From: [Doug Jamie Schmidt](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed managed homeless camp Wallace Rd
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 11:38:24 AM

Good Morning

I am reaching out to you today concerning the proposal for a managed homeless camp at 2700 Wallace road. I wanted to share that I do not support this proposed location for the following reasons and ask that you also don't approve this.

#1) there are two elementary and daycare within a mile of the proposed location. One of these being Riviera Christian. Last year the school was placed in lock down when a homeless gentlemen tried to force his way into the church. It is not abnormal for a church to provide services to the homeless and being in the close vicinity the risk of this occurring again is high. Although the staff did a great job handling it. My son was terrified as their rooms were put on lock down and they were told to stay low/lights off and quiet.

1a) on top of this risk at the schools. There has been an increase in gun violence in salem over the last year. More prevalent in the homeless areas of town. Placing a homesless camp near two schools creates a large unnecessary risk to young kids.

2) I am not sure if you have seen the latest, but pedestrian vs vehicular fatalities are at an all time high in Oregon and across the nation. Placing a camp next to a 5 lane facility at 45mph where for most people their main transportation is walking or riding increases the likely hood of a fatality ten fold. I encourage you to take a look at the last year of what occurred at the market street ramp the last 18 months. There were multiple pedestrian fatalities. The installation of the RRFB near Brush college will not solve this. Please take take to review this information from Nhtsa. <https://www.nhtsa.gov/press-releases/2020-fatality-data-show-increased-traffic-fatalities-during-pandemic> <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety> How speed and pedestrian fatality correlates <https://www.ite.org/technical-resources/topics/speed-management-for-safety/speed-as-a-safety-problem/>

3) lastly this seems as salem is pushing the homesless out of sight of mind and great distance from the services that they rely on. Wallace is no easy trek to travel from and to if you can't afford bus. The distance to the Mission with the vertical grade makes it less likely people will be able to readily access the services they need. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. I pray salem council makes the right decision on this. As it puts kids at risk and the homesless at risk as well.

Jamie Schmidt

From: [J Stembridge](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Housing site opportunity
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:33:36 PM

Dear Salem City Council,

I fully support creating a supervised housing site on city property for those experiencing homelessness.

Also, I urge you to create similar supervised sites distributed throughout the city. Every ward needs to participate. Every city dweller needs to know that together we are reducing the crisis homelessness.

And having small well managed sites in every ward will do more than reduce homelessness; they will increase understanding and thereby enrich our collective humanity.

Thank you,
Joan Stembridge
1695 Winter St SE
Salem 97302

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: jenljohnson1027@gmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless Camp proposal on Wallace Rd
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:48:13 PM

Dear City of Salem,

My name is Jenny Vanlue and my family and I live in the Whispering Heights Neighborhood just off Wallace Rd. I am writing to you today as a concerned mother of two young children. The proposal to relocate 60 homeless individuals into our neighborhood is both terrifying and concerning. We chose to buy a home and raise our families in this area because we felt safe here. The crime is low and the community is safe for young children.

My sister lives in Portland and I have heard all too many stories of the impact a new homeless camp has had on the lives of their children and the crime rates in the surrounding areas. In 2019 Oregon Live published an article stating that one in two arrests made in PDX was of a homeless individual. Knowingly bringing such crime into a family neighborhood, across from a school, is completely irresponsible and naive to think this will not drastically impact the surrounding neighborhoods. My kids and I walk to Plaid Pantry for cookies. If this homeless camp went in, I would no longer feel safe to walk outside of my street.

My heart breaks for the homeless community. Many have addiction issues and mental health concerns that desperately need addressed. This location on Wallace is far from any services to provide food or mental health services that they desperately need unintentionally prohibiting them from getting the help they need to break their homeless cycle.

My husband is a teacher. I am a healthcare worker. We have dedicated our lives to helping this community. But I refuse to risk my children's safety because the City of Salem thinks that this is the easiest solution to an overwhelmingly growing problem. Please think logically and find a location for this camp that will not put young lives at risk.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing about the alternative placement you find for this camp.

Please feel free to contact me anytime.
My phone number is 503.347.8392.

Jenny Vanlue

Sent from my iPhone

From: pamvinson@centurytel.net
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Micro Shelter Site approx 2700 Wallace Rd NW
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:12:22 PM

Are you nuts and thank you so much for the advanced notice of this meeting (sarcastic). We just moved to Salemtowne a little over a year ago. Why in God's name isn't the \$\$ just used to get hotel rooms it would be so much cheaper and safer all around. I also wonder how many traffic accident there will be now especially at night. Wake up people. Thank you Jim & Pam Vinson

From: schmidtj@centurylink.net
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Microshelter Site for Homeless
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 11:52:17 AM

We object to the Salem City Council's decision to establish a homeless shelter on Wallace Rd NW Salem. We live in Salemtowne and already experiencing increase theft in our neighborhood, catalytic converters removed from vehicles, items stolen from homes, homeless destroying property and trespassing. This is NOT why we moved to a 55 plus community that was safe a few years ago.

Our Concerns

- You are going to move these people to an area next to apartments with children and elderly.
- Are these people going to be screened for sex offenders, drug and alcohol abuse, mental disabilities?
- What will prevent them from bringing in younger homeless people?
- How are the homeless residents be monitored?
- There is no transportation available, no bus service.
- How are you going to monitor to prevent increased crime in the area?
- With a budget of 96K you could afford each person a \$1600 month apartment.
- Why not place them at the fairgrounds or the old UGM?
- Are you going to provide 24/7 security for us?

Salem is becoming more and more disgusting day by day, stores closing and increased crime. Is the Salem City Council going to move there office out here at the homeless camp so you can deal with this directly. You don't want them next to you, but are willing to place them by us! I hope to receive a response, otherwise time to vote you people out next term!!! Your decision to do this is NOT welcome!!!

Jean Schmidt
Waine Parks

From: [Audio Blessings](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [budgetoffice](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting/Homeless Camp in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:25:49 PM

Hello Council Members,

I am a resident of West Salem and live less than a mile from the proposed site for a Homeless camp being proposed at 2700 Wallace Rd NW. Here are my concerns:

1. This project is funded by the American Rescue Plan, intended to help counties recover from COVID. Homelessness has been a problem in our community well before COVID and these funds are temporary. How are you planning on sustaining what is sure to be a growing problem in our city?
2. Of those funds, it appears the total cost per person would be \$1600/person. Wouldn't it be more effective to put this funding towards programs the city already has in place like Salem's Homeless Rental Assistance Program where the individuals can receive mental and physical health services and assistance? Being in West Salem, residents would be far from where the services they need are. Or rent them apartments outright with the funds instead?
3. What is included in that budget of \$1600/person? Is security and maintenance included? Utilities? Any job assistance? Food assistance? Transportation assistance because there is a limited bus schedule in this area?
4. The community is less than a mile from an elementary school and a private elementary school and less than 2 miles from two more elementary schools, a middle and high school. What is your plan to make sure kids are safe?
5. Is the already understaffed and undervalued City of Salem police/Polk County Sheriff's officials committed to making sure our community remains safe with extra patrols and community intervention?
6. Of all the state owned land, why this location? Wouldn't this community be better placed in an area closer to hospitals and other services that may be needed like mental health and addiction assistance?
7. This location is in proximity to a few local businesses and would negatively impact their business as well (Plaid Pantry, Roger that BBQ and a new strip mall just a block away from the proposed site).

Recent City of Salem satisfaction surveys indicate a lack of confidence that city leadership is capable of coming up with viable solutions to problems in our city, especially homelessness. Continuing forward with this plan will further undermine public confidence in our city officials. I urge you to put aside political party leanings and make choices based on what is a sustainable, logical and fiscally responsible solution to this problem.

A Concerned Resident of West Salem,

Kristen Daily

From: [Keith Morgan](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [budgetoffice](#)
Subject: "Temporary" Proposed Homeless Camp in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:59:56 AM

Seriously!!! Define "temporary". Is that like the various "managed encampments" spotted throughout the city, downtown, under the bridge, etc.?

This proposal is a gross violation of the intended use of the *federal* "Covid 19 relief legislation of 2021", a *federal* bill intended for student veteran relief, and included \$3.5 billion for mental health relief. Your proposal would move "*qualified*" participants farther from medical & mental (read addiction) health facilities, and I seriously doubt that there are any student veterans, 55 and older, among our homeless population.

BTW: West Salem already has a 55 and older community just down the road from your proposed site, and they are already experiencing increased crime rates.

At a cost of \$1,600 per "qualified" person, you haven't included facilities for the ongoing cost of food, water & sewer.

And let's be honest, it may be federal money, but it is not *free*.

This is a proposal for disaster, an overt attempt to move an eye sore to another location out of sight.

Not just *no*, but *hell no!!!*

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Katcinasmith@comcast.net
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:38:46 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Katcina Smith
Your Email	Katcinasmith@comcast.net
Your Phone	9717014474
Street	2324 Banyonwood Ave NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	Deeply saddened at at the lack of thought of how the community of west Salem will be affected if those in favor of this camp is allowed to move forward. The one way in one way out bottle necked stop and go traffic issue we already have now, with crime and homeless issues growing at a staggering rate the thought of imbedding our community with a camp that is surrounded by a community of 5 schools countless parks residents that back yard to this is completely insane. There are countless areas in Salem that are better suited to be able to help support and sustain a camp and provide a safe environment for all parties. West Salem is NOT the place to put a camp.

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From: [Kathryn Weber](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed temporary camping options on Wallace Road in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:51:02 PM

Please register and record my objection to the proposed “temporary” camp at 2700 Wallace Road for the unhoused for the following reasons:

- If this is a “temporary” camping option, then the residents of West Salem need and deserve to be given a plan that results in it truly being temporary. We need a complete proposed schedule of start and stop dates with plans showing next steps and how this is “temporary”
- This proposed parcel is not within walking distance of any services - health care, support and social care or even food. There is a gas station and Plaid Pantry within a block that will become the go-to place for food and possibly bathroom facilities. Has that business been notified?
- This parcel is less than 1 mile from an elementary school - Brush College Elementary School. There are safety concerns for these young students at the school and especially those who walk to and from school.
- This parcel is within walking distance of a city park - Brush College Park - and can be reached from the parcel by back trails through the park thus encouraging unmanaged areas of camping with the spread of campsites (This happened all along the river with the “temporary” camping at Wallace Marine Park this past spring and summer and still remains an issue).
- Camping implies non city approved septic services or trash services. Who will maintain and pay for portable toilets, showers, and weekly trash, recycling and bottle pick up? Have these expenses been figured into the “proposed” budget?

Plus, why is it when temporary camping for unhoused people of Salem issues arise, the solution is somewhere in West Salem? We residents here cannot get a bridge built to accommodate the increased traffic resulting from the building boom going on in this part of town but we are expected to take on this increasing social services issue. I would challenge that West Salem property taxes and the property taxes of all the new housing developments in West Salem add disproportionately to Salem - our share being more than East or South Salem. However, our beautiful Wallace Marine Park and walking bridge became a dangerous place for we residents due to the unhoused encampment placed there the past year. And now the council is proposing a “temporary camping option” on one of the busiest streets in our area.

Please look for other options, or drop the “camping” idea and look at empty storefronts and business offices that could be repurposed into permanent shelters for these people. A permanent structure with health and social services built into the structure with easier access to food and health services. Look at all the empty storefronts for a permanent solution to a problem that cannot be dealt with setting up a camping option.

Respectfully submitted
Kathryn Weber
West Salem resident

From: [Kris Zielinski](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: West Salem Homeless camp
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:32:30 PM

Please reconsider setting up the proposed homeless camp in West Salem. This is a lot of money to be spent on a temporary fix and in my opinion that is all it is. Too close to schools and they will be vandalizing property. It is a fact that drug users are thieves. There is no guarantee that the people living there will not be using drugs or mentally unstable. We don't want that so close to schools. They need help and this is only a bandage.

We need more beds for the mentally ill so they can get the treatment needed and off the streets. And drug treatment for addicts. Those who choose to live on the streets can clean up their own filth! I'm sick of watching Salem turn into an undesirable place to live. I realize this is not an easy task but better thought needs to be put into a decision like this. It does not make sense!

Kris Zielinski

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lynnette Camacho](#)
To: [Jim Lewis](#); [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed managed homeless camp in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:26:50 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing you to ask that the discussion on the relocation of homeless camps be removed from the agenda.

There has been only minimal information provided to the public and the residents of West Salem and as a result it comes with great concern about the impact that this will have on our community.

Among the concerns involved are the property values of our residential area, the monies needed to fund this "camp", issues with regard to public safety and the significant increase in crime and vandalism that comes as a result of such decision.

Putting a homeless camp in this particular area of West Salem is especially problematic as it is next to our Salemtowne senior housing, elementary schools and small local park. We already have had numerous car break-ins, vandalism and increase loitering and crime. This action by the city would make it increasingly unsafe for our residents and children.

There has to be a better solution. Using a building like the closed down K-mart or the closed youth facility out toward Turner could be options. For the cost that is being proposed at \$1600 per individual (or even per tent), paying for an apartment would be more favorable than having these individuals living on open land, our parks or on the sidewalks. At the same time the impact on our community is not one which we can not consider. Enough is enough.

Again, I ask that you remove this agenda item and do not vote as there has not been enough information sent to the public nor enough public input.

If it is not removed, I implore you to vote "no" on this action for the reasons stated above. It is completely understandable that a place for unhoused people needs to be found. However, the proposed site off of Wallace Road is not the answer.

Concerns:

- It's stated that it is a temporary camp. How long is "temporary"? Who or what will define the length of time this camp can be ran?
- Who will be responsible for staffing this area and keep it safe and sanitary? We lack resources as it is.
- How will it be managed so there is no camp overflow into the park and ride lot? How will you determine the residents of this camp want to be "managed?" What resources will be provided to ensure a more permanent solution?
- Who will provide the medical and social services that the people need? Note the lack or resources sought by these individuals when provided with the option and the availability of

these resources in this area.

- We know crime, harassment, trespassing and sanitation issues increases around homeless camps. How will the surrounding community be kept safe?
- How will the \$96,000 per month be spent? At \$1600 per resident, where does that go?

My husband I are residents of West Salem for the past 5years and are sincerely concerned with the impact of homelessness on our city.

Please consider these questions and consider the suggestions for other properties that are not within a neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Lynnette and Brian Cole
West Salem Residents

From: [LARRY CORNELIUS](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting Agenda item re: Homeless Camp in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 3:14:12 PM

Greetings,

I am adding my voice in STRONG OPPOSITION to the proposed new location near Brush College / Wallace Rd. that is reportedly being considered as a city sponsored homeless camp. And, reportedly at a cost of \$96,000 per month? For WHAT????

Prior to any vote on such an issue, the city's PLAN needs to be appropriately detailed and those details provided to all West Salem residents. To date, I have personally heard nothing from the city, received no mailings with such details, and have only now seen a post about it on the NextDoor app. That post says there will be a city council vote tonight to approve this camp, and I say that's wrong. You are blind-siding people who have a residence or business in this area without adequate time spent discussing the pros and cons and alternatives. People who have a right to know. Tax payers, and payers of city utilities, business supporters, all who have major investments in the upkeep of their property and thus their quality of life in West Salem should be the ones voting. A homeless camp near such residential / business areas does not add value, it RUINS it. WHAT OTHER OPTIONS EXIST that would provide a location for these people to be housed, that is NOT near existing residential and businesses?

As a property owner in West Salem for 6 years, I've seen the homeless situation growing worse both here, downtown, and across the city. But I've seen very little if any tangible action to address it. Just relocate it. Ridiculous amounts of tent campers under freeway overpasses, in Wallace Marine Park, encircling businesses like Rite-Aid on Center/Marion streets. In those 6 years I've seen no in depth or meaningful solutions proposed for the homeless. Only "clear the camp" maneuvers, that result in the same people moving somewhere nearby to setup camp again. Even along the sound-barrier wall (on the freeway side) of I-5! They deposit their shopping carts right along the freeway as it suits them. Extremely hazardous and ridiculous.

Even in the furthest reaches of West Salem, for example the Brush College neighborhood where I live, the petty crime has been increasing for years. Cardboard sign holding beggars in the usual locations (Walgreens, Shell Station, McDonald's, at the intersection of Edgewater and Wallace; mentally ill people walking into people's homes, car break-ins (my neighborhood), mail boxes broken into (my neighborhood), even vehicle theft. We are miles from the homeless camps in Wallace Marine Park but they ride their (often stolen) bikes around at night looking for their next victim. Their garbage piles up wherever they are. They relieve themselves in plain sight of passers-by as if there's not a thing wrong with that. THEY DON'T CARE. If you move them CLOSER to our homes, what do you THINK is going to happen next? It's simple, it's going to be worse.

But we, the property owners and tax paying citizens who have worked our entire life to acquire what we have DO CARE. We care about our city's and neighborhoods

cleanliness, safety, law and order, peace and quiet, natural beauty of our surroundings, and maintaining the value of our property. WE PAY OUR BILLS and deserve to have the city's and state's support to protect our lives, homes, property, and quality of life.

Larry Cornelius
2276 Teakwood Ave. NW
Salem, OR 97304

US Navy Veteran - Vietnam Era
66 Years Old
Retired

From: [leta Jones](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless encampment on Brush College Rd
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 3:08:44 PM

Not a good site. Do not proceed with this “plan” which is I’ll conceived--
LJ

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of lisakayeblue@gmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:42:14 PM
Attachments: [Salem City Council Homeless Encampment.docx](#)

Your Name	Lisa Holcomb Krah1
Your Email	lisakayeblue@gmail.com
Your Phone	9715993266
Street	1659 Nut Tree Dr NW
City	SALEM
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	Good afternoon. Attached please find my testimony for September 27 against the proposed homeless encampment at the 2700 Wallace Road site. Warmest regards, Lisa Holcomb Krah1

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Esteemed Salem City Council Members,

This letter is in response to the proposed Homeless encampment at 2700 Wallace Rd.

It is completely understandable that a place for unhoused people needs to be found. However, the proposed site off of Wallace Road is not the appropriate solution.

First of all, this site doesn't seem ideal. It is located in between an apartment complex, 2 assisted living facilities and a Senior Community. Just up the road there's Brush College Elementary and Riviera Christian School. The nearest store is a Plaid Pantry convenience store at the 76 gas stations. This does not seem practical.

It seems reasonable to table this discussion at this point to allow for consideration of additional sites that are available. Especially those which are closer to more many more resources. There must be more appropriate city owned land. Why hasn't the city proposed the following properties which are for lease or sale *by the city*? These properties include the Salem Business Campus with up to 42 acres at 5700 Block on Gaffin Rd SE, the **Loopnet-Airport at the Salem Airport up to 30 acres**, or the Mill Creek Corporate Center in South Salem which has various sites available. These properties were found on the City of Salem website after doing a quick search. I am sure that there are others that would be just as appropriate.

Additional questions:

- Has it been taken into consideration that the property floods every year?
- It's stated that it is a temporary camp. How long is temporary? Can you provide a date?
- What about the dangers of increased foot traffic on Wallace Rd. for these residents to access essential resources?
- Who will staff this area and keep it safe and sanitary? What will the cost be for this?
- Who will provide the medical and social services that people need? These services aren't located in this area.
- We know crime, harassment, trespassing and sanitation issues increases around homeless camps. How will the surrounding community be kept safe?
- How will the \$96,000 per month be spent? At \$1600 per resident, where does that go? This amount could be purposed toward a small apartment!
- How does the City propose to keep unwanted transients away from the structured proposals and monitor the activities of those who are NOT looking to improve their circumstances?

I recently moved out of an area of Portland to this area in West Salem away from the aggressiveness and lack of policing that occurred at the homeless camps that surrounded our homes. After repeated encounters with drug addicts, thieves and the poor citizens in some of these camps who experience mental illness, this is quite concerning for me, as I exhausted my life savings in favor of a safer community. There are MUCH better options for this and MUCH better ways of spending these funds. I have seen first-hand TWICE now what happens when these encampments move in. As an older person, it is increasingly more difficult for me to protect myself and my home from those who don't always play by your proposed rules.

Please consider these questions and consider the suggestions for other properties that are more amenable to the needs of those that you intend to serve. This most certainly is not a "not in MY backyard" testimonial, but more of a "Well hang on a minute, have we really considered everything that we need to here?" request. Thank you for your consideration.

Kindly,

Lisa Holcomb Krah/ Salemtowne resident

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of shadrbones1@gmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: city recorder
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:57:12 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Larry McCrory
Your Email	shadrbones1@gmail.com
Message	I say no to homeless shelter location in West Salem near Plaid Pantry.

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of lin31-@comcast.net
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:55:52 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Lin W
Your Email	lin31-@comcast.net
Your Phone	5034809358
Street	PO Box 5611
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	We, as homeowners in the area of the proposed camp, are strongly opposed to a homeless camp next to our neighborhood. The site is way too far from downtown and has no resources nearby. Campers will enter our neighborhoods looking for assistance from homeowners and the newly constructed apartment complex. The money to establish and maintain this camp should be spent on providing a more accessible and better suited site elsewhere. Say NO to this proposal!

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From: [Misty Bingham](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Comments for City Council Meeting 9/27/21
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:04:03 AM

Regarding the Salem City Council meeting on Monday, September 27th at 6 PM and the agenda item Proposed Managed Homeless Camp in West Salem:

1. Safety: It is no secret that the unfortunate effects of the unmanaged homeless camp in West Salem has increased crime and decreased feelings of satisfaction with the city and its leaders. We need to know how the effects of this managed camp will be different, especially as it adjacent to a large apartment complex where children play outside, very close to multiple schools, and so far from the city's resources that it could affect far more geographically than the property itself. **My friends and neighbors and I have many specific questions about the process of vetting residents of the camp and security for residents of both the camp and the neighborhood.** It is doubtful this can be answered satisfactorily in this one meeting.

2. Use of Funds: There are many, many holes in the information available on this topic. For one, the maintenance cost is perplexing. I recognize that the \$96,000/month maintenance cost is not funded by taxes. Nevertheless that is an incredible asset to be used wisely. Sixty individuals (the number proposed to be offered micro-shelters) could each rent a pretty decent apartment for \$1600/month. Wouldn't it be better to offer that to a family for rent or maintain a shelter for many more adults? **Wouldn't that also offer more dignity and stability to the recipients of the assistance?**

Here in West Salem, we have seen a drastic, negative change in our public spaces over the past two years, and we need more time to understand this specific potential solution better. As citizens of the city of Salem, we also deserve to know that important funds are being used in the most effective way possible.

Sincerely,
Misty Bingham
Resident of West Salem

From: maryannebryan1@gmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed Camping Site on Wallace Road
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:06:12 PM

I saw in the newspaper a plan to build a homeless encampment at 2700 Wallace Road in West Salem and would like to make a comment regarding 3.3F. As a resident of West Salem for the past 30 years (who lives off of Wallace Road and will be commuting past this area several times a day) I feel this will negatively affect the entire residential area around Wallace Road.

1. The price tag is too expensive for something "temporary". The \$96,000 per month price should be used for a permanent location. In addition, property values will go down, the nearby apartments and SalemTowns residents could be placed in dangerous situations as well as the multitude of joggers, walkers and cyclists.
2. The services for this population are downtown and not at 2700 Wallace Road. These people need housing that is accessible to them. They will not get the services if they are placed 3 miles away.
3. It's simply dangerous for all involved. Dangerous for potential residents, walkers, joggers, area residents, **students** and those commuting on a busy highway.
4. This proposal does not seem to be well thought out. These people need permanent housing, easy access to resources and safety. They won't get those needs met on the side of a busy highway.
5. Please do not use 2700 Wallace Rd. as a proposed camping site.

Respectfully,

Mary Anne Bryan

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Portogi@yahoo.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:53:42 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Michael Kuchman
Your Email	Portogi@yahoo.com
Your Phone	503 327-3142
Street	2929 Ferguson St Nw
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>The fact you all are considering putting a transient camp next to my child's school shows a complete lack of respect and care for your community. Crime is increasing in West Salem and that is because of your horrible decisions. I moved here because I wanted my family to be safe and now you are trying to bring drugs and potential sex offenders closer. Again, the fact you are considering putting this camp close to multiple schools and family neighborhoods is dispicable! You all should be ashamed of yourselves. Thank you for your continued efforts to ruin West Salem.</p> <p>Mike Kuchman</p>

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From: [Mary Raney](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Temporary shelter in W.Salem for unhoused
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:29:52 AM

To Salem City Council,

Concerns about safety and crime will create pushback on the idea of transitional housing in West Salem, for the unhoused. I live in Salemtowne, off of Wallace Rd NW, near the proposed site, so I share the concerns. On the other hand, it's important to consider that providing housing for the homeless is not only the right thing to do, but also presents an opportunity for the community, as a whole, to learn the root causes of homelessness and, ultimately, find solutions that keep human beings from living unsheltered.

The problem of homelessness is complex, but we don't need to 'reinvent the wheel' to find solutions. My hope is that adequate research into programs that have worked in the US and elsewhere (Europe?) is part of the due diligence. My hope is that those who need help, and will accept help to manage their lives to get out of the cycle of homelessness, will get that help. My hope is that those who need help, but resist help, will be properly managed. Basic human rights, like food, clothing and shelter, are accompanied by the requisite responsibilities.

If the community of Salem is going to provide transitional micro-housing in West Salem, or anywhere, for the homeless, it is my hope that adequate resources: money, training, professional help, and backbone, etc. will accompany that housing. It is my hope that Salem and Salem City Council has the stamina and courage it will take to responsibly and humanely help those who accept help and manage those who don't accept help.

It is my hope that "transitional" and "temporary" housing mean exactly as they are defined and not euphemisms that obscure the problem of chronic homelessness. Finally, it is my hope that, with community support, Salem becomes the best example of vibrant health, business and livability for all.

Mary Raney 503.269.2513

From: [Marilyn Whygle](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed West Salem Homeless Camp
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:09:24 PM

Dear council members and Mayor,

As a West Salem resident I am very concerned about the proposed homeless camp location. I do not feel there are enough amenities or resources for proper care of the homeless at that location. As the campers have to walk to downtown areas there will be quite a disruption down Wallace Road and possibly into our quiet family Neighborhoods. Please consider another area that has better access for the homeless to receive the help they need.

Thank you,

Marilyn Whygle, 1845 Wakefield Ct NW, Salem, OR 97304

From: [Nicole Barton](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Cc: [budgetoffice](#)
Subject: West Salem transitional housing project
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 3:11:49 PM

I have so many concerns about this proposal.

How are these people going to be vetted? Will there be a screening process? This location is within a mile of more than one school. How are we going to ensure the safety of the closest neighbors? How can this proposed camp possibly be managed to keep this neighborhood safe with that proposed budget? With the increase in transient population comes an increase in people with addiction and mental health problems. That means an increase in property crime and some aggressive behavior. Will there be an increase in police presence to offset that? There needs to be a safer place for this proposed camp and a lot more forethought.

Thank you.

Nicole B
West Salem Resident.

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of oliamadsen@gmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:52:06 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Olia Madsen
Your Email	oliamadsen@gmail.com
Your Phone	5034374473
Street	1722 Toucan St NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	I think relocating the unhoused to the area on the corner of Brush College and Wallace road is a terrible idea. We have had a safe area and community with nearby schools for years, which now are at the risk becoming extremely unsafe to our neighbors and children. This is not a “solution”, it’s merely a way to “hide” the problem and clear up the downtown area by exposing safe neighborhoods to a giant mess. Please, think of your family. This is endangering mine.

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of patbowlen@hotmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless encampment at Brush College/Wallace Rd.
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:20:44 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Patricia A Bowlen
Your Email	patbowlen@hotmail.com
Message	This plain raises fears of increased crime in a quite residential neighborhood. How will this be prevented. It is also only 3 blocks from a Christian school on Brush College at West Hills Community Church and is within a half of a mile from Salemtowne a senior community with many vulnerable elder residents.

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From: [Penni Franklin](#)
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Homeless location on Wallace road
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:37:03 PM

I strongly disagree with bringing any assistance for the homeless onto Wallace road. It could be harmful to the people in Salemtowne and surrounding homes. It is NOT a good positive thing to do.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Pavlina Gibson](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: 2700 Wallace camp
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:26:16 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing you today to express my opinion on building a temporary housing for the Houseless at 2700 Wallace Rd NW. I feel that this location would not be a good idea for many reasons. The 2700 block of Wallace Rd has no access to any services to help these individuals. It is just too far away from any of the services that are provided within the City. This would create a group of individuals that would not be able to have access to any services to help better their situation. There is little to no transportation that far out, so people would have difficulty in trying to shop, find work, or any additional basic human rights. They would be trapped and isolated from society which is not how any individual should ever be treated. We need to do better than this as a system. I would hope that we table this decision for now, till a more appropriate solution becomes available.

Thank you for your time,

Pavlina Gibson

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Penelope Ryan](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless Camp in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:15:06 PM

Dear Person:

I am emailing to advise you not to set up a temporary homeless camp near the Plaid Pantry 2700 Wallace Road for the following reasons:

The homeless will be three miles farther away from medical/mental or addiction services.

It is too close to a primary school.

Homeless camps tend to increase crime and filth in areas where set up.

There is no plan for waste disposal or for food and water.

The people in this area pay large taxes to support government. The primary purpose of government is to maintain order, fight crime and preserve the peace. This camp will promote the opposite.

Why don't you put them in the abandoned canneries?

Signed,

Penelope J. Ryan
An American Citizen

From: [Kelli Monaghan](#)
To: [budgetoffice](#); [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Public comment and testimony for 9/27/21 meeting agenda; RE: Homeless camp
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 11:28:20 AM

I am a citizen and resident of West Salem. I understand the City Councilors will consider authorizing the city manager to establish a temporary homeless camp in West Salem at 2700 Wallace Rd NW, Salem OR.

I oppose this plan for the following reasons:

- * this location is far from needed mental health and addiction services!
- * this plan raises fears of increased crime in a quiet residential neighborhood that houses vulnerable senior citizens, and is home to grade schools, and apartment buildings that occupy several small children.
- * the published plan does not describe how food, water, and sewer will be provided to said camp.
- *the proposed \$96,000 monthly operating cost, at \$1600/per person, is more than the cost of a very good apartment. Taking 60 people off the streets, and renting them an apartment, instead of housing them in micro-shelters would produce a better result
- *The City of Salem - Satisfaction Survey reports a steady decline in optimism and a greater sense that the city is headed in the wrong direction. Pushing this plan will increase that public sentiment.
- * West Salem infrastructure is already strained, outdated, and lacking, when compared to the amount of people who live here and rely on the infrastructure. This plan will put an even more increased demand on the infrastructure which will result in even slower response time, and resource capabilities for the increased amount of reported injuries, deaths, crimes, trash, rats/rodents, clean up, sanitation, maintenance costs, and everything else associated with homeless camps.
- ** there is no "end date" listed on this "temporary" plan.

Signed,
a concerned resident,
Kelli Monaghan

From: [Ryan Allbritton](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Public Comment RE: 3.3f. 21-421 - Managed Temporary Camping
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:19:19 PM

To Salem City Council Members,

This email is to plead with you to please reconsider your plan(s) to establish a temporary homeless camp at the 2700 Wallace Road NW parcel. This is an unacceptable approach to Salem's homeless issue(s).

Homelessness in West Salem has steadily been a concern for many West Salem residents since even before the pandemic began. It has affected me and my family. Specifically, I had a homeless individual break into my outbuildings, on my property, as well as try and break into my home from 4 different entry points. He stole bikes, tools and broke into our vehicles. As it turns out he was wanted for other crimes and luckily the Polk County Sheriffs Dept. found a good set of fingerprints and matched them to this individual who we later found out was recently arrested and in prison. There was a significant cost to us, both financially and psychologically, to make home feel safe again.

Car break-ins, property crimes, assault and drugs are already a real problem with the homeless population and the city's answer is to bring this community to the residential areas of West Salem? Your previous decision to allow the homeless to camp in Wallace Marine Park during the pandemic, was an absolute disaster. Why would you repeat that same mistake and place these individuals so close to Salem Towne residents, apartment complexes (directly across the street) and single-family houses?

We, the residents of West Salem, respectfully decline your plan for this homeless camp in our neighborhood(s). We will not tolerate this flawed decision that will bring crime, drugs, graffiti, filth, garbage, etc.

Respectfully Opposed to Managed Temporary Camping in West Salem,

Ryan Allbritton
Salem Resident

From: [Rockie Leach](#)
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Homeless camp in west salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:44:06 PM

This letter is in response to your proposal to build a so-called 'MANAGED HOMELESS CAMP' in West Salem. If you are capable of managing a homeless camp, then why did you just spend 12 million dollars buying a 70 room hotel for them, why didn't you just manage the camps under the bridge on the market, the camps on city streets, camps on commercial street, or on the corner of Lancaster, by Home Depot. Why did you just budget another 8 million to create an office to coordinate their placements "OFF THE STREETS".

If you think you can MANAGE homeless camps, put them in YOUR BACKYARD, and stop wasting tax dollars. We are finding used needles everywhere, in neighborhood yards, on the streets, and you want to create a homeless camp; crime is up in West Salem, higher than the national average, you want to add to that, businesses are threatening to move out because no matter what they do to prevent theft, it is happening. We just had a shooting that resulted in murder of an employee on Doaks Ferry, and this Sunday a group of teenager that resulted in the stabbing of one of the teens. You can't manage the violence that is created, but you think you can manage a homeless camp.

If you are so capable of "MANAGING A HOMELESS CAMP" why did you move them out of the parks, including the one in West Salem, and pass a resolution banning it. It's because YOU CAN'T MANAGE A CAMP, it's just the easy way out without any consideration as to what will happen to our neighborhood. Putting our children in danger when they are picked by used needles, once again reducing our property values.

This, like your proposal to build an apartment complex on the hill side next to our park that has a water table that runs through it, is just as outlandish. If this letter sounds angry it's because there just doesn't seem to be any thought that truly looks at resolving the problem, just putting bands on it at the public's demise. Work with the current organizations that have years of experience with the homeless and figure out how to resolve the bulk of the problem that can reduce the ongoing epidemic that is continuing to grow.

From: [Randy Lerner](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed homeless site in West Salem!!!!
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:16:21 PM

Good morning,

My wife, son and I are residents of The Brush College Estates in West Salem. I am strongly against this idea, along with all of my neighbors do as well. We have worked hard to afford and live in such a nice neighborhood. This would ruin our area, drop our property values and make it unsafe for our families to utilize the Brush College Park or take our evening walks.

Please feel free to contact me if needed.

Respectfully,
Dr. Randy Lerner
593-586-3657

From: [Media](#)
To: [Amy Johnson](#)
Cc: [Gretchen Bennett](#)
Subject: FW: Contact the City of Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 6:54:15 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Likely another comment for tonight's agenda topic.

Courtney

cbusch@cityofsalem.net | 503.540.2426

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net <noreply@cityofsalem.net> **On Behalf Of** rachael.odea@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 7:27 AM
To: Media <media@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Contact the City of Salem

Your Name	Rachael McDowell
Your Email	rachael.odea@gmail.com
Your Phone	5039999094
Street	2012 WOODHILL ST NW
City	SALEM
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>Good morning, I have concerns for a proposed managed camp at 2700 Wallace Rd. How are the people that live there vetted? Are these the people that seem to congregate around Wallace Marine Park? I have concerns for safety if that is the case. While doing a football fundraiser, we just had a run-in with a man who screamed obscenities and picked up our sign to throw it at a car or a person before we were able to get it back from him. Is this temporary? What is the long term plan? What are we doing to treat the root cause of homelessness? How is cleanup of the camp managed? Are residents expected to clean up garbage? Are we going to see more garbage on our roads? Building expensive shelters, managed camps, etc is a bandaid. But an ineffective one if you don't stop the bleeding. Is there an expectation that people actively look for work? Are there care managers and counselors available to help? Is drug and alcohol use prohibited? Is there treatment for drug and alcohol abuse? Where does the funding come from? Is this also going to be considered low income housing? If people are able to pay any amount will they be expected to? I understand that some people are unable to lease/rent etc due to prior evictions. It seems that if people have some income, they should pay for their housing on a reasonable sliding scale. It doesn't make sense to support people forever. We don't do that with children. We shouldn't with adults. Should this be closer to</p>

resources? I can't imagine that Roger That BBQ and the gas station convenience store can support a large encampment. West Salem already has stressed and crowded roads. Does it make sense to purposely add to that? These are a few of my concerns and questions. I absolutely understand that homelessness is a multifaceted issue. I would love to see a decrease in people sleeping under bridges and in parks. But I want to see the decrease because of effective action, not just relocating time and time again. -

Rachael McDowell

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of sammontgomery4@hotmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:58:21 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Rich Montgomery
Your Email	sammontgomery4@hotmail.com
Your Phone	503 365-8786
Street	918 River Bend Rd NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	I want to object to the proposed homeless camp near the corner of Wallace and Brush College. It is too close to large numbers of kids, too close to an elementary school, and would increase crime like the camp at Wallace Marine Park. Rich Montgomery

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 9/27/2021.

From: [Roland Mueller](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Microshelter Site - NW Salem adjacent to ODOT Wallace Road Park and Ride lot
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:32:42 AM

Greetings!

To support the proposed temporary managed camping on the city property adjacent to the ODOT Wallace Road Park and Ride we would need to know more about the controls that will be implemented to address unauthorized camping adjacent and near the managed camping.

For example, evidence of unauthorized camping can be seen on the left west side of the overpass on HWY 221 by Van Kleeck Pl NW which is just west of the proposed temporary managed camping location.

Is there any information you can share?

Thanks,
Roland and Nancy Mueller
2341 Banyonwood Ave. NW
Salem OR 97304

From: [sueb](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless camps
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 11:33:37 AM

Regarding the consideration of a homeless camp on Wallace Rd in West Salem

It is my understanding that the city council is considering a homeless camp on Wallace Rd in West Salem.

This is a bad idea on many levels. This is a neighborhood area and history tells us this does not turn out well due to crime and security.

Beyond that these people need permanent housing which can be better achieved if they are near social services, medical and mental health care and support.

This area will not offer any of these things on a regular basis.

Also if the money calculation is correct per person we could get them all an apartment with utilities paid.

This is not the right place but as a temporary is the park on commercial near Arches who can help.

The homeless situation has not been addressed well let's not make it worse

Thank you

Susan Brewer

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21+ 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

From: [Sean Cameron](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: 2700 Wallace rd homeless camp
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:35:12 PM

Dear City Council,

The placement of this camp is a terrible choice. It's far from mental health and addiction services for the campers. It is also extremely close to two elementary schools and one high school. How are they going to manage sexual offenders if are present at this camp?

My family has and still lives in this area. I'm very disappointed in the city of Salem and want better for our city. Our city is turning into a disgrace.

Please reconsider the placement of this homeless camp.

Sean Cameron

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sharon Crawford](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Un-housed in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 11:12:57 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am a concerned West Salem citizen.

I have lived in Salem all my 53 years.

I understand the need for solutions to the un-housed.

There has been such a huge increase in the un-housed population over the past 2-3 years. The unsanitary conditions are out of control.

This "camp", even if priority is given to the older population, is not a solution.

The cost is completely unreasonable and should be put into the resources needed for mental and physical health care. The un-housed should be empowered to care for themselves when possible. Get them back on their feet, helping themselves instead of

more handouts that do nothing but make them more dependent.

Thank you for allowing this input today.

Sincerely,

Sharon Crawford BS, RDH

[Oregon Tech](#) Clinical

Dental Hygiene

Instructor

From: [Stanley Dillon](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: West Salem HOMELESS CAMP Agenda
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 3:00:00 PM

Subject: Homeless relocation to WEST SALEM

I am writing you to ask that the discussion regarding the relocation of homeless camps be removed from the agenda and tabled for further discussion at a later time.

There has been minimal at best, information provided to the public regarding this latest move by the city to juggle the homeless again. From city park, to the river parks, to freeway entrances and downtown, where you have allowed business to be ruined, and the public cannot use the city that we pay the taxes for. I as a resident of west Salem, I am very angered and concerned about the impact that this will have on our lives and the lives of everyone living in our community. As well as our property values. I don't believe you will be wanting to lower our taxes, which are some of the highest in the city.

Besides the monies needed to fund this "camp", there are even more issues with regard to public safety. You know that we have very little police oversight in west Salem and Salem as a whole. You have allowed "camping" in our parks, which we have had to quit using, with homeless, begging at every corner, riding bikes into traffic, walking out in front of cars with no regard for traffic. Filth and squaller, where they urinate and defecate wherever they want. Which I have witnessed personally. You have had no regard for the significant increase in crime and vandalism. You know why; police don't even want to take a report on it, as they have no resources. You have no problem protecting the Capital building when you are in it!

West Salem, is the wrong place to try to move your homeless problem. Especially putting the homeless near Salemtowne, where seniors who pay for their housing. Then the schools some of the best schools in Salem, elementary school middle schools and parks, what a great place to put a homeless camp. We already have had numerous car break-ins, vandalism of our mail boxes, increase in stolen packages etc. This action by the city would make it increasingly unsafe for our residents and children. Begging on every street corner. Try to go to the gas station to get fuel, or buy and ice cream at McDonalds with your children; NOT without being begged, signs stuck in your face, spitting, urinating and camping on the street corners. Just over the bridge, where you allowed them to live for years, in filth and squaller, in downtown Salem, and the area you refer to as a park. The parks are also homeless camps. Who is willing to walk in urine and filth in order to enter the mall downtown? Have you noticed they are basically empty? Guess what, its not Covid that is keeping people away. Wake up, and be real! There are better solutions. Maybe put them in a park near your home. And temporary housing is a ridiculous way to kick the can down the road. Once you set it up, you can't and won't move it. Find a real solution!

Use existing building like the closed down K-mart or the closed youth facility out toward Turner could be options. Rent temporary housing/hotel space, which you can for the cost that is being proposed at \$1600 per individual (or even per tent), paying for an apartment would be more favorable than having these individuals living on open land, our parks or on the sidewalks.

I ask that you remove this agenda item and do not vote as there has not been enough information sent to the public nor enough public input.

If it is not removed, I implore you to vote "no" on this action for the reasons stated above.

We will be watching and if you don't remove it; we neighbors of west Salem, will be doing our own planning, which is to ensure you are no longer on city council, as we need people who have vision, and planning, not the "homeless shuffle" you are known for. No bridge is needed for West Salem, Oh, but we have homeless you can have to live in your front door.

Stan & Cathy Dillon
Christina Street NW, Salem

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [David Johnson](#)
To: [David Johnson](#)
Subject: Homeless West Salem
Date: Monday, September 22, 2020 12:58:09 PM
Attachments: [C:\Users\David Johnson\Desktop\West Salem\10-10-2020\10-10-2020.mpg](#)

NO

PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THE HOMELESS TO WEST SALEM. HOMELESSNESS JEOPARDIZES OUR LIVELIHOODS! We need our cities and parks back. Our citizens need to feel safe. Don't be like Eugene, Oregon who has the highest rate of homelessness in the whole country. Eugene seems to be spending more money to push the people deeper into homelessness.

BUSINESS OWNERS AND FAMILIES HAVE Legitimate GRIEVANCES.

THIS IS A HUMANITARIAN CRISES AND ITS UNFOLDING BEFORE OUR EYES! IT IS A STATE OF EMERGENCY that should be funded by the Federal Government and donations.

THE HOMELESS HAVE LEGITIMATE GRIEVANCES TOO! THEY HAVE NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND NO HOPE WHICH PUSHES THEM DEEPER INTO HOMELESSNESS.

GIVE THEM RESOURCES NOT JUST MONEY. DO THIS BY CREATING "HOPE CITY" OR "HELP CITY" THIS IS A CITY THAT IS ITS OWN CITY WITH ALL RESOURCES TO GIVE HOPE AND HELP. A CITY THAT HAS ENOUGH DISTANCE FROM SCHOOLS, NEIGHBORHOODS AND BUSINESSES.

GIVE THEM HOMES, FOOD, MEDICAL ATTENTION, CARETAKERS AND THEIR OWN BUSINESS VENTURES WITHIN THE CITY. ONCE ON THEIR FEET THEY CAN HAVE THE FREEDOM TO LEAVE OR STAY IN "HELP CITY".

HELP CITY COULD BE A PLACE OF STEPPING STONES FOR LIFE SKILLS, ADDICTION HEALING OR MENTAL ILLNESS COUNSELING.

THIS MEANS ANYONE SLEEPING ON CITY STREETS OR IN CITY PARKS GETS TRANSPORTED TO "HELP CITY".

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AS THE IDEAS ARE ENDLESS AND CAN LEAD TO A FAR BETTER ENDING.

LET'S BE THE EXAMPLE FOR EVERY STATE. LET'S START HERE

INSTEAD OF ILLEGAL POT FARM LAND LETS TURN THE LAND INTO A "HELP CITY".

From: [SUZIE KELLEY](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: meeting tonight.
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:32:24 PM

Hello, it has come to my attention a few different items on the agenda today. Seems you just want to destroy the entire downtown area especially restaurants. There is NO REASON at all to charge the restaurants for trying to accommodate the over reaching governor trying to shut down businesses. They are facing large tax increases federally and state wide, they have had to spend money to bend over backwards to please the governor, they have been threatened by the homeless and the small amount of violence allowed by antifa, they have shut down at her whim. We should be trying to see how to incentivize them to stay open, make it worth their while to be in business and take a chance here in Oregon and downtown Salem. NO on increased fees/taxes. What can you do to help them, not hurt them?

Homeless??? are you kidding? Why do you want to take some of the nicer/safer parts of Salem and destroy it like you have downtown and under bridges, etc? fix the problem, don't have them move around. You have already proved you can't spend money to help the situation, no extra funds. Go after each person one at a time if you need to, find out what that person needs whether is it a ticket to relatives, jail for criminals, detoxing for drug addicts, medication or what ever. Fix it, don't shuffle and put this in a decent area? Seems like any one on the council is not living anywhere near this area. Oh by the way, you do realize there are 2-3 grade schools and 1 middle school right there? Not to mention the high school not being far off?

Please reconsider.

I will only address 2 of the items, I'm sure you will have your hands full with all of them.

Suzie Miller

West Salem

650-678-9031

From: [Shirley Siefarth](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Temporary camp for homeless
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:23:28 PM

This is a very disturbing idea. It's far away from needed facilities and help
The traffic on Wallace Rd is often stacked up making it even worse in the event
of an emergency.

It's too close to Salemtowne community with 55 and up residences.

Many residences are in their 80's and 90's requiring frequent trips from emergency
vehicles and fire trucks

There always is garbage, and litter around encampments

Use the money to get real, permanent apartments for the homeless, especially if they are
over 55

Submitted by
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From: terryd4765@yahoo.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Against homeless Camp
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:20:31 AM

We live in Salemtowne Retirement community an want to say we are against having a homeless camp at Wallace Rd/Brush College so close to our community. In the past year we have already had a big increases in Homeless vandalism and theft in our community. It is ridiculous to put a homeless camp right next to a senior citizen community.

Terry and Debra Davidson

From: [Tim English](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City Council Comment on File #: 21-421: Managed Temporary Camping
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:38:28 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I write in regards to

File #: 21-421 Version: 1

Title: Managed Temporary Camping. Ward(s): 8 Councilor(s): Lewis Neighborhood(s): West Salem Result Area(s): Safe Community; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Comment Submitted: Tim and Rhonda English, resident of West Salem

We respectfully ask the city council to reject this proposal.

Concerns of proposal:

- We believe this is not a solution. The homelessness dilemma seems to be primarily a choice. This “managed camping” in temporary shelters, does not provide a path out of homelessness; it only ENABLES it. Providing those who may choose to be homeless, or refuse to access programs to help them out of homelessness, a free “shelter” and place to BE homeless, is not a solution. It perpetuates the issue. With respect, personal responsibility is a beautiful human attribute, and whatever we do should help to enable people to embrace and thrive in that. As one of three young boys, raised by a single mom abandon by her husband/father, she CHOSE to work multiple jobs, and with some public assistance, she received a “hand up” rather than a “handout,” and she succeeded. This was a choice, a hard road, but she did it. Personal responsibility was on full display. Please vote “No” on this non-solution.
- At a monthly tax payer cost of \$96,000 per month (\$1,600 per person/mos) to simply manage the encampment seems ridiculous. A quick search today of cost of apartments is... \$1200 per month average or median cost of \$1050. And the cost of a temporary shelter encampment is \$1600 a month/person. We urge you to cast a clear “No” vote on this. It is not an effective or efficient use of public funds.
- Why not invest or fund organizations like Union Gospel Mission that will give men and women a path out of homelessness and to self-sufficiency. We get it can be incredibly tough to get out of the homelessness-cycle, and programs like UGM or others can give people an opportunity... if they choose it. The problem may be some, or many, may not want to make the necessary choices to get there. For our city to invest tax payer dollars to perpetuate the “living on the streets” lifestyle should be a hard no. Please vote “No.”
- Location concern. There will likely be a location concern for dropping a group of homeless people into a neighborhood, wherever it is. We, as a couple, intentionally chose to purchase a home in West Salem, in a neighborhood directly accessed by Brush College Rd

because of its location. If there was a homeless encampment located at the corner, generating all manner of homeless foot traffic, and unkemptness, to say it nicely, would have affected our decision to spend 400K just last year in this area off Brush College Rd. I suggest we, and other neighbors, would not appreciate the reality this will present to this neighborhood. Please vote "No" on this location. My suggestion, notwithstanding, my previous comments on pathways to self-sufficiency, and use of public funds, would be to locate this type of encampment, with respect, out of public sight.

From: [Trenton LeBaron](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Council agenda
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:06:07 PM

Regarding a “managed homeless camp” in West Salem: Delay any decisions about this as we resident have NOT received adequate information regarding such to form any kind of opinion. This could have an extremely devastating effect on our community! If more time and information cannot be, then vote against such.

Trenton LeBaron

From: [Board Chair](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed Homeless Camp on Wallace Road
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 11:47:12 AM

I asked that the proposed homeless camp on Wallace Road be tabled until City staff do far more to communicate the project to the community.

Your 2021 Community Satisfaction Survey points out a steady decline in confidence and a growing sense that the city is headed in the wrong direction. This project is a clear example of why people distrust city leaders.

To quote an old movie, **"What we have here is a failure to communicate."** The surrounding community should not have learned of this project through a news story. City of Salem staff should have communicated the intent and details of this project long before this being on the City Council agenda. As it is, Facebook and the Salem Reporter are the sources providing last-minute information, and the rumor mill is going wild.

Lack of information fuels fear. Without adequate information, Salemtowne residents easily assume that the horrors they see under bridges and on the east side of Rite Aid in downtown are being invited into their neighborhood. The image of aggressive vagrants taking over public spaces, filling the area with trash, and pooping on the sidewalk is frightening to this community. I understand that this is supposed to be an entirely different model and that the site will have 24-hour supervision. However, without that information the public is left to speculate and imaginations are free to run wild. Again, staff have failed to communicate with the community.

Provide the project details. A news article and the rumor mill of Facebook do not provide the information needed for the community to actually evaluate the merit of the project. There is nothing beyond the site picture to describe efforts to mitigate the visual impact. Issues of security, supervision, sanitation, food, drinking water, and transportation to necessary services should be communicated to the public. Likewise, the \$96,000 per month operating cost, at \$1600 per month for each resident, seems enough to rent an apartment and provide caseworks to address behavioral problems. An explanation of that budget should be available to the public. Once again, staff have failed to communicate with the community.

A long way from services. Addiction and mental health services are essential to breaking the destructive cycle of street living. The notion that the homeless are just people like you and I who lost the job is not supported by the evidence. There are adequate reports that document that addiction and mental illness are predominant issues with those living on the street. The Wallace Road location is far from the established resources that will be required for these people to make a real transition. Without those services, this camp will be one more stop on a downward spiral.

Don't enable dysfunctional behavior. The greatest barrier for people transitioning from street life to the rest of society are the well-meaning efforts of assistance that actually promote street life. Giving someone with addiction or mental health issues a tent and a sleeping bag encourages them to live where they will not be held accountable for their behavior. I'm skeptical that providing someone a "micro-shelter" is actually going to move them toward a healthy lifestyle. City staff should clearly demonstrate that the proposed model has been tried and proven effective. However, as before staff have not communicated with the community.

Summary: This proposal came to the community's attention on short notice with little actual information. This rightly fans the flames of fear. I implore you to send this proposal

back to staff for additional work. I believe a reprimand is in order because staff failed to communicate important information about the project to the community well in advance of this appearing on the Council agenda. Consider this as a prime example of why your Community Satisfaction Survey shows confidence in the City at an all-time low.

Tom Mahon

Chair, Board of Directors
Salemtowne Civic Association
2900 Oakcrest Drive Northwest

From: [Terri Mccrory](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: No to west Salem homeless shelter
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:47:40 PM

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of valoy@comcast.net
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:41:40 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

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City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	Re: monitored homeless camp in West Salem. This is not the place for a homeless camp. It is in a residential area as well as elementary schools nearby. The homeless camps have proven to be unsafe and unstable. Bringing crime, drugs and mentally unstable people into an area they have no business being. The money should be used for a more suitable situation that will not bring these issues even deeper into our community.

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