



CITY OF SALEM
Written Testimony
City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, October 25, 2021

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Virtual Meeting

City Council Work Session - Resident Perspective on Infrastructure Need

2.a. [21-471](#) Infrastructure Bond

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

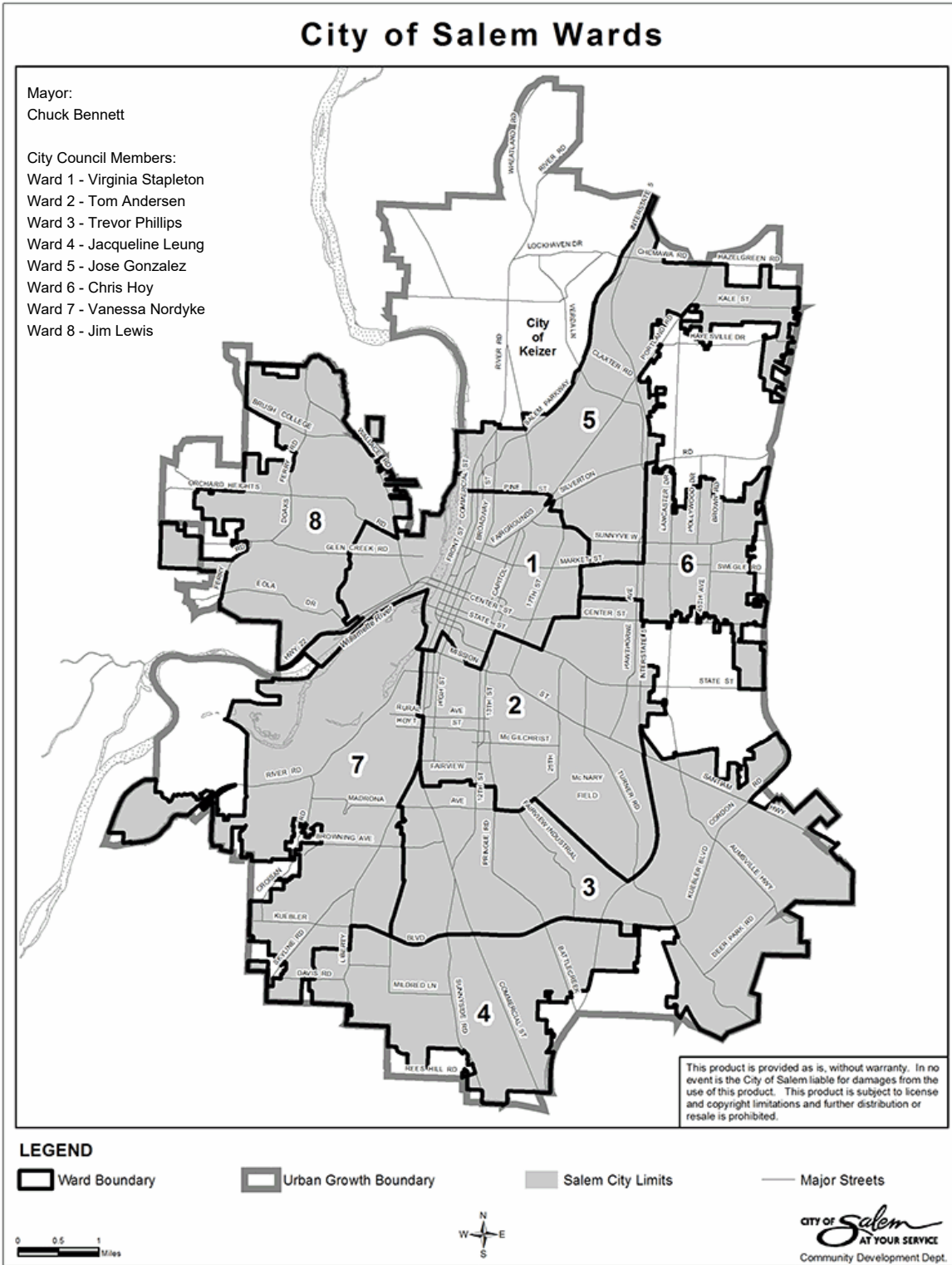
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

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

Recommendation: Information only.

Attachments: [Finance Committee Staff Report - Salem Maintenance Bond.pdf](#)
[City of Salem - Infrastructure Bond Focus Groups - September 2021.pdf](#)
[Public Comments received by 5:00 p.m. 10-25-21.pdf](#)

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From: [Mark wigg](#)
To: [citycouncil](#); [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Bond measure
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 4:10:12 PM

Dear Councilors,

Who were the 18 people in focus groups? What were they told? How were they selected? That is a small number to base this decision on.

In 2019, the highest priorities according to the 5,000 participants were parks and trails. Can we get transcripts of the meetings?

You should increase gas tax to pay for roads then use bonds for the \$200million shortfall for parks.

We lost half our bike commuters between 2009 and 2019, how will this bond reverse that trend?

Mark wigg.

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From: [Pamela Blake](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 4:49:34 PM

I'm curious as to the "infrastructure" you're referencing when you talk about a ballot measure for 2022.

Some people haven't worked for 18 months, but you propose to increase our costs?

I'm very unhappy with the current level of spending, and the amount of money you keep throwing at the homeless problem.

My quality of life has gone down, and my costs are up, with no end in sight.

But here comes a ballot measure, sure to drive the older residents on fixed incomes closer to homelessness themselves.

Pamela Blake

Ward 6

From: [Phil Carver](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: 10/25/2021 Worksession on Bond Measure
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 4:30:18 PM

Public Comment by 350 Salem Oregon

There is consideration of \$150 million of the bond issue for transportation infrastructure. None of this should go to new bridges, widening roads or adding lanes. It should only be spent on maintaining existing roads, sidewalk improvements and bike lanes.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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