



CITY OF SALEM

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Written Testimony # 1

City Council

Monday, April 8, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

5.a. [19-172](#)

Motion from Councilor Kaser (Ward 1), Councilor Tom Andersen (Ward 2), and Councilor Chris Hoy (Ward 6) to save the Salem Peace Mosaic

Ward(s): Ward 1

Councilor(s): Kaser

Neighborhood(s): CANDO

Result Area: Welcoming and Livable Community

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TO: Mayor and City Council**FROM:** Councilor Tom Andersen, Ward 2**SUBJECT:**

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MOTION:

We move that the City Council support saving the Salem Peace Mosaic. We further move that Council direct the City Manager to draft a letter indicating Council's support and that he propose an amount not to exceed \$15,000 in the City's FY 2020 budget to assist the citizen-led fundraising efforts to save the Salem Peace Mosaic.

DISCUSSION:

The Salem Peace Mosaic was installed in 2011 on the frontage of the YMCA building on the corner of Court Street NE and Cottage Street NE and is part of the City's public art collection in downtown. Creating the mosaic involved a collaboration of artists and residents, and it is a beautiful representation of the values of our community. The YMCA has announced plans to redevelop the property, which will result in the loss of the mosaic. The artist and a group of residents are working to save the mosaic by having it moved to different location. The initial cost estimate to save the mosaic is \$250,000. It is our understanding that while the YMCA supports saving the mosaic, the organization does not have the funding required to save it.

The group working to save the mosaic is actively raising funds and has reached out to a number of organizations, as well as the Mayor and several City Councilors. The Mayor expressed his support for the project in a letter dated February 25, 2019, which is attached.

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Attachment:

Letter from Salem Mayor supporting preservation of the Salem Peace Mosaic, dated February 15, 2019



Attachment

MAYOR'S OFFICE

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February 25, 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the preservation of the Salem Peace Mosaic, a joyous, beautiful, and treasured landmark in downtown Salem created by more than 600 community members. The mosaic is scheduled to be demolished due to new construction this fall if funding is not available to preserve this treasure in the City of Salem's Public Art Collection. This mosaic, which shares that Salem means Peace, is located a few blocks from the State Capitol and includes an original poem written for Salem by Oregon Poet Laureate Emerita Paulann Petersen.

The Salem Riverfront Carousel has expressed an interest in incorporating the mosaic into their new building in Salem's regional Riverfront Park. This potential location would be an exciting addition to the park and for Salem.

The Salem Peace Mosaic attracts visitors to Salem and has garnered significant community support. A conservator hired by the City of Salem, Architectural Resources Group, Inc., stated, "...the Salem Peace Mosaic is a significant piece of public artwork which can and should be saved." Contributions are being raised by a nonprofit, Save the Salem Peace Mosaic. Thank you for your consideration to help preserve this artwork for future generations.

Sincerely,

Chuck Bennett
Mayor

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Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of carolynstockbruce@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 8:07 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Carolyn Albrecht Stock
Your Email	carolynstockbruce@gmail.com
Your Phone	5033716109
Street	3911 Seneca Ave. SE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	Please support the Salem Peace Mosaic. Thank you.

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Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of lauriedougherty@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 8:22 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Laurie Dougherty
Your Email	lauriedougherty@gmail.com
Your Phone	6175040016
Street	462 20th St. SE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97301
Message	Please support saving the Peace Mosaic now situated on the YMCA building. This is an important, beautiful and meaningful cultural part of Salem. I am out of town and unable to attend tonight's City Council meeting. I hope you will do what you can to preserve this artwork created by many people to signify the root meaning of our city's name. Thank you, Laurie Dougherty Ward 2

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Amy Johnson

From: Save the Salem Peace Mosaic <savethesalempeacemosaic@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 2:24 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Salem Peace Mosaic, Comments from the Community for City Council
Attachments: Salem Peace Mosaic_Comments from Our Community.pdf

These are a few of the over 500 comments from the public about preserving the Salem Peace Mosaic, a public artwork that over 600 people helped to create for the City of Salem.

Thank you for including this in the record.

Best regards,

Lynn Takata
Salem Peace Mosaic

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

We MUST save this
wonderful piece of ART
It is nourishment for
our souls ♡

Denore Mandy

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

We need beauty & Art
& Whimsy & playful
inspiration for creativity
in Salem. The Mosaic
exemplifies this. Lindsey Jones

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

I saw this piece growing up every
week when I went for dance classes
and it always captured my
attention and made me fall in
love with it. Please don't take
that wonder away from other
little girls.

-Arika Wolf

Save The Salem peace mosaic!
I am deeply saddened by me hearing that
the Salem peace mosaic may be destroyed if
theres nothing to help it. My Hope is that
because the community made the Mosaic, it
will be the community to save the Salem peace
mosaic.

Nadia.K

Age: 12 5/6

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

I saw the mosaic on my very first day in Salem and it solidified my decision to move to Salem permanently. Please save it!

Vera L. Poe

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

We need to preserve public expression of peaceful means to alleviate global + local challenges

Margy Campbell

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

For cultural awareness, it's beauty and the work that was put into making it!

Michael Ladd
Firefighter/Paramedic
Salem, OR

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Save the Peace Mosaic. If you can't find it a new home - move it to my house!! I will love & care for it. 😊

Ingrid Stromberg

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

I've been going to the Y since i've been little, every time I passed the art I would look at it beautiful.

- Garrett B.

Art in our community is priceless! This is an amazing piece of our cultural community. Please save the beautiful mural!

Regards,
Rebekah
Rissby

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Dear City Council -

please take ALL AND NECESSARY steps to save the Peace Mosaic. It's not right to tear down this community project - built by 600 adults and children - that stands for peace. That would be a tragedy. please save the mosaic.

Sarah Rehrs
Salem

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

This beautiful mosaic would look ^{beautiful} and fit well in Riverfront park!

Please, it's too beautiful to destroy.



SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

First & foremost, Salem is the City of Peace.

Secondly, the mosaic was a community labor of love - a unifying event.

Thirdly, it's possible to save so why not preserve it??

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

I think it's a part of our history, something that is not replacable! This would be keeping our Oregon spirit alive!!! About the people who love and care!!
Beautiful art!!!

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

you should move the art so that other people can enjoy it too

Trevor age 9

Beautiful mosaic!

I am wondering how this can be saved - it would be a huge loss if it's not. We are the city of peace!

Robyn Brown

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

→ The mosaic
This is one of my
favorite things in
Salem!

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Every thing about this piece
is a beautiful reflection of our
community - from its creation by numerous
volunteers young and old to its
accessibility in word and image
It is a memorial to who we are,

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC



This art is symbolic of
something greater than the
sum of its parts.

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Art brings us together as a
community. Don't destroy it.

V. Perez

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Salem

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SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

the mosaic is
AWESOME!

~~PLEASE~~

Please
Don't take it
down!

-Sara, 11

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

We love the peace
mosaic and we don't want
it to be destroyed! So many
people worked very hard and
it's a beautiful addition to our
community. please save it!

Carilyn Davis

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

So many hands worked together
to make a beautiful piece
of community art. This
matters! Save the peace
Mosaic!!

-The Johnson Family

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

It's important
to save historical
pieces of art because
there's no large-cooperation
design worthy of replacing
a wholesome piece of
art.

Sydney Farmer
Sept 1st 2011

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

The Peace Mosaic was a creative, cooperative effort that included members of the Salem community from all walks of life. It stands as a true public work of art -- produced by our school children, artists, seniors, and citizens who value the ideas of peace, community, and cooperation.

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Please save this beautiful piece of Salem. It represents our unique culture.
with love in our hearts

The Figuerod's

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

NOEE
I WANT TO
SAVE IT

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

IT'S HISTORY FOR SALEM
TO REMEMBER + IT WOULD
BE AWFUL FOR A PIECE
OF ART THAT THE SALEM
RESIDENTS MADE TO BE
DESTROYED.

HILARY HAMMONS

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

this is a beautiful public
art piece ~~very~~ to
Salem City of Peace

Horae Austin

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Please preserve our public
art - it brings together
community and promotes a
sense of ownership and
pride. What better investment
of resources! And I vote!

Maria Bushek

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Art is integral to the
culture of a community.
Create a plan for preserving
this work and preserve
Salem's culture.

Hannah Baker

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

I walked by the Peace Mosaic
while living on the streets.
It turned my whole day/attitude
around. Salem needs more beautiful
things like at the YMCA.

Blackw. 36 yrs

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

I feel the mosaic is a beautiful art piece
is meaning full to all the children walking by.

A nice place to put it at the Salem
Capitol.

-Emma

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Keep the Peace Mosaic for it is
a piece that created memories with
the youth and to this day can
tell you where they have seen it and
all the memories that mosaic has held.

-Marie Davis Anderson

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Art is important to our
community & we need to
preserve it.

Please save the mosaic!

-Crista Keester

Save The Salem Peace Mosaic

I am devastated that the Peace
Mosaic is in danger of being destroyed.
This is a Salem (Oregon) treasure
that I had the privilege of
helping create.

I take all my friends and family
including out-of-town visitors to see it.
It must be saved. Tom Hamer

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Salem - "city of peace"
should preserve the
Peace Mosaic as a
symbol of its identity
and commitment to peace.
Bob Muir

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Please save the Peace
Mosaic - it is a part
of Salem's culture.

James V. Ciminian

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

The mosaic is one of the most
unique, meaningful, and aesthetic
community efforts that I have seen.
It is ~~also~~ of utmost significance to preserve
this wonderful resource.

Christy Le Adam

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

The Salem Peace Mosaic is a great
symbol for our city and state. It expresses
beauty, art, poetry and the commitment
to live in peace, thus honoring the
true name of Salem, which is PEACE.
We all should protect the mosaic
and save the knowledge and
creativity that reside deep within
this work of art ^{done by so many} people. JH

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

I would like to
save it because
it reminds me of
when I was
little. - Krystal

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Love the idea of
this being at the
River Front!
- Jeff Allman

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Please save this mosaic. My
2yr old son just discovered it
and is amazed by all the art.
I've spent years enjoying the
artwork. My child is in love
with the faces.

- Bradley
Quackentush

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Because such a beautiful and unique
work of art that expresses peace, love,
and respect for all life is worth saving.
It is invaluable because it is a
representation of the heart of all, who with
love and care, put their time and talent
into this lovely gift. Elizabeth Gingrich


SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Please preserve part of Salem history. My kids have admired it for years.

Myron Anderson

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Salem is a great community full of wonderful artwork.

Please save the Mosaic 

Built by the youth of our community. Show them you care! Thank you.

Angie Forreth

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

It took a long time to make ~~this~~ this piece of art

Atticus H

10 years old

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Please save the downtown mosaic! I worked on it when put together and it represents our community's "work together" spirit!

There must be a way! How about Rivertown Park?

Kathleen West

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

please don't destroy
the mosaic.

Emma L Zheng / Zhang
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SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

The community has put a lot of time
and effort into this mural. It is
a part of downtown Salem's history
and removing this almost feels equivalent
to removing the Opera house. History
should be preserved. -Justin McSherry

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

Please, please preserve
this treasure! It is a
tribute to those that
left a piece of themselves
for the benefit of us all.

- Mimi B.

SAVE THE SALEM PEACE MOSAIC

The mosaic is beautiful.
Please preserve it.

Elaine Cooper (U.K. visitor)