



# CITY OF SALEM

## Written Testimony

### City Council

555 Liberty St SE  
Salem, OR 97301

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**Monday, March 23, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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- 4 a.**    [20-128](#)                      Withdrawal of the employee payroll tax ballot measure from the May 19, 2020 election.

Ward(s): All Wards  
Councilor(s): All Councilors  
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods  
Result Area(s): All.

**Attachments:**    [RESOLUTION 2020-19](#)

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**Ruth Stellmacher**

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**From:** Al Catel <ktac.2017@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 4:16 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Public Comment

**Categories:** Council Dox

Dear Mayor and Counselors,

I humbly ask that you consider repealing the utility fee that was recently enacted and proceed with the plan to allow voters to consider the payroll tax. This is not the time to add extra fees to people on fixed incomes and to people with lower incomes. The measure on the ballot in May is less regressive and more fair. Let everyone who benefits from the services help pay.

Thank you for your consideration,

John and Kathleen Hill  
2198 Joplin St. S.,  
Salem, OR 97302

## Ruth Stellmacher

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**From:** Kim Davis <k.mdavis@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Public Comment

I am writing in support of the proposed withdrawal of the tax measure to vote on employee tax. I do not think the workers of this community can support the goal this tax is intended for. It is time the city define a progressive, rather than regressive tax structure, and to tax fairly across the range of tax brackets this population holds.

Thanks.  
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