

From: [Marissa Theve](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Public comment for July 10th City Council meeting file number 23-279 /agenda item 5.a.
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Greetings,

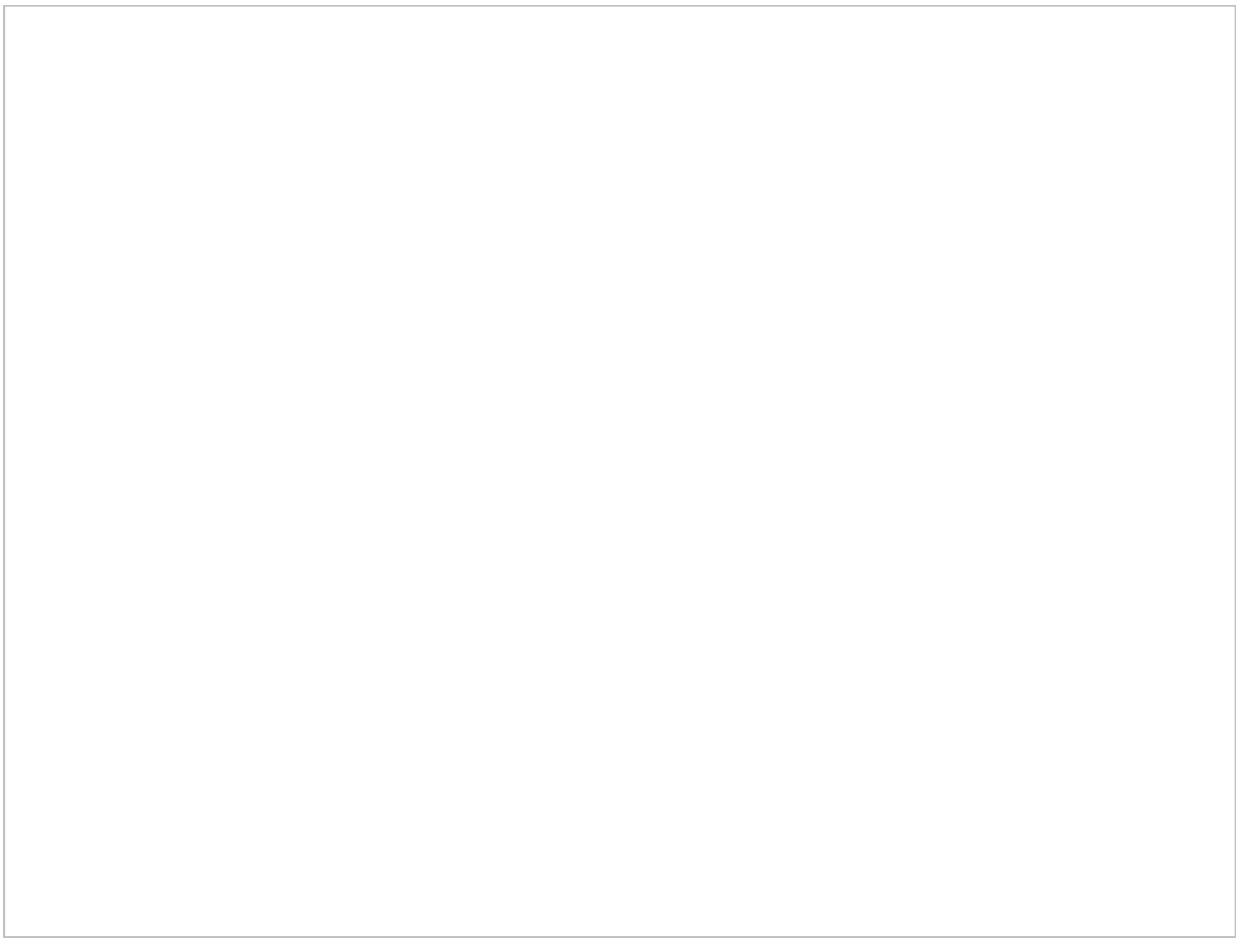
I simply wanted to voice my support in removing all unfair residential overlays. Based on the Our Salem maps, this area is older (20-33% aged 65+, clipped maps attached here), contains only 10-15% school aged children, and is less than 10% Hispanic/Latino. As a whole, Salem has 23.3% Hispanic/Latino residents as of 2019 according to the same document. This area represents an older, whiter pocket just south of downtown. Last meeting we heard from gardeners who have had the privilege of guaranteed sunshine within the state's second largest city. Meanwhile, the housing shortage squeezes would-be renters and homeowners who do not have this benefit out of town. Now I believe in community gardening. I think it makes a lot of sense on rooftops, rights of way, and other underutilized spaces. However, it is pure greenwashing to say a few pounds of summer squash would ever outweigh the carbon impact of priced-out suburban commuters who might otherwise be able to live in this neighborhood, if it weren't for NIMBY pushback.

Considering the Our Salem vision of creating a more walkable/bikeable/rollable/scootable and equitable city, I urge you to consider removing all building height and other code restrictions that limit mixed use and multifamily housing and push development out, rather than up. It is all of our responsibility to welcome more neighbors, especially in such an appealing area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this comment,

Marissa

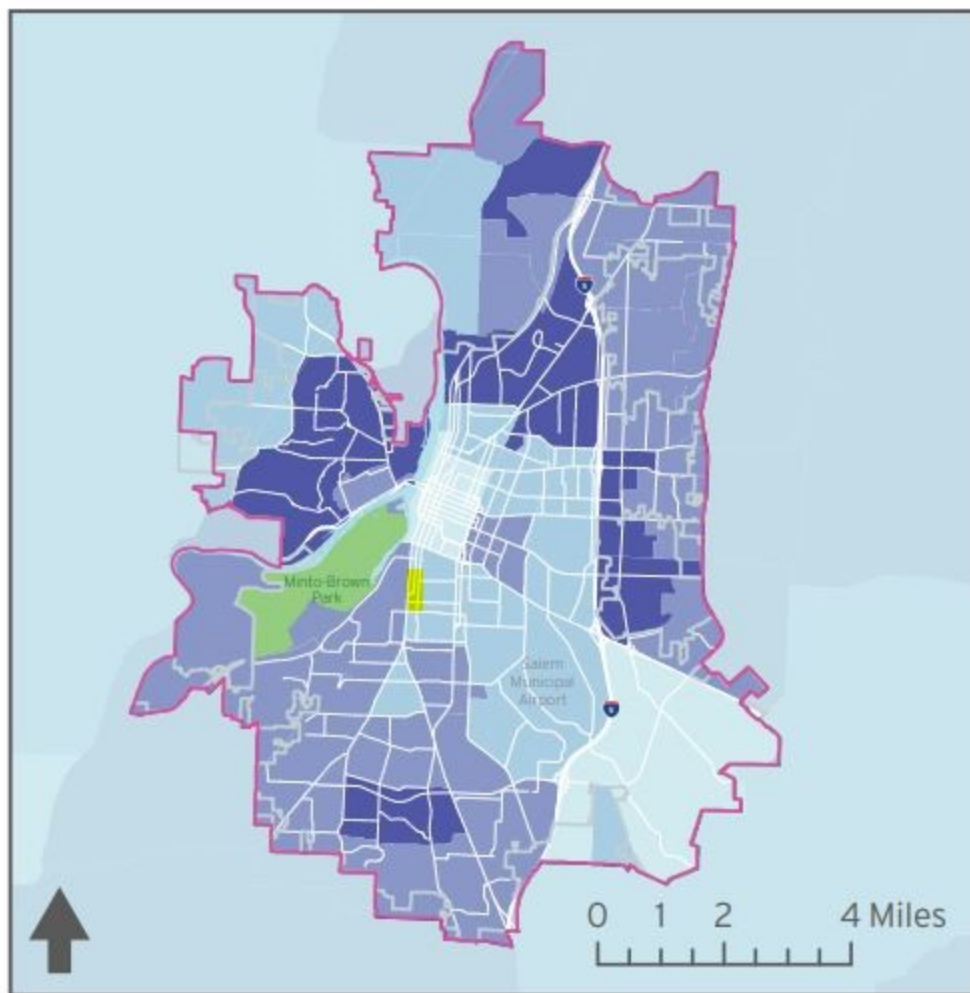
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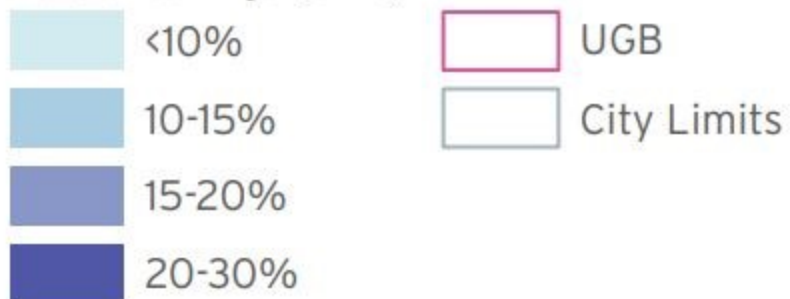
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SALEM SCHOOL AGE POPULATION DISTRIBUTION



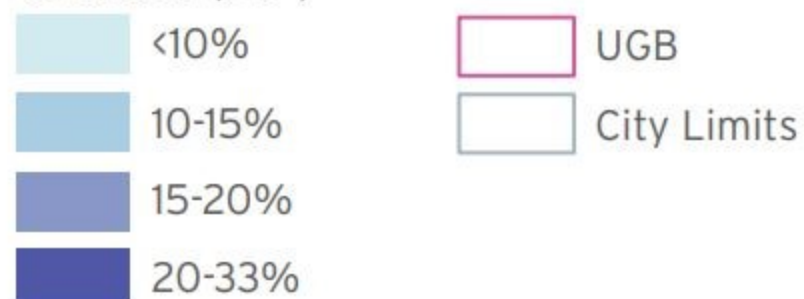
% School Age (5-17)



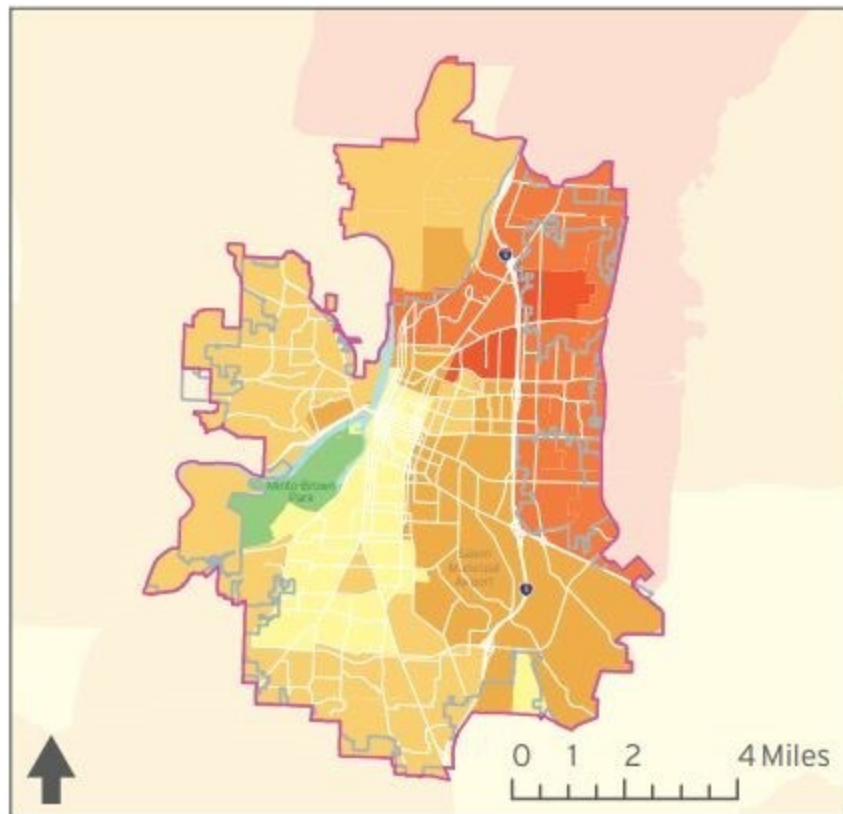
SALEM 65+ POPULATION DISTRIBUTION



% Senior (65+)



SALEM PERCENT HISPANIC OR LATINO POPULATION DISTRIBUTION



% Hispanic or Latino

