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Mayor Hoy and Members of the City Council:

I am deeply concerned by agenda item 6.b regarding the recommendation to modify City Council rules. I urge the Council to acknowledge tonight that this informational report requires further public examination, with additional opportunity for the community to provide testimony. Regardless of the intent, this agenda item currently fosters a perception that the Council seeks to circumvent its responsibility to hear and respond to citizen concerns. Also at stake is the responsibility of the Council to ensure that City Staff are acting appropriately and acting at the direction of City Council.

I encourage City Council not to amend their rules to limit the land use cases that can be "called up" to City Council. More importantly, however, at this time I urge the Council to ensure that this intention is made clear to the public so that the people of Salem have an opportunity to provide essential feedback and testimony. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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