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RE: Case No.: CU-ZC17-14

ATTN: City Recorder

555 Liberty St. SE

Room 205

Salem, OR 97301

TO: City Council

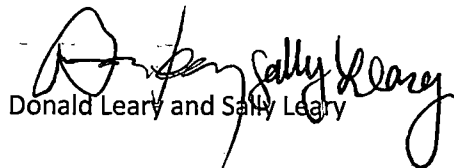
We are opposed to the building of the men's shelter in our area. It will most certainly drive down home values. We believe it will also increase the amount of litter on the streets including drug paraphernalia.

Homelessness is a problem best dealt by the local churches so as to spread out the cost and the burden of so many people in one area. We know Union Gospel has all the best intentions and we do regularly donate to them, but this is simply wrong for this area.

We have lived in Salem for many years and we don't want our community to experience an increase in crime. Our neighborhood is very peaceful but since we don't live in a gated community we are a target for the homeless which we do see now on a smaller scale. We can only imagine what 500 additional homeless men people would add to the problem.

Please don't approve the proposed Union Gospel Mission Men's Shelter.

Sincerely yours,


Donald Leary and Sally Leary

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April 20, 2018

Mayor and City Council
c/o City Recorder
City of Salem
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Re: Union Gospel Mission

Mayor and City Council,

My name is Larry Glassock and I have lived in Salem since 1974. I was employed by the City of Salem for about 18 years and held several positions in the Community Development Department, including Real Estate Manager and Economic Development Manager. In 1992 I became President of what is now called the Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR) and served until my retirement in 2007. During my tenure at SEDCOR I was a key participant in the retention and creation over 4000 basic sector jobs and over one billion dollars of investment in the greater Salem area.

While employed by the City I was intimately involved in all of the planning and execution of various downtown planning efforts including the Nordstrom Mall and Riverfront Park. Over the years there have been a great number of discussions, meetings, studies and adopted plans impacting the downtown area. As a matter of fact, what has historically been known as "downtown" has expanded perhaps three-fold during the past 30 years into a much larger vibrant core area. All of these efforts focused on one single element: Enhancing the business environment of the downtown area. To accomplish this goal there had to be a large variety of complementary uses and public facilities allowed. Although not clearly articulated it was understood that no single use could overwhelm a particular area.

As a long-time supporter of the Union Gospel Mission it is difficult to voice my opinion against this massive expansion. While I believe that a 70-100 bed facility is within reason and manageable by the UGM staff, the proposed expansion is just too much and at the wrong location. It is overwhelming!

Besides the massive size of the proposal – 300-500 beds – I have several major concerns:

1. Were the Council to make this dramatic decision believing that it may be a partial solution to the homeless issue, its scope would certainly implicate, and perhaps violate land use regulations, thus taking this issue out of public policy discussions to the legal arena.
2. Council should request staff to provide data on the number of ambulance/fire truck and police visits at the existing facility to determine the approximate number of visits to the proposed facility. I am certain the data will show there are significantly more ambulance/fire truck visits than police visits. Therefore, the argument that the proximity of the proposed facility to the new police headquarters is a benefit is not valid.
3. Commercial Street is a major transportation route carrying not only local traffic but statewide southbound traffic. The proposed UGM development at this particular location would be a visual deterrent to safe and orderly traffic movement. Additionally, traffic at this particular location is transitioning into the right lanes to access either the Front Street bypass or the Marion Street bridge creating confusion and congestion. This situation will be significantly aggravated with ambulance/fire trucks blocking the right hand lanes with lights flashing.

I suggest this hearing be held open until at such time the ambulance/fire truck and police visit data is available and evaluated by all parties.

I also suggest the proponents and the opponents of the UGM proposal hold a series of meetings to resolve the issues caused by this massive proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Larry Glassock