

Amy Johnson

From: Aaron Panko
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 4:02 PM
To: Amy Johnson; Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie
Subject: FW: Request of Council
Attachments: Letter to Salem City Council 5-13-2019.pdf

Amy,

Richard Berger would like the attached letter to be included in the agenda for Monday's Council meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

-Aaron | 503-540-2356

From: Richard Berger [mailto:Richard@mwinv.com]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 3:57 PM
To: Aaron Panko <APanko@cityofsalem.net>; Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie <LMAnderson@cityofsalem.net>
Cc: Mark D. Shipman <MShipman@SGLaw.com>
Subject: Request of Council

Aaron,

Attached is our request for the Council not to call up our land use application. Could you please make sure the council receives it as part of the information for their Monday meeting.

All the best,

Richard Berger
Mountain West Investment Corp
503-584-4593

May 13, 2019

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Delivered via e-mail to: citycouncil@cityofsalem.net

Honorable Mayor Bennett and Members of the Salem City Council:

We formally request that you NOT call up Case No. CPC-ZC-SUB-ADJ19 -02, which was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission on April 16, 2019.

The application implements the already adopted neighborhood plans for the area and will enable the development of badly needed single-family and multifamily housing.

This application has the support of both the NEN and NESCA neighborhood associations. At the first Planning Commission hearing the neighborhoods were not ready to give their support, so instead of pushing forward at that time, Mountain West chose to continue the hearing so that further collaboration with the neighborhood could occur. Based on this discussion, several changes to the application were made to better address neighborhood concerns and to better conform to the neighborhood plans. Due to these changes, both the NEN and NESCA neighborhood associations now support this application and spoke in favor of the application at the second Planning Commission hearing. A collaborative effort with the neighborhood associations is a long and difficult process, but we believe it garners the best results for the community.

We understand that there are always opposing opinions on land use matters, but given that both neighborhood associations are in support of this application and that the application was passed unanimously by the Planning Commission, we believe there is no need for the Council to weigh in on this decision.

Thanks you for your service and for your hard work on behalf of the citizens of Salem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard T. Berger", is written over a horizontal line.

Richard Berger
Director of Acquisitions and Development,
Mountain West Investment Corporation