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To: CityRecorder; Chris Hoy
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Subject: ELNA testimony on Ordinance Bill 12-19
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Please find attached the testimony by the East Lancaster Neighborhood Association (ELNA) regarding

Ordinance Bill 12-19, creating a City Operations Fee to fund City services

Susann Kaltwasser

Co-President

EAST LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (ELNA)

October 28, 2019

To: Salem City Council
From: Susann Kaltwasser, East Lancaster Neighborhood Association
RE: Ordinance Bill 12-19, creating a City Operations Fee to fund City services

The East Lancaster Neighborhood Association has not had a chance to discuss the proposal for creating a City Operations Fee to fund City services (Ordinance Bill 12-19).

While there have been some brief comments made at recent meetings our Board has not had a presentation or discussion about why this fee is needed, nor how funds will be utilized.

The Board voted unanimously at our October 3, 2019 meeting to request that prior to moving this issue forward an effort be made to have staff attend all 18 neighborhood associations to give a presentation and answer questions. Without a good understanding it is our concern that we cannot participate in the process you are undertaking and many may not support this action.

ELNA board understands there is a budget shortfall facing the City of Salem. We want to be a part of the effort to address this problem and including us in a dialog seems prudent before decisions are made by Council.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

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To Mayor Bennett and the Salem City Council:

Northeast Neighbors (NEN) is writing to support two proposed revenue options, the operating fee and the employee-paid payroll tax. We believe to maintain public safety and our quality of life in Salem that having a City that has sufficient revenue to support police, fire, emergency services, parks, and the homeless rental assistance program will help make our community livable and safe.

On September 3, the Northeast Neighbors (NEN) board unanimously voted to support both the operating fee and the employee-paid payroll tax. We urge that the City Council pass these proposals for increased revenue to support important services for our City.

Thank you for considering our request.

Best,

Lynn Takata

Lynn Takata
Northeast Neighbors (NEN) Chair