



South Central **SCAN** *Association of Neighbors*
Salem, Oregon

February 21, 2017

City of Salem
Planning Department
555 Liberty Street SE, Room 305
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Letter in Support of Proposed Code Amendments

Salem Planning Commission Members,

At its February 8, 2017 board meeting, the South Central Association of Neighbors unanimously voted to support the City's proposed amendments to the Salem Revised Code which would make it easier for non-profit domestic violence shelters to locate within residential single family zones. The current Code requirements present some challenges to the non-profit groups that run these necessary and important shelters, such as requiring a conditional use permit. That permitting process requires a public hearing even though this type of domestic violence shelter seeks to maintain anonymity for the safety and security of those it serves.

The City's proposed actions as described by City staff at SCAN's February 8th meeting would provide important relief to these vital service providers, and SCAN supports the City in this effort.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeff Schumacher
SCAN President, 2016-17

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