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To: Kelley Jacobs <KJacobs@cityofsalem.net>

Subject: Proposed Cuts to Youth Development Budget

Dear City of Salem Budget Committee,

My name is Angela Nguyen. I am a senior at Oregon State University with plans to attend law school August 2019. I am a constituent of ward 4 and I am writing to you in opposition to the defunding of the Youth Development Program in Salem.

As a resident of Salem, I was greatly involved with the programs that were made available by the City of Salem's Youth Development Program. In reflecting back on my years in high school, I found CAREcorps, ILead and 1000 Soles during high school were very formative in making me a compassionate, empathetic, driven adult. Quite honestly, the programs that were run by Laurie Shaw Casarez opened doors for me that I did not think would be available to me if I was not a part of these programs.

Eight years ago when I first joined CAREcorps, I was at risk to falling into a life of unreached potential and after the month long service learning camp, it all changed for me. That's the power of the program. The Youth Development department empowers teenagers of different backgrounds and enables them to believe one important thing, that they are VERY capable of anything given the resources, investment and tools.

I know that I am not the only student who benefitted from the City's Youth Program. I owe the Youth Development program for shaping me into the adult that I am today. My desire to pursue a career in public interest law stems from my years with the Youth Development Program.

I urge you to hear my peers, your constituents calling for reallocating of the budget to make room for Salem's Youth Development Program. Salem has thrived by the positive cultivation of its' youth to becoming knowledgeable, successful and skilled adults. Please reflect on what this will mean for the future of Salem. Our youth deserve to be invested in and they will return the favor by investing in our community.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,
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Memo

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Downtown Advisory Board

Date: March 14, 2019

Re: Fiscal Year 2019-20 Parking Fund recommendations

Each year during the budget process, the Downtown Advisory Board discusses the challenges of not having sufficient revenue in the Parking Fund to cover all of the items necessary to meet the goals of downtown promotion/beautification, as well as, funding operational costs including a reserve to cover capital costs in the parking structures. The adoption in 2013 of the 2% cap on the parking tax has impacted the amount of revenue available each year, to cover increased parking operation costs.

The Downtown Advisory Board recognizes that in order to be sensitive and equitable in proposing changes that would result in increased parking costs to a downtown business or property owner several items tied to parking fund revenue need to be addressed.

Until recent years, there has not been sufficient funds to cover the capital costs necessary to maintain the parking structures in good condition. The goal has always been to put aside reserves each year through the budget process to cover capital projects going forward. Based on the revenue and capital project projections, there will not be sufficient funds starting in year FY 21-22 to cover capital costs.

This year the Downtown Advisory Board is recommending a combination of actions, that if approved, would increase the revenue available in the parking district to cover the costs to operate and maintain the parking district, and to have more flexibility in funding downtown promotions/marketing along with hanging flower baskets, cleanliness, banners, etc.

The following is a summary of the Downtown Advisory Board recommendations:

- \$3.00 increase in Parking Permit Costs. The last increase was in 2014.
- Council removal of the 2% parking tax cap, replacing it with the CPI as the index for parking tax increases.
- DAB support of a parkade permit requirement for residents.

Thank you for the opportunity of sharing this information as part of the budget review process.