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City of Salem  
555 Liberty ST SE  
Salem OR 9730

First, we want to thank the City of Salem staff for attending our October 10, 2019, meeting to discuss storm water management. It was very informative. After considering all the information provided by the city and other sources, we are asking the city to temporally suspend the planning process for the Battle Creek property. We make this request for several reasons: 1)The storm water management plan is not complete and will not be so until year's end; 2) Any plans or development of the Battle Creek property will significantly impact storm water management/flood control for the city; and 3) All aspects of both plans should be fully vetted by the Mayor and City Council before any decisions are made regarding the property. The public survey raises further concerns. Very few residents outside of "walking distance" residents understand the importance and implications of this property with regard to flooding. We feel that if all residents who participated in the survey more fully understood the role of this property the results could have reflected a different outcome.

Based on the above reasons we are requesting that planning be suspended until all aspects of the property can be properly assessed and we look for your input/reply regarding this issue.

Thank you,

Glenn Baly  
Chair  
South Gateway Neighborhood Association