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From: Ann Golden <woodmama2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 10:16 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Jory Apartment TIF Comment

Dear Mayor, Councilmen and Councilwomen of Salem;

I am very concerned about the development of a TIF at this current time and in creating an apartment complex instead of looking at providing more permanent solutions to affordable housing.

Salem has seen unprecedented growth and it is wise to look ahead yet the infrastructure has not been built to support our current population.

The concerns include:

- our school district has not expanded nor are there plans to expand to support our current population (classroom sizes are too large now!)
- public transportation and parking issues- our infrastructure does not meet the needs now
- will need money to recover and support our current Salem community and businesses from this Covid-19
- there was a "fee" added to our water bill to support the infrastructure showing how Salem can not maintain our current infrastructure
- the neighborhood this is proposed, needs park development, not further population growth of low income housing.

I believe this would continue to decrease the appeal of this neighborhood and create more of low income saturation. It would be helpful to have all of the apartment complexes within Salem take a percentage of low income. This allows a mix of incomes instead of concentration and further serves families of low incomes to be able to live in different neighborhoods of Salem.

I disagree with this proposal at this time, Salem can not afford it, we do not have the infrastructure we need.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Ann Golden