

## Amy Johnson

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**From:** carlypickens <carlypickens@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 2:42 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Public Comment for City Council Meeting July 13th

Good Afternoon,

My name is Carly Pickens. Im a resident of Salem and live in zip code 97317.

I am writing today to say I am wholly in favor of the proposal to change Center St. to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I think this is a small change in the right direction, the direction of representing real American history.

I am also in full support of the Salem Police Department Performance Audit. The city of Salem and its residents must have a way to hold those who are supposed to keep us safe , accountable. We need transparency so that we can feel like it isnt them against us. Because right now, at a peaceful Solidarity event. We need unsafe. In the presence of the Salem PD and State police.

Im not sure if there is anything else or somewhere else this email needs to go. So please let me know where to send if not to this email.

Thank you!  
Carly Pickens

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**From:** Joey Gomez <joeygomez13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Council meeting

Hello,

I am Joey Gomez, resident of Ward 1, represented by Cara Kaser. I just wanted show support for 5a, Councilor Chris Hoy proposing Center st. Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thank you for your time!

Regards,  
Joey Gomez

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**From:** Mikayla Aguilar <mikaylaaguilar721@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 4:56 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Renaming Center St.

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Mikayla Aguilar and I have lived in Salem my whole life. I can't help but notice the lack of recognition of important events and people regarding racial equality, for example the Civil Rights Movement and Martin Luther King Jr. In other cities like Portland however, there are streets and schools named in his honor. I believe that representation matters and that is why I am writing this to strongly urge you to rename Center St. and the Center St. Bridge after Martin Luther King Jr. The Black people of Salem deserve to have something that represents the struggles they've faced and continue to face in this country. I think this change is long overdue in the capital city of Oregon and a good step toward a more racially just community.

Thank you,  
Mikayla Aguilar

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**From:** Hollie Oakes-Miller <hollie@holsgem.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 3:51 PM  
**To:** Chuck Bennett; Steve Powers; Cara Kaser; Tom Andersen; Brad Nanke; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec; Chris Hoy; Vanessa Nordyke; Jim Lewis; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Public Comments for 07.13.20 City Council Meeting  
**Categories:** Follow-up

Salem City Council,

We appreciate and support motions from city councilors to implement #8CantWait, create a community commission to host conversations with the community on policing, create work sessions to discuss SROs and police involvement in noncriminal matters, to audit the police department, and to rename Center St. While these are a good start, many of them do very little dismantle the oppressive systems that the public is calling for. We continue to call on the majority progressive city council to also commit to the following:

- support Latinos Unidos Siempre and other local community organizers and activists in their demands that you remove police from Salem-Keizers schools. The city has been presented with overwhelming evidence that this program harms our black and brown students and puts them on the school-to-prison pipeline. The \$1.2 million a year the city directs to this program would be better spent on supporting kids as outlined by LUS and other community organizations in a letter sent to the city and signed by over a 1000 community members.
- ban the use and possession of war grade weapons by the SPD including but not limited to use of chemical weapons, rubber bullets, flash bangs, and militarized vehicles. Weapons of war do not belong in Salem and our police department should not be using them on our community members.
- ban the use of curfews to “manage” peaceful protesters. We as citizens have the right to protest peacefully and police are using this tactic so they can indiscriminately detain or arrest our community members with no public oversight.
- hold SPD officers accountable for cooperating with armed militia in our streets.
- require SPD to pay for all misconduct settlements out of the police budget, with other city departments held harmless.
- make all police complaint and misconduct records public.
- disarm SPD for most types of police responses. Work to rebuild trust with the Salem community especially those that have been historically over-policed.
- require police officers to have 4-year degrees in criminal justice.
- create a commission that would give the public direct oversight of the SPD.
- begin to divest from the \$48.7 million per year budgeted for SPD and invest in areas that actually make our city safer, such as increased funding for social workers, mental health, drug treatment, and public housing. There are numerous examples of cities across our country doing just that.
- reallocate the \$4.7 million a year it spends to police houseless people to housing justice solutions that have been proven to be more effective in getting people off the streets and costs cities less.
- repeal city ordinances that criminalize survival, such as sit/lie, no public camping and no personal items stored in public spaces.
- create restorative justice programs for our city and schools that focus on repairing harm and empowering victims and communities.

Gary Miller & Hollie Oakes-Miller  
Ward 5

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**From:** Rachel Johnston <rjohnston0814@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Support for renaming Center Street after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Hello, my name is Rachel Johnston, I reside in Ward 2, and I support the renaming of Center street after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Representation is important, and by using a prominent street in our city, the Capitol of Oregon, we make a statement of visibility.

Sincerely and with great hope,

Rachel Johnston

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**From:** Sarah Romanek <ssromanek@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 4:10 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Agenda item 5.a. and 6.d.

To the Salem City Council,

I support Councilor Hoy's motion to direct the City to start the process of renaming the Center Street Bridge and Center Street in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s honor.

I support Councilor Nordyke's motion for a Performance Audit of the Salem Police department. This process should be done independent from the City and SPD.

Thank you,  
Sarah Romanek  
Ward 7