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From: Caroline Brown <carolinejobrown@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 2:09 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Agenda item 5.a and 5.b - Monday August 10 City Council Meeting

My name is Caroline Brown, I live in ward 1.

5.a - I support the extension of the state of emergency in Salem due to COVID-19 5.b - I support the extension of the state of emergency for Salems unsheltered community.

If COVID-19 is bad enough for the City council meetings to STILL be held via zoom, then it is bad enough to continually aid ALL Salem residents.

Non-agenda Items

Today I am writing because the city of Salem has yet to make lasting change and listen to the voices of the MANY Salem residents speaking out for more equitable treatment of BIPOC people. I demand that our elected officials do the following

- 1) Require body cams by all Salem PD, and for that money to be spent out of Salem PDs current budget.
- 2) Work diligently to reallocate funds from the Salem PD budget and focus on lasting techniques to reduce crime in Salem. Helping the poor, disabled, homeless, under privileged in our community is a much more efficient and impactful way to change our city. Continuing to profit off of peoples hardship is an embarrassment to our beautiful and diverse city.
- 3) Permanently remove SRO's from the Salem-Keizer schools
- 4) Publicly and openly condemn the White Supremacists that have been harassing our community, and those speaking out for justice.
- 5) That mayor Chuck Bennett stop being a coward and face his constituents by attending ALL upcoming BLM and BIPOC related events. If minimum wage service industry workers can muster up the energy to fight for what is right, the LITERAL least he can do is SHOW UP!

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From: J Stembridge <stembrij@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:54 AM
To: Chuck Bennett; Steve Powers; citycouncil; Jerry Moore; Treven Upkes; Jimmy Jones; Ashley Hamilton
Subject: City Council Vote Tonight

Dear Mayor Bennett and City Council,

I would encourage you to extend the emergency ordinance allowing for public camping in city parks for those who are experiencing homelessness. Please do not let the ordinance expire on August 31, 2020. Covid is still very active, and closing the parks would again prompt camping on downtown streets, which would further endanger those who are homeless as well as those coming into downtown Salem.

Unless and until our city has the capacity to house those who are homeless, Salem will need to have spaces designated for people to exist.

Perhaps the one change to the ordinance might be to extend the designated parks to include Minto-Brown Park, which has vast areas of space that are well separated from neighborhood housing.

Thank you for providing portable bathroom and hand washing stations at Wallace Marine, Cascade Gateways, and Marion Square parks. Please add more such facilities to those parks and to Minto-Brown Park so that those who are living there have a chance to remain healthy and virus free.

I realize this is not an ideal solution to the issue of housing those who are homeless. But, it is a step in the right direction. And, it is an effort to be respectful and mindful of people who are living unsheltered in our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Joan and Jim Stembridge

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