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**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Testimony Tonight's Public Hearing at City Council  
**Attachments:** 24 August 2020 4.a Stormwater Testimony S Anderson.pdf

Good Morning:

Please include the attached testimony in the materials going to City Council for tonight's meeting. It will be part of the Public Hearing for Agenda Items 4.a. (SRC 71 Amendments). Please advise receipt of this material. Thank you.

Steve Anderson, West Salem Neighborhood Association Land Use Chair  
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24 August 2020

**TO:** Mayor Bennett and Council Members  
**RE:** Agenda Item 4.a. (Public Hearing)  
Amending Salem Revised Code Chapter 70 (Utilities), Chapter 71 (Stormwater), and  
Chapter 601 (Floodplain Overlay Zone)  
**FR:** Steven A. Anderson

Steve Anderson, offering testimony on behalf of the West Salem Neighborhood Association  
Executive Committee and Friends of Marine Drive.

We wish to thank Mr. Davis and the Public Works staff for offering these amendments to SRC  
Chapter 71 and related codes and encourage the Council to adopt the proposed amendments for  
two reasons:

First, this adoption will assist residents and businesses situated within Salem's floodplains by  
lowering flood insurance rates.

Second, the staff report affirms these proposed changes conform to the City's Comprehensive Plan  
Natural Resources Goal to conserve open space and protect natural resources. This is a goal we  
take seriously and support. We ask Council in your decision to also adopt the staff report as an  
affirmation of the Comp Plan Natural Resource Goals and policies.

Our reason is simple. The City is currently engaged in purchasing right-of-way for the future Marine  
Drive just west of the Willamette floodplain in West Salem. Marine Drive, in addition to providing  
needed connectivity in West Salem, will serve as a boundary between the Urban landscape and  
Natural Areas East thereof. Those pending purchases include portions of the floodplain and  
historical natural ecosystems. In that purchase process we encourage the City to formally identify  
the floodplain properties as natural areas. Thus, supporting the City's Comp Plan goal to conserve  
open space and protect natural resources. Thank you.

Steven A. Anderson  
West Salem Neighborhood Association Land Use Chair  
Friends of Marine Drive