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From: * RANCH RECORDS <ranchrecords@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 8:08 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Support of Mobile Response Unit

I am writing to express my support for a Salem mobile response unit. Having been a business owner in downtown Salem for the last 38 years it is clear things are not getting better. I am intrigued by Ms. Nordyke's observations of CAHOOTS in Eugene. Let's give this a try Salem!

Kit and Lori Close
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From: Katie Kantrowitz <kkantrow@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 6:12 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: [Possible Scam Fraud]In support of Mobile Response Unit

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Good morning,

My name is Katie Kantrowitz. I have been a Salem resident since 2007, and am currently a resident of Ward 1. I am writing in strong support of Councilor Nordyke's motion to direct city staff to create a blueprint for a mobile response unit.

Recent events, both nationally and most unfortunately locally, have shown us that our city's current system of responding to calls involving mental health, homelessness, and other similar contexts is, at best, ineffective and, at worst, fatal for those involved. Not only does this motion seek to correct for this, it also takes as its model a nationally recognized system for how this CAN work, from a nearby city with similar contextual factors to ours. The CAHOOTS model in Eugene is effective, successful, AND cost-effective; there is no reason why a mobile response unit could not see those same effects in Salem.

As our city has struggled to effectively and humanely support our neighbors who are homeless and mentally ill in getting the resources and assistance that they need, this type of approach has remained shelved. It is time to put this method to the test; I have great confidence that it will yield the results the city is looking for, and provide all of Salem's residents with the kind of quality care and assistance from the city that currently only some residents enjoy. If the council truly wishes, as it often states, to create unified community here in Salem, this is a project that can prove through action that those words are true.

Again, I write in strong support of the motion to create a mobile response unit, and urge my city counselors to lend their support to this critical project, for the betterment of the entire community of Salem.

Thank you for your time,
-Katie Kantrowitz-

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Katie Kantrowitz (she/her)

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From: M61343BO - Motel 6 <M61343bo@motel6.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 8:41 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Mobile Response Unit

Good morning,

I am in full agreement and support of the mobile response unit. Please accept this proposal and get this program moving forward!

Thanks

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From: Paul Painter <paulstuberadio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 11:21 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: [Possible Scam Fraud]CAHOOTS IN SALEM

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Good day!

My name is Paul I Painter, I've lived in the Salem/Keizer Or. Area for most of my life. I've seen changes in our cities along the way, and with that being said, nothing has impressed me more than what ive seen happening in the last few years!

Mental facilities have closed and homeless folks are getting more and more, BIPOC folks are getting killed, and murdered by Police and public, and it seems to be on the rise!

I've read reports about the CAHOOTS program in Eugene Or. It's sounding more and more what is needed in our town.

The report says out of the \$10million. a year police budget, 1. 2 million is allocated to the program, which has been said to save lives and saved the city money, it's a win win, and who would say no to that!!! No one! Would be my guess???

It's a non gun carrying program that gives the police a break in what they have to deal with, as it stands right now, and are not trained in mental and non violent calls. They also said that they have not had to call the police often for back-up.

The calls are from the 911 and at that time it's decided where the call goes, either to the police or to CAHOOTS program, again it saves time for the police to do other violent type crimes and trouble, and saves lives for the public!

Anyway I think that it looks like it needs to be considered, these times are very hard for a lot of our folks that are affected by non violent trouble, mental illness, non violent crimes, homeless troubles.

Again things are getting more complicated for our policemen and women, and for the general public, and we need to find good and effective ways to deal with them, here is a program all layed- out for us, and it's working and saving the bottom line as well of the other attributes that it has proved!

Than you for your time, regards Paul

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From: Scott Snyder <scott.snyder@grandhotelsalem.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 7:38 AM
To: citycouncil; CityRecorder
Cc: Scott Snyder
Subject: SALA CC Letter_ 11-5-2020 2
Attachments: SALA CC Letter_ 11-5-2020 2.docx

Please find attached a letter to be included in the November 9, 2020 official record for the Salem City Council meeting.

Thank you,

Scott Snyder



November 5, 2020

Dear Mayor Bennett and Salem City Councilors,

The Salem Area Lodging Association's (SALA) member properties are experiencing disturbing and very concerning issues on a regular basis. These issues include car break-ins; homeless people loitering and behaving in an aggressive manner toward our staff and guests; and damaging property.

As hoteliers, we are the "face of Salem!" We welcome guests from around the world to our city and share the many attributes Salem has to offer from recreation to cultural and business interests. When these crimes and potentially dangerous situations occur, it ruins Salem's image with visitors. It is highly unlikely that these visitors will return to our city. It is heartbreaking and extremely unpleasant apologizing to a guest whose vehicle was broken into or harassed.

My property, The Grand Hotel in Salem, has had many individuals trespass. When this occurs it is clear that many of these folks have mental issues. We contact the non-emergency police line and if the Salem Police are available, they diplomatically handle the situation. However, the recently introduced initiative by Councilor Nordyke, which seems similar to Eugene's CAHOOTS program, would utilize individuals with significant training in the mental health arena. It makes sense to have mental health professionals interact with these folks, deescalate any concerning behavior and assist with services, in a less intimidating fashion.

SALA encourages your further exploration and eventual adoption of this mobile response unit. We believe this initiative will help provide an improved experience for our visitors as well as all Salem residents.

We appreciate your consideration!

Scott Snyder, Chairperson
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