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“A Home Is Just the Beginning”

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Mayor and City Council Members
City of Salem
555 Liberty St. SE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Minor Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, Neighborhood Plan Map Amendment, Zone Change, Class 3 Site Plan Review, Class 2 Adjustment, and Design Review Case No. CPC-NPC-ZC-SPR-ADJ-DR20-03

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

On behalf of the Farmworker Housing Dev. Corporation, I am writing this letter in support of the rezoning and affordable housing project proposed at 905 and 925 Cottage St. NE. This project will provide much needed affordable housing in Salem for veterans and individuals with incomes at or below 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

The Farmworker Housing Dev. Corporation is supportive of this project, not only because it aligns with our mission, but because it aligns with the goals of the City of Salem. This project will meet and exceed 5 of the 6 goals listed in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan by: Supporting the Effort to End Homelessness, Expanding Affordable Housing, Providing Support for Public Service Programs, Promoting Economic Development, and it aligns with CHODO set-aside.

By converting what would otherwise be an underutilized parcel (we understand the Evergreen Church has already secured a new location and is relocating it's growing congregation) into 19 high-quality, new affordable housing units, DevNW is increasing the affordable housing supply in a great neighborhood, surrounded by a strong community, near resources, and in close proximity to transit, good schools, and job opportunities. Salem is in the midst of a historic homelessness and housing crisis, and this project will create healthy, affordable homes for 19 members of our community.

It is with great pleasure that we submit this letter of support for DevNW's project to rezone the property and develop housing, and we ask that you swiftly approve case number CPC-NPC-ZC-SPR-ADJ-DR20-03.

Sincerely,

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