

From: [Alena Heidecke](#)
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: SUPPORT for West Salem Homeless Camp
Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:52:42 PM

Hello Council Members,

I am a West Salem resident and would like to submit my support for the proposed managed camp for our unsheltered neighbors. I look forward to the implementation of this facility, and the added resources for those that need it. Thank you for your efforts in making this happen.

Best,
Alena Heidecke

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The basic ingredient is your attitude ~ Alice May Brock

From: [Casey Yarbrough](#)
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: NO HOMELESS CAMP NEAR MY KID'S SCHOOL - 2700 WALLACE IS UNACCEPTABLE!
Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:03:41 PM
Importance: High

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From: [Joseph Colello](#)
To: [Jim Lewis](#)
Cc: [Chuck Bennett](#); [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Opposed to Managed Homeless Camp at 2700 Wallace Rd. NW
Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:08:21 AM

Councilor Lewis,

I attended the meeting held on Sunday at the proposed site and was appalled at the lack of transparency and vetting. The answers that were expressed did not address the questions leading to a lack of credibility of those proposing this. Simple questions as to site selection, enforcement, selection of homeless, duration of settlement, duration of stay, services, sanitation, daily activities, what does “managed” really mean were not answered. Those with mental issue need to go to a facility that can provide proper services, same for those with addiction issue. This site is the only green space where some children play. The reality of the downside to the community far out weighted any fantasy of upside, in fact I heard no upside potential except for the shifting of the City of Salem’s inept policies that created this issue to making this a West Salem problem. This is not leadership.

Labeling something “Managed” is not solving the issue. You are in the position of City Councilor for Ward 8 to enhance and provide improvements for the residences of this area not to degrade and import problems which you have no answers for.

As a resident of this district, I am 100% opposed to the Homeless Camp at 2700 Wallace Rd. NW.

J. Colello

From: [Nick & Theresa Williams](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Fwd: **AUTOMATED RESPONSE**RE: Wallace homeless camp
Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:18:57 PM

Thank you for your email to the City of Salem, we appreciate you reaching out to us. This email confirms your email has been delivered to the City Council.

If you are commenting on a City Council / Urban Renewal / Salem Housing Authority current agenda item would you please send your comments to CityRecorder@cityofsalem.net.

If your email requires a response please know it has been forwarded to the appropriate department and staff will be contacting you.

Thank you.

Tami Carpenter

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From: Nick & Theresa Williams <ntbgmdsa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:13 PM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Wallace homeless camp

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From: [Sarah Leavitt](#)
To: [Chuck Bennett](#); [Jim Lewis](#); [Vanessa Nordyke](#); [Jose Gonzalez](#); [Jackie Leung](#); [Trevor Phillips](#); [Tom Andersen](#); [Virginia Stapleton](#); [Kristin Retherford](#); dj@church-at-the-park.org; [Gretchen Bennett](#); [citycouncil](#)
Subject: West Salem Homeless Camp
Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 4:31:03 PM

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Also, how does a church, that doesn't pay taxes to the city, have a say in where a homeless camp is going to be placed?

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Sarah leavitt

From: [Sam Skillern](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [citycouncil](#); [Sam "Snead" Skillern](#)
Subject: Mayor and Councilors: We can find a better site in West Salem
Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:35:26 PM

Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

I am very much in favor of placing Managed Micro Shelters across Salem, based on the success of the first two in my neighborhood, North Salem. Church@the Park and their many service-provider partners are doing a great job delivering safe, sanitary and secure services. Residents are stabilizing and moving on to housing and jobs.

I am also very much in favor of finding a higher-and-better site in West Salem than the one currently proposed.

I attended the two listening sessions hosted Sunday (onsite) and Tuesday (SalemTowne) by Councilor Lewis and Gretchen Bennett. The presenters did a great job in a very difficult environment.

It's tempting to disregard the raw rage and NIMBYism, but in careful listening it's clear to me that the proposed site has several weaknesses, including proximity to three Section-8 apartment complexes, a retirement community, a school/day care, and a possible wetland. My years working with Habitat for Humanity taught me that it's unhealthy to place marginalized people in hostile environments, and the two meetings proved there is hostility, even to the point of threats at the Saturday meeting.

Piggybacking on the specific and ardent willingness expressed in both meetings, as well as private conversations I'm having, I believe that a higher-and-better site in West Salem can (and must) be located.

I know the City vetted many properties already; now we have the determination and the creativity of the larger community, including real estate and business professionals. We can do this. I am asking the City to be as flexible and innovative as possible to solution-seek with the community. This can be a win-win-win-win for the unsheltered residents, the community, Church@the Park and the City of Salem.

Thank you,
Sam Skillern
1255 Cottage ST NE, Ward 1

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Sam Skillern
SLF Executive Director
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www.SalemLF.org (for a viewing of our 'Fancy 25th' video)

From: [Nick & Theresa Williams](#)
To: [citycouncil](#)
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