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To: Eunice Kim
Subject: RE: Contact Eunice Kim

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Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:22 PM

To: Eunice Kim <EKim@cityofsalem.net>

Subject: Contact Eunice Kim

Your Name	Jeff Graham
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Message	June 8, 2021 To: Zoning subcommittee From: Jeff Graham Re: Neighborhood Hubs Public comments on the interactive version of the proposed zone map are mostly against Neighborhood Hubs. It appears about 10 to 1 against Neighborhood Hubs. This suggests the public process for Neighborhood Hubs in Our Salem Vision was inadequate. This further suggests an advisory vote of the public is warranted before re-zoning for Neighborhood Hubs.

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To: Eunice Kim
Subject: RE: Comment for June 9 meeting on zoning options for reducing ghg emissions

From: Lucy Hitchcock <lucyhitchcock8140@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:03:29 PM
To: Eunice Kim <EKim@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Comment for June 9 meeting on zoning options for reducing ghg emissions

Dear Eunice Kim,

I don't know that my comment fits with your agenda, but I'd like to have it entered into any appropriate discussion of ameliorating climate change in the context of new development, including by code changes in the municipal code, via the comprehensive plan, if necessary.

I have now observed the destruction of Sequoias in two locations during housing development in South Salem. The first was on Wiltsey Road SE over a year ago when maybe eight Sequoias were taken down along that road as an apartment complex was constructed. I drove by recently and saw that they have now been replaced by very young street trees of a type that will never reach anywhere near the sequestration of carbon of the trees they replaced.

Within the last month, two Sequoias of similar age and size were felled at Pringle Creek Community and two more are now threatened in order to put in houses. While currently permissible by past permitting and current zoning codes, I believe, in light of the urgency of reducing CO2 and thus heating of the atmosphere, especially as we watch, heat, drought and wildfires increase in Oregon, the zoning codes should be revised to protect any such old growth giants as Sequoias, Oaks, Douglas Fir and other conifers. They also cool the temperature and provide beauty and inspiration that will be sorely lacking if they are destroyed by dense construction. And, the income to the city from this rush of construction should fund the development of parks and forest groves to replace the land and tree cover that is being destroyed.

I would be interested in hearing your sub-committee's discussion of the above subject.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Subject: RE: Comments for June 9, 2021 Zoning Subcommittee Meeting

From: KIMBERLY BARNETT <kkbsm@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 3:48 PM
To: Eunice Kim <EKim@cityofsalem.net>; KIMBERLY BARNETT <kkbsm@msn.com>
Subject: Comments for June 9, 2021 Zoning Subcommittee Meeting

Dear Ms. Kim and Zoning Subcommittee,

I am writing to you regarding the zoning options proposed for Landau St. SE and Battle Creek St. SE at Landau.

Two years ago my husband and I completed the building of our home that is in a location that will be directly affected by these proposed zoning options. When we began this house building adventure about four years ago we had no idea that this could even be a possibility.

For years we thought that we would retire to the coast so we rented a home for a long time with that plan in mind. Then, finally we decided that actually we wanted to remain in Salem and retire here. My husband has been serving the city of Salem and the residents of Salem with distinction for 42 years. We spent several years looking at homes to purchase before deciding to build. Then, we spent a couple of years looking for the perfect subdivision in which to live the rest of our lives. It was important that we live within the city limits in a lovely neighborhood with single family homes and CC&Rs or an HOA. We finally found the perfect neighborhood, chose a builder, and I designed the house so that it will accommodate us as we age and through to the end of our lives.

Our neighborhood is made up of wonderful people of all ethnicities, religions, sexual orientation, and ages. We have young families whose little children can play safely in the streets running up to their friends' homes at the top of the hill with only our own neighborhood traffic and everyone watches out for them. We have middle aged home owners who have older kids, couples who have no children, and we have elderly retired couples. Each of us takes great pride in our homes and our neighborhood. We all know each other and pre-Covid had large neighborhood get togethers for holidays. It's pretty ideal. Quiet and safe.

I'm willing to bet that my husband and I are not the only ones who chose this area in great part because it is a good distance away from any commercial buildings or businesses. We have all worked very hard to be able to choose to live in this particular area without any additional traffic, noise, or smells that come with restaurants and other commercial enterprises, along with a drop in our property values. We are willing to pay the high property taxes here in order to live as we want and have worked so very long and hard to achieve.

The zoning that has been proposed here will greatly diminish our preferred quality of life. We specifically do not want to live next to, or very close to, any businesses and all that comes with that. I understand what is trying to be achieved by the Neighborhood Hubs but this is not the right location for one. I have lived in many other cities including New York City where I loved having restaurants and shops within walking distance. But, that was appropriate for a city. It is not going to be appropriate for Landau and Battle Creek at Landau. There are many other neighborhoods in Salem where I can see that being very successful and had we chosen to live that lifestyle it would be fabulous. But, we haven't. As I mentioned, my husband has worked so long for this city and we are grateful for that opportunity and the support he has received during his amazing career. That's why we

decided to stay here. He deserves to be able to live in the way in which we have so carefully planned - away from all of the things that come along with commercial buildings and business.

Overly increased density at the price of quality of life is not going to help or improve Salem. The opposite will occur and those who have the money to pay the higher taxes and support businesses in Salem will leave or not move here in the first place. Please do not approve the proposed zoning changes for Landau and Battle Creek at Landau.

Thank you,

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