

*****ADDITIONS*****

**TO THE AGENDA OF
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON
May 7, 2007**

Add

1.3 Presentations:

- (a) Gary Hulett - National Association of Letter Carriers 15th Annual Food Drive

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (b) Council Review of Planning Commission Decision - Comprehensive Plan Change / Zone Change No. 06-6 - Pacific Realty Associates, L.P. - 2500 Block of Boone Rd SE - Ward 4 - Councilor Sullivan - South Gateway (CD)

Add

Communications from: Keith Thompson, Lorilyn Thompson and Douglas J. Luth.

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Date: 5/6/2007 9:47 AM
Subject: I oppose Proposed Shopping Center for South Salem

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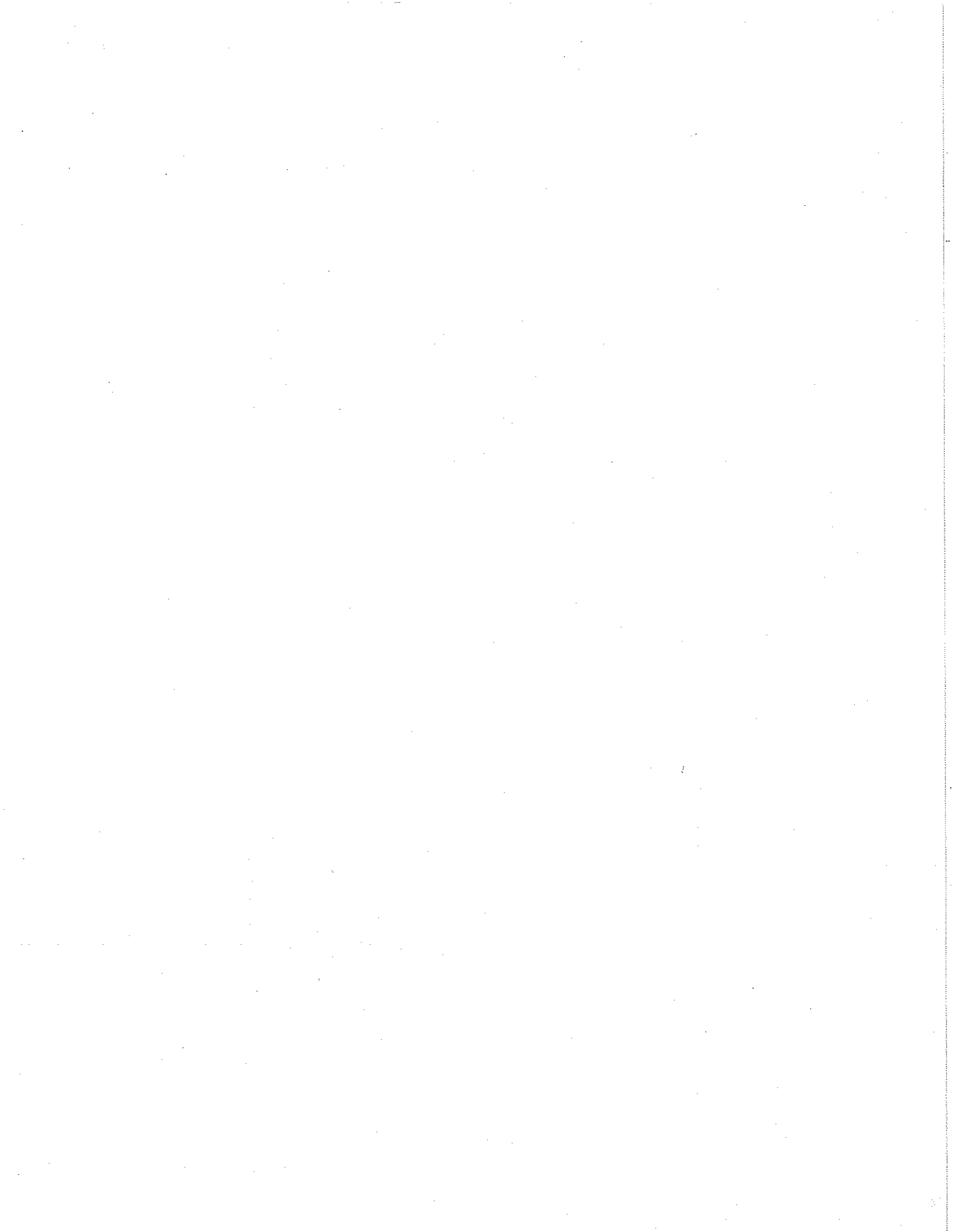
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Dear Mayor Janet Taylor and Salem City Council,

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Best regards,

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Brent DeHart, Council Member
Ward 7
City of Salem

Re: Shopping Center zone change proposal – 27th Ave SE & Kuebler Blvd

Councilman, I have read with interest the proposal to develop the area southerly of Kuebler Blvd at or near the 27th Ave SE intersection and the need for a zone change.

As a basis for this letter, I'm assuming the 27th Ave connection to Kuebler will remain open after development of the shopping center in some fashion or another. This is my concern and purpose of my letter.

As you know, Kuebler is stop and go traffic from about 3 p.m. until sometime after 6 p.m. on most days. The four way stop (signalized) at Battle Creek already backs traffic up to I-5. Allowing 27th Ave to remain open will make the trip from I-5 towards SE Commercial and beyond a real challenge and increase the frustration level of many drivers who regularly use this route. It will also cause the I-5/Kuebler interchange to malfunction more then it does now.

I propose allowing the zone change and development plans of the proposed shopping center to proceed under the following conditions.

1. The City, exercising it's police powers, close the access from 27th Ave direct to Kuebler. At least the direct access from southerly 27th Ave.
2. As a condition of development, the developer will, or pay to rebuild, existing Boone Road to city standards, from the proposed shopping center westerly to Battle Creek Rd.
3. As a condition of development, the developer can either pay for or build, at his sole expense, and to city standards, an interchange at Boone Rd. SE & Kuebler Blvd.
4. Access to the proposed shopping center development would be via the Battle Creek interchange, easterly along Boone Road to the commercial development.

The above four recommendations will allow for the free movement of traffic from I-5 into the South Salem area. It will provide a safe and efficient access to the proposed shopping center development and adjacent neighborhoods.

I'm sure the developer will "wince" at any of these suggestions, but may I suggest, the council should place the interest of the City as a whole, not the developer first. Many governmental bodies demand such improvements by developers, why not Salem?

Should you have questions regarding my comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks

Douglas Luth

Cc – City Council