

To: Salem City Council

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Re: CA 16-04 addendum #3

Goal 1: Citizen Involvement

My original written testimony, No. 15 on the City of Salem CA 16-04 Testimony website, challenged the public involvement process. That document contains a typographical error in the fifth paragraph. The sentence should read:

“Contrary to Goal one requirements there has been no opportunity for community members to review and consider the multiple reports and finding offered by the City prior to the initiation of the formal **CA 2016-04** quasi-judicial process.”

There are three provisions of Goal 1 that have not been assiduously followed in preparation of the “Preferred Alternative” formal Salem Comprehensive Plan land-use process.

“1. Citizen Involvement -- To provide for widespread citizen involvement.

The citizen involvement program shall involve a cross-section of affected citizens in all phases of the planning process. As a component, the program for citizen involvement shall include an officially recognized committee for citizen involvement (CCI) broadly representative of geographic areas and interests related to land use and land-use decisions. Committee members shall be selected by an open, well-publicized public process.

3. Citizen Influence -- To provide the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process. Citizens shall have the opportunity to be involved in the phases of the planning process as set forth and defined in the goals and guidelines for Land Use Planning, including Preparation of Plans and Implementation Measures, Plan Content, Plan Adoption, Minor Changes and Major Revisions in the Plan, and Implementation Measures.

C. CITIZEN INFLUENCE

6. Revision - The general public, through the local citizen involvement programs, should have the opportunity to review and make recommendations on proposed changes in comprehensive land-use plans prior to the public hearing process to formally consider the proposed changes.”

The City of Salem diligently engaged a citizens advisory body through the City Council selection of the “Preferred Alternative” Willamette River Crossing in 2014. However, Council decision-making efforts appear to have provided no opportunity for Salem citizens to review or make recommendations on the proposed revisions to the Salem Comprehensive Plan and Plan Map prior to the initiation of the October 12, 2016 public hearing process to formally consider the proposed land-use changes. This is contrary to the Goal 1 Revision process quoted above.