

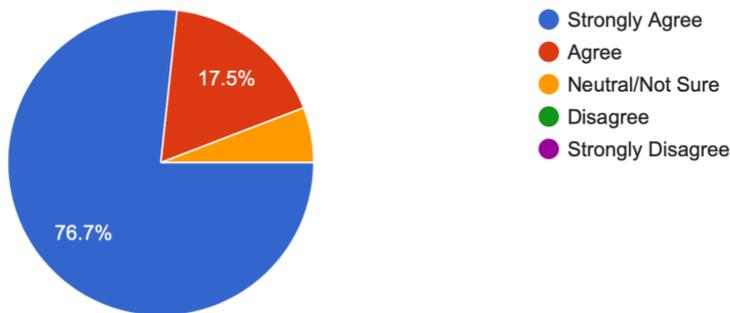
A Salem Progressive Agenda: Survey Results

Here are the results of a survey fielded by Mark Wigg and Jim Scheppke from July 9 -21, 2020. The survey was developed to obtain feedback from Salem citizens about a possible progressive agenda to make Salem a better place to live and work in the near future. The survey was emailed to several mailing lists comprised of progressive citizens. A total of 103 citizens responded to the survey. The survey consisted of 26 multiple choice questions along with a comment box that allowed respondents to comment on the questions or to suggest other ideas that were not included in the survey questions. Mark Wigg and Jim Scheppke are responsible for this survey and we would be happy to answer any questions about it.

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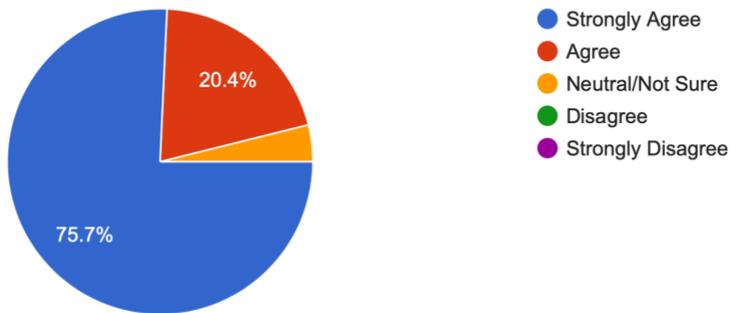
1) Create and immediately implement a Climate Action Plan for Salem to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions in order for Salem to be carbon neutral by 2050.

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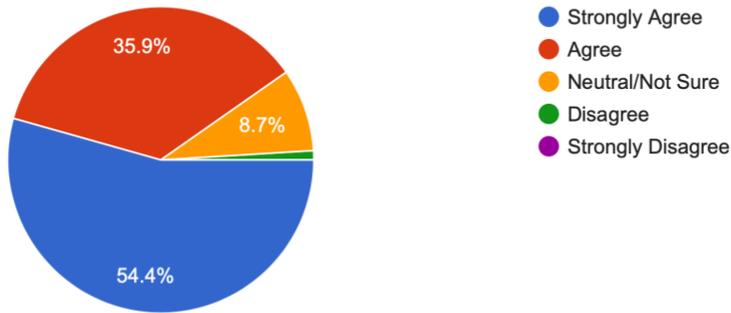
2) Revise the Salem Comprehensive Plan and the Transportation System Plan to achieve the emissions reduction goal of the Salem Climate Action Plan for Salem to be carbon neutral by 2050.

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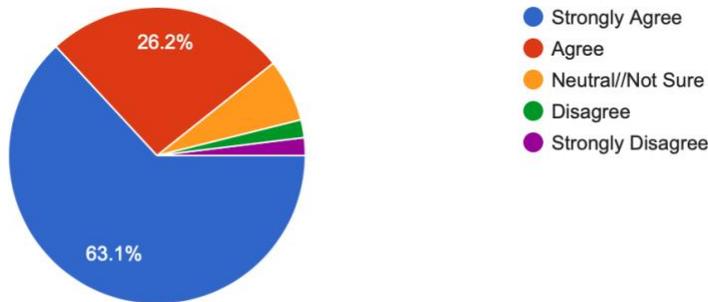
3) Incorporate the concept of "20 minute neighborhoods" (neighborhoods in which all basic needs are within a 20 minute walk) into the revised Salem Comprehensive Plan.

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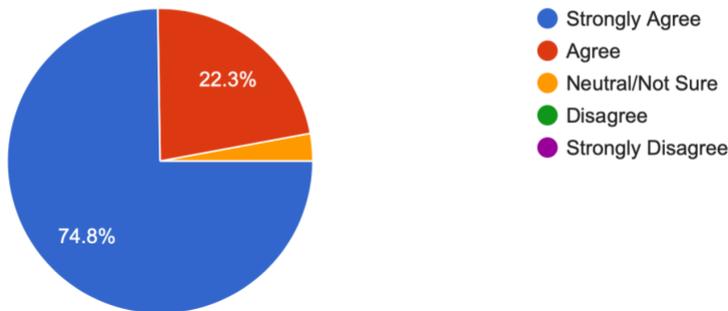
4) End suburban sprawl in Salem; in the new Comprehensive Plan provide for more infill and incremental, compact development that eliminates the need for huge investments in new infrastructure on the edges of the city.

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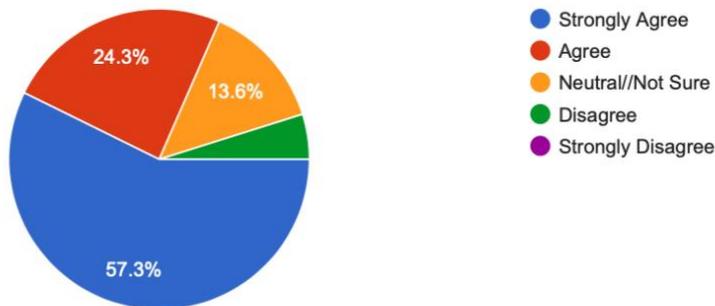
5) Provide for our homeless citizens with a Navigation Center, a Sobering Center and a 24/7 low barrier warming shelter with adequate capacity so no one has to sleep on the sidewalk.

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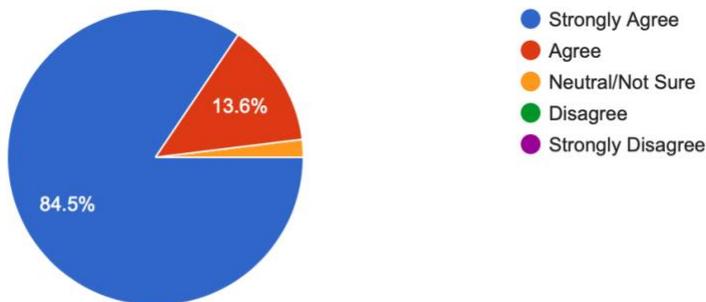
6) If public and private facilities are inadequate to shelter all homeless persons, provide campgrounds with bathrooms, showers, laundry facilities, meeting rooms, and electric hookups to meet the need.

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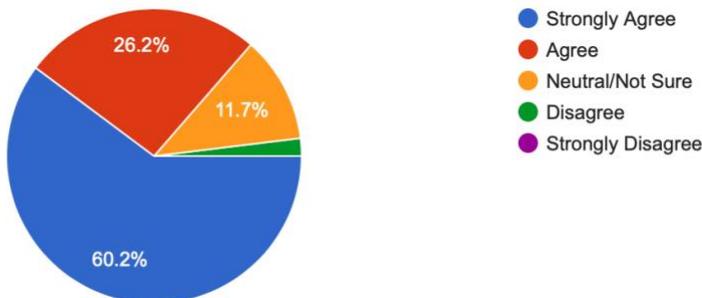
7) Fund one or more Mobile Response Units with EMTs and Social Workers to serve homeless persons and others in crisis (instead of sending armed police) based on the CAHOOTS model that has been successful in Eugene.

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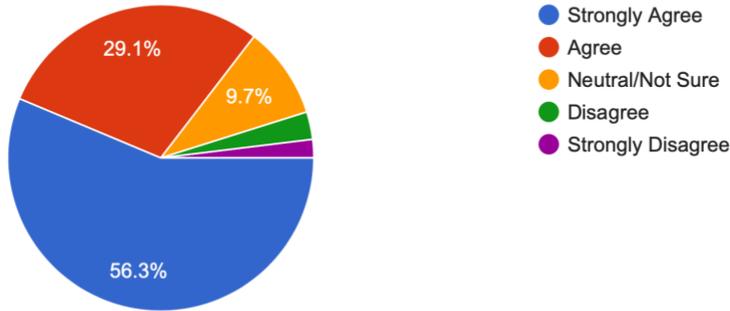
8) Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon that allows more telework by state employees and provides incentives for commuting without the use of a single occupancy vehicle; this will eliminate the need for another river crossing for many years to come.

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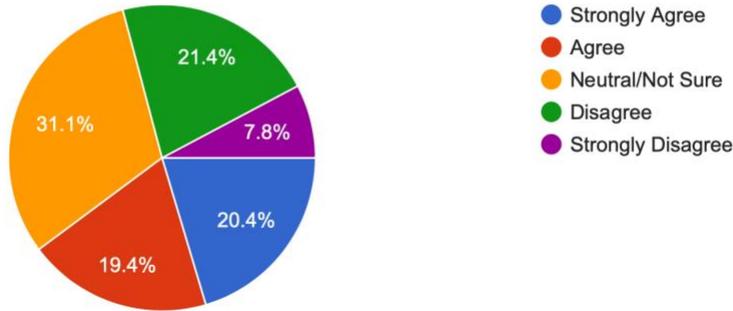
9) Require all large employers in Salem to provide incentives for commuting without the use of a single occupancy vehicle and disincentives for use of a single occupancy vehicle (e.g, parking fees).

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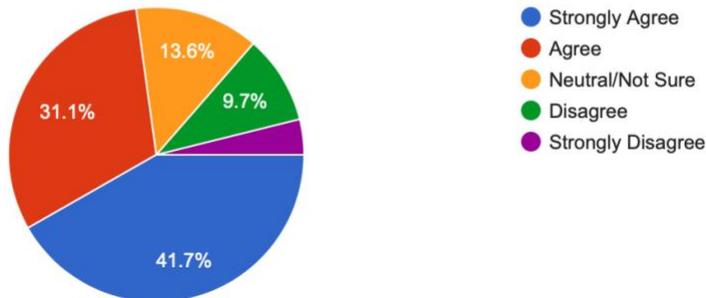
10) End free parking in downtown Salem and instead use smart meter technology for paid parking.

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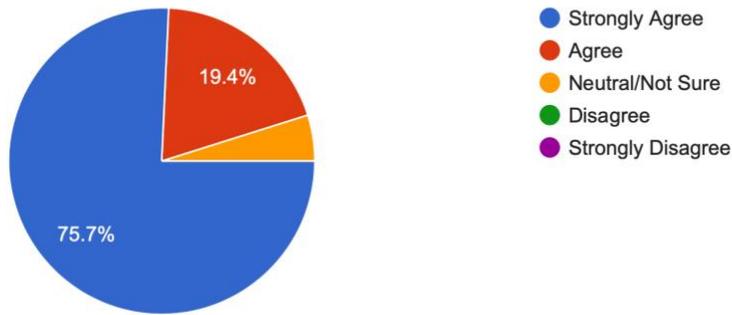
11) Initiate a citywide traffic calming and safety initiative with fewer, narrower lanes, lower speed limits, and more crosswalks; reduce speeds on residential streets to 20 mph and on all collector and arterial streets to no more than 35 mph.

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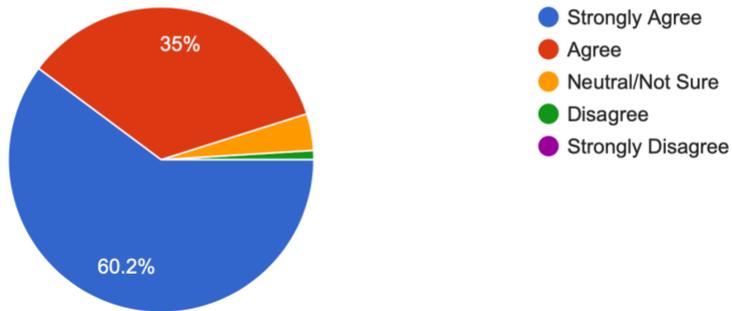
12) Provide sidewalks and safe routes to schools in all residential neighborhoods.

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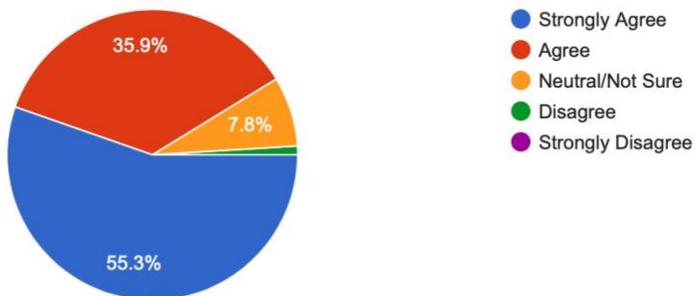
13) Build a complete bikeway system for biking throughout the city that does not route bikes onto high speed arterials unless the bicyclists are on a multiuse path separated from the arterial.

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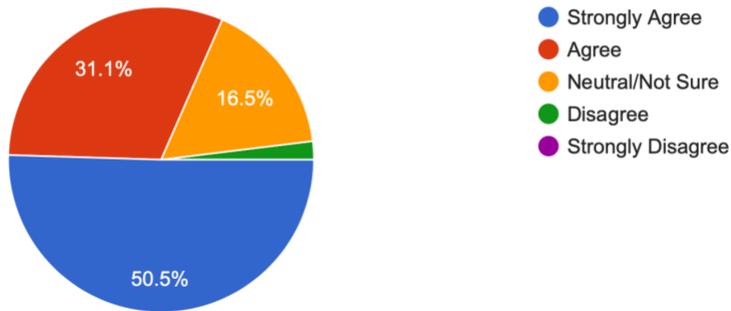
14) Restore Parks and Recreation to departmental status with a Director of Parks and Recreation, and restore the budget to fully develop and acquire new parks throughout the city, including linear parks that connect neighborhoods, schools and business districts.

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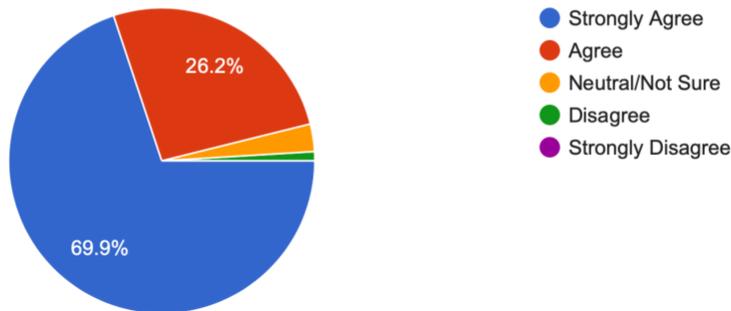
15) Restore the Salem Public Library to departmental status under the leadership of the City Librarian and establish new neighborhood branch libraries in Northeast, North and South Salem.

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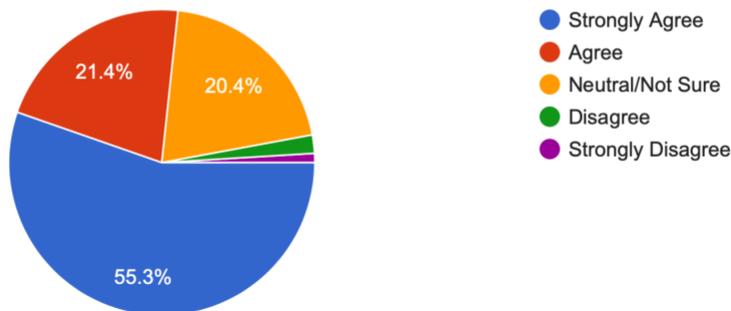
16) Conduct a top to bottom performance audit of the Salem Police Department with the goal of eliminating redundancy with other agencies (e.g., State Police), militarization, and unnecessary costs.

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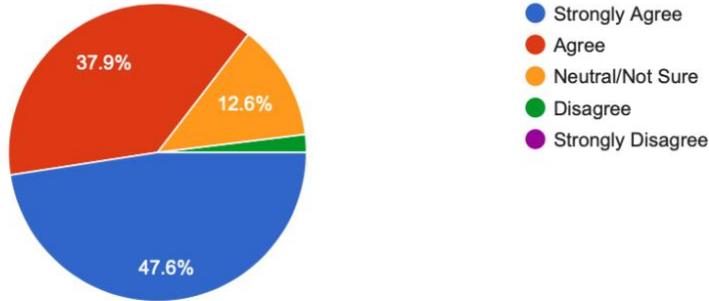
17) End the School Resource Officer program in Salem schools which hundreds of students, teachers, parents and community leaders have called for to close the "School to Prison Pipeline."

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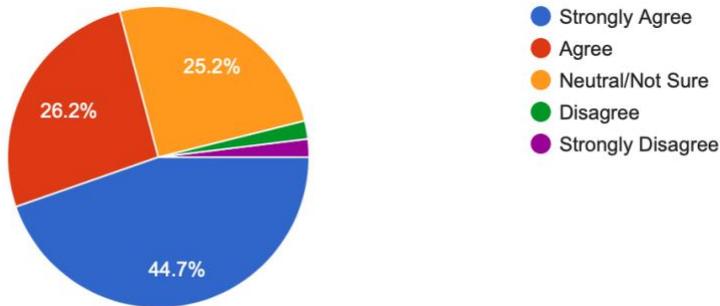
18) Move the 911 Center, which is not seismically reinforced, into the new police facility; fully utilize all the space in the new police facility for City services.

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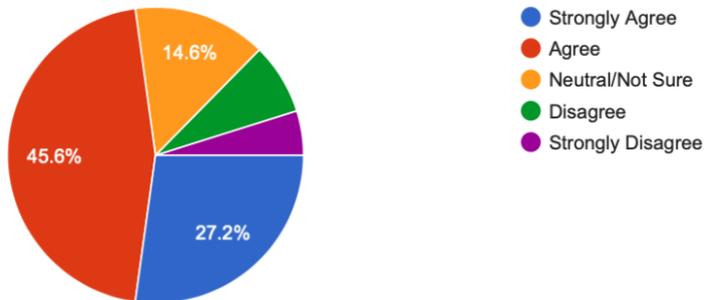
19) Redesign the City's medical emergency response service to not involve firefighters and fire trucks as a way to reduce costs; focus the Salem Fire Department exclusively on fire protection and implement cost-saving best practices in fire protection that have been successful in other jurisdictions.

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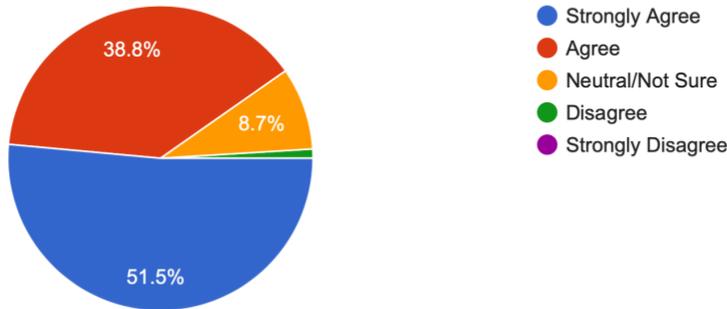
20) Automate traffic safety enforcement through greater use of cameras and fines, eliminating the need for police to do this work as a way to lower costs.

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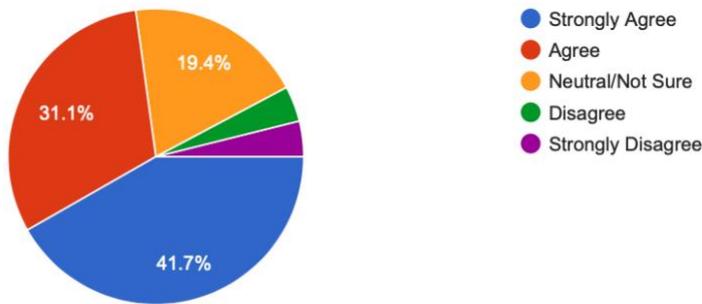
21) Initiate a Zero Waste program in Salem with the goal of greatly reducing the need for solid waste disposal.

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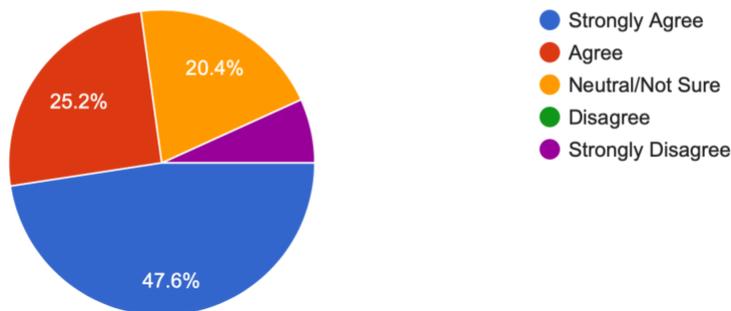
22) Send what solid waste remains to the Coffin Butte landfill and not to the Covanta/Marion incinerator that has been poisoning low income Latinx communities from North Salem to Woodburn for decades with emissions of toxic chemicals (lead, mercury, dioxin, etc.) and particulates that have been shown to increase negative outcomes the in COVID-19 pandemic.

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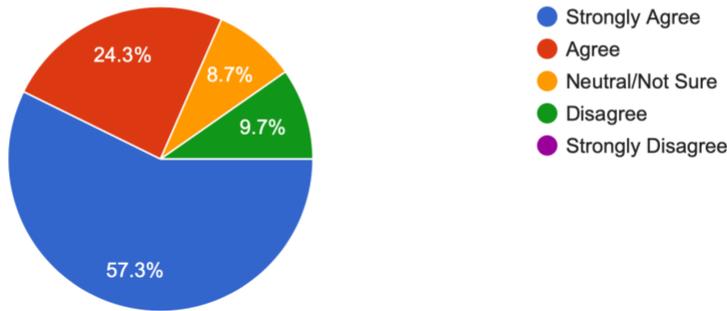
23) Initiate an employee payroll tax for all persons working in Salem but residing elsewhere to end the "free rider" problem; proceeds would go to the General Fund to be used where most needed.

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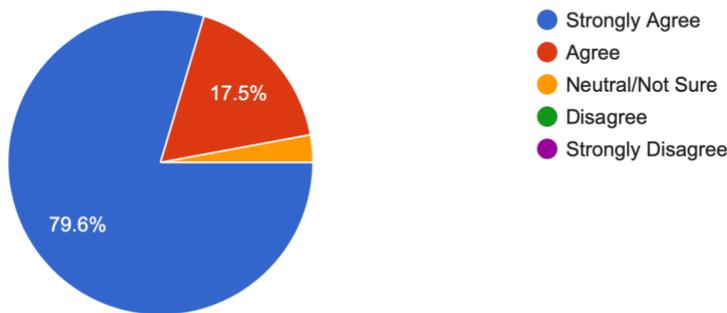
24) Invest any new transportation dollars to maintain existing roads and bridges and not to build new roads and bridges that will only add to our future unfunded liabilities.

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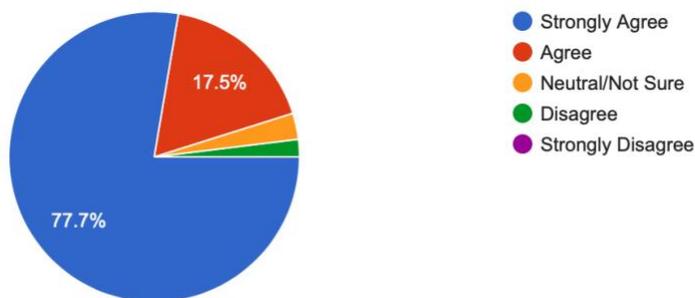
25) Require all new residential development to provide safe bicycle and pedestrian access to the existing system of sidewalks and bike lanes.

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26) Value diversity and achieve inclusivity for all Latinx and other communities of color, LGBTQ persons, disabled persons, and other underrepresented groups in Salem; recruit and elect representatives of these communities to serve on the Salem City Council, the Salem-Keizer School Board, and other important boards and commissions in Salem.

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Top Five “Strongly Agree”

- 1) Fund one or more Mobile Response Units with EMTs and Social Workers to serve homeless persons and others in crisis (instead of sending armed police) based on the CAHOOTS model that has been successful in Eugene (84.5%)
- 2) Require all new residential development to provide safe bicycle and pedestrian access to the existing system of sidewalks and bike lanes. (79.6%)
- 3) Value diversity and achieve inclusivity for all Latinx and other communities of color, LGBTQ persons, disabled persons, and other underrepresented groups in Salem; recruit and elect representatives of these communities to serve on the Salem City Council, the Salem-Keizer School Board, and other important boards and commissions in Salem. (77.7%)
- 4) Create and immediately implement a Climate Action Plan for Salem to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions in order for Salem to be carbon neutral by 2050. (76.7%)
- 5) Revise the Salem Comprehensive Plan and the Transportation System Plan to achieve the emissions reduction goal of the Salem Climate Action Plan for Salem to be carbon neutral by 2050. (75.7%)
- 5) Provide sidewalks and safe routes to schools in all residential neighborhoods. (75.7%)

Comments *(the numbers correspond to the questions above; some comments that were not substantive but were merely thanking us for the survey or commenting on the methodology, etc., are not included here)*

(10) We must address the huge amount of space given over to cars all over Salem, not just downtown. We should eliminate all support for transportation projects from the property tax (lowering the costs of housing for people) and shift to supporting roads and streets from a Street Network Access Charge (SNAC) charged to all businesses and commercial properties and to residential properties where a vehicle is garaged, with higher SNACs charged for heavier and bigger cars, and with businesses paying according to how much parking they have, so that businesses that live off of vehicle traffic pay the most, since they get the most benefit from the street network. Within the downtown district, parking meters are an add-on to the SNAC; but all parking meter revenue goes into a fund to provide downtown amenities (such as some of the homeless services listed in these questions).

Criminalize white supremacy - literally.

Campaign finance reform. we may not be able to get it statewide immediately but we could implement it locally. Require a code of conduct to be included/associated with every neighborhood associations bylaws, also require ethics, diversity, equity and inclusion training for all neighborhood association officers and committee members.

(10) I'd support 2 hours free parking over 3, about this much free parking is good for downtown commerce. (11) Can't be slow everywhere; need combination. (12) I'm for safe routes to school; but not every street needs a sidewalk; I live on one. (20) Every photo enforcement zone must be marked as such — has same or better effect of slowing traffic without deliberately tripping up public to rob them to fill coffers — yes, I know because I've lived in such jurisdictions. I also recall vividly when young liberals defeated the first photo enforcement proposals in 1980s Oregon due to invasion of privacy — progress?!?

Advocate for a more inclusive and robust form of citizen input. Not all people can access information through the internet. Every important document should be translated into Spanish and translation of other languages spoken in Salem. ASL translation should be provided for all meetings of City Council (even on Zoom) and Planning Commission should be televised.

I would like to know if an incinerator can be designed and built with the ability to effectively scrub clean the emissions so we can avoid toxic waste in landfills.

Nothing to add now — my neutral answers have more to do with the fact that I need more information before agreeing or disagreeing. Those answers in no way mean that the issue brought up is not important to me. Likewise, when I marked "agree" I like the idea but question what alternative solutions are possible or just need more information.

Review the Parks Dept. policy: 1 a) Citizen contributions to their neighborhood parks are discouraged!!! i.e. benches, etc. They are overcharging unreasonable costs. b) Too many parks remain unusable, because they have not been formally "Planned" so neighbors can't contribute. This was ENCOURAGED in the past !!! I believe we had 23 unused sites when I last tried to work to change this. 2) Free DOWNTOWN of the "Historic Commission " controls. !!! This is absolutely urgent for modern & contemporary reconstruction after the oncoming predicable vacancies as the business world develops the declined space to meet the NEW 21st century's needs, adding much housing into the area, with MODERN buildings . 3) Riverfront Park needs 2 very NORTH Rest Rooms, as on the Original Plans-!!! spaced in the now car parked area (8 new ones planned for the new Pavilion do not include the North area needs).

Provide and subsidize safe, abundant, and quality childcare for families who need it.

Salem and Oregon must find a way to address income and wealth inequality. Virtually all of these proposed ideas require funding, and the tax burden on middle and low income taxpayers is already far too high. Without taxing the rich and making our tax system more fair, not a single one of these goals can be achieved. A good start would be for the City Council to stop using Urban Renewal funds for corporate welfare and use those funds to benefit all citizens and not just wealthy business owners. I for one will never vote for another bond issue until this problem is addressed.

What about the working-class--why are we always ignored? What about our unions---why are you sidelining them? Why is there nothing here about Salem's legislative counsel and oversight? What about City relations with the County Health Department?

I think it is fine that the fire department continues to focus on providing EMT service. I am not comfortable with the idea of relying so heavily on private ambulance services, especially since the cost of an ambulance trip to the ER can be so expensive. Now if the city wanted to de-emphasize the fire department and focus the money instead on government ambulance service and medical response I would be all in favor of that. Unfortunately, I can't see that happening with the continued myth of the importance of the fire department and the power of the firefighters union. The focus instead should be on the cost of the maintenance of rarely used fire equipment and the cost of driving a fire truck to simple accidents and injury situations. Perhaps the fire department could be issued with smaller more nimble response vehicles for those types of emergencies so they do not drive the big fire trucks to every call, thereby causing pollution and spending money on maintenance.

Missing topics: affordable housing; avoiding gentrification which is a concern among Latinx groups; (20) traffic cams can be an invasion of privacy; many in Salem seem linked to traffic lights with timing in favor of vehicles; (24) use new transportation \$ also for alternate modes (bike, ped, bus); (26) would have liked to see more diversity among people creating this survey.

Set a city tax on parking lots; eliminate all parking mandates/requirements.

Initiate an 8/80 city approach (that all of the streets are walkable for both 8 and 80-year-olds); develop a municipal job corps program for young people to give them work experience and help get some of the work that needs to be done in the city done; bring back the bookmobile and combine it with a coffee/reading program in low-income neighborhoods; conduct a top to bottom survey of indices of healthy living (access to grocery stores, access to medical facilities, access to schools, access to recreation) and map it onto Salem's wards, then focus services and outreach in neighborhoods less served by the city; conduct an educational outreach program about the city council and the neighborhood associations; develop a city-wide community garden plan and connect it to local schools; develop a city-run zero waste "store" with products made by local artisans; support public art projects; expand the blocking off of streets and using sidewalks for outdoor dining; expand food carts; develop the area on the side of the bus station with kiosks and more outdoor seating; keep downtown parking free for those who need easy access to stores (maybe with special passes); restore free bus service for ALL students in Salem; encourage more use of outdoor areas downtown with more benches and drinking fountains; develop an Internship program for young people to work in downtown businesses (bakeries, etc.); make the street scape more human scale (for example, underneath the Chemeketa Parkade). Maybe a Livable City Action Plan?

Don't rename Center Street.

Create DEDICATED public OPEN SPACE with trails in addition to improved city parks.

Fine tuning Salem's role in mass transit.

City of Salem should take a stand and support a single payer Health Care for All.

End taxpayer subsidies for developers and tax churches.

Require Public Works to develop written criteria for when sidewalks are closed for construction projects. Currently that seems to be the preferred option, rather than closing parking or traffic lanes.

Equity in access to parks; parks in east Salem.

A few things: First, Salem needs public housing! Housing stock is absurdly expensive, and we have nearly a thousand homeless residents. According to a recent report by the Department of Land Conservation and Development, 31,706 households (20,3770 people!) across Salem and Keizer are severely rent burdened. That means just under a quarter of Salem-Keizer households pay *over half* their income into the pockets of their landlords. Public housing is so obviously the answer, and driving down housing prices will help so many low-income people, and let us spend our money in our community, not on our landlords' mortgages. Second, increasing fines and fees as part of a traffic enforcement initiative, without completely revising how fines and fees are assessed and collected, will not help us. A 200 dollar ticket to someone working a minimum wage job is over twice what that person makes in a single 8 hour workday. To someone at the median income for Salem, it's about a single day's wages. Fines and fees assessed by camera are certainly a better way of enforcing traffic laws than cops, but we have to make sure that poor people aren't used as a cash cow for city funding. Fines should be pegged to a person's income, as they are in, among other places, Finland. Third, I work in Salem and live in Keizer. I would, in fact, like to move back to Salem, but at my current income it doesn't really make sense. When you insist that only residents, and not people who would *like* to live somewhere, can have a say in how a community develops, it typically works to stop the growth of housing stock, which raises property and rental prices, which in turn shuts out poor people, people of color, and queer people. If you want to learn more about that dynamic, read the book *Neighborhood Defenders*.

Install public indoor-outdoor swimming pool in Salem!

Build free multilevel parking garages around the periphery of downtown and provide free electric transportation to loop continuously throughout the area. Get rid of all diagonal on street parking and use those lanes to create bike lanes and lanes for an electric shuttle.

Make all city buses fare free to support economically disadvantaged people and reduce single occupancy vehicle use.

Although, I understand that Salem will grow and we need to prepare for that, can we discuss how our choices encourage or discourage growth? How much do we want Salem to grow? How do we build a community that supports current Salem residents but limits and slows future growth to a sustainable level?

Recognizing the need to have more diverse representation on the city council and school boards, can we find ways to make these positions paid? Many young people or people from disadvantaged communities may find it difficult to donate their time.

What would it take to change school board elections so that school board members are elected by their district rather than at-large, similar to how city councilors are elected? Why is it the way it is?

Salem Keizer School Board elections, promotion of diverse/reflective candidates. Subsidize/create neighborhood pools operating on a public/sliding scale, invest in accessible aquatic facility to promote water safety for all. Invest in mental health.

Establish an Systems Development-like charge for tree removal to help fund inspections and replanting to maintain and increase tree canopy.

Increase Salem's tree canopy to 40% in all neighborhoods, plant and maintain a continuous canopy of street trees throughout the city.

1) Expand affordable child care options for those working in Salem. 2) Ensure all households and small businesses have access to affordable broadband internet service. 3) Support health care for the uninsured or unhoused that isn't affiliated with religious institutions/clinics. 4) Rethink/redesign our downtown — too many empty vacant buildings providing wealthy land owners with tax breaks — create disincentives for vacancies. Hoping to force sales to develop downtown with affordable apartments with corner grocery stores, etc. 5) Pay the mayor and city councilors salaries. This is a major equity issue. Especially with the mayor, you have to be independently wealthy to be able to work for free as the mayor.

I like the idea of reinvesting in public transportation, pedestrian walkways, bike paths, and maintaining/upgrading current roads but I disagree with the idea of going against a second bridge (especially connecting West Salem). The bridge is still needed in addition to reinvesting in the current infrastructure.

Incentivize infill development.

I'm a little worried that employers and the city taking away free parking will unfairly burden working class folks if other actions aren't taken to mitigate that possibility. If Cherriots were free and we had a more acceptable minimum wage than I would be entirely on board.

What about the idea of closing a street(s) downtown to make one or more into walking and bicycling streetscapes? I'm not sure I understood that was being asked in the above questions.

Ask Salem Health to pay more to support this community; property taxes are almost unachievable for people like me. Require developers of neighborhood hubs and residential areas to plant a nice healthy number of appropriate, native, or wisely-chosen long-lasting trees for every square foot of development since they prefer the cheapest tree that makes us look like any other city. Ban neonicotinoids on all city properties and parks (and, maybe any use at all inside city limits). I am dismayed at the boneheaded and completely ego-driven amphitheater in Riverfront Park which appears to have not taken into consideration parking, and may even rob us of some spots we have; could someone address this? The plan is to attract hundreds of people, and making it harder than ever to access the venue? Downtown is fighting, fighting for customers and losing the battle; how about putting together some thoughts by SMART PEOPLE targeted to learning how to make it more appealing and successful to both small businesses and customers. The Chamber might be a partner in this; they might have an idea that Strong Towns folks never thought of, and then they'd get the credit (which conservatives apparently desperately need for every civic act.). Don't forget, in haste about putting in more parks (which I strongly approve of) allocating more resources to existing parks, already underfunded and some looking a little shabby. Lancaster and parts of Commercial make us look like the dregs of Tulsa; so much could be achieved with tall trees, shrubs, perhaps little spaces with benches, not only along streets but on the properties of small businesses. I feel ashamed when I drive there and it must make the folks who live in the area feel like the city finds them expendable and/or invisible. The City should forbid Salem Police from using riot gear or military vehicles for ANY reason. We are not in a war zone and our public servants shouldn't accessorize to make citizens feel like it. I am dismayed by the lack of quality public art in our city; the only "art garden" is that stupid place on Commercial behind the convention center, which everyone speeds by, no one looks like, no one wanders through and is not even slightly inviting. I hear the city has a ton of art in storage. Why don't we strive to look a bit more like Portland or New York (or most civilized cities) by hauling that stuff out and add it to parks, neighborhoods, hubs, or even an accessible and inviting art garden. Even if YOU personally don't care about art, many others do, and people with incomes and taste who might settle here don't want the place to look like a hick town (which it sort of resembles now, sorry to say). If you're going to put in this Mobile Response Unit you mention, don't forget to adjust the funding for the Fire Department, so progressives are not accused of just spending and spending. Why not begin explorations with regional partners to learn the possible scope of a regional 3rd Bridge, funded by regional, state, federal sources, so that SOMETHING can be said in reply to the conservatives who say progressives just don't care. You mention strategies to reduce traffic; that is difficult for them to see or imagine or get much oomph out of. If you don't want to fight this every single election why not just LOOK INTO THE MATTER, already??? Have progressives show concern; have progressives CONTROL the NARRATIVE. I'm serious, and am not sure you guys like this idea or see its value, which I think is almost limitless to the future of the city. Involve the Chamber, because we will NEVER win our point by relentless opposition, conflict and enmity; only by working together to learn how realistic and superior a regionally-funded bridge might be. They need some idea they can actually imagine, since they like to get an idea and stubbornly stick to it. Let's give them one. Let's take this decades-long brawl and change the terms entirely with a new vision. (Just don't pay thousands a month to study this, as the city did before.)

Include Rights of Nature as a criterion in deliberations on approval of all new developments in the Salem area.

Add quality, efficient mass transit to your bikeable and "20 minute neighborhoods" concepts. The transit needs to be right-sized to Salem. Could be electric buses with dedicated lanes, an electric trolley (or two), ... there are great examples out there. We also need fast mass transit up and down I-5. We need better schools. Period. The climate change actions must include a focus on green, union jobs that stay in Salem. And did I mention union jobs?

There was a 2001 study that visited a corporate income tax. Need to look at ending urban renewal districts, opt out of spendy and not needed corporate welfare for folks such as Garmin. They are here because they like OSU graduate engineers. Support legislative efforts to end corporate property tax incentives for at least the educational component as it forces more Oregon general fund expenditures at the expense of programs that will uplift those facing racial and economic inequities.

Work to demilitarize police and encourage Community Policing and other alternatives. Encourage a transition to a paid Salem City Council so that more people have the option to run for the positions.

Ban gas-powered leaf blowers. Require big box stores and shopping centers to include a plan on how shoppers can safely bike or walk to the entrance. Salem should build and operate housing that includes units set aside for low income and homeless residents, and constructed in locations that meet 20 minute neighborhood criteria.

Protecting water/role of water in both transportation, climate change and residential/commercial access Zero waste, connected network for walking/biking.

We need a tree commission that has some sort of authority to decide when, if, how trees can be removed, and a certified arborist.

Reduce the need for public records requests by allowing an hour of City staff to answer questions like some State agencies are required to do by State law. Direct City staff to be responsive in providing information to the public as allowed by State law. Protecting the practices of the Salem Public Works Department from public disclosure must be stopped by the progressive Council majority.

I would like to see a surcharge on drive-through coffee places like Dutch Brother's. Why? These shops contribute to climate change because of engine idleness. There are times I see close to eight cars lined-up to get their beverage. The tax could go to improving alternative transportation and Climate Change education projects. 1% tax seems fair. True food establishments and pharmaceutical drive-through locations can be made exempt.

Explore the creation of a city-owned performing arts center, for local arts organizations [music, theater, and dance], like the Hult Center in Eugene. Salem non-profit performing arts groups are at the mercy of the SK School District, colleges, and other venues that prioritize their own programming and make reliable scheduling for rehearsals and performance seasons difficult. Performing arts bring communities together -- hopefully again soon.

Small business micro-grants for areas like Lancaster (in city limits), Silverton Rd, Portland/Fairgrounds to repair broken signage and storefronts and remove remnants like phone booths no longer in use.

Questions 22 and 24, I disagree. My understanding is Coffin Butte cannot be made leak proof. I believe we should burn extra garbage and provide electric, or other power, from the waste. We cannot continue to bury our waste and then push it onto future generations to contend with. Portland ships semi-loads of waste to Eastern Oregon. We should not do the same. We must address this now, not bury it.

I am for an additional bridge. I have lived in communities less than 1/2 the size of the Salem area that have more bridge crossings on their river systems. Eugene provides a good example. They have many more crossings over the Willamette than Salem and provide a belt line that steers heavy truck and commercial traffic around their city. They do not funnel all heavy traffic through their central business district as Salem does. We need to do the same. An idea a few years back was to provide a crossing — belt line — starting at the Brooks exit. Also, traffic from the south and east could be funneled across the Willamette by providing a crossing at Mission or even Kuebler. Sorry, but we must address the traffic by not burying it again and again. Also, the lack of an additional crossing is a emergency safety feature, too. If "the big one" should strike, the only bridges we have would most likely would be blocked. A small traffic accident can block the bridges for hours. I have witnessed traffic gridlock in central Salem merely from a suicide attempt or an accident on our bridges. The police were directing traffic to the Independence crossing. What a fiasco! An additional crossing, or two, would alleviate this type of major hazard.

Mass transit is a joke in Salem and in Oregon. We should address that, too, by providing extremely regular daily service throughout the city and for I-5 commuters that provide alternatives to automobile use. I lived in Asia for 3 years and I never had went for traveling into metro areas of millions of people. The use of buses for commuters should be available on an extremely regular basis. I never had to wait over 15-20 minutes for a train or bus on trunk lines while living in Korea to travel 50 miles into and in Seoul, a metro area of over 15 million. We do not need "high speed rail". We need just plain old rail at 55-60 mph. High Speed is a waste of money. Oregon has several abandoned rail beds that could be resurrected for rail commuter travel at 55 mph. And, furthermore, we could have dedicated lanes only for commuter vehicles on the interstate system. Korea utilized that type system. I would ride the bus at 50 mph on a dedicated lane while the auto traffic was gridlocked as I traveled in and out of Seoul.

We need an ordinance as part of the new Comp Plan that requires 50% of trees over 5 inch diameter to be saved by developers.

I do not oppose a Costco on Kuebler. I disagree with other progressives on this issue.

Develop a Good Citizen program similar to Master Recycler or Master Gardener that educates people on how specific personal choices will save taxpayer money and other resources and improve our community. We can build more connections in our community by making those trained individuals "ambassadors" who reach out to neighbors to share that information. Maybe piggyback onto PCPs?

Set up a "Rental Aid" office to offer free rental guidance to prospective renters. Info to include list of current vacancies, with details on rents, deposits, income qualifications, etc.

1. Keep arterial feeder street speeds at 30, not 35. People will always drive faster. D street is 30 right now, and people drive 40. If you make it 35, they will drive 45.
2. Increase the fine for drivers not stopping at crosswalks for pedestrians, or even when they do not stop at corners where pedestrians are trying to cross.
3. More art in Salem. Local artists would donate their art.
4. More trash cans around town. There are many intersections with no trash can on any corner. Along with the trash cans, provide recycle containers next to the trash container. They do it in Portland, Bend, and many other Oregon cities. I have numerous photos of trash cans in other cities and states.
5. Include public participation in more things. In the city of Olympia, WA, the city acquires a piece of art each year. The citizens get to help decide which piece of art the city should purchase. They have art all over the city.