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To: Green Light Development
From: Northeast Neighbors (NEN)
Re: Salem Apartments Affordable Housing Proposal

Thank you for the opportunity to collaborate with Green Light Development on the proposed Salem Apartments development on 23rd St. NE in our neighborhood. There is a great need for affordable housing in Salem which has reached a critical level.

The proposed development will include 156 units of affordable housing at 60% of the median household income including 1/3 of the units being rented at 30% of the median household income, making units available to those in the greatest need of housing.

Northeast Neighbors (NEN) appreciates the dialogue with Green Light. NEN looks forward to learning more about the affordable housing development as it progresses, while providing stakeholder input during the process.

Successful projects involve collaboration with the community where they are built. As such, our board and neighborhood have expressed some concerns relative to the current plan. We want to ensure these priorities are addressed as the project moves forward in the process.

- Preservation of exiting green space
 - Ensure the largest evergreen tree remains.
 - Preserve as many other trees as feasible.
- Reduce the ratio of parking units to 1.5 or less.
- Work with the city to prioritize pedestrian safety crossing Center and D Streets.
- Work with the city traffic engineers to minimize traffic impacts on Center and D Streets.
- Support Salem's Climate Action Plan by implementing strategies that decrease greenhouse gases in both the site and the buildings.
- Implement features that reduce water runoff.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue to provide feedback from the NEN board and neighborhood in planning a successful project. We are looking forward to a positive working relationship in the future.