## **Olivia Glantz**

City of Salem Community Development Dept.

## Case # SUB-ADJ19-02

Dear Salem City Council Members,

We are residents of Chandler Drive, Salem. We and our neighbors walk frequently in our neighborhood, and there is a swimming pool at the head of Chandler Dr. which is used by children's swim teams in summer, with children walking up and down the hill daily.

Chandler Drive is a steep hill, and is used as a shortcut by many vehicles, from cars to semi-trucks to access neighborhoods above and below us. Madrona St is the main road, but is curvy and slower, so folks use Chandler instead. There already is a great deal of traffic on this steep hill, which in winter is not plowed or treated with salt or sand. We have witnessed some scary accidents in winter.

With regard to the plans for **Wren Heights housing development,** in the near vicinity, Salem Heights' we face even more noise and nuisance from even more traffic and speeding vehicles whose drivers are impatient we current residents trying to get in and out of our homes.

We dread the addition of anymore vehicular impact to this small neighborhood. Salem Heights Rd itself is very narrow, with no sidewalks or verges, and is also used by neighborhood walkers and children using school buses are dropped off at the top of the road. The addition of 34 more housing units, with probably at least 2 vehicles each, will have an untenable negative impact to our neighborhood's livability.

**We recommend** the Council **reject** this proposed development, or at the very least, scale down the project, to consider preserving more of the trees and the peaceful livable nature of this beautiful Salem neighborhood.

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