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Ms. Olivia Dias, City of Salem Planning Commission Sent via email to: Odias@cityofsalem.net

RE: DevNW Request for Rezoning and Site Plan/Design Review, Case No. CPC-NPC-ZC-SPR-ADJ-DR20-03; Application No. 20-108811-ZO / 20-108812-ZO / 20-112373-RP / 20-112375-ZO / 20-112374-DR

Dear Ms. Dias:

This letter is written in support DevNW's efforts to provide affordable housing at the former site of the Evergreen Church (905 and 925 Cottage Street NE). As you are aware, Salem is facing an affordable housing crisis; we need hundreds more units, and this project is an important step forward.

We believe that our community is stronger when everyone has safe and affordable housing. Northwest Human Services (NWHS), a Community Health Center, provides medical, dental, mental health and social service supports for low income and homeless individuals and families in the Salem community. Permanent housing is a key component in creating stability and better health outcomes for our patients and clients. Affordable permanent housing accessible to services and public transportation in this location will strengthen the Grant Neighborhood by helping by helping to ensure a mix of housing types and affordability for years to come.

The opportunity to provide 19 units of affordable housing is an excellent use of the property and, we believe, is an equally or better suited use of this site than the current facility and underlying single family zoning. Studio and 1-bedroom units are critically important for a range of people, including seniors, veterans, young adults, low income individuals/couples without children, etc.

NWHS lends our support for this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Paul Logan

Sincerely,

Chief Executive Officer