

## 2006 Salem City Council



Mayor Janet Taylor



Councilor Frank Walker



Councilor Jim Randall



Councilor Brad Nanke



Councilor T.J. Sullivan



Councilor Rick Stucky



Councilor Bruce Rogers



Councilor Brent DeHart



Councilor Dan Clem

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## 2004/2005 Scored Votes

### VOTE 1 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

#### Planning Transportation Corridor

On January 5, 2004 Council voted not to authorize a "mixed use" zone along the 12th Street transportation corridor. Mixed use allows property owners to "mix" commercial and residential uses without seeking Council approval. Authorizing mixed use zones near transportation corridors makes it easier for communities to plan public transportation and reduce reliance on the automobile. But the Council changed mixed use to "voluntary" rather than "regulatory" making it less cost efficient to plan mass transit along the transportation corridor. **"No" is the pro-environment vote**, because the Council had the opportunity to increase mass transit opportunities for Salem residents, while simultaneously reducing greenhouse gases. Instead, the Council passed a measure that did neither.

### VOTE 2 HAZARDOUS WASTE CONTROL

#### Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

On March 8, 2004 Council voted to increase the rates for solid waste customers in West Salem by 26 cents per month to allow pickup and disposal of household hazardous wastes. **"Yes" is the pro-environment vote**, because it funded appropriate hazardous waste disposal rather than allowing materials to end up in landfills.

### VOTE 3 CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

#### Eliminate Salem Futures Citizen Advisory Council

On April 5, 2004 Council eliminated the Salem Futures Citizen Advisory Council (CAC). Salem Futures was the result of three years of community involvement supported by \$1.3 million in City and State funds and thousands of hours of volunteer time. Salem Futures plotted environmental, social, and economic guidelines for community development over the next 50 years. At the time, the CAC was made up of approximately 30 community leaders. **"No" was the pro-environment vote**, because eliminating the CAC eliminated community involvement in planning the future of Salem for 300,000 residents.

### VOTE 4 PROTECTING WETLANDS

#### Wetland Code Amendments

On July 6, 2004 Council discussed adopting an inventory map for locally significant wetlands (LSWs). In addition, the Council discussed adopting protection measures for LSWs, at a minimum, in city parks. **"No" is the pro-environment vote**, because the Council went against staff recommendations and voted only to produce an inventory map and not to protect irreplaceable LSWs inside parks, leaving them vulnerable to development pressures and degradation.

### VOTE 5 CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

#### Eliminate Environmental Commission

On August 23, 2004 Council voted to eliminate the Citizen Environmental Commission. **"No" is the pro-environment vote**, because by eliminating the committee, our community lost the input and advice on the health of the City's environment from a broad cross-section of highly qualified environmental professionals with an abundance of knowledge and experience in the area.

### VOTE 6 BALANCED GROWTH

#### Downtown System Development Charges

On January 10, 2005 Council voted to lower the System Development Charges (SDCs) for downtown development and development for all urban renewal districts. Funds from the City's SDCs are used to fund park developments and environmentally-related sewer and storm drainage projects. Lowering the SDCs for all urban renewal districts results in fewer dollars for environmentally-necessary projects. **"No" is the pro-environment vote**, because revenue generated would go to protecting our groundwater and surface waters from pollution.

### VOTE 7 WETLAND PROTECTION

#### Cambridge View Subdivision

On February 14, 2005 Council voted to approve a subdivision that cut 29 mature trees and built a new street right through a wetland. **"No" is the pro-environment vote**, because the action resulted in the loss of trees and habitat in an important wetland area.

### VOTE 8 HABITAT PROTECTION

#### Removal of Conservation Easement for Wetland

On February 14, 2005 Council voted to approve a land-sales option agreement with the Salvation Army, and eliminated a conservation easement protecting a wetland. **"No" is the pro-environment vote**, because removing the easement compromised natural areas in a wetland that was designated to be permanently protected for future generations.

### VOTE 9 PRESERVATION OF NATURAL AREAS

#### Revised Tree Preservation Ordinance

On April 11, 2005 Council callously revised an ordinance protecting trees and native vegetation. **"No" is the pro-environment vote**, because the revised ordinance allowed for the cutting of significant trees and removing native vegetation in riparian areas, without permits or community oversight.

### VOTE 10 LIMITING GREENHOUSE GASES

#### U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

On October 24, 2005 Council voted against referring the U.S. Mayor's Protection Agreement to staff for analysis and recommendations. The Mayor's Agreement is a simple resolution adopted by more than 180 cities across America and all major cities in the Northwest. It simply says the City would willingly take steps to reduce greenhouse gases for the sake of future generations. **"Yes" is the pro-environment vote**, because it would have given staff an opportunity to analyze the costs and benefits of participating in the Agreement.

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## IN THEIR WORDS

### Two Views on Global Warming

(See VOTE 10 U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement)

*"I don't believe there is consensus in the scientific community that there is actually global warming. In fact, there is evidence to the contrary."*

-Councilor Walker  
10/24/2005

*"Our action will result in an improvement to the local economy by conserving energy, increasing efficiency, and reducing pollution."*

-Councilor Stucky  
10/24/2005

## KNOW THE SCORE

### Salem City Council FAILS to Protect our Environment

When it comes to protecting our land, air, and water for future generations, the current Salem City Council received an appalling 20% average score.

If the Council isn't standing up for clean air and water for the public interest, just whose interest are they protecting?

## IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE!

### The Power is Yours

Join OLCV in the fight for a better Salem! Let's work together for a Council that protects the public's interest instead of the interests of big business and their lobbyists.

Contact County Organizer Kendra Kimbirauskas to find out how you can make a difference:

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**Would you vote for the protection of our land, air, and water?**

# *Did the Salem City Council?*

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## 2004/2005 Environmental Scorecard for the Salem City Council!

Ward	Mayor & Councilors	Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3	Vote 4	Vote 5	Vote 6	Vote 7	Vote 8	Vote 9	Vote 10	Score %
Mayor	J. Taylor	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	11%
Ward 1	K. Quillinan	+	+	+	A	+	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	100%
Ward 1	F. Walker	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	-	-	+	-	-	20%
Ward 2	J. Randall	-	+	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	11%
Ward 3	B. Nanke	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%
Ward 4	W. Bennett	+	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	100%
Ward 4	T. Sullivan	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	+	-	-	-	20%
Ward 5	R. Stucky	+	+	-	+	A	-	-	-	-	+	44%
Ward 6	B. Rogers	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	20%
Ward 7	A. Braun	A	+	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	100%
Ward 7	B. DeHart	Not in office	Not in office	Not in office	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	14%
Ward 8	D. Clem	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	30%

- : Voted against the environment + : Voted in favor of the environment A : Was absent when votes were cast  
 \* Although Councilor Walker voted the right way on the tree ordinance, he made this statement prior to casting the vote: "I get a knot in my stomach every time I read this ordinance [Revised Tree Protection Ordinance] ... I can't support this ordinance in any form."  
 Shading indicates those who are no longer in office.



