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From:

Samantha Nixon <snixon711@icloud.com>

Sent:

Monday, April 4, 2022 9:33 PM

To:

Davis, Tracy

Subject:

Public testimony 4/4

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Hi there Tracy, here is the copy of my testimony tonight:

My name is Samantha Nixon and I live in Keizer. Thank you Madam Mayor and Council.

After watching the last city council meeting and the commentary regarding the event at the Volcano's Stadium this past weekend, I wanted to share my perspective. I grew up in Keizer, I live in Keizer, and I am an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

I would never claim to speak for anyone. I can only speak for myself, my experience, and my perspective. I am grateful to be a tribal member, and I am proud of the perseverance of my ancestors. The determination, sacrifice, blood, sweat, and tears that they poured into not only surviving, but healing and restoring our land, languages, traditions, and culture and turning the tribe into what it is today, has allowed for me and my fellow tribal members to receive things like healthcare, education, and many other resources.

I am also grateful to be a resident of Keizer. It is a special community. I can walk around my neighborhood and smile and say hello to everyone who passes by me, exchange holiday cookies and treats with my neighbors, feel safe and protected by our police force, and have a real sense of community that can be hard to find.

I appreciate the City of Keizer's proclamation recognizing the fact that the land on which we, the people of Keizer reside are the QUOTE "historic homes of the Kalapuya, ancestors to the members of both The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and The Confederated Tribes of Siletz," END QUOTE and I appreciate that the city recognized the tragic history, injustices, broken treaties, and exclusions of Native Americans that have occurred.

In my opinion, the most important thing that faces us now is what ACTION we can take to, as the proclamation states, "commit ourselves to a just and equitable future for ALL of our residents."

I am GRATEFUL that the city does NOT have the power to limit or violate our rights to free speech, freedom of religion, or freedom of assembly, whether I agree with the event or not. Historically and presently, the restriction

of rights by the government doesn't end well.

I would encourage everyone to get involved in learning about our local history, our local tribes, and their UNIQUE and DIVERSE traditions, cultures, and PERSPECTIVES. It is important to be informed about what issues are faced by Native people today, and how to support tribal sovereignty and cultural preservation.

For example, one real issue our local tribes face today is the restriction of our hunting and fishing rights. In November, Oregon Senators Merkley and Wyden introduced Senate bills 3126 and 3123 which, according to a December article in OPB,

QUOTE "would make it legal for the tribes to amend the restrictive, permanent agreements that were written into the laws that created their reservations in 1980 for Siletz and 1986 for Grand Ronde.

The tribes were stripped of their land and federal status in 1954 when Congress passed the Western Oregon Termination Act. In the 1980s, the tribes signed agreements with the federal and state governments that restored their federal status and gave them some land on reservations.

But there was a catch: The tribes could only be restored if they agreed to give up their fishing and hunting rights outside of the reservation through a consent decree.

The Siletz and the Grand Ronde are the only tribes that still have these consent decrees in place, and they prevent the tribes from ever updating the agreements so they might one day manage traditional salmon fishing and elk hunting on their own land." END QUOTE

I would love to see city leaders come out and support those bills and the State of Oregon working together with the tribes to modernize our traditional hunting and fishing rights. I would love to hear meaningful discussion about what other issues people are facing, and what realistic actions we can take to create a more just and equitable future. There are many ways to get involved and make an impact, beyond inflammatory buzzwords on social media, and it starts with education and discussion. I found it offensive last week to watch individuals appropriate the pain of Native people to use as a mascot for their political agenda. Our lives will be made a whole lot better by working together toward real solutions. I appreciate the city inviting local tribal leaders and historians to share these stories in their own words, and its efforts to embrace all people, from all backgrounds, with ALL their various opinions.

Thank you.

Brent Dettart testemony 4-4-22

City of Keizer City Council Meeting Fly Salem Update

April 04, 2022

Good news Update:

- 4 low-cost carriers interested- expecting maybe 2 to start in 2022 with service 3-4 flights per week to one of our region's top markets: LA Basin, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Bay Area.
- Fruition of 4+ years of recruitment with approximately \$250,000 of nonmunicipal money spent already, in a grass-roots community effort. This is important to a lot of residents and businesses throughout the Mid-Valley
- Two Airline Letters of support are being submitted in support of our federal grant application and to the FAA. As many regions are losing service- the mid-Valley is an anomaly with so much interest in new service. The numbers of people flying from the mid-valley have convinced the carriers of the viability.
- High likelihood of SCASD Grant being awarded from US DOT in the amount of \$850,000. \$800,000 for MRG, \$50,000 for Marketing
- Fly Salem is getting some support from area State legislators on both sides of the aisle to invest in the effort to help make this happen. Also- support from our US Congressman Shrader and Senator Wyden's office.

Public Policy Notes and Information:

- <u>Carbon Footprint</u> vs PDX: Airbus 220 Reduction of 45%; 737 size aircraft is the same as PD, but less VMT to PDX and back; CRJ200 higher carbon output per head, but 63% offset by not using PDX. Note: Electric aircraft station coming.
- Noise: Quieter than military and private aircraft currently using the airport; 4 flights per DAY would be less than a 4% increase in the 43,000 operations per year (117/day) we have already, and mostly during the work hours. Negligible.
- <u>Funding:</u> No General fund contribution or ask; Increase of \$850,000 of basic support from FAA; 24 months of waivers then landing fees; qualify for more FAA grants; increase in fuel flowage fees; terminal rent.

Recruitment Needs:

Package is:

- Fee Waivers from City of Salem, 24 months
- Marketing Funds in place due to ODA grant + SCASD expected + Travel Salem
- <u>Minimum Revenue Guarantee Fund (MRG)</u> of \$700,000 local, \$800,000 grant = \$1.5 million in total, likely to be split.
- Possibly Travel Bank to be used

The Need: Help with MRG- from Economic Development Funds

- Travel Salem Dedicated Account
- Unused portion returned or re-used

Documents to provide:

- This document
- List of airport users

For more information: Brent DeHart <u>brent@salemaviation.biz</u> 503.551.6463 or Angie Onyewuchi <u>aonyewuchi@travelsalem.com</u>



Who uses the Salem Airport- McNary Field (SLE):

Environment Related:

- Environmental surveys
- Animal tracking
- Indigenous species tracking
- Watershed management for 4 state region
- Natural disaster evaluation and management/OEM
- Fire suppression and monitoring

Agricultural/Food industries:

- Christmas Tree Harvest and farm management
- SEED contractors
- Farming consortium
- Fruit & Berry marketing companies
- Food packaging and distribution
- Juice manufacturing/packaging and distribution
- Aero spraying
- Fruit farm husbandry with helicopters

Medical Users:

- Life Flight / Medi-Vac
- Emergency topical skin manufacturer
- Hospital support of emergency patients
- Organ transport

Tourism related:

- Wine Tour Operators
- Entertainers
- Collegiate sports programs
- Track and Field Championships and Ironman Triathlon expected
- Regional sightseeing
- Rental Car operators on field

Civic and Military Users:

- FEMA
- Fire-fighting, including housing one of Salem's stations
- Veteran aviation support services
- Weather and Astrological observation
- Civil Air Patrol / Search and Rescue
- US Army (routinely get stops from WA and CA bases)

Salem Airport (SLE) Users (Source: Salem Aviation)

- US Air Force
- Coast Guard
- State Governments
- Rail and environmental disaster support
- Highway construction
- Local and federal law enforcement
- Federal Aviation Administration

General:

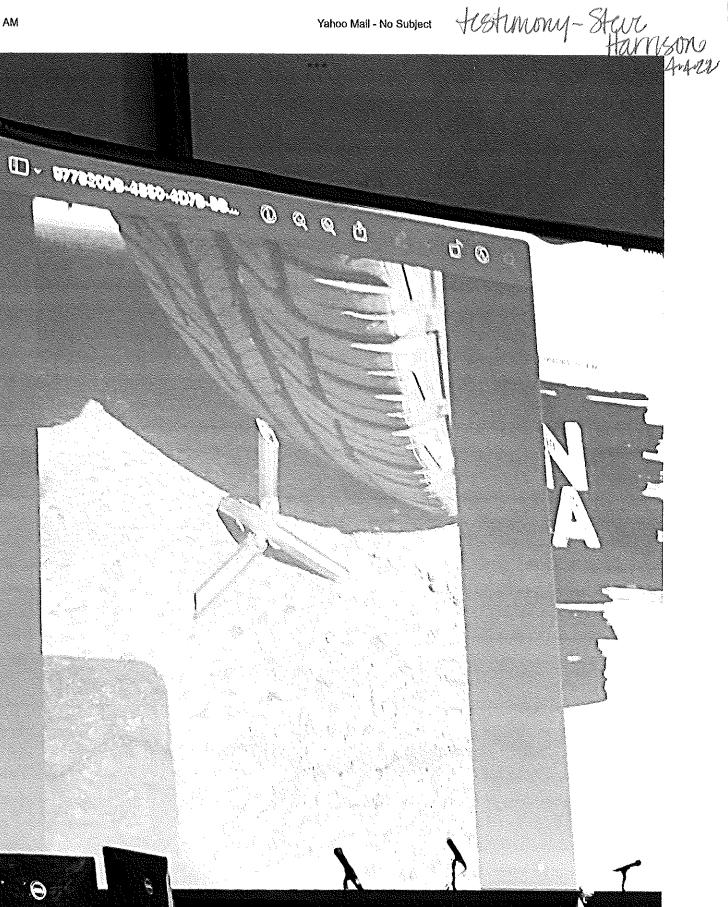
- Science, survey, and mapping
- Retirement'home construction and operators
- National Trucking Companies
- Highway Rest-stop developers
- Retailers
- Regional Grocers
- Battery manufacture
- Insurance companies
- Energy companies
 - o BPA energy / Bonneville power
 - o Natural Gas companies
- Metal manufactures
- Industrial fasteners
- Waste recycling companies
- Home improvement companies
- Automobile acquisition and auction
- Excavating Companies
- Electrical support corporations
- Retail Clothing chains
- Conference, building & retail development companies
- · Rare metal manufacturing
- Building component manufacturing companies
- Banking
- Legal service companies
- Industrial refrigeration
- National distribution of packaged goods
- Crane helicopter support
- Credit card companies
- International Sports companies
- Dairy companies
- Real estate investment

Aviation Related Industries and users:

- Diversion for major airlines when PDX is unavailable due to weather/ice
- Arial photography
- Charter Operators, Large and Small jets
- Aircraft guidance system
- Private pilots
- Avionics manufacture and repair
- National Aviation contractors
- Flight training
- International aircraft manufacture companies
- Aircraft repair
- Aircraft restoration
- Aircraft shelter
- Recreational aviation / remote control
- Fixed base operator national corporations
- International fuel distribution companies
- Stop over for major airlines when PDX is unavailable
- National and regional aviation marketing

Elected Official Related:

- Governor of Oregon
- Political Campaigns
- Lobbyists from out of state
- National government officials, access to Capitol
 - o President
 - o Vice-President
 - Speaker of house



BIOGRAPHY: DELORES PIGSLEY

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS

Delores Pigsley was born in Toledo Oregon to Alfred and Maude Lane. The youngest of eight children, lived and grew up at Chemawa Indian School, where her parents were employed. After graduation from Keizer Grade School, attended Serra Catholic High School then graduated from North Salem High in Salem Oregon in 1961.

Delores worked in various jobs throughout her working career, working while going to school, beginning her career with Prudential Insurance Company and retiring from 24 years of work with the Social Security Administration, where she worked at various locations in Oregon commuting from Salem Oregon.

As an advocate for the Siletz Tribe, she was elected and served on the Siletz Tribal Council from 9/75 - 11/79, when the tribe sought and reversed federal termination. She has been elected and served continuously from 02/83 to the present time, she has served a total of 42 years on the council and has been Tribal Chairman for over 36 years.

In the capacity as Chairman, Delores has been actively involved in tribal government, serving on the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services, tribal boards and committees, and in many other government functions and capacities throughout her career. She has worked closely with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Labor, US Forest Service many other federal agencies, Oregon Governors and local governments.

Delores has been and is currently a tribal delegate to the National Congress of American Indians, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Chairman of the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services, the National Indian Gaming Association and many other boards and commissions as well as the chief tribal spokesman. As chief negotiator for the tribe, she has successfully negotiated Memorandum's of Understanding, Self-Governance Compacts, Tribal Gaming Compacts as well as many agreements with federal and local governments, colleges and schools. She has testified before congress many times on various issues that affect tribes nationally.

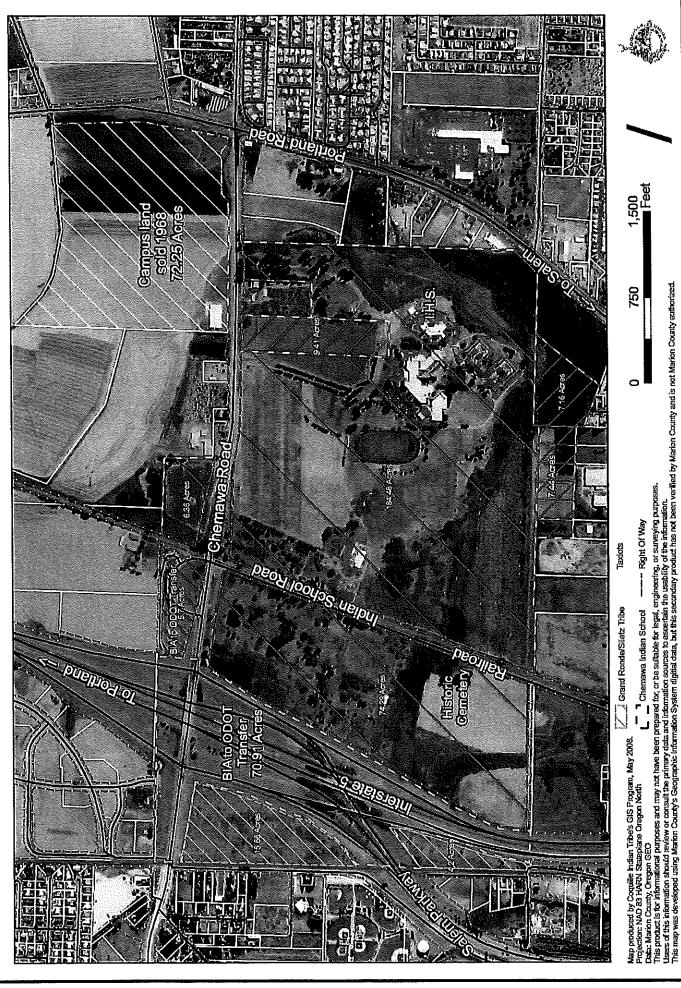
The history of the tribe since termination in the 1950s to restoration in 1977 has been one of growth and prosperity. Delores served on the Restoration Committee and the Gaming Committee, both landmarks in the tribes' successful operation and business.

In May 2017 she was bestowed an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Law from the Willamette University in Salem Oregon. In April of 2018 she was honored with a Lifetime Achievement award from Portland State University.

She was married to Donald Pigsley, a member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe of Wagner, South Dakota, she had three children Timothy Troy and Quanna, and seven grandchildren, Don, Troy and Quanna are now deceased.

Delores credits the success of her tribe to all of the past and current tribal council leaders, and to many national tribal leaders serving as mentors. The rebuilding of a tribe takes leadership and community support.

Chemawa Indian School



Written Public Comments March 22, 2022 thru April 4, 2022

- Kelsey Miller Residence not listed Stand up for what is right...NOW
- Kris Bifulco Residence not listed Condemn racism in Keizer (submitted two letters)
- Sarah Currin Moles Residence not listed America's Reawakening Tour
- Lee Ogle Residence not listed City Response Needed
- Shaula Coulson Salem Keizer City Council
- Angie Daggett Residence not listed Questions for every one there
- Heather Hawkins Letter for General Comments to the Keizer City Council
 April 4, 2022
- · Garry Whallon Thank-you

From: Kelsey Miller <kelseyjomiller@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2022 9:33 AM **To:** Wood, Tim; Administrator; Davis, Tracy

Cc: Cathy Clark; Laura Reid; Kyle Juran; Shaney Starr; hererrar@keizer.org; Elizabeth Smith;

Daniel Kohler

Subject: Stand up for what is right...NOW.

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However, what you and other City leaders have failed to recognize is that while this group has the right to exercise their opinions, as hateful and dehumanizing as their white supremacist rhetoric may be, by not speaking out against their hateful rhetoric, you in fact are siding with them and allowing their voices to be amplified by the void of your words.

Mayor Clark, do you agree with what this group stands for? As of right now, my assumption is that you do, because I have not heard otherwise.

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I fully expect you will do what is right.

Kelsey Miller Salem-Keizer Citizen

From: Kris Bifulco <kris.bifulco@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 1:06 PM

To: Wood, Tim; Administrator; Davis, Tracy; Cathy Clark

Subject: Condemn racism in Keizer

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Sincerely, Kris Bifulco

From:

Sarah Currin-Moles <sarahcurrinmoles@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 11:33 PM

Subject:

Wood, Tim; Administrator; Davis, Tracy America's Reawakening Tour

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Regards, Sarah Currin-Moles

From: Lee Ogle <elleeogle@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 5:02 PM

To: Wood, Tim

Cc:Administrator; Davis, TracySubject:City Response Needed

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woodt@keizer.org; administrator@keizer.org; davist@keizer.org

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-Lee Ogle (they/them)

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Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 3:55 PM

To: Wood, Tim; Administrator; Davis, Tracy; Cathy Clark

Subject:Re: Condemn racism in KeizerAttachments:Screenshot_20220331-155112.png

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Hi again,

My email client reminded me that I haven't heard from you in three days and prompted me to follow up. I'd love to get a response from you about how the City of Keizer is welcoming hate this weekend despite signing and enacting a commitment to the contrary back in 2020. I'm including an image of the resolution I quoted in my previous email for your reference.

Please don't let those words be empty. Again, we are counting on you to say something or do something. The complete lack of engagement so far is gravely disappointing.

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Sincerely, Kris Bifulco

From:

shaulakoala@aim.com <shaulakoala@aol.com>

Sent:

Monday, April 4, 2022 12:41 PM

To:

Davis, Tracy

Subject:

Fw: Keizer City Council

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Begin forwarded message:

On Monday, April 4, 2022, 12:36 PM, Shaula Coulson <scoulson@mceyeclinic.com> wrote:

To Keizer City Council:

I lived in Keizer from 1991 to 2001 and raised both of my children there, they attended Cummings Elementary, Whiteaker and Claggett middle schools, and McNary High School. I was very active in the community and their schools. Even though I have moved to Salem, I still visit Keizer regularly because my daughter and two grandchildren live there and they attend Claggett middle school. Over the years I have noticed more and more intolerance towards my family, who are black and LGBTQIA+. Because of the increasing harrassment, name-calling, car horn honking, threats, actions of this council and the police, I am concerned for their safety and peace. I was VERY upset to hear that a far-right group was allowed to rent the Volcanoes Stadium and provide their own security, including two snipers (with guns obviously) located on the roof. A friend of mine was sitting in their car on the side of the road near the stadium and was accosted by a Proud Boy on a motorcycle and told to leave a public space. Other Proud Boys were seen outside the stadium flashing the "OK - 3%" hand sign at the Indigenous folks peacefully protesting. This is the same sign I saw MANY Salem police officers flashing during peaceful protests downtown two years ago. These types of people are racist, bigots, prejudiced and have as one of their goals to rid the world of BIPOC and LGBTQ folks. They spew hatred towards us (I am Hispanic) and try to intimidate us. A few years ago I was quietly sitting on the Salem Capitol steps and was yelled at by a man saying he would like to kill me for holding a sign that said "Black Lives Matter". There is such a thing as freedom of speech but NOT freedom of HATE speech toward others.

I am disgusted that Keizer City Council and the mayor are defending these far-right hateful people and not the law-abiding Keizer citizens who expect protection from them. Shame on you! You should do better. You should do the right thing for all the Keizer citizens, including the endangered BIPOC and LGBTQ.

Sincerely,

Shaula Coulson

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From:

Angie Daggett < KnittyMom5@outlook.com>

Sent:

Monday, April 4, 2022 3:17 PM

To:

Davis, Tracy

Subject:

Questions for every one there.

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1. Did you see any media posts from the City calling for action Council?

2. Are you familiar with this quote:

"Silence in the face of injustice is complicity with the oppressor"

A. The community asked you to make a statement saying that you did not condone the rhetoric that was being shared at this event and that you were not associated with this event. And yet, you remained silent!!!

3. Does the City plan to take action to uphold it's Value Statement, especially "Ensuring that all members of the free from acts that are rooted in racism, community are discrimination, intolerace, bigotry and hostility?"

A. If you are not willing to stand up against the bigotry and hostility like this event, what are you willing to do??

From: Heather Hawkins <sharingourdream2020@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 4:46 PM

To: Davis, Tracy

Subject: Letter for General Comments to the Keizer City Council. APRIL 4, 2022.

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Hello City of Keizer City Councilors and Keizer City Mayor. This is the letter we sent you two weeks ago.

We are sending it again, with more signatures, to reiterate our concerns. We continue to maintain the following:

- 1. We ask that the Police Department, and City of Keizer, express their concerns for the community, and actively work to ensure peace, anti-racism, and non-violence within its jurisdiction.
- 2. We hope that you will act to protect our community and renounce the hate and violence so deeply rooted in the rhetoric espoused there.

Here is the letter you originally received:

Thank you for your valuable time.

- Heather Hawkins and the signatures attaches.

March 16, 2022

FROM: Salem/Keizer and Regional Faith Leaders, People of Faith and Faith Organizations

TO: City of Keizer, Keizer City Mayor, President of the Volcanoes Stadium, and The River Church

RE: Dangerous Event Planned in Keizer, Oregon

"Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may live" - Deuteronomy 16.20

As faith leaders in Salem, Keizer and surrounding communities, we are deeply saddened and concerned for the safety of Salem and Keizer's citizens during and after the upcoming Reawaken America Tour, scheduled for April 1 and 2 at the Volcanoes Stadium Parking Lot. On behalf of the below signed Faith Leaders, Faith Communities, and Faith Organizations we together, express our deepest concern. *We ask that this event be canceled immediately.* We also ask that our elected officials, Police Department, and City of Keizer, express their concerns for the community, and actively work to ensure peace, anti-racism, and non-violence within its jurisdiction.

We have been contacted by several communities of marginalized people in our city expressing their fear that this rally will result in violence or intimidation directed at them. Because of the deep divisions present in our city and our nation, - divisions which are resulting in numerous acts of violence and intimidation - there are real concerns that some participants of this rally may be moved to act against the people of Salem and Keizer, particularly groups that are especially vulnerable.

This event is an example of deeply divisive politics. This is easily observable by looking through the tour's website: https://timetofreeamerica.com/. As faith leaders, people of faith, and faith organizations, many of us have direct experience with some of the militant hate groups who will be present at this event. Some of the speakers are convicted felons, instigators of violence, and people determined to fight, even militantly, against the people and institutions of our country using any means necessary.

As people of faith we understand both the necessity of and the protections provided by the First Amendment. However, we are also conscious of the constraints of that protection. The First Amendment does not protect speech or assembly that puts people or property in danger. Specifically, "hate speech" is not speech protected by the First Amendment. Assemblies that incite violence against other people are not protected. This event is clearly orchestrated to demonize other Americans and our deep concern is that the energy of the rally, combined with dangerous conspiracy theories, and

demonstrably false information, will incite violence toward specific groups of people, including communities of faith, that have approached us for support and help.

We are saddened to see others, including those from our own faith traditions, participating in an event that frightens and endangers other communities. We have witnessed a belligerent refusal to take responsibility for the intimidation that emanates from this event. We, as people of many Faiths, aspire to work to heal our nation through love and good works, through working for justice through democratic and non-violent means. We are, therefore, deeply concerned about the Reawaken America Tour. We hope that you will act to protect our community and renounce the hate and violence so deeply rooted in the rhetoric espoused there.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" - Matthew 5:9

Signed,

Andy Bromeland, Member of Faith Community

Beth Yutzie Sell, Member, Salem Mennonite Church

Bob Edwards, Community Member

Debbie Pauls, Salem Mennonite Church

Heather Hawkins, Community Member

Holly Albertson, retired teacher

Jan Nelson, Morningside United Methodist Church, Oregon-Idaho Chapter, Methodist Federation for Social Action

Jon Newswanger, Concerned Citizen and Person of Faith

Katie Carpenter, Community Member

Kim Martin, Community Member

LeAnn Bromeland, Member of Faith Community

Lindsey Radke, Faith Community Member

Lori Murphy Cole

Mallory Turner, Salem, OR resident, Salem Mennonite Church attendee

Marilyn Edwards, Elementary Teacher

Marjorie Mobley-Oorthuys, Member of Salem Mennonite Church

Pastor Alyssa Baker

Pamela Lyons-Nelson

Rev. Charlie Wallace

Rev, John Fleming

Rev. David R. Watson

Rev. Robin Lunn, Intentional Interim, Salem First Congregational UCC

Shawn Newswanger, Community Member

FOOTNOTES

Gubernatorial hopeful Joey Gilbert: No regrets about Jan. 6 - Nevada Current

<u>Donald Trump Should Declare Martial Law, Michael Flynn Retweeted from His Now-Banned Account (newsweek.com)</u>

Salem church to host Reawaken America Tour rally after mask uproar (statesmanjournal.com)

Petition · Salem against "Reawaken America Tour" · Change.org

Controversial Reawaken America Tour rally to be held in Keizer, Oregon (statesmanjournal.com)

https://www.npr.org/2022/01/14/1073215412/christian-nationalism-donald-

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2020 FBI data reveals increase in Oregon bias crimes (statesmanjournal.com)

River Church

ReAwaken America Tour - The ThriveTime Show



From: GARRY WHALEN <garryw.1@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 5:05 PM

To: Cathy Clark; Elizabeth Smith; Laura Reid; Roland Herrera; Kyle Juran; Daniel Kohler;

Shaney Starr

Cc: Davis, Tracy; joy.stp@joydogs.org

Subject: THANK YOU

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or on clicking links from unknown senders.

Thanks to all of you for making the city meeting rooms available and affordable to JLAD to host our graduation ceremony. This event held Saturday, 3-19-22 was a celebration of the programs ongoing success. At this event 32 service dogs, certified by Assistance Dogs International were placed in service with their recipient to serve as working dogs to assist them in everyday functions. Along with the recipients were many family members, friends, JLAD staff and volunteers totaling over 150 people to celebrate this momentous accomplishment. Our sincere gratitude for your help in moving JLAD forward to accomplishing their mission.

Sincerely,

Garry Whalen