

Rev. Craig Schaub 1238 Wedgewood Drive Winston-Salem 27103

Concerned about City Employees who are seeking wage increases. He stated employees have and continue to provide excellent services to the City of Winston Salem. Had an opportunity to listen to invitation from City Manager which outlined findings by surveying City Employees as well as doing a market study of surrounding municipalities. Stated he understands City is working diligently to create a plan for economic increase to ensure City Employees have a \$15 per hour wage by 2021. He applauds the efforts but strongly urges Council to consider a Personnel Resolution that would make that commitment a part of legislation for employees. The Resolution would make a promise to employees that this 3-year incremental increase as well as compression adjustments is taken into account.

Rev. Paul Ford First Baptist Church 700 N. Highland Avenue Winston-Salem 27101

Stands in support of those who are concerned about fair wage and pay increase for employees. Stated that one of the best things the City of Winston Salem can do to honor the work that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., lost his life for is to move forward as expeditiously as possible to draft and bring the Wage Resolution before Council and pass said Resolution so that there is a public commitment to get City Employees up to a living wage, family wage as quickly as possible by 2021.. Urged Council and City leaders to move forward.

Carol Booe 2060 Union Cross Road Winston-Salem 27107

Concerned about revving motors and 18 wheel trucks that utilized two businesses as truck stops 7 nights per week (Post Consumer Brands at 295 Business Park Drive and Style Crest at 4040 Business Park Circle). The noise is so loud from the revving motors that residents are not able to sleep 7 nights a week. Police are called several times each night with our sleep being very limited nightly. The community has been working with Captain Danny Watts on these issues and Captain Watts has been extremely cooperative as he can only ask them to turn motors off, he can't make them. Once the Police presence is no longer there, the motors are turned on again. Each neighbor in community would appreciate this issue being resolved as soon as possible for a better quality of life. We're asking that the zoning orders be changed to prohibit the idling motors and noises. Would like for Council to look into building a barrier sound wall which would eliminate noises.

Phillip Summers 2422 Peachtree Street (Waughtown) Winston-Salem 27107

Thanked Council for 2017 expansion of public transportation and is looking forward to Union Station. In light of Business 40 closure, he stated he is very concerned about affects to public and access to health care for East Winston residents. Proposes a “fare-free route” of buses which would not charge a fare but provide more frequent route runs in 30 minute increments, expands 5 Wards with critical destinations, a health connector where there is true preponderance of health access. This would help to not only increase ridership but decrease traffic and pollution, reduce accident fatalities; increase physical activity, increase access to health care and stimulate the economy as well. Asked Council’s assistance in acquiring funding for this practical proposal. The City will stand to benefit if it creates a Health Connector Corridor. Proposing routes 87 and 107. This could eventually become the type of creativity needed in Transit policy. Because of Business 40 closure, adding another bus to run downtown and to the hospitals every 30 minutes would help to create that corridor.

Katherine Walton-Ward State Director Working America 300 South Westgate Drive Greensboro 27407

Working with workers to obtain \$15 per hour wages. Excited to hear City of Winston Salem is having conversation of securing that rate by 2021. Stated that while an internal plan is a wonderful tool, what’s needed is a Resolution affirming commitment. Asked Council to do what Greensboro did when they passed a Resolution in 2015 to raise the rate of all City Workers to \$15 per hour by 2020. Implored Council to give City of Winston Salem employee’s security by assuring them something will be done to get to that pay rate by 2021. It’s time for City employees to feel that Council has their best interest at heart.