

## Peterson works to improve Salem

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I am writing in support of Anna Peterson for mayor.

As a Salem resident for 22 years, I have seen Salem grow from a place people liked to leave on weekends to a place that now has a lot to offer, and one that others come to visit both for business and pleasure.

Anna has been an integral part of this turnaround. She truly cares about Salem's future, as evidenced by her history of commitment to organizations ranging from the arts and entertainment to its problems such as methamphetamine use and her work on public safety issues.

Unlike most people who complain about problems but do nothing to fix them, Anna helps to find solutions, then works to implement them.

She is a tireless worker who possesses a mix of compassion for people in need with the practicality required to make difficult but cost-effective choices.

To use some cliches: Anna knows Salem inside and out — the good, the bad and the ugly. She has "been there, done that, and bought the T-shirt" to help make Salem a better place to live.

The good news for us? The T-shirt is still fresh, and it still fits.

— Jane Roberts, Salem