

Vote no on 'bloated' Salem police facility

I want to urge all my Salem friends to plan to vote "no" on the [\\$82 million "full meal deal" police station](#) in the Nov. 8 election.

There is so much wrong with the proposal that our misguided [Salem City Council](#) is foisting on us.

Three years ago they were proposing a 75,000 square foot facility and a much-needed seismic upgrade of our library and City Hall. Then they made the mistake of hiring some fancy consultants who have hornswoggled them, like a bunch of credulous rubes, into doubling the size and the cost.

Oops! No money left for the seismic upgrades. [We'll just put that off.](#) And if the Big One hits in the next decade, my wife (a Salem Public Library librarian) may be crushed, along with many children and families and seniors.

If this bloated measure goes down (as it should), I promise to work hard to pass a more reasonable measure next year. Sign me up!

Our Salem Police Department needs a new, larger facility, just like my wife deserves to [work in a library](#) that won't collapse. But [the "full meal deal" is indigestible](#). I'm not lovin' it, and you shouldn't either.

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