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Tacoma Arts Commission

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Dear Tacoma City Council,

On August 13, 2012, Ian Munce, Acting Division Manager for Long Range Planning presented the proposed Land Use Regulatory Code Amendment for Code Streamlining 2012 to the Tacoma Arts Commission for consideration.

The Tacoma Arts Commission has long been in support of live-work and work-live spaces that adaptively re-use buildings, provide effective living quarters for productive artists and creative enterprise, and increase the lifeblood of our city.

The Tacoma Arts Commission commends the efforts that the City is currently taking to assess and address the barriers and opportunities to make live-work/work-live options attainable.

Please continue this work to ensure that Tacoma is doing everything within the law to invite effective and creative adaptive reuse and occupation of empty buildings. We support the proposed amendments and enthusiastically encourage continued efforts to make Tacoma competitive with other cities that successfully encourage live-work/work-live projects.

Sincerely,

Robin Echte, Chair  
Tacoma Arts Commission