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Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 4:11 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: strengthen the existing Tacoma Tideflats interim regulations

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Dear City Councilmembers,

I am a nurse working in Tacoma at one of our large hospitals, and also as a school nurse in our public schools. I understand the disproportionate impact climate change, and the collapse of our fossil fuel driven economy, is having on our most vulnerable community members. COVID-19 has shown us who will suffer when the climate crisis is no longer ignorable by politicians -- the poor will suffer while the wealthy get bailed out. Please do not continue this unjust practice. You have an opportunity to take real leadership and make positive change right now.

Please strengthen the existing interim regulations for our Tacoma Tideflats. Our safety and health depend on your leadership on this issue. I reference the letter below, from the Tacoma Ecosocialism group, to help you understand the key issues I'm concerned about. Particularly, we must respect the Puyallup Tribe's rights. Also, we must protect the safety and health of all people, here now and of future generations. This includes protecting people living at NWDC from pollution and explosion risks. The Earth is not an endless resource, we must respect the scientific natural balance in order to survive. And, as we face this inevitable major shift in our economy, we must not allow huge corporations to pass off all capital losses and suffering to the working people -- industry can afford to retrain workers, so that we can all work within a healthier economy.

Please use your opportunity to serve Tacoma by doing what's right. Protect us from harm now and prevent future harm.
Thank you,
Rachael De Souza

May 5, 2020

Mayor Woodards and Tacoma City Councilmembers
RE: Renewing and strengthening the Tideflats Interim Regulations

Dear Mayor Woodards and Tacoma City Councilmembers,

In order to preserve the viability of the our region's natural and human environments for future generations and other forms of life, it is clear that not only must we strengthen the interim regulations to halt expansion of existing fossil-fuel industry in our Port, but we must also pause expansion of all fossil-fuel industry -- including in our Port -- to drastically suppress global CO2 emissions and stave off climate collapse.

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1. Our future economy cannot rely on fossil fuel if we want to maintain a life-sustaining environment. By allowing expansion of the existing fossil fuel industry in our Port, we are simply kicking the can down the road. As a City, we are failing to provide a safe and healthy community for current and future generations. This decision will fall on the wrong side of history.
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Interim regulations serve to protect the public interest while we work on more permanent protections. Protecting the public isn't simply about pausing industries that we know are hurting us, it's also about preventing future harms that we know will manifest.

Workers in fossil fuel industries face huge job losses unless we start promoting meaningful job alternatives now. People living in and around the Port face devastating negative health impacts unless we stop pollution in the Port. And our global community faces extinction if we continue burning fossil fuels.

Inaction around fossil fuel will cause disproportionate suffering for working people, black and brown people, and vulnerable ecosystems. In a spirit of solidarity, we demand that you work to limit suffering among the poor and vulnerable, and that you work to assure that whatever suffering is required to get us all through this climate crisis is equitably shared by those in power.

In solidarity,

Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America
Ecosocialist Working Group

From: Oneida Arnold <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 4:02 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Strengthen The Interim Regulations

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Tacoma City ,

My name is Oneida Arnold and I am a retired Tacoma Public School teacher with more than 30 years in the district. I retired from McCarver Elementary School in Hilltop, a wonderful community.

I'm writing to ask that the City of Tacoma Council strengthen the current Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations to include existing facilities.

The original intent of the Interim Regulations was to limit the impacts of regulated industries on the "health, safety and welfare of the public and the local environment..."

While the current regulations have helped protect us from some polluting industries, the ability for existing facilities to expand is dangerous for the health and well-being of our waters and communities.

Thank you for your time,
Oneida Arnold

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From: Marquis Mason <mmason@healthybay.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 4:01 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Written Testimonial for Today's Interim Regulations Hearing

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Thank you for taking my comment!

My name is Marquis King Mason, I am an organizer with Citizens for a healthy bay.

I want to start off my testimony by thanking everyone who's here today. The weight of everything right now is palpable and showing up matters more than ever.

With this time of great duress, I think there is an even greater responsibility put on all of us who have the means to step up, to do so. The oil market is at its most volatile, [polluted communities are being hit the hardest by Covid-19](#), and the impacts of the fossil fuel industry on our social, economic, and physical health are as clear as ever. We need stable, clean industries in the port that do not threaten our health.

After looking at the current facilities in the port like US. Oil and Targa, Citizens for a Healthy Bay has found out that with their current permits, we could see an increase of up to 1200 more oil carrying ships a year. The existing facilities not covered by the Interim Regulations could simply exercise their ability to use their permits to the fullest extent, which would put us at untold risk of accident like derailment or even explosion, like Oregon saw in Mosher back in 2016. When you combine that with the 2,000 more oil rail cars we've already seen since the regulations went into effect, it doesn't take an expert to see how this could end in disaster. You can find this study CHB published attached with my written testimonial.

The ability for existing facilities to expand with no additional regulations is the elephant in the room, and we must change that. We cannot endure anymore risk, especially right now and in the near term uncertain future. With the Covid-19 epidemic bearing down on us, we cannot wait for the subarea plan to determine the future of the Tacoma Tideflats. The drain on government resources is sure to delay the Subarea planning process. City Council must use all the tools in its toolbox to protect us and help usher in a new era of green development.

Whether those tools are:

- Passing an amendment to limit expansion by 10% pending a conditional use permit
- Ordering the planning department and commission to look at creating permanent regulations until the subarea plan is completed
- Or using whatever other regulatory frameworks you can to protect Tacoma

We need action.

The city fought to be the first to step up in Washington and pass a climate emergency resolution, with the promise of addressing the environmental and climate degradation happening before our very eyes. It's time to follow that sentiment and finally strengthen the interim regulations.

Thank you.

Guardian article on polluted cities and covid 19: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/apr/14/pollution-hotspots-hit-hardest-by-coronavirus-us>

Fossil Fuel Study: <https://www.healthybay.org/big-oil-taking-advantage-of-tacoma/>

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From: Mackenzie Knapp <kknapp@plu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 3:58 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Testimonial for Interim Regulations Today!
Attachments: Kenzie Knapp Interim Regulations Testimonial .docx

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Hello! My name is Kenzie Knapp and I've attached my testimonial for today's Interim Regulations hearing. Please let me know if you have trouble accessing the file. Thank you!

-Kenzie Knapp

Hello everyone. Thank you Mayor Woodards, Tacoma City Council, and local citizens for listening in. My name is Kenzie Knapp, I'm from Bellingham, I'm a Freshman at PLU, and a member of Sunrise Tacoma. I write to you today as the same person who spoke to you about passing a climate emergency in Tacoma, which after protesting and much conversation, was finally passed. I cried that day. I cried because after researching and understanding the stakes of the climate crisis, and the fact that we only have 9 years at most to stop all emissions before climate change is literally irreversible, I've asked myself why am I studying for a future I'm not confident that I have? So today I ask all of you: Why are any people in my generation and yours studying and working if we're not confident that our future will bring the same opportunities that generations before us have received?

I believe you have an opportunity to be a part of changing that right now. I am sure you are aware that industries that existed before interim regulations were in place are still able to double or triple the amount of fossil fuels they can bring through Tacoma by rail or by ship (according to Citizens for a Healthy Bay). I also know you're aware that the original intent of Interim Regulations was to limit the impacts of regulated industries on the, "health, safety, and welfare of the public and the local environment." I certainly know that you're aware how in this time of economic and health crisis, a stronger Interim Regulations and Subarea plan can lay the groundwork for how stimulus and recovery money can be strategically invested to modernize and put our industrial lands to their best use.

At that meeting in December, before passing the climate emergency you told us to keep pushing you. To keep pushing you to pass bolder and stronger actions. That is exactly why I was there that day, why I write to you today, and why I will keep coming back. I applaud you for the work these regulations have done. They need to be renewed and more importantly they need to be strengthened. I urge you to pass these Interim Regulations and add limits on the maritime industry, lumber mills, pulp and paper mills, and gas stations, prevent growth in *existing* heavy industries, and *stop* the Tacoma LNG facility. I want a bright, clean, and beautiful future to look forward to and you have the power to be brave and take bold steps in that direction for the good of all of our futures.

From: Tracy Wiegman <danceinmygarden@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 3:56 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations

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Hello, my name is Tracy Wiegman. I live in the Tacoma city limits on the Eastside. I have worked in the Port of Tacoma in the International Longshore and Warehouse Union for 34 years. I am writing to you today to express my strong sentiments about the renewal of the Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations.

I am happy these regulations have been put in place, for the most part. My concern lies with the allowance for existing facilities to have no limits on growth and expansion. This has gone on long enough! Every time this renewal comes up we the people bombard you with requests to limit the expansion of existing facilities, especially the polluting, toxic ones, and we are met with smiles and business as usual. Well, business as usual is no longer an option! We must be creative and courageous and move quickly to retain any hope at all for our children's future to have a healthy Planet to live and thrive on.

Have you ever considered the fact that the Port of Tacoma lies on top of a once thriving and bountiful Estuary that supported life for all who live here? Have you ever once considered the decimation that has been done to the Puyallup people by destroying this ecosystem and their way of life? Do you care at all?

"Estuaries and their surrounding wetlands are bodies of water usually found where rivers meet the sea. Estuaries are delicate ecosystems. **Estuaries are among the most productive ecosystems in the world.** Many animals (and people) rely on estuaries for food, places to breed, and migration stopovers."

We must stop this nonsense, grow up, gather our humbleness, apologies, and courage and ask the Puyallup Tribal People how they feel, what would they want to see, how would they go about this.....It's the only mature, compassionate, wise way to proceed.....Please and Thank You

Sincerely,

Tracy Wiegman

From: Lindsay Walker <walker.lindsay3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 4:01 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Please Extend and Strengthen the Tideflats Interim Regulations

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Dear City Council,

Thank you for accepting public comment on this important issue. As a resident of Tacoma who values clean air and clean waters, I urge you to extend and strengthen the Tideflats Interim Regulations. Fossil fuel industry is already well established in the Tideflats area and is already finding ways to work around the interim regulations with buy offs and huge expansions of existing operations to the extent that these operations are hardly even expansions but brand new operations.

I live in the plume of the Asarco smelter and am afraid to eat food I grow in my yard. I swim from Owens beach and second guess the safety of the water. My family breathes air that makes their lungs hurt on bad air quality days. I watch birds from my porch that my children may never get to see because they are being impacted by climate change. These things are all results of decisions made by representatives of Tacomans similar to the one you will make on this issue.

Tacoma has declared a climate emergency. We know that the climate crisis will have devastating impacts. Now is not the time to ramp up fossil fuel development and infrastructure. Now is not the time for new fossil fuel development in our city, nor is it the time for allowing existing fossil fuel companies to expand. Southern Resident Killer Whales, who come to Commencement Bay could go extinct if there were an oil spill, of which the chances increase with every train car carrying fossil fuels and every barge that leaves our port. Expanding fossil fuel development in a lahar zone on a fault line susceptible to tsunamis and sea level rise is not a good idea. I love my city and I believe in my city. Let's come together to create better ways of having a vibrant economy that are clean and enhance the quality of everyone's lives.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Walker

Tacoma, WA 98407

From: Josiah Anderson <andersonjosiahc@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 3:42 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Tideflats Interim Regulations

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to ask you to strengthen the Tideflats Interim Regulations to prevent the expansion of existing fossil fuel industries in the Port of Tacoma. Thank you for not allowing new projects by those industries; that is an important first step. However, with the loophole of allowing the expansion of existing infrastructure, the present and future health of the citizens of Tacoma and surrounding areas are put at risk through air pollution and climate change.

I have already witnessed some of those effects, because my mom has asthma. My family used to live in the Hilltop, but because of the air pollution, she started having more and more trouble breathing. We had to leave our neighborhood, the only place I had ever lived, and move further away from the Port. I do not want anyone else to be forced to move or to watch a family member be unable to breathe, so I urge you to close the loophole in the regulations. We cannot allow the industry executives to risk our well-being in order to gain profits.

Sincerely,

Josiah Anderson

From: Dylan Ruggeri <ruggerdn@plu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 3:33 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Interim Regulations Hearing Comment

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Dear City of Tacoma Representatives,

My name is Dylan Ruggeri. I'm a 20-year-old resident of Tacoma, a student at Pacific Lutheran University, and an active organizer with Sunrise Tacoma. Since I moved to Tacoma in 2018 to start my undergraduate education, I have been proud to call this place home. I have the privilege to be able to do that. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't worry, though, about my health, my safety, and that of my fellow community members as we continue to pollute this city and this world.

The expansion of fossil fuels, especially in Tacoma, pollutes the air and water that is necessary to sustain life in this community. We know that there are cleaner energy options that protect the health and safety of people. Denying this fact only upholds the systems perpetuated by fossil fuel billionaires. Instead of helping those few, we must extend and expand interim regulations and protect the health and safety of the many.

My future and the future of my generation is on the line when we continue to pollute air and water. In September, my fellow organizers at Sunrise Tacoma helped you realize the climate crisis that we as a world and as Tacoma residents are living in. You agreed to declare a Climate Emergency in the city of Tacoma and to develop cleaner air and water in our community. You can do exactly that by extending and expanding the interim regulations.

I am a resident of this community that believes in justice for all, equity, and caring for our shared home. I also value true democracy, the kind in which representatives vote for what's best for all of their constituents.

If you keep the health and safety of Tacoma residents and Generation Z at the top of your priorities and extend the interim regulations, I know that we can go forward into a cleaner and more just future.

Thank you for your time and your dedication to the community.

Sincerely,
Dylan Ruggeri
(he/him/his)

From: Erin Dilworth <edilworth@healthybay.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 3:17 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Woodards, Victoria; McCarthy, Conor; Hines, John; Walker, Kristina; Beale, Chris; Blocker, Keith; Hunter, Lillian; Ushka, Catherine; Thoms, Robert
Subject: Tideflats Interim Regulations comments
Attachments: CHB_Interim-Regs_Comments_05-05-2020.pdf

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Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

Please find attached comments from Citizens for a Healthy Bay on the six-month renewal of the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

Thank you,
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May 5, 2020

Tacoma City Clerk
733 Market Street, Room 11
Tacoma, WA 98402
Submitted electronically to cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org

RE: Six-month Renewal of Tideflats Interim Regulations

Dear Mayor Woodards and Tacoma City Council,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the six-month renewal of the Tideflats Interim Regulations (the Regulations).

Citizens for a Healthy Bay (CHB) is a 30-year-old organization whose mission is to represent and engage people in the cleanup, restoration, and protection of Commencement Bay, its surrounding waters and natural habitat. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit providing practical, solutions-based environmental leadership in south Puget Sound. We work side-by-side with residents, businesses, and government to prevent and mitigate pollution and to make our community healthier and more vibrant.

CHB staff have spent hundreds of hours reviewing related data and policies, and discussing our view of the Regulations with City staff and Council. We know the renewal process for these regulations has been arduous, and we commend Mayor Woodards and City Council for staying present. Like you, we are concerned about the trajectory these regulations are seeming to take.

The Regulations were meant to set a baseline for industrial activity in the Tideflats – a snapshot in time of the regulated industries – so that there would be a consistent reference point to call back to for the drafting of the Tideflats Subarea Plan. Initially, it was thought that *interim* regulations would suffice, as it was presumed the Subarea Planning process would be complete within a year or two. However, it has become clear that that Subarea Planning process is taking much longer than anyone initially anticipated, and the Tideflats Interim Regulations are no longer an interim measure, but have functionally become a selective rolling moratorium.

Further, the outfall of the Covid-19 pandemic is draining the resources of the City, including furloughing staff and delaying contracts meant to supplement the City's pioneering Climate Emergency Resolution and Tideflats Subarea Plan. It seems imminent that the Subarea Plan will be further delayed, and the Tideflats Interim Regulations will continue to function as a rolling moratorium.

And during this interim period, we know that the Subarea Plan baseline has been moving. Our recent research found that the existing fossil fuel facilities in the Tideflats – that are

not subject to the Interim Regulations – have been moving greater volumes of oil through Tacoma since the Regulations first passed in 2017. For example, 67% more crude oil was delivered to Tacoma by rail in the fourth quarter of 2019 than the fourth quarter of 2016 - which was carried on 2,225 more rail cars. U.S. Oil & Refining Co. shipped out 176% more crude oil in Q4-2019 than they did in Q4-2016, and with their current permitting capacity, oil-shipping traffic in Commencement Bay could increase by up to 267 vessels per year. These are just two examples of existing facilities changing the baseline for the Subarea Plan under the current Interim Regulations.

While our Federal and State agencies are rolling back environmental protections and enforcement, we must rely more now than ever on our local government to protect our health and our environment. And because the baseline for the Subarea Plan keeps moving; and because the City's resources meant to manage the Interim Regulations are limited; and because the current Interim Regulations function as a rolling moratorium that gives preferential treatment to existing businesses, something needs to change.

We recommend the City use the resources already in its arsenal, namely, the Planning Commission and Planning Staff, to initiate this needed change. Due to the shifting conditions in which we find ourselves, it would be appropriate for Planning Commission to re-evaluate alternatives for establishing the baseline for the Subarea Plan. From their findings, permanent regulations that cover existing high-risk facilities in the Tideflats should be adopted, and would expire with the passage of the final Tideflats Subarea Plan. Lastly, the process to complete this evaluation and adoption of permanent regulations should be expedited, in order to lessen the burden on City resources.

If we can clarify any of our concerns or recommendations, please do not hesitate to reach out. We invite you to review our recently published report, and would be happy to go over it with you. The report can be found at: <https://www.healthybay.org/big-oil-taking-advantage-of-tacoma/>.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the six-month renewal of the Tideflats Interim Regulations, and thank you for your work in responding to the global health crisis we currently find ourselves in – we are proud to be in Tacoma.

Sincerely,



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Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:53 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Interim Regulation Testimonial

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Dear Tacoma City Council,

I am writing to you as a passionate student who has spent the past four years studying the climate crisis at the University of Washington. One thing I know is certain: burning fossil fuels is the biggest contributor to climate instability. If the city of Tacoma truly hopes to build resiliency and long-term economic solutions for its residents, the government must do everything in its power to transition to an economy that is not based on oil and gas. Preventing fossil fuel infrastructure will allow for economic resiliency in the long run and would be a step toward improving the health and safety of residents.

I am grateful that the City of Tacoma is taking time to thoughtfully consider the tideflat's future. The moratorium on new fossil fuel infrastructure ensured that the fossil fuel industry could not take advantage of Tacoma's port without careful decision-making on the part of you and the Tacoma constituents. But the moratorium neglected to address expansions on oil and gas facilities that already exist. Please expand the moratorium before it is too late. Much is at stake: the health of the public, long-term economic stability, the Puyallup tribe's treaty rights, and future generations' access to natural resources. Extend and expand the interim regulations, and use the time to plan for an economy that can thrive locally, without relying on tar sands and fracked gas from inland.

I am a scientist who has gradually been woken up to the truth: we need transformative change. Fossil fuels are no longer a viable option for economic opportunity--they are running out, and they are destroying the planet. I envision Tacoma as a resilient, vibrant city where local businesses thrive, beautiful nature abounds, and the population is healthy and safe.

Please do your part to make sure this can happen before the fossil fuel industry decides for you.

Best,
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From: Norma Ramirez <norma137carr@gmail.com>
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Subject: May 5 public hearing on proposed 6-month extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

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Dear Tacoma City Council Members and Mayor,

Please strengthen the interim regulations by banning the expansion of current fossil fuel uses and facilities in the Tacoma tide flats. Otherwise Tacoma is allowing exploitation of our valuable land and resources that put us at risk rather than recruiting investors in clean energy and a clean environment. We, as proud Tacomans, want to be known as leaders in attracting and promoting clean, sustainable companies that value a clean environment for themselves and their workers.

Thank you for strengthening the interim regulations. Do not allow existing current fossil fuel uses to expand.

Norma Ramirez

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From: ranae desouza <ranaedesouza@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:48 PM

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Subject: Say NO to fossil fuels in our Port.

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Mayor Woodards and Tacoma City Councilmembers
RE: Renewing and strengthening the Tideflats Interim Regulations

Dear Mayor Woodards and Tacoma City Councilmembers,

My name is Ranae DeSouza. I am a teacher at Lincoln High School.

I am writing to demand that you **halt all fossil fuel expansion in the Port**. Please protect the students' future on planet Earth.

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In solidarity,

Ranae DeSouza

Special Education classroom teacher

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From: Carol Petersen <carol.r.petersen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:46 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Interim Regulations of Tide Flats

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Dear Sir or Madam,

It is essential that the Interim Regulations for the Tide Flats be renewed to protect the land, water, and air from pollution from light and heavy industries wanting to locate in the Tide Flats before a comprehensive plan for development involving all parties is developed. We have an opportunity to reduce pollution and reduce our fossil fuel dependence and invest in green energy. Then everyone will benefit from a cleaner environment, and economic development at the same time.

Sincerely,
Carol Petersen

From: Anna Doty <anna@wecprotects.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:41 PM
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I am happy to answer any additional questions regarding these comments. Thank you.

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Cc: City Clerk's Office
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Thank you for your work to protect public health and safety during this challenging time.

In advance of tonight's public hearing on the Tideflats Interim Regulations, I would like to share the attached comments on behalf of 29 organizations across Washington, Oregon, and Idaho that represent communities impacted by the hazards of crude oil transport and call on Tacoma today to renew and strengthen the Tideflats Interim Regulations. Many of these organizations represent communities that are *directly* impacted by Tacoma's land use decisions as oil trains and barges destined for Tacoma terminals pass through their communities, putting their local health and safety at risk. Expansions of existing facilities and associated increases in oil-by-rail traffic would only exacerbate these risks to Tacoma and communities across the region.

As we respond to this crisis, we urge you to renew and strengthen the Tideflats Interim Regulations and demonstrate visionary leadership to lay the foundation for a local economy that strengthens the health and wellbeing of all our communities.

Thank you,
Anna

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May 5, 2020

Subject: Communities across the Northwest call on Tacoma to renew and strengthen the Tideflats Interim Regulations

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As environmental, faith, and community organizations working across the Northwest to protect the health and safety of our communities from the risks of oil transport, the undersigned 29 organizations urge the City of Tacoma to renew and strengthen the Tideflats Interim Regulations to include bans on expansions of existing high risk facilities.

The impacts of Tacoma City Council's decisions regarding Tacoma's land use and fossil fuel development extend far beyond the South Sound. Hazardous oil trains destined for U.S. Oil and SeaPort Sound Terminal not only pass through Tacoma and Pierce County, but through countless communities in the Northwest--including in Idaho, Spokane, and communities along the Columbia River Gorge--posing an acute risk of spills and explosions each step of the way. Indeed, the 2016 derailment of an oil train in Mosier, Oregon en route to Tacoma spilled 42,000 gallons of oil, ignited a toxic 14-hour fire of Bakken crude oil, and forced evacuations of the nearby community including prompting an early end to the school year due to disruptions to essential services.

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Dan Serres
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Emilia Ponti
Mothers for a Safe Columbia County

Damon Motz-Storey

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Hello -

I'd like to submit a comment on the City of Tacoma interim regulations for the tideflats. I think it's awesome that there's a process to create a plan for the tideflats. It feels important that until this plan is finalized, that the interim regulations limit the expansion of existing polluting industries at the tideflats. Given all the environmental justice concerns, and the Puyallup tribe's salmon fishing getting threatened by years of polluting industry, it's critical that any expansions are stopped immediately.

Thank you for your consideration,

Valerie Costa

From: Dana Peregrine <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 1:02 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Strengthen The Interim Regulations

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Tacoma City ,

For 19 years I have been a NE Tacoma resident. I am proud to call Tacoma home.... because we recognize and embrace the arts community as an economic driver, we collaborate to make dreams a reality for our residents: collaborations through Graduate Tacoma to help our k-12 students, and through Puyallup Watershed Initiative to help our Puget Sound and its communities.

I believe Tacomans have the collective vision and strength to build an economic future based on non-carbon emitting fuels. To this end I urge the City of Tacoma Council to strengthen the current Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations to include existing [fossil fuel and terminal] facilities.

While the current regulations have helped protect us from some polluting industries, the ability for existing facilities to expand is dangerous for the health and wellbeing of our waters and communities.

In the expansion of the Tideflats Interim Regulations to include existing facilities, allow existing facilities, like US Oil, to expand into NEW non-carbon emitting markets for fuel. Do NOT allow them to expand their current carbon-emitting industry.

Or, because I recognize it's very difficult to move away from doing things the way we've always done them, include the provision considered in 2017 to limit existing facility expansion to 10% with application of a conditional use permit.

I am proud to be a Tacoma resident because of its vision, hopefulness and collaborative values and practices. I want to be proud of you, my Tacoma Council leaders. The renewal of the Tideflats Interim Regulations are an opportunity. PLEASE strengthen the current Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations to include existing [fossil fuel and terminal] facilities.

Thank you for your time,

Dana Peregrine
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From: Daniel Villa <darovi2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 12:45 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Interim Regs

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Dear City Council,

Please strengthen the interim regulations by putting a pause on the expansion of current fossil uses in the Tideflats. The current regulations hand a monopoly to existing industries as they can expand without limit and without any outside competition, which is an issue of fundamental fairness.

I hope you all are staying well during the pandemic.

All the best,

Daniel Villa
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Tacoma, WA 98405

From: Evlondo Cooper <ecosocialism@tacomadsa.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 12:36 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Renewing and strengthening the Tideflats Interim Regulations

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Dear Mayor Woodards and Tacoma City Councilmembers:

In order to preserve the viability of the our region's natural and human environments for future generations and other forms of life, it is clear that not only must we strengthen the interim regulations to halt expansion of existing fossil-fuel industry in our Port, but we must also pause expansion of all fossil-fuel industry -- including in our Port -- to drastically suppress global CO2 emissions and stave off climate collapse.

In solidarity with other environmental and environmental justice organizations in the City of Tacoma, we acknowledge the following:

1. Our future economy cannot rely on fossil fuel if we want to maintain a life-sustaining environment. By allowing expansion of the existing fossil fuel industry in our Port, we are simply kicking the can down the road. As a City, we are failing to provide a safe and healthy community for current and future generations. This decision will fall on the wrong side of history.
2. Allowing existing companies to expand while limiting newcomers allows existing companies an unfair competitive advantage. Last time we were here reviewing these interim regulations, even industry representatives favored maintaining them. They've realized it works in their favor, appeasing some while risking minimal capital losses.
3. The Trump administration's dangerous environmental rollbacks, and its stimulus and recovery packages granted to the fossil fuel industry during this COVID-19 crisis, are an attempt to opportunistically prop up our dead-end fossil fuel industry. Our continued reliance on the artificially propped-up fossil fuel industry will lock Tacoma into dangerous and unstable industries. We need to support more stable industries today, to avoid future economic collapse.
4. This COVID-19 crisis is also an opportunity. With many families out of work and sheltered at home, we must truly reflect on which economic sectors, government services, and human experiences are "essential," and which aren't. With demand for fossil fuel at record lows, we can learn how to rebuild an economy that does not demand fossil fuels, and that builds systems that truly support the safety and health of our people. The Interim Regulations and Subarea Plan are critical tools to lead to a clean and equitable economic recovery.

As Ecosocialists, we demand that you:

1. Pause all fossil-fuel industry expansion in our Port.
2. Pause all construction projects in the Port that are currently opposed by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians until they can be meaningfully consulted and any outstanding lawsuits are resolved. We cannot continue to externalize the negative impacts of the fossil fuel industry onto the Indigenous people of the Tacoma area.
3. Disallow the residential use of city land within the Port. This means immediate closure of facilities that house people in the Port, including the Northwest Detention Center.
 - a. When we agreed to limit residential use around the Port in the initial regulations, we acknowledged that it is not safe for people to live so close to dangerous industry. The people living at the NWDC deserve safety, just as the residents of Browns Point.
4. Include provisions that encourage non-fossil-fuel industrial use in the Port. There is a critical opportunity to create jobs and products that people need and don't destroy the environment.
5. Provide non-fossil fuel job retraining opportunities for all Port workers in existing fossil-fuel industries. These employers, reaping huge profits from fossil-fuels, can afford to help their workers who seek new opportunities in an inevitably changing economy.

Interim regulations serve to protect the public interest while we work on more permanent protections. Protecting the public isn't simply about pausing industries that we know are hurting us, it's also about preventing future harms that we know will manifest.

Workers in fossil fuel industries face huge job losses unless we start promoting meaningful job alternatives now. People living in and around the Port face devastating negative health impacts unless we stop pollution in the Port. And our global community faces extinction if we continue burning fossil fuels.

Inaction around fossil fuel will cause disproportionate suffering for working people, black and brown people, and vulnerable ecosystems. In a spirit of solidarity, we demand that you work to limit suffering among the poor and vulnerable, and that you work to assure that whatever suffering is required to get us all through this climate crisis is equitably shared by those in power.

In solidarity,

Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America
Ecosocialist Working Group

From: Deb Olsen <Deb@luth.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:40 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tideflats Interim Regulation comments

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Dear City Council –

I am writing in favor of extending and strengthening the Tacoma Tideflats Interim Subarea Regulations. It's vital to the health of our community and in our fight to combat climate change. The city has proclaimed a climate change emergency, so now we have to put our money where our mouth is. I don't want to hear any more excuses from the Port or the Economic Development Council about jobs. Bringing more and more trainloads of crude oil into our port or creating an export terminal for oil products doesn't create jobs (nor building an LNG plant) – it creates more pollution, climate destruction and risk to our city when there is an accident along Ruston Way or near downtown. And don't even get me started about the ridiculous situation of the people who will be "sheltering in place" in the NW Detention Center. And how the city will be financially destroyed if there is an accident involving Tacoma Rail.

Things need to change, and this historic opportunity presents itself to you. Please act in the best interest of the citizens of Tacoma and the Puget Sound region, our friends of the Puyallup Tribe, and our planet. Please strengthen the regulations to restrict any increase in fossil fuel infrastructure and capacity, either by current or future port tenants/landowners. We are counting on you to do the right thing.

As background, I am a lifelong 3rd generation Pierce County resident, and a Tacoma resident and homeowner since 1973. My husband and I have restored an historic building in the Fern Hill neighborhood, raised two children who are currently living and working in Tacoma, and we run a nonprofit organization that employs six people in Tacoma. And I'm old enough to remember the arguments people made about keeping the Asarco smelter running ("JOBS!") and also the WWPS debacle ("I see Tacoma burning.") Tacoma has gotten a lot of things wrong in the past, so let's not repeat that. We are a great community and we can do better.

Sincerely,
Debra Olsen
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Tacoma, WA 98408

From: Adam Long <adamlong09@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:02 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tideflats Interim Regs - 6 month extension

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I support the extension of the interim regulations, but the limitations on industrial and commercial uses near the water, within the Port of Tacoma Manufacturing and Industrial Center, and within all of Commencement Bay should be made permanent. No new facilities or operations should be permitted, and any nonconforming uses taht cease to operate for any amount of time should be permanently prohibited. These types of uses ought to be focused elsewhere in the City and the County, rather than the environmentally sensitive areas near Puget Sound and the river.

-Adam Long

From: Nancy Ferree-Clark <pastornancy@nancyfc.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:54 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tacoma Tideflats testimony for May 5 public hearing
Attachments: Tacoma Tideflats testimony - Tacoma City Council.docx

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Hello,

I am submitting my testimony for today's 5 pm public hearing at the Tacoma City Council re: the Tacoma Tideflats.. Please see the attached document.

Thank you.

Nancy Ferree-Clark

3008 N. 33rd St.

Tacoma, WA 98407

Testimony for Tacoma City Council Public Hearing – May 5, 2020 - 5:15 pm

Good afternoon. My name is Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark. I am a recently retired United Methodist pastor, a proud resident of Tacoma, and a member of Earth Ministry.

You may know that we recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Marking that important date brought back memories for me of the first Earth Day during my junior year in high school when I and my classmates were dismayed to learn that our planet was in serious trouble due to human intervention. We vowed that we could do better.

I grew up on a dairy farm, so I have always loved nature. But I have also learned from my faith that environmental stewardship is not optional. God calls us to tend the magnificent creation which God has given us in order to preserve and protect it for the good of all people. This belief has been central to my life and ministry for my entire adult life.

Fifty years ago I was hopeful about resolving the environmental crisis, but in many ways it has only worsened. Now we understand the devastating impact of greenhouse gas emissions. Yet we continue to rely on dirty fuels, even as time is running out for saving our planet.

The current Covid-19 crisis is showing us the inextricable connection of human health, the environment and the economy. Fossil fuels clearly contribute to an increase in pollution and related health issues. Yet to have a strong economy we need healthy people. We must stop sacrificing the health of many for the wealth of a few. I believe we have a moral obligation to cut emissions now in order to create a just economy and a healthier world.

Recalling my vow to “do better” years ago, I am still hopeful that we can work together to resolve the climate crisis. As I look out on the beauty of Commencement Bay from my living room each day, I am grateful for the gift of this special place and the commitment many have made to protect it.

I thank the City Council specifically for not allowing new fossil fuels in Tacoma while the Tideflats Subarea plan is being developed. But we need stronger protections. I urge you to do better by strengthening the Interim Regulations to include a ban on expansion of the existing facilities.

Your leadership can help save our planet and heal our community. Please do what is right to help provide a healthy and sustainable future for us and generations still to come. Thank you.

From: Troy Goodman <tgoodman@transmontaigne.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; Hunter, Lillian; McCarthy, Conor; Walker, Kristina
Cc: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Renewal of Tideflats Interim Regulations with No Changes

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Mayor and Council,

SeaPort Sound Terminal is part of the energy sector and designated as an essential workforce in our community. Our employees have maintained operations to provide fuels for transportation, manufacturing and heating to our region during the Covid-19 shutdown.

I support the Tideflats Subarea Planning process. The issues regarding the tideflats impacts City, County, and State businesses that rely on the tideflats logistics. Evaluating all the issues through the subarea planning process allows for a collaborative review with all the stakeholders and develops a better plan forward.

The Interim Regulations should not be modified during the Tideflats Subarea Planning process. While the Tideflats Subarea Planning process proceeds, the existing permit process and expanded notification provides a robust review for any Tideflats proposed project.

I request that you renew the interim regulations with no changes.

Regards,

Troy Goodman
Senior Vice President
SeaPort Sound Terminal, LLC

From: Nathalie Hamel <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:03 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Strengthen The Interim Regulations

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Tacoma City ,

I'm writing to ask that the City of Tacoma Council strengthen the current Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations to include existing facilities.

I live in the West End of Tacoma, with my husband and 9 year old daughter. Tacoma, you can be a leader in clean, green energy and also in planning for resilient future for our community.

While the current regulations have helped protect us from some polluting industries, the ability for existing facilities to expand is dangerous for the health and wellbeing of our waters and communities. The city and it's partners has made great strides, such as the improvement of Thea Foss and making the shoreline more accessible. Continue on that good path!

Thank you for your time,

Nathalie Hamel
Tacoma, WA

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From: Jeanne Kinley Deller <jkdeller@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 9:23 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: LNG Destruction

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Please stop the LNG travesty from further destruction of our people, our communities, our water, our air - our planet in its entirety.

This is your planet too - please take a step back to reflect upon the kind of planet you want this to be for your and/or your friends' children and grandchildren. Not a pretty life at the rate we're going.

Covid HAS proven we/you can experience a cleaner environment if we curtail our activities. Corporate greed is not worth destroying our planet.

Thank you,

Jeanne Deller

425.747.6621

From: Jared Howe <jaredchowe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:59 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public Hearing: Interim Regulations for The Tideflats

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Dear Tacoma City Council,

We know that the fossil fuel industry continues to target Tacoma for dangerous new oil and gas projects. Current regulations allow existing facilities to expand with no additional oversight beyond existing permits.

This is a dangerous loophole that must be closed.

Please do the right thing for Tacoma and our children.

Sincerely,

Jared Howe

From: cswank@mindspring.com
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:33 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comments on Tideflats Interim Regulations

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Dear City Council Members:

Please note my strong, unambiguous support for extending the current regulations to pause new development within the Port of Tacoma, along the Northeast Tacoma shoreline, and on new heavy industrial uses citywide. Everything I have read in the last several years about the damage caused heavy industrial plants and their dangerous toxicity to the health of close-by populations, and the costs to a community by shoreline developments which ignore rising waters alarm me.

Thank you for continuing to put the brakes on such investments which benefit the few and exact heavy costs on their neighbors. This planet will not withstand such abuse forever, and we all need to do our part to sustain its health and viability for generations to come. That takes leadership on the part of public officials at every level, and citizens, too.

Thank you for asking for comments. I know these are submitted on the eve of your deliberations, but I hope they are not too late.

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From: Clara Sciortino <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 5:14 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Strengthen The Interim Regulations

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Tacoma City ,

I'm writing to ask that the City of Tacoma Council strengthen the current Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations to include existing facilities.

While the current regulations have helped protect us from some polluting industries, the ability for existing facilities to expand is dangerous for the health and wellbeing of our waters and communities.

Please protect the health of the Tacoma community, as well as the planet, by strengthening the interim regulations.

Thank you for your time,

Clara Sciortino
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Tacoma, Washington 98404

From: margarita andreeva <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:44 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Strengthen The Interim Regulations

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Tacoma City ,

I'm writing to ask that the City of Tacoma Council strengthen the current Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations to include existing facilities.

Some nights I go out on the porch and see a huge smoke cloud formed over the Port, spanning blocks in width! It looks really scary. The Port is producing too much pollution as is, and must not be allowed to get worse!

Thank you for your time,

Rita

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tacoma, Washington 98405

From: Dshau1 <dshau1@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:41 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tideflats Interim Regulations

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To the Mayor and City Counsel Members:

In addition to continuing the Tideflats Interim Regulations of no new fossil fuel businesses I urge you to add no new expansion of the existing fossil fuel businesses. This is important for creating a Tacoma that is not a dumping ground for dirty businesses and creating a healthy future for humans and animals. Scientist have warned us we have a limited time to decrease global warming. Many animals have become extinct or are becoming extinct and we need to do all we can to maintain a healthy environment.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Diane Shaughnessy

Tacoma, WA

From: Tal Edman <edmanco@wamail.net>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:38 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comment Re: Tideflats Interim Regulations
Attachments: Edman Co - Interim Regulations Comment 5.4.20.docx

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Hello,

Please include this comment in the public record relating to the Tideflats Interim Regulations, Agenda Item #14, for the May 5th, 2020 Tacoma City Council Meeting. Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,
Tal Edman
Edman Company
2502 Marine View Dr.
Tacoma, WA 98422

UTILIZING FOREST WASTES TO MEET GROWING FIBER NEEDS



5/4/2020

To: Mayor Victoria Woodards and City of Tacoma Councilmembers Hines, Thoms, Blocker, Ushka, Beale, Hunter, McCarthy, and Walker

Re: Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations

Dear Madam Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am writing today in support of the tideflats Interim Regulations as they currently stand without amendments. The City and its partners – the Port of Tacoma, Pierce County, the Puyallup Tribe, and the City of Fife – are currently in the midst of a Sub-Area Planning Process that will guide the future of the tideflats area for years to come. To interrupt that planning process by changing the regulations that are in place to currently guide all stakeholders would present a challenge for all involved. As has been communicated from this very body during prior reviews of the Interim Regulations, this process is one designed as a partnership, and to make unilateral changes during the midst of that process erodes the trust developed between the various governmental groups involved in the Sub-Area Planning Process.

Given the extreme economic uncertainty that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to our heavily trade-dependent region, altering these regulations in any manner other than allowing for additional development or investment would represent yet another major hurdle for businesses which are still operating to overcome. Our citizens have already been struck a major blow to their ability to earn a living independent from government assistance. Let us not exacerbate that challenge by placing further restrictions on those businesses that have thus far managed to weather this storm.

Furthermore, future investment in Tacoma and its tideflats region, and as an extension in the economy of Tacoma and the South Puget Sound region as a whole, is dependent on an understanding of the rules and regulations involved, and on consistent, understandable, and attainable targets. Certainly for businesses who are currently operating in the tideflats area, and especially for entities that may be considering Tacoma as a place to expand or begin a new business, there is enough uncertainty in their current planning process without adding additional regulations to navigate.

As a Tacoma resident and business owner/operator, I am hopeful that the Tideflats Sub-Area Planning process will be one that builds trust between and within communities, and is one that we as Tacomans can be proud of upon its completion. Changing regulations at any given 6-month interval during the course of this process erodes the trust, teamwork, and buy-in necessary for successful completion of that process. Please renew the Interim Regulations without changes.

Sincerely,

Tal Edman
Edman Company
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Tacoma, WA 98407

From: Kathy Porter <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:26 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Strengthen The Interim Regulations

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Tacoma City ,

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Thank you for your time,

Kathy Porter
kathyporter@outlook.com
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Tacoma, Washington 98422

From: Jerry Ben <jerrybanker@mail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 12:59 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: PARCEL #0421312077 & PARCEL # 0321361040
Attachments: LAND 22 AC 5-7-2020.docx

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Sincerely yours,
Jerry Benien
E-mail: jerrybanker@mail.com
Cell: (360) 761-9790

DATE: 5-4-2020

QUESTIONS ABOUT 22 AC LAND; AS OF DATE: 5-4-2020

PARCEL #0421312077 & PARCEL # 0321361040

WHAT CAN WE NOW DO WITH LAND & SAID PROPERTY, & WHAT IS IT WE CAN NOT DO NOW??

WHO PAYS ALL THE TAXES OTHER FEE'S, ON THIS LAND IF WE CAN NOT USE IT Now??

WHERE ALL SAID PROPERTIES REPORTS ON THESE PROPERTIES???

PER FEDERAL LAW WE NEED ALL ; PER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; WE

NEED ALL UP TO DATA REPORTS ALONE WITH ALL PROGRAMS & ALL OTHER REPORTS ON THESE PROPERTIES

WHAT IS ZONING ON THIS PROPERTY, & WHAT CAN WE NOW DO WITH PROPERTY???

DO PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE ANY SAY ON WHAT YOU CAN OR CANNOT DO WITH THERE PROPERTIES??

WILL YOU PUT INTO WRITING WHAT YOUR ANSWERS ARE PLEASE???

WHAT IS THE NEW 5-1-2020, ASSESS VALUES OF THIS PROPERTY??? & WHY???

PARCEL #0421312077 & PARCEL # 0321361040

THANK YOU, FOR YOUR HELP!

QUESTIONS ABOUT 22 AC LAND; AS OF DATE: 5-2-2020

See Legal attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein as though fully set forth. Tax Parcel No. 0321361040 and 0121312077

commonly known as: 5335 – 12th St. N.E. and 5502 - 12th St. NE, Tacoma, Washington

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From: Mason, Evette <emason@portoftacoma.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 11:15 AM
To: City Clerk's Office; Woodards, Victoria; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; Hunter, Lillian; Walker, Kristina; Thoms, Robert; McCarthy, Conor; Blocker, Keith; Hines, John
Cc: Atkinson, Stephen; Pauli, Elizabeth; Wilson, Deirdre; Lake, Carolyn; Johnson, Eric; Huffman, Peter; Jordan, Jason; Eagan, Sean
Subject: Port of Tacoma comments for May 5, 2020 Public Hearing on Tideflats Interim Regulations
Attachments: 5-01-20-McCarthy-CoT-Interim Regs.pdf

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Tacoma Mayor, City Council and City Clerk;

Please find attached the Port of Tacoma's comment letter approved by our Commission President for the May 5, 2020 City of Tacoma Public Hearing on the Tideflats Interim Regulations. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we thought it best to submit our comments to the City Clerk but will watch the proceedings electronically or via TV-12. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email or calling 253/732-5002.

The Port of Tacoma staff and Commission hope you are well, and extend our thanks for your leadership during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Evette Mason
Government Affairs Manager
Port of Tacoma and NWSA
253/732-5002
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May 1, 2020

The Honorable Mayor Woodards and Council
c/o Tacoma City Clerk
733 Market Street, Room 11
Tacoma, Washington 98402

Sent via post mail and e-mail

Subject: Tideflats Interim Regulations – Six-Month Extension

Dear Madame Mayor Woodards and Councilmembers:

Thank you for accepting this letter on behalf of the Port of Tacoma regarding the proposed extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations. Consistent with previous correspondence and testimony, the Port of Tacoma position remains unchanged; **interim regulations are unnecessary and may result in the negative unforeseen consequences of decisions made without time for proper vetting.**

Additionally, as our attorney has previously pointed out, the process for adoption and content of the interim regulations for the Port Container Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan are likely legally flawed.

We acknowledge also that the City's current review of these interim regulations comes at a time when governments, communities, business owners, employees and employers are facing the unprecedented challenge of coping with the COVID-19 threat. Our state's governor has issued no less than 51 Emergency Proclamations in response.¹ It is a time of immense upheaval and uncertainty. The City, like the Port and other governments, is valiantly working in the face of these challenges to maintain even just the status quo of everyday business. Layered on top of that is the priority of keeping people safe and well. This is simply not the time to increase the strain on any element of the community through distraction of potential changes to the interim regulations. The City has characterized the Interim Regulations as a "pause". We ask that **if the City Council deems the pause is still necessary, that the six-month extension result in regulations AS-IS without any additional use or permitting restrictions.**

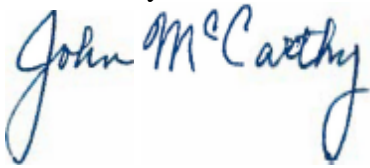
The Port believes that decisions on permanent Tideflats zoning and land use deserves a meaningful and comprehensive approach that is currently ongoing as part of the Tideflats Subarea Plan. Any changes to the permanent regulations must be consistent with the Growth Management Act – including the Container Port Element, the final Tideflats Subarea Plan, and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Permanent adoption of the regulations before the final approval of the Subarea Plan would not be consistent with the intent of the collaborative process required in RCW.36.70A.085.

¹ The City has issued its own emergency announcements. City facilities including administrative offices at the Tacoma Municipal Building complex (747 Market St. and 733 Market St.) are closed to the public beginning at 7:30 AM on March 18, until further notice. And, Pursuant to the City's state of emergency proclamation, Tacoma City Council has set the maximum occupancy of Council Chambers, not including Council and staff, at 10. Although written comment is available, this time of depressed public engagement further support that, if not repealed, no change be made to the Interim regulations.

The Port of Tacoma is a countywide organization formed, and continues to operate, with the purpose of job creation, environmental stewardship, and driving economic vitality.² We endeavor to meet this purpose in parallel with the protection of natural resources and spreading economic impact and opportunity throughout the region. To continue this endeavor, it is imperative that our maritime, manufacturing, and industrial lands are protected from encroachment, and that a broad spectrum of industrial uses are allowed in the Tideflats.

We look forward to continued cooperation within the context of the Tideflats Subarea Plan. Should you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to Port of Tacoma Government Affairs Manager, Evette Mason, at 253/383-9435 or emason@portoftacoma.com.

Sincerely,



John McCarthy
Member of Subarea Plan Steering Committee
Port of Tacoma Commission President

Courtesy Copy via e-mail:

Eric Johnson, Port of Tacoma Executive Director
Jason Jordan, Northwest Seaport Alliance Environmental and Planning Director
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Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma Government Affairs Manager
Deirdre Wilson, Northwest Seaport Alliance Senior Planning Manager
Carolyn Lake, Port of Tacoma Legal Counsel
Elizabeth Pauli, Tacoma City Manager
Peter Huffman, City of Tacoma Planning and Development Services Director
Stephen Atkinson, City of Tacoma Principal Planner

² Real estate and marine cargo operations generate more than 42,100 jobs, \$9.3 billion in business revenue and \$2.84 billion in labor income through industrial lease tenants and the movement of marine cargo. Port-related economic activity also generates nearly \$101 million in state tax revenue each year.

From: Meghan Mason <meghan.mason29@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 10:26 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Tacoma Tideflats Regulations

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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Meghan Mason, a realtor with John L. Scott Puyallup, and I am writing on behalf of my client, Christine Ramsdell. She is the owner of a 5 acre parcel that has fallen under the moratorium for development as a result of these regulations. It is parcel # 0321254009 and has housing developments to the north, tribal housing to the south, and approved residential development to the east that has not yet broken ground. To the west there is nothing but critical area between the parcel and Norpoint Way NE. It is my understanding that my client's parcel has been impacted by the Tideflats Interim Regulations due to the proximity to the Port of Tacoma and that developing more than one dwelling has been prohibited due to the increasing complaints from residents that have issue with Port activity. At most, if this parcel were to be released from the moratorium, there would be 2 or 3 "rim lots" that would have a view of/exposure to the Port. There is a significant buffer zone between these lots and the Port caused by the critical area that exists on the slope both on the property and below it that cannot be developed. In Chapter 13.04 it states, "Land to be subdivided shall be of such character that it can be used safely for building purposes without danger to health or peril from fire, flood, or other menace, and land shall not be subdivided until adequate public facilities and improvements exist or proper provision has been made for drainage, water, sewerage, and capital improvements such as schools, parks, recreation facilities, and active transportation facilities." This lot already has all utilities present, sewer, water, and power and has no higher safety risk than any of the other developments that surround it. My client has been trying to sell this property for four years and these regulations have severely impacted the salability of the land. The location of this property makes any use other than residential illogical, but its value has been massively undercut by the inability to plat it. And yet, since my client came into possession of this property in 2015, the tax assessed value has more than doubled from \$148,900 in 2015 to \$305,900 in 2020. She is a senior citizen who is unable to work, and is saddled with a property that will not sell and is paying taxes at a rate that in my professional opinion is not justified by the limitations set to her land. The extension of regulations would keep landowners who wish to sell in a state of limbo as future buyers cannot determine how the land's use will be impacted in the future. In Chapter 13.06 it states, "As a condition of residential development, developers shall record a notice on title prior to initial sale which attests that the property is within proximity of an S-10, M-1, M-2, or PMI district in which industrial activities including but not limited to metal recycling, chemical storage and manufacturing, and container terminal facilities, are operating and will continue to operate and expand in the future. The distance of the unit from the nearest industrial zoning district shall be recorded." In regards to my client's lot, I believe the application of this condition is more than adequate in development beyond one-dwelling. My client and I implore the City Council to not extend the Tideflats Interim Regulations, or to at least allow for the release of her parcel from the development moratorium. It has caused her great hardship. Thank you for taking our comments into consideration.

Respectfully,

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From: Troske, Andrew J <ATroske@parpacific.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 2:59 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: FW: Interim Regulations
Attachments: USOR Letter to Council for Interim Regulations 20200430.pdf

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please see attached written comments on the proposed 6-month extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations in advance of the public hearing set for May 5, 2020. The comments were emailed directly to the Mayor and Councilmembers.

Andrew Troske

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From: Troske, Andrew J
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2020 11:54 AM
To: 'victoria.woodards@cityoftacoma.org' <victoria.woodards@cityoftacoma.org>; 'keith.blocker@cityoftacoma.org' <keith.blocker@cityoftacoma.org>; 'catherine.ushka@cityoftacoma.org' <catherine.ushka@cityoftacoma.org>; 'lillian.hunter@cityoftacoma.org' <lillian.hunter@cityoftacoma.org>; 'kristina.walker@cityoftacoma.org' <kristina.walker@cityoftacoma.org>; 'John.Hines@cityoftacoma.org' <John.Hines@cityoftacoma.org>; 'robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org' <robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org>; 'chris.beale@cityoftacoma.org' <chris.beale@cityoftacoma.org>; 'conor.mccarthy@cityoftacoma.org' <conor.mccarthy@cityoftacoma.org>
Cc: 'EPAULI@ci.tacoma.wa.us' <EPAULI@ci.tacoma.wa.us>
Subject: Interim Regulations

Dear Mayor Woodards and Councilmembers,

Attached is my letter respectfully requesting, that in this time of extraordinary business uncertainty, to extend the interim regulations with no changes and or amendments.

Please let me know if I can address any question or concerns.

Andrew

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April 30, 2020

U.S. OIL & REFINING CO.

The Honorable Mayor Woodards and Councilmembers
City of Tacoma
747 Market Street, 12th Floor
Tacoma, WA 98402

Re: US Oil & Refining Co. Comments on the extension of TideFlats Interim Regulations

On behalf of US Oil and Refining Co. ("US Oil"), I would like to thank you for this opportunity to comment on the most recent contemplation of interim land use regulations for the Tacoma TideFlats.

Headquartered on Commencement Bay since the 1950s, it is not by coincidence that US Oil's products are among the cleanest fuels on the market. In the shadow of Mt. Rainier and on the shores of Puget Sound, we are fundamentally shaped by who and where we are. Recently purchased by Par Pacific Holdings, US Oil nonetheless remains rooted in the community where we operate, alongside the people who are our employees and partners, and together we recognize and respect the imperative of protecting the environment where we also live and work.

Our engagement on the process regarding the health, safety and future of the TideFlats is one we take seriously. We continue to recognize the privilege of doing business here, and we understand and respect the values of our neighbors when it comes to the environment and health and safety of our workers and surrounding communities. That is why we believe the current six-month regulatory review of these programs is not aligned with achieving the community's goals of enhanced environmental, health or economic benefits through this program.

In addition, COVID-19 has changed the landscape around all of us in ways that are visible and knowable today, and in ways that are yet to be seen. As a community and in society at large, we are navigating uncharted waters. It is through this lens that we encourage a clear-eyed look at the impacts of this ongoing regulatory process and respectfully request that no additional requirements are imposed at this time. While not every business or every industry has been authorized to keep operating, US Oil is hard at work - focused on doing our part to balance the realities of the pandemic with the stability we can provide to our team, our customers and the public. The privilege and challenge of operating during this pandemic are a balancing act. Economic uncertainty and loss of demand have a heavy impact. We have taken on small projects such as repurposing tankage to ensure we can balance crude supply with production to avoid shutting down and furloughing our team. Increased regulation would impact our ability to preserve jobs at US Oil and those we create in the region. For us, being "essential" carries deep responsibility to maintain and strengthen our economic contributions to local and state government, to support our employees, and to continue to deliver products on which the public and our customers rely.

- **Reliable Access to Fuel and Energy:** the uncertainty caused by a global pandemic highlights the unflinching nature of the men and women of the oil and gas industry. From operators and mechanics to engineers and scientists, the team at US Oil has been focused on ensuring our customers, and their customers, continue to get the products they rely on – fuel to keep the lights on, supply chains moving, and emergency crews and local military personnel powered up and ready to go.
- **Engaged and Committed to Regulations:** No part of our industry resists legislation or regulation that effectively and efficiently protects people and the environment. And our approach to the onset of COVID-19 and its implications only serves to reiterate our commitments. The industry has been tracking and adhering to early direction from Governor Inslee’s office, aligning our operational norms with enhanced measures to protect our employees, public health and safety. On a national level, there has been some reporting that federal regulators were “relaxing” environmental rules at the expense of environmental protection. I would like to take this opportunity to make very clear that we do not, and will not, relax our commitment to comply with existing federal, state and local environmental regulations. Our values when it comes to the environment are unchanged, as are our commitments to this community. US Oil is closely monitoring direction from local and state government leadership – we are proud to do our part as a company and as a community partner here in Tacoma.
- **Ongoing Innovation for Cleaner Energy Sources:** US Oil’s regular engagement on the interim regulatory process on the Tacoma TideFlats should not be misconstrued as resistance to cleaner energy sources or innovation that helps drive a transition from traditional fossil fuels. In fact, it is regulatory uncertainty, not a lack of desire to evolve, that undermines progress toward more sustainable energy sources. Our company has a long history of reducing our environmental impact ahead of regulation, while producing the cleanest fuels on the market. US Oil invested to produce Ultra- Low Sulphur Diesel (ULSD) years ahead of the EPA mandate and has produced Tier III gasoline (national vehicle emissions and fuel standards that came into effect in 2017) for more than 20 years. More recently, US Oil shifted production of high sulfur fuel oil into asphalt, significantly reducing emissions ahead of IMO 2020.

Today US Oil further recognizes that we must anticipate and adapt to the increasing demand for renewable transportation fuels. Since 2015, US Oil has invested in onsite facility emission reduction projects that achieved a 24.7 percent reduction in US Oil's annual GHG emissions. We have already achieved the lowest carbon intensity among the five Washington refineries by a significant margin. We are currently investing in the Ethanol Next Gen Fuels project which will reduce global CO2 emissions equivalent to taking 65,000 cars off the road.

Yet, investment in capital projects needed to further reduce emissions, improve reliability of operations, and make the transition to lower carbon intensity is stymied by local regulations

that focus on the entirety of a global challenge and fail to see the small, progressive steps taken in our own backyard.


- **The Home Team:** US Oil is a small refiner,¹ yet it has become a market leader in the production and supply of high-quality motor and aviation fuels. These products primarily serve the needs of our community - 86% of US Oil products are sold and used in the local south Puget Sound market. By comparison, refineries near Bellingham send in excess of 50 percent of their production out of Washington State. New restrictions on US Oil production curtail innovations we pursue for greener fuels and undercut the environmental, economic and supply benefits of our community-focused refinery. Further, it is important to consider the unintended consequences of local versus state-wide or national requirements. When more stringent local requirements are adopted, it creates an unintended benefit to production of fuels outside of the region. This not only reduces the environmental benefits sought by the local requirements, but also reduces the economic benefits of local refining.

Today, the reliability of the energy sources that fuel our lives is a critical underpinning of crisis response and important to shore up public confidence as we seek certainty during this pandemic. Our hope is that in the months ahead, our contributions to the economy and as “essential” operators helps inform and establish stable future regulations. The ability to invest and innovate to pursue bio-renewable energy sources that results in a more balanced energy mix is one we believe can help get beyond an impasse of ideals. Our ability to do so is significantly hampered by continued uncertainty in requirements. We look forward to collaborating with you and all stakeholders in this community to work toward these solutions.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

US Oil & Refining Co.,



Andrew J. Troske
Refinery Manager

¹ "Small refiner" as defined by the Small Business Administration and United States Environmental Protection Agency.

From: Elly Claus-McGahan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 5:51 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Strengthen The Interim Regulations

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Tacoma City ,

Dear Tacoma City Council,

I have written and testified each time these Interim Regulations have come up for renewal that they need to be strengthened. To have any hope of keeping global warming below 2 degrees C we need to become carbon free by 2050 according to the 2018 special report from the IPCC. The City declared a climate emergency recognizing this and that it wanted to take action. To clearly follow through on its intentions, existing companies on the Tide Flats should not be able to expand, should not be able to increase their GHG emissions. I'm writing to ask that the City of Tacoma Council strengthen the current Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations to include existing facilities.

While the current regulations have helped protect us from some polluting industries, the ability for existing facilities to expand is dangerous for the health and wellbeing of our waters and communities. Please put into action what the Climate Emergency Resolution so clearly intends.

Thank you for your time,
Elly Claus-McGahan

Elly Claus-McGahan
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From: Kathy Porter <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:44 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Strengthen The Interim Regulations

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Tacoma City ,

I'm writing to ask that the City of Tacoma Council strengthen the current Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations to include existing facilities.

While the current regulations have helped protect us from some polluting industries, the ability for existing facilities to expand is dangerous for the health and well-being of our waters and communities.

Thank you for your time,
Kathy Porter

Kathy Porter
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Tacoma, Washington 98422

From: Christine wooten-shakov <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:57 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Strengthen The Interim Regulations

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Tacoma City ,

I'm writing to ask that the City of Tacoma Council strengthen the current Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations to include existing facilities.

Specifically to place a pause on not only the development of certain new heavy industrial uses Citywide, but to also include EXISTING heavy industrial use companies who seek expansion of their operations.

Also it is critical that the new proposed housing development on the slopes of Marine View Drive be paused.

While the current regulations have helped protect us from some development proposals and polluting industries, the ability for existing facilities to expand is dangerous for the health and well being of our waters and communities.

Thank you for your time,

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From: T'wina Nobles <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:39 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Strengthen The Interim Regulations

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Tacoma City ,

I'm writing to ask that the City of Tacoma Council strengthen the current Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations to include existing facilities.

While the current regulations have helped protect us from some polluting industries, the ability for existing facilities to expand is dangerous for the health and wellbeing of our waters and communities.

Thank you for your time,

T'wina Nobles
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From: David Bluhm <d_bluhm@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:21 PM
To: Woodards, Victoria
Cc: Kaauamo, Samantha; Nowman (Emery), Nicole; City Clerk's Office; Atkinson, Stephen; City Manager; Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; illian.hunter@cityoftacoma.org; McCarthy, Conor; Walker, Kristina
Subject: Re: Tideflats Interim Regulations - + 6 months ++

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Dear Mayor Woodards,

With the Tideflats Interim Regs hearing coming up, I wanted to take this opportunity to communicate with you and the rest of the council.

In submitting this, I am responding to an email you sent me in November 2018, shortly after the first tideflats interim regulations hearing if I recall correctly. Your response was to my email of 6 November 2018 which I am resubmitting along with this new commentary. I also copied each council member at that time on an email identical, yet personalized for them.

Everything I said in that first email in this thread is still accurate with two exceptions:

1) It is now even more urgent, if not emergent, that you make a stand that will not be popular with the biggest players in the tideflats, on the Port of Tacoma and on ports everywhere throughout the world.

and 2) I should have included *. . . the impending catastrophic pandemics that will sweep our planet,*; **and all city council members* and *that will be unpopular with many of the biggest hitters/so called leaders in business and industry* . . ." in the following sentence from that November 6th email (beginning of the fifth paragraph),

"Climate change, global warming, *the impending catastrophic pandemics that will sweep our planet*, and the incredibly complex conditions and future that will likely come to be if you and our other current elected leaders *and all city council members* do not take and make decisive, difficult choices *that will NOT be popular with many of the biggest hitters/so called leaders in business, industry and affiliated organizations* as soon as possible.

That rather long, now amended, sentence alone probably truly sums up where we are now, 17 months after I sent that first letter regarding the interim regulations needing to be bolstered with some exceptions - the most important being that we have new members on the city council and that, heartfully and spiritfully, many of you that have been on council since the methanol debacle which led into the LNG debacle which led into the sale of US Oil debacle etc etc etc have likely come to realize that while you have all inherited a very messy situation from those that came before you if you didn't know that before. Yet another long sentence that I will leave as a paragraph of its own.

However, it is important to note that you consciously ran for, were willing to be appointed to, or otherwise accepted the positions you now hold. By doing so, you accepted the responsibility and accountability for those decisions and actions that came before you.

I have much more to say of course, but I have finally grown tired of attempting to speak something that any human has the ability to comprehend if they have even the most basic common sense, awareness and time to pay attention to what is really going on with humanity and our shared nest - Planet Earth. I am not roasting

you with this comment, I am holding you accountable for being the humane, spiritual, religious, caring, wise and intelligent individuals that you can be - collectively.

I have been actively protesting the oil and other toxic, caustic industries' attempts to open urban, rural and wilderness areas to oil exploration, production, manufacturing, and transportation hubs that must be protected for innumerable reasons since 1991. It is time to move on and past that toxic and caustic past and present situations and circumstances once and for all.

I look forward to your response, and upcoming action items.

Thank you,

David Bluhm

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Pronouns: He, His, Him, Himself [some non-sexual contexts: our(s), they, them, themselves]

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From: Woodards, Victoria <victoria.woodards@cityoftacoma.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 4:21 PM
To: d_bluhm@hotmail.com <d_bluhm@hotmail.com>
Cc: Kaauamo, Samantha <SKAAUAMO@ci.tacoma.wa.us>
Subject: FW: Tideflats Interim Regulations - + 6 months ++

Dear David,

Thank you so much for reaching out! I am happy to think back to the "Ride the Bus" event as it was enjoyable and very memorable to me. Thank you for sharing in that fun event!

I pride myself on being accessible and open to conversation with all community members. I truly believe that open conversations are the only way to make progress together as a City. In my first months as Mayor, I have made time to speak with people who feel strongly on all sides of the LNG issue, including meetings with members of the "Redefine Tacoma" group that ardently oppose LNG.

Your email was incredibly timely. I want to assure you that I am committed to keeping the work moving forward on the Tideflats Subarea Planning Process as a whole. I am hopeful that the Steering Committee for that work will land on a definitive

work plan by the end of 2018. This plan will have a lot of opportunity for public comment, and I hope you will remain actively involved on this issue.

Thank you again for contacting me.

Yours in Service,



Victoria R. Woodards
Mayor | City of Tacoma

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From: David Bluhm [mailto:d_bluhm@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 4:30 PM
To: Woodards, Victoria <victoria.woodards@cityoftacoma.org>
Cc: Kaauamo, Samantha <SKAAUAMO@ci.tacoma.wa.us>
Subject: Tideflats Interim Regulations - + 6 months ++
Importance: High

Dear Mayor Woodards,

Thank you for taking on the daunting role of being an elected official. I hope you are finding more than brief moments of fulfillment in it. I also hope and trust that you take your role as a representative of your constituents seriously. Not just in your role to better the economic standing of the City of Tacoma, but in protecting and preserving the best interests, health and well being of each individual resident within Tacoma. In my opinion, the latter must come first and foremost - that being the health and well being of each individual resident.

My daughter and I rode the bus tour with you last spring. I can't recall the *official* name of the event right now, but we enjoyed it very much. Your willingness to reach out and be with us "commoners" (:D) spoke volumes to me at that time. Given the number of encounters you have you likely don't recall, but I wore by "No LNG" Water Warrior shirt that day on the bus. I'm pretty sure you noticed and were nervous when you saw it after you called on me for a question during the tour. You might not have called on me if you had seen it first :). I'm happy to say I kept it on subject and swear I saw and felt your relief when I did keep it on point.

All that aside yet also included, I am writing you as a father, husband, constituent, business and homeowner in District 4 just off 38th and McKinley.

Please do everything you can, including offering your own vote, for bolstering/expanding and extending the Tideflats Interim Regulations until the entire Sub-Area Plan is complete and ready to implement - be that another 6, 12, 18 or 24 months. I will not be surprised if that goes out to an additional 24 months given the enormous magnitude of considerations for which the Subarea Plan must address and account.

Climate change and global warming and the incredibly complex conditions and future that will likely come to be if you and our other current elected leaders do not take and make decisive, difficult choices as soon as possible. While it will not be easy, you are at the helm of the city of Tacoma exactly at the time that a profound and fundamental paradigm shift must take place. You have the difficult choice of being a true pioneer or following the old, tired, bankrupt, toxic, spineless ways of your predecessors.

For many, a paradigm shift sounds like "change", but I propose that it does not have to be. While we all know that the current paradigm - which for all intents and purposes seems to be "profits over people" - is not working for us, a new paradigm seems and sounds like pain and agony. It just doesn't have to be that way. It's not going to be easy, but it can be simple if we don't overthink it.

When that new paradigm is ready, it will simply shift into place thereby replacing the old dysfunctional one. I believe this is a concept that both Buckminster Fuller and Thomas Edison addressed in their lifetimes. Business and industry have vested interests in keeping the current paradigm of business and industry as usual. They have a vested interest in instilling fear in the people that it will be painful and agonizing "change". The new paradigm must include a profound shift in the way of doing business, industry and consumption of goods, materials and resources and business and industry are so fundamentally set in their way of doing business that they can not see the other side of the paradigm shift that is necessary to leave this planet habitable for future generations.

Please restrict any further expansion of toxic industry, be it under construction (Puget Sound Energy's LNG) or those that have been truly existing and operating - including fossil fuels, chemical processing, storage, recycling and/or manufacturing. Please clarify that no smelter will ever exist on the Port or Tideflats again as well. There is some confusion as to whether or not a smelter could be allowed to operate down there again. Please make sure that can never happen again and let your people of Tacoma know that is the case.

Don't we all ultimately know that those businesses and industries that do have toxic emissions and byproducts NEVER should have been on the Port and in the Tideflats in the first place?! The only reason they were allowed there is because of the ignorance, including willful ignorance, of those same business and industry leaders of 100 + years ago. Granted - there was ignorance of the residents of early Tacoma as well. Most had no idea what was even going on down in the Tideflats and on the new Port because they were busy trying to survive, keep food on the table and a roof over their head. Those same leaders that were arrogantly and ignorantly (willfully so at some level) leading Tacoma, its residents and the first inhabitants (The Puyallup Peoples) toward a toxic, caustic future.

Seriously - how could those historic "leaders" not know that some or most of the business and industry they put down there was bad, toxic or at least poisonous for peoples', marine and wild life?! They clearly weren't stupid or oblivious people. That is why I call them willfully ignorant and lacking common sense. All they really had to do was open their eyes and consider everything around them that they might be impacting.

They wanted to be on the Port and in the Tideflats for pure and simple reasons of profit. They all could and should have been required to build their processing and production facilities ten to 100 miles inland, away from estuaries and the waters of Puget Sound and the Salish Sea and transport their finished products to the Port and Tideflats for shipping only. Instead they are on the water and will be in the water within 10 years if you don't contribute your position as a leader toward and fully into a less toxic, more sustainable future.

It may seem like it is too late to change it, but it is not. You are part of the leadership that we need to reverse the ignorant decisions of the past and make it right again.

Business and industry will argue that "it's not economically feasible" and other such nonsense, all the while reeling in unprecedented profits to cover exorbitant salaries of top officers, profits to local and foreign owned parent companies, and expansions of their existing facilities and capabilities toward an equally or more toxic future.

Please have the courage and the backbone to take on that challenge despite the seeming all mighty, all powerful businesses and industry. Their power lies in monetary wealth and intimidation practices. It is time to cut that false, yet all so seemingly real, power back to its roots and its proper place in our society.

Please bolster/expand and extend the Tideflats Interim Regulations another 6 months. Please step up to,

above and beyond our and your own greatest expectations and do what is truly right for the future of Tacoma and this region.

Anything less would not be reasonable, acceptable or in good faith of your role as a public representative concerned for the many future generations to come.

Thank you,

David Bluhm
Tacoma Resident - 98404

From: Local23 President <President@ilwulocal23.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 4:30 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tideflats Interim Regulations- ATTN: Mayor Woodards and City Council

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Please find the following as the ILWU Local 23 position for the upcoming May 5,2020 hearing on six-month extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

**International
Longshore and
Warehouse Union**

LOCAL 23

(253) 383-2468

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April 22, 2020

Mayor Woodards and Tacoma City Councilmembers,

Thank you for accepting this letter on behalf of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 23 regarding the proposed extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations. Consistent with previous testimony, ILWU Local 23 remains unchanged; interim regulations are unnecessary and may result in the negative unforeseen consequences of decisions being made without time for proper vetting.

We acknowledge also that the City's current review of these interim regulations comes at a time when governments, communities, business owners, employees and employers are facing the unprecedented challenge of coping with the COVID-19 threat. It is a time of immense upheaval and uncertainty. The City, just as is ILWU Local 23 and other port workers, is valiantly working in the face of these challenges. Layered on top of that is the priority of keeping people safe and well. This is simply not the time to increase the strain on any element of the community through the distraction of changes to the Interim Regulations. The City has characterized the Interim Regulations as a "pause". ILWU Local 23 urges that now, more than ever, that pause, if not lifted, be left as is.

ILWU Local 23 believes that decisions on permanent Tideflats zoning and land use deserves a thoughtful and comprehensive approach that is currently ongoing as part of the Tideflats Subarea Plan. Permanent adoption of regulations before the final approval of the Subarea Plan would not be consistent with the intent of the collaborative process required in RCW.36.70A.085.

We appreciate your situation in having to deal with the state law requirement for six-month review of the Interim Regulations, but urge that this recurring process not be used to artificially truncate the meaningful Subarea Planning Actions. We ask that if the City Council deems Interim Regulations necessary, we request that the six-month extension result in regulations AS-IS without any additional use or permitting restrictions.

Sincerely,

Jared Faker

President, ILWU Local #23



Jared Faker - President
International Longshore and Warehouse Union,

Local 23
(253) 651-6041

From: Kelly Scott <kelly_rae_scott@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:07 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City council public hearing on May 5 regarding the Tide flats

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To whom it may concern:

I have had the privilege of owning a home close to the tide flats for 20 years. In a world where profits are usually put over people and the health of our environment I implore you to stand out, be different. Be an example to your children, your grandchildren and all future generations and say NO to heavy industrial development on the tide flats.

I love my home but my husband and I will sell our home if the construction and destruction of the tide flats is allowed. We moved here for the beauty and safety this piece of land provides. What is planned for the tide flats destroys all of that.

In a time where we have a global pandemic started by an environmental disaster, do you really want to be the faces the names behind making a decision that could possibly destroy life as we know it for all of us who live here?

No! This is how you the elected officials can make a difference. This is how you can make your mark. Leave a legacy. Be non corrupt politicians who truly represent and fight for the people. No to industrial use for the tide flats. No to residential development along the shoreline and No to new non industrial uses of the Port of Tacoma Manufacturing and Industrial Center.

Thank you
Kelly Scott

Sent from my iPhone

From: rob@thewiredcity.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:16 PM
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4/21/2020

Subject: Tideflats Interim Regulations

To: whom it may concern:restriction

The temporary ordinance for Tideflats Regulations is a well intentioned and logical restriction on item #3 the ,moratorium on no new residential development on the slopes of North East Tacoma shoreline along Marine View Drive. The slope already has landslides during the rainy winter season and is designated as a high risk terrain for slides and erosion. We have already experienced what can happen at Heron Ridge when land is shifted around and disturbed on a high risk area. Please change the restrioction to a permanent moratorium if possible instead of having to go through the same look every six months. There is also an abundance of wildlife in the slope area that would be squeezed even further out of their homes.

I implore you to at a miniumum to again renew the 6 month extension on the regulations and at best make it permanent or longer.

Rolland Earl Robison

4744 Browns Point Blvd

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Jenkins, Jessica

From: Will Golding <willgolding92@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 5:53 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tideflats Interim Regulations

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Good evening Clerks Office,

My name is William Golding, and I am a resident of Tacoma's Stadium District overlooking the Port of Tacoma. I am thankful to have the opportunity to provide public comment from these ancestral lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and the 1854 Medicine Creek Treaty that provided all non-indigenous Americans the ability to live here with these lands, waters, airs, and non-human relatives.

I am providing public comment in response to tonight's public comment period related to the upcoming vote on Ordinance 20-0332 regarding the extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations. I am in support of passing this ordinance to extend the interim regulations for the tideflats of Tacoma. I advocate further that the City of Tacoma move forward to pass an ordinance that permanently prohibits any new fossil fuel infrastructure developments in the Tideflats subarea as well as limits the expansion of all existing fossil fuel infrastructure in this area. I believe the passage of such an ordinance is necessary for the City to uphold its 2019 Climate Emergency Declaration (Resolution No. 40509) intentions to mitigate the impacts of our local to global current and future climate crisis that are articulated in the "Tacoma Climate Change Resilience Study" (2016).

The passage of such an ordinance to permanently prohibit the future of fossil fuel infrastructure in the Tideflats subarea is necessary for the City of Tacoma to uphold the nation-to-nation relationship with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and the various rights detailed in the 1854 Medicine Creek Treaty. The Puyallup Tribe of Indians has clearly expressed their desire for a future that is free of fossil fuel infrastructure development in the Tideflats subarea (Link: <http://news.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/say-no-to-tacoma-lng/>) as well as articulated in their own Declaration of Climate Emergency (Resolution No. 101219) (Link: http://news.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Signed-Resolution_Climate-Emergency.pdf).

As a concerned Tacoma resident, I implore my elected City officials to pass Ordinance 20-0332 and take their actions even further to meet current and future generation's needs for bold and decisive climate action by pivoting away from the past history of fossil fuel infrastructure in the Tideflats subarea and moving our shared home towards a more sustainable and healthy path forward into a dynamic future.

All the best,

William Golding

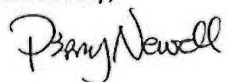
Regarding: City Council Public Hearing – Amended Ordinance No. 28470

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If changed are make as presented, please notify me.

Sincerely,



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