

From: Pigman, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 3:39 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Analysis request for VEBA proposal in Ordinance 28782

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Hello Mayor Woodards and Members of the City Council,

Thank you for your support of employees through these challenging times.

As a non-represented City of Tacoma employee, I was initially excited back in June by the VEBA survey that indicated employees would save 30% on taxes. Unfortunately, the marketing materials provided by the VEBA vendor were misleading. For many employees the tax savings will be much lower than advertised, and of the tax savings, a significant portion of the tax savings will instead be paid in fees to the VEBA vendor. Some lower income employees may actually lose money due to the VEBA.

Before you vote on the VEBA proposal, I ask that you have HR to perform an analysis of two factors:

1. Does creating a VEBA for non-represented employees contribute to gender inequality or structural racism? Several factors lead me to suspect that impacts of the VEBA are disproportionately allocated:
 - a. The income tax savings for lower paid employees will be 10-12% versus 22-24% for higher paid employees.
 - b. For many retirees with lower lifetime earnings, the dollars saved in FICA taxes would result in their lifetime social security benefits being cut by more than the initial FICA tax savings.
 - c. The reduction in social security payments may disproportionately impact women due to their slightly longer life expectancy and lower average annual wages.
 - d. Since analyzing the impact of the VEBA is quite complicated, many employees do not have the expertise to determine if they are better off voting for or against the VEBA. Higher paid employees are more likely to have an independent tax advisor whereas lower paid employees may be more likely to rely on biased guidance from the VEBA vendor.
2. Do the financial benefits for the city and/or the employees outweigh the costs of the VEBA? Since the VEBA vendor fee structure is directly tied to how much money employees contribute to the VEBA, the vendor has a major conflict of interest in providing financial advice to employees. Hidden costs include:
 - a. The VEBA vendor collects fees of more than 1% each year. For retirees in low tax brackets who keep the account open for multiple years, this could mean that the majority of the income tax savings are instead paid as fees to the VEBA Vendor. I estimated I will pay approximately 7% over the life of the VEBA.
 - b. Upfront savings in FICA taxes are offset by reduced lifetime social security benefit that retirees will receive.
 - c. Every employee will need to spend time learning about and every retiree will spend time managing the VEBA.
 - d. Performing an annual vote among retirement eligible employees will have both direct costs for HR to implement the vote, and will also mean that employees spend time understanding any independent voting guides provided with the ballot.
 - e. The Deferred Compensation plan already provides a simpler and lower fee tax avoidance method.
 - f. If the VEBA were to go bankrupt, retirees could lose all of their contributions to the VEBA.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mark Pigman

From: Barnett, Elliott
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Planning; City Clerk's Office; rotophoto1942@gmail.com
Subject: RE: The Need for In-Person Meetings with Citizens and City Council

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Dear Georgette and Jim,
Thanks for the comment – which I am forwarding to the City Council as well.

To be honest, this is a confusing time in terms of social distancing guidance, with the delta variant changing plans for everyone. Despite what other organizations may be doing, the City is taking a cautious approach based on recommendations from the Health Department to continue to reduce or avoid in person events and meetings.

If I can assist or answer questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Elliott Barnett, Senior Planner

From: Planning <planning@cityoftacoma.org>
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 8:26 AM
To: Barnett, Elliott <EBarnett@cityoftacoma.org>
Subject: FW: The Need for In-Person Meetings with Citizens and City Council

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From: James Reuter <rotophoto1942@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 10, 2021 11:34 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityoftacoma.org>
Subject: The Need for In-Person Meetings with Citizens and City Council

After more than a year of Covid restrictions, there are now many opportunities for all of us to be able to socialize within our city: churches are able to meet at full capacity as are restaurants, movie theaters, shops and stores, and many other locations. There are also large events sponsored by the City of Tacoma during this month and the upcoming months. One example is the "Art at the Armory". During this event on the weekend of October 16 and 17, there will be 90 art vendors and, of course, a large crowd of attendees. Also, Symphony Tacoma will be performing to a large audience at the Pantages on October 23.

So currently, haven't Covid restrictions for in-person large gatherings been lifted?? Therefore, what would be the rationale for having our Neighborhood Council meetings as well as City Council meetings continue to be held remotely on Zoom?? Now, more than ever, as the City Council is on the verge of making decisions that will affect our neighborhoods for generations to come, we citizens need to be fully engaged in understanding the complexity and magnitude of the Home in Tacoma proposal. We need MORE than just Zoom meetings. We need IN-PERSON gatherings! We need our City Council members and the Planning Commission members to provide opportunities to meet with the public and present the Home in Tacoma proposal. Then, city officials need to allow a question and answer period for their citizens. There needs to be a robust dialogue between our city officials and the public well BEFORE the implementation of Home in Tacoma removes all protections for our much loved single

family neighborhoods. Surely, there are many other viable solutions to create more affordable housing than to take the enormous step to open up ALL neighborhoods to unregulated mutii-story apartments.

We hope that at this time, you will substantially SLOW DOWN the Home in Tacoma project in order to make a greater effort to communicate IN-PERSON with our citizens.

Sincerely,

Georgette and Jim Reuter

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A computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any invention in human history - with the possible exceptions of handguns and tequila.

From: Tony Subway <subwayservice@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 3:59 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City council questions

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Hello,

I would like to understand what is going on with policing & arresting criminals, as well as hiring new police officers.

I own several subways around the region. My stores are from Fife all the way down to Lacey. I have over 100 employees. Lately, it seems that every couple days I am having my staff call the cops at my Tacoma location. I have a store located in Westgate that was robbed just last week. Literally, seven days ago. However, within a 10 day period at my James Center Subway, we've had to call the cops four times.

The first time we called the cops they never showed. We had three hours of operations left before we shut the door and left. That day we had a bomb come in and order a sandwich, eat a branch and leaves from a tree (that he brought in), steal the sandwich and ran to the bathroom to eat and bathe in the sink. Thank God a couple young men came in and helped give my 5'1" 100 pound girl The confidence to go to the bathroom and demand that he leave.

The second time happened about six days ago at the James Center location, a guy came in and completely ignored my staff but they allowed him to sit down because they were both afraid of him and he wasn't communicating. After closing, the staff member asked him to leave and she did not. I had her call the cops, the same petite girl. The cops told her that it would take quite a while because she was low on the list. I proceeded to call the cops and tell them that I was going down there with my pistol and a bat. I was going to handle that problem if they couldn't. The cops got there about a minute before I did.

Apparently, the Bumb had three outstanding warrants but couldn't be taken to jail. All I could do was give him a no trespass with the cops help. They informed me that they can't take them away to jail as that's not allowed at the moment. But yet all around the country criminals can be locked up. Why can't it happen here?

The third time was two days ago we had a bum come in and sit down at the James Center Store. He ended up putting a bag on his lap which he then laid his head upon. Several minutes later my staff asked him to leave and he's unresponsive. We call the cops and they show up fairly quickly. They discovered that the man laid his head upon a colostomy bag that broke open and poured all over my \$300 leather chair that is in the Subway dining room, as well as all over the floor and the surrounding area that he was seated. We had to shut down the store after realizing it was a biohazard situation. I then had to get an emergency team in there to properly clean and sanitize the entire store.

The fourth time, last night we had a bum show up at James center. He refused to leave after being asked to leave. I believe this is the guy that received the no trespass order a week ago. My staff members called the cops, then the bum saw this And started yelling and proclaiming that we were white Nazi supremacists. The cops called several hours later but by the time the guy had left. The cops asked if they were still needed.

I've been in business for over 15 years. Each year brings us on challenges, but what I can usually count on is one breaking/armed robbery each year within all of my stores. That's one robbery a year. This year, there have already been three and we haven't even hit the holiday/robbery season. It worries me to think what will happen next. At this point I know that I am collecting taxes, paying taxes, and supporting the system that no longer supports me. I don't ask for a lot, but I do want safety for my team, my family, and myself. I don't know if I need to begin carrying weapons in my car so I can handle situations that arise that I now know cops can't get to in a timely fashion. I'm looking for help and answers. I would like to know a roadmap forward from this point on. I also hope that this is the low point where we begin to tackle this problem. I fear if it gets worse.

Thank you, Tony Puckett

From: Melinda colby <melindacolby@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 3:55 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tacoma Safe community forum on October 6th

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have lived in Tacoma for 46 years. I have seen this city go from having no waterfront, no downtown, to a bustling waterfront and a downtown filled with great businesses and restaurants. Tacoma has come a very long way from where it once was broadcasted on 60 min for the Gang Problem in hilltop, to where it is now. However, now the issue is an overall increase in crime, and a large homeless population, which is wreaking havoc on our neighborhoods and communities. I have had personal experience with theft out of my backyard, my sister had a prowler at her daughter's window, and I have had multiple interactions with folks out of their mind on drugs running around inappropriately dressed, and evidently fighting imaginary dragons, and causing traffic problems due to supposed dance parties. I am appalled by the large number of tent cities, where garbage, human waste, drug paraphernalia, and excess amounts of grocery carts (which are costing the Consumer) are on practically every city "green space", along city blocks, and under freeway passes. Please come up with a way to solve this problem. Research other cities, talk with Urban Study Professionals and Sociologists, increase funding for our police force so that new cops may be hired to protect citizens when help is needed. Cut bureaucratic waste and start programs that are reasonable and make sense to tax payors, small businesses, and communities. I know that our City is better than this, and I hope that council members can set aside egos and solve the problem.

In Kind Regards,

Melinda Colby
Tacoma, WA.

From: Kristy Anti-Racist Project <southsoundantiracist@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 3:51 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Comments in advance of tonight's City Council meeting

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Thank you Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Blocker and council members

It is difficult, in good faith, to work collaboratively toward real community transformation when one side's "position" is not based in fact, but on fear and imagination. That is the hook for the emerging "TacomaSafe" group. But anyone who has been paying attention to the reports from TPD knows that there is ample TPD-generated data to show that in fact violent crimes like murder, burglary and arson are not spiraling out of control, as this group contends. But that is a message that plays.

In the meantime, the city's own 21st Century Policing data confirms (page 18-19) that nearly 98% of calls for service do not involve crimes against persons. And nearly 80% of what TPD is doing does not address violent crimes.

The tougher "law and order" stance this group poses—and which council members Thoms, McCarthy and Hunter support—seems to be getting traction even though Interim Chief Ake himself said in the September 28 study session that the top three calls for service are currently welfare checks (10,920 CFS), suspicious persons (4,119 CFS), and unwanted persons (3,610 CFS). (Source: TPD slide deck, Sept 28 2021 Study Session, slide 4.)

When scare tactics that are not based in fact are used to say violent crime is rampant, and that no one is safe, our "transformation" efforts (like Tacoma's Heal the Heart Campaign and the as-yet-to-materialize community safety plan recommended by the 21st Century Policing Report) take a back seat, and guess where that leaves us? We're reduced to our old standby of adding more cops and getting tough on crime. Two things that have been proven over and over again not only NOT to reduce crime but to make residents—especially black and brown residents in certain communities—LESS safe.

I'm not against everything this group is proposing: Yes, we have to address homelessness in our communities and yes, TPD should be staffed to its budgeted levels. Yes, let's engage the community to clean up our neighborhoods' garbage and graffiti, but if you're serious about transformation, we all need to work for it. Put your petition signing, testimony-giving energy behind supporting and holding TPD and Council accountable for better solutions that do not put some residents of our city at risk so that others can *feel* safer.

Transformation means thinking differently, meaningfully involving the community in creating solutions together and not bending to fear and measures that only get us more of what landed us smack dab in the middle of 2020's painful protests and pledges for change.

Thank you.

Kristy Gledhill

South Sound Antiracist Project

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The South Sound Antiracist Project is building an active community of white people who are committed to understanding, adopting, employing and promoting anti-racist ideas, policies and actions in all their spheres of influence.

SouthSoundAntiracist@gmail.com

From: Stephanie Grassi <snglassi@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:58 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: TacomaSafe Public Statement

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To whom it may concern:

I am a Tacoma resident for 42 years and have been active in building our community for over 25 years. I am passionate about keeping Tacoma a safe place for families and supporting small businesses. I have recently experienced a very traumatic situation where a man who appeared to be both mentally ill and on drugs attempted to climb into my car as I was leaving a business meeting at the downtown Marriott.

I literally drove away as the man was hanging onto my car. Thankfully I was able to escape and not injure him as well.

I am asking for immediate action to address Tacoma's increase in crime, homeless encampments, and 911 response time through supporting our police and first responders by staffing them appropriately and giving them the resources to protect our community and themselves!

Thank you,

Stephanie Grassi

253-224-1760

From: Emery, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:02 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Written Comment from Customer Support
Attachments: LEG-TMBN1-MPC6004-S_Exchange_10-12-2021_13-50-13.pdf

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To: Emery, Michelle <MEmer3@cityoftacoma.org>
Subject: Scanned document from MEmer3 <MEmer3@cityoftacoma.org>

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Customer Support Center



October 6, 2021

Dear Mayor Woodard, City Council and City Manager Pauli,

As you are well aware six major museums contribute to Tacoma's downtown economy and form a distinct district that not only pays homage to the City's rich history, but to some of the world's best collections and unique artwork as well. While each museum shares a different aspect of the arts, culture and history scene, we work together to make downtown Tacoma a destination for locals, the Puget Sound region, and beyond.

As we work to sustain our existing organizations and culture while dealing with the ongoing impact of the pandemic, we are also facing a series of problems ranging from graffiti, to trash, to increased criminal activity in our neighborhood.

Our visitors and staff are increasingly encountering piles of trash, human waste, and criminal behavior when visiting the Museum District.

Each of our institutions has experienced car prowlers, break-ins, graffiti, and criminal intimidation of guests or staff at increasing rates over the past year. Examples include the following:

- Foss Waterway Seaport staff confronted a man who was setting trash fires on the esplanade and up against the building. Staff called 9-1-1, but received no backup.
- TAM security approached a person who was "dumpster diving" on TAM property and was assaulted by this person and his associate.
- Museum of Glass experienced break-ins through their ventilation system and machine shop areas, and personnel constantly receive reports of human waste at points around the building as well as, reports of individuals urinating into the reflecting pool.
- American's Car Museum has experienced repeated break-ins and vandalism of their semi-truck (parked outside) and extensive garbage on the City's Tacoma Dome property, which they clean up.
- Greentrike experienced a similar story (x 3) with one of their vans and discovered that someone had broken into and been living in one of their storage containers down on the tide flats, which resulted in the contents of the container needing to be destroyed.
- Washington State History Museum's café, Anthem, closed for an extended period in part because the staff did not feel safe operating the location alone. As well, the café has experienced multiple broken windows.

In short, the Museum District is facing major public health and public safety problems.

I am not sure that you are all aware, but thanks to the efforts of several museums and Travel Tacoma, next May Tacoma hosts the international Glass Art Society conference, which will 1,500 plus delegates from around the world to Tacoma --- NOT Seattle. This includes walking tours around our city, including visits to many of our museums. We are of course highly concerned that these visitors, and all others who regularly visit our city to sample our cultural offerings, get the best possible experience, and are not dissuaded from visiting Tacoma again due to negative impressions of our downtown.

As a first step in recognizing our current situation, we ask that the City explore the purchase of Big Belly trash cans, which limit access by people and animals, increase trash pick-up in the district, including the disposal of garbage and unclaimed property, restoration of damaged property, i.e. graffiti, and disinfecting areas that have been utilized as open restrooms. In addition, we would like to see regular beat patrols re-instated for the Museum District area, as was previously in place and/or enhanced social services to meet the increased needs of Tacoma residents living on the streets.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



David Setford, Executive Director
Tacoma Art Museum



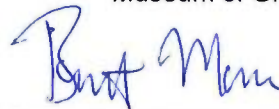
Tanya Durand, Executive Director
Greentrike



Brad Phillips, Executive Director
America's Car Museum



Debbie Lenk, Executive Director
Museum of Glass



Brent Mason, Executive Director
Foss Waterway Seaport



Jennifer Kilmer, Director
Washington State Historical Society

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From: Mark Adams <madams6560@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:50 AM
To: City Clerk's Office; Thoms, Robert
Subject: Concerns on Bank Stabilization & Homeless Issues in Tacoma

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a Tacoma resident and property owner at 1 N. Stadium Way I am writing to express my serious concern regarding the City's strategy for slope stabilization which may not only be ineffective, but is also affecting our views i.e. property values and adding to the current homelessness problems in Tacoma.

It seems the City has started and not only failed to complete but also failed to follow better protocols for steep bank protection and rehabilitation. The current maple trees in front of our building are invasive and would seem to be the wrong trees for such a steep slope.

I have been made aware of the fact that there are abundant studies on the topic and the protocol is not simply adding these type of trees to try to stabilize the bank. It is a long process but must start somewhere. Our property values are being affected with each year's growth of these trees and this issue needs to be addressed sooner rather than later as the negative impacts literally grows month by month and year by year.

The slope stabilization and return to native/natural vegetation should create, not restrict, view corridors. This work on the slope would also assist with improving the homeless problem in the City, by clearing out and finding alternative housing for the growing homeless encampments in the dense trees in front of our building.

The benefits of addressing this issue will not only assist from an environmental / ecological standpoint, but would also provide positive impact to the City through higher property values (ie increased property tax revenues) as well as addressing some of the negative impacts of homelessness in Tacoma.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns and I hope (expect!) to see some action by the relevant Tacoma City officials in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Adams
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Tacoma, WA 98403

From: Dana Peregrine <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 8:25 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Protect The Tacoma Tideflats, By Stopping Fossil Fuel Expansions

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Council Tacoma City ,

Madam Mayor, and Tacoma City Council,

I whole heartedly agree with everything said below. It is time to stop fossil fuel support and expansion in Tacoma. Other communities are doing it, like Bellingham. It is now Tacoma's turn to take a stand for people and the environment.

Just like fossil fuel companies will swoop in with no regulation, green economy companies will swoop in and quickly fill any void left by fossil fuel companies. Tacoma MUST be forward thinking. We, the people, have the will. PLEASE, politicians, have the will... Strengthen Tideflats regulations and close fossil fuel loopholes.

Tacoma stands at a crossroads. Will we continue to live in fear to protect fossil fuel industry profits, or will we stand up to corporate polluters and demand a livable future and low carbon economy?

For over 4 years now, your constituents have weighed in time and time again that something has to change.

Whether it was members of the council, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, The Planning Commission, or hundreds if not thousands of advocates, the message has been clear, it is time to stop fossil fuel expansions in Tacoma. We have known this moment was coming for decades.

No more loopholes, no carve outs, no more profits over people. We must ban expansions that are not in service of true renewable fuels, and incentivize clean industries to set up shop in Tacoma.

Tacoma has been passed over before, we cannot keep wasting time while other cities began to expand into a cleaner and greener economy.

The Council must reject any amendments that allow expansion of existing fossil fuel facilities for anything other than clean fuels and clarify and strengthen the definition of clean fuels to ensure it is consistent with federal and state standards and create the incentives necessary for

Tacoma to transition to truly clean energy. Specifically, I request that:

-New and Expanded Cleaner Fuel Facilities Permitted: The definition of clean fuels should be linked to the EPA standard and credit-generating standards under the Washington Clean Fuel Standard, once established, rather than permanently allow certain fuel types even as they may become ineligible to generate credits under the CFS over time. Including fuels that are barely incrementally cleaner than the status quo won't advance Tacoma's clean energy goals and is inappropriate to be outright permitted under the updated code.

-Petroleum Fuel Facility Projects for Maintenance, Safety, Security, or Required to Meet Regulatory Changes: It should be made clear in the code that no fossil fuel capacity expansions are permitted under maintenance, safety, security, or regulatory needs.

National Security Petroleum Fuel Facilities: This motion is redundant with the Federal Defense Production Act. Council should clarify that any infrastructure built under the direction of this motion cannot be later converted for commercial uses.

-Projects which have undergone Environmental Review and Mitigated Impacts: The City has no legal obligation to allow PSE LNG to expand to the full capacity reviewed under SEPA. Allowing a significant expansion of the LNG facility completely undermines the intent of the regulations and further endangers our health, safety, and climate.

Please strengthen the Tideflats Regulations to end the loopholes, and allow us to kick off a decade of clean energy transformation.

Thank you,

Dana Peregrine
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From: Lobban, Jered
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:23 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tideflats Public Comment Letter PDF
Attachments: Tideflats Public Comment Wayne Abrahamson.pdf

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This is a Tideflats regulations public comment. It was post marked October 4 and received on October 6.

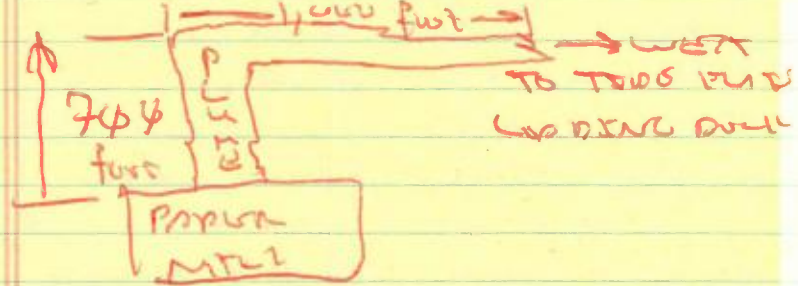
Thanks,

Jered Lobban
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City Clerk's Office
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From: ~~Mr~~ ⁴ MISTER Klayne ABRAHAMSON ~~TACOMA WA 98402~~ SEATTLE WA 980
Homeless: 65yr, 7mo, 6ft 4in, 165lb, RUSSIAN-AMERICAN; COFFEE MAN

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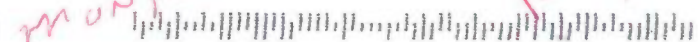


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From: Aaron Olson <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 7:07 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Make the Right Decision and Protect Tideflats Jobs

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Dear Comment Email Email,

Dear Councilmembers:

As you know, the businesses at the Port of Tacoma and the Tideflats are economic drivers in this region. Therefore, we urge you to either make the hard decisions we've elected you to make or take a strategic pause. Either way, you need to seriously consider the unintended consequences that these regulations will likely produce for this region.

As proposed, the Non-Interim Regulations create too many unknowns for this region's business community. These are complex issues that will potentially affect thousands of people's livelihoods and millions in local tax dollars. Now more than ever, we need regulations that balance the necessity to facilitate job growth and future Tideflats investment while also protecting the environment.

What is clear is that implementing these regulations will likely foster an unfriendly business climate in the area that will hurt current operators from modernizing and kill any new business interest in our area. They could also ironically result in unintended negative impacts for our environment.

There are simply too many unknowns to proceed forward with these regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Please strengthen the Tideflats Regulations to end the loopholes, and allow us to kick off a decade of clean energy transformation.

Thank you,

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From: Morgan Brownlee <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 12:38 AM
To: IPSTideflats
Subject: Tacoma Needs Room to Sustainably Grow

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IPS IPS Committee ,

Dear IPS Chair & Vice-chair,

Tacoma is growing fast, and that means we need sensible policies to make sure that growth is not at odds with the surrounding environment. We must ensure we limit fossil fuels in Tacoma so that as we continue to grow, we are not exposing more people to increased risks from air pollution that comes from industry and transportation. If we pass strong Tideflats regulations we can ensure polluting industries in the Tideflats can only expand if they are developing low carbon fuels, that will serve us with cleaner energy for generations to come.

We have less than a decade to realign our economy and communities around a low carbon future, and decades more of progress that can only truly begin once we stop fossil fuel expansions.

City Council, please pass policy that will -

- Stop the expansions of dirty fuels like oil & fracked gas
- Incentivize renewable & low carbon fuels
- Ensure there are minimal industrial impacts to residential areas as Pierce County continues to grow

Tacoma needs sensible policies for managed growth, and that starts by making room for cleaner industries and communities. No longer can Tacoma afford to be corporate polluters' favorite city, we must be a city that leads on climate because the stakes are too high.

Thank you,

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From: Christina Manetti <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 5:31 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tacoma Deserves A Low Carbon Tideflats

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Council Tacoma City ,

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

Our communities and planet have suffered enough pollution at the hands of big oil and fossil fuel industries.

If we are to live up to the City of Destiny's greatness we must ensure that our climate future is secured by STOPPING the expansions of corporate polluters in the Tacoma Tideflats.

You must pass a ban on expansions while the city deliberates on how to pass Non-Interim Regulations.

We need you to be brave, our future depends on it.

Thank you,

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From: Dr Elly Claus McGahan <eclausmcgahan@sound-decisions.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 5:03 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Non-Interim Tideflats Regulations

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To the Honorable Mayor Woodards and Tacoma city councilmembers,

I appreciate the time you have given to this project of developing the Non-Interim Tideflats Regulations. It's been an arduous task of concern to many people in our community and outside of our community. My thinking is wholly in line with the letter submitted by the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to not expand fossil fuel infrastructure and to be completely in line with the efforts the state is making with the Clean Fuel Standard. I'm looking forward to supporting the development of the green economy at the Tideflats.

What I want to underscore today is the amount of civic engagement the Tideflats Regulations have inspired over the last few years. It is clear that folks really care about the health and safety of our people and our environment, so much so that they've been willing to devote hours to testifying, to encouraging civic engagement, training folks how to testify or write letters, developing materials and making them available on-line to whoever had interest by several organizations. The amount of careful research that's been done and shared on pollution to our air and waters, job numbers related to the fossil fuel industry, lifting the curtain on fossil fuel throughput versus fossil fuel infrastructure, pulling together data on fossil fuel related accidents that can affect us; so many of these things were not known before this process and were not paid attention to. I am proud of our community that there is such passion to take care of our corner of the world with deliberate intention and foresight to make Tacoma a better place for all in terms of our health, economically, and environmentally. The obvious concern about climate change as it will affect us is supported by the research internationally.

Please continue to listen and then follow through. It is no longer in the city's best interests to support expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure.

Thank you for all you do.

Elly Claus-McGahan

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From: Megan Ybarra <meganybarra@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 4:54 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public Comment

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Since 2017, Tacoma's city Planning Commission has consistently offered sage advice and clear guidelines about the need to rethink the Tideflats and Industrial Land Use Regulations in a manner that takes into account two major issues. First, the City must honor the Treaty of Medicine Creek and its obligations to the Puyallup Tribe to maintain their customary fishing rights, which is only possible if the City ceases to allow industrial activities that harm the lives and future existence of salmonid populations. Second, the human population in the Tideflats is much greater than was originally envisioned by the industrial regulations. The people who live in the Tideflats are disproportionately likely to be Indigenous, such as those Puyallup families who continue resisting their displacement under settler colonialism, and racialized immigrants including asylum seekers arriving to the US only to face imprisonment at the Northwest Detention Center (NWIPC). In order to mitigate the environmental injustices that previous City governments have promoted, I urge City Council to maintain the Planning Commission's recommendations to prohibit the expansion of major fossil fuel facilities and limit Marine Vessel Fossil Fuel Facilities.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Megan Ybarra

From: Kent Mercer <kent.mercer29@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 3, 2021 12:50 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City Council Public Hearing:

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I am the owner of a building located on Market St., sandwiched between the City Hall and a low income housing building.

The sidewalk in front of my building constantly has homeless or street people hanging around in front, almost all day long. My doorway is often used as a public toilet, with people urinating or defecating in my doorway. My glass door window has been shattered, with a cost of just under a thousand dollars to repair. The doorway is also used as a sleeping shelter. Once I called the police because I could not gain entrance; The police never came to help. There is always food, papers, discarded clothing, broken bottles, cans, cigarette butts and everything you can think of in front of my building and in the street. The police department tells me cars with a handicap sticker may park directly in front for three days without moving.

The low income housing authority allows people to throw objects from their rooftop, i.e. cans, bottles, pizza and other food cartons, uneaten food & etc. Three times the rooftop drain has been plugged causing water damage to the inside of my building. I have asked their office to put a stop to throwing objects onto my roof, but they won't or can't.

I feel abandoned by the city! It seems city officials have simply turned a blind eye to the conditions of the downtown area. They don't appear to care about investors who want to make the city a better place to work and live. Once my building is sold, it's unlikely that I will invest in Tacoma again. Unfortunately, other building owners have shared my feelings.

Sincerely,

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Brett Jacobsen <bjacobsen@fnw-inc.com>
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 7:36 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: RE: Graffiti

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Dear Council members,

I was dining downtown last night and a man walked up to the window of the restaurant and began flipping off the entire dining room. Then returned shortly thereafter to spit all over the window and wipe his bodily liquid soaked socks on the windows. When speaking to the employees of the restaurant they said that stuff like this happens every day. They said they call the police but they don't show up, they obviously are being directed not to do so.

It is upsetting and infuriating that this is allowed to happen as if it "normal". From every perspective, especially from the drugged out person at the window, completely unacceptable. What is Tacoma's end game? Is this the type of image and lifestyle that you envision for your constituents? What are you doing to help these people and the law abiding people that don't want to live in the middle of freak show? Please focus on what matters. Let police do their jobs and bring sanity back to our City. Also, when will the graffiti begin being removed or stopped at a minimum?

Brett Jacobsen

From: Karen Cowgill <kdcowgill@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 6:00 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Please REJECT expansion of existing fossil fuel facilities

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To the Tacoma City Council --

It's time to close the loophole on expansions of existing facilities. Tacoma has waited too long. It's time to protect our community from new and expanded fossil fuels.

As you consider the IPS Committee recommendations for the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, I urge you to reject amendments exempting facility expansions and pass strong regulations that are consistent with Tacoma's policy goals and protect our climate, health, and safety.

The original intent of the Interim Regulations was to prevent fossil fuel expansion during the Subarea Planning process. The exemptions proposed by the IPS Committee create unacceptable loopholes that subvert the intent of the entire process and are incompatible with the spirit of Tacoma's Climate Emergency Declaration, the recent report by the IPCC, the wishes of the Puyallup Tribe, or prioritizing public health and safety.

The Council must reject any amendments that allow expansion of existing fossil fuel facilities for anything other than clean fuels and clarify and strengthen the definition of clean fuels to ensure it is consistent with federal and state standards and create the incentives necessary for Tacoma to transition to truly clean energy. Specifically, I request that:

- **New and Expanded Cleaner Fuel Facilities Permitted:** The definition of clean fuels should be linked to the EPA standard and credit-generating standards under the Washington Clean Fuel Standard, once established, rather than permanently allow certain fuel types even as they may become ineligible to generate credits under the CFS over time. Including fuels that are barely incrementally cleaner than the status quo won't advance Tacoma's clean energy goals and is inappropriate to be outright permitted under the updated code.
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Finally, Council should reject any further amendments introduced that would allow further expansions of existing facilities for any purpose, including marine fueling.

For years the Tacoma Tideflats have seen one dangerous fossil fuel project proposal after another, while the Interim Regulations have allowed existing fossil fuel facilities to expand unchecked. Passing Non-Interim Regulations that allow existing facilities to continue expanding through carve outs and exemptions — after over four years of public comment and engagement calling to close this dangerous loophole — is simply unacceptable.

We have seen the City Council repeatedly fail to take action: ignoring the overwhelming public testimony, the Puyallup Tribe's clear and persistent calls for action, two separate Planning Commission processes recommending closing this loophole, and the City's own existing policies that consider high risk fossil fuel facilities incompatible with the City's goals and priorities.

It is time to finally prohibit expansions of existing fossil fuel facilities and put Tacoma on the path to a clean energy economy.

Karen Cowgill