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Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 5:00 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tacoma Housing Zone Changes

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I am opposed to any Tacoma Housing Zone changes and oppose Ordinance 28793.

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From: Chuck Brock <prinmancz@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 5:23 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: My Thoughts on HIT

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Dear Tacoma City Council Members:

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Perhaps, after making a study of current housing, the balance might be something approximating **60% SFR, 15% Mid-scale, 25% Low-scale Zoning**(I realize I have left out Commercial Zoning as well as other more specialized zoning areas, and have only dealt with housing areas).

I am further concerned that the present proposal seems to add space for apartment buildings, duplexes, fourplexes, etc. and virtually leaves out structures designed for entry level purchase/ownership that would help Tacoma residents develop equity and the ownership, pride and financial stability that brings. Tacoma needs more owner occupied housing, not simply more and more rental units that benefit builders and landlords rather than prospective owners of their own homes!

I am of the opinion that by not erasing the current city, but improving areas badly needing it, we will all have a better city in which to live. If done with imagination and zeal, the areas with increased density will be showcases of city planning that inspire.

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Again, it is important that, whatever we do, we do not build ghettos. We must instead, build enchanting, livable, urban villages!

Many regards,

Charles Brock

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From: Chuck Brock <prinmancz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 5:32 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: And Another Thing Re. HIT

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It is important to think condos when thinking of how to improve Tacoma. More and more apartments keep more and more people in a cycle that that does not help promote inter-generational wealth. Apartments keep one housed, but all the money goes to big corporations and landlords. Low income condos would allow for equity to develop over time and help move families into better housing over time, and long term. The equity would then be passed on to the next generation, helping to break the cycle of inter-generational poverty!

i have not seen this addressed in the plan.

Thanks,

Charles Brock
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From: Chuck Brock <prinmancz@yahoo.com>
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From: Jodi Cook <jodi.cook0983@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 6:30 PM
To: McCarthy, Conor; Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Hunter, Lillian
Cc: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Home in Tacoma Ordinance: 28793

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Good Evening Council Members, My name is Jodi Cook.

My comments are related to Ordinance: **28793**

I am here to represent the 1,891 people who have signed a petition started just last week, called “Save Our Tacoma Neighborhoods”. The petition is growing, as more residents begin to understand the impact of the “Mid-scale” map, which allows 3-4 story apartments next to small 1 ½ story homes along designated corridors.

Regarding the Mid-scale designation, surrounding the Washington Elementary school and playground. The school is currently surrounded by small homes on 3 sides.

I am very concerned regarding the safety of these small children and in ability of parents to find places to park when dropping off and picking up.

This is also true on the south side of N 26th where the Wheelock library is across the street.

Additionally, the homes on N 27th, east of the Proctor III building, for example

Mike Lonergan’s home, is coded as being in a R2 View Sensitive district. Is the intent of Home in Tacoma to change current VSD homes that do not have Covenants, Conditions or Restrictions?

Thank you, Jodi Cook

From: Ben Gearheard <bgearheard@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 7:50 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: RE ordinance no. 28793

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Dear Tacoma City Council,

Regarding the Home in tacoma ordinance no. 28793

I support the proposed ordinance!

I think it's a great idea to change the zoning and make our city a destination for development. We need housing so bad that people are paying the majority of their income to live in tiny apartments. Let's get bigger buildings developed. Let's get the wasteful single-family zoning off the books and reduce the suburban sprawl out into the county.

Opponents of this ordinance are putting a lot of emphasis on the loss of tree canopy.. This argument fails to take into account the ACRES of deforestation taking place out in the county as more and more land is razed for tract housing and cheap apartments build FAR from transit.

We can save those trees by building in the urban center.

We can get cars off the roads by building near transit lines and in places where you can walk to accomplish errands.

If the homeowners of tacoma (and I am one of them, in the South End) don't want duplexes, triplexes and townhouses in their neighborhood, then they can just decide to sit on their land. If someone wants to sell to a developer or use their land in a more environmentally friendly and economically profitable way, they should have the right to do that. A lot of homeowners in this city have a single family zoned lot and can't even entertain the option of building something bigger. Let's open that option up to our existing property owners. Allow tacoma's families to build wealth by up-zoning their investments in real property.

The council's previous steps to allow ADUs citywide was a step in the right direction, but the lowly ADU is not going to provide enough housing for the massive influx of residents coming to our city and making the rent prices go up.

We have to get units built ASAP. Forget the current zoning and pass 28793

thanks,

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From: Ben Ferguson <bferguson@fergusonarch.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 24, 2021 12:24 PM
To: City Clerk's Office; Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; Hunter, Lillian; McCarthy, Conor; Walker, Kristina
Cc: Damen Jeg; sherri@valeovocation.org
Subject: Home in Tacoma - Phase 1 with Amendments Feedback

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Esteemed Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of the revised Home in Tacoma Phase 1 policy and for most of the proposed amendments. I also want to thank council for not rushing HIT through, giving it time to work out the details has resulted in a much improved Phase 1 policy. Most of us understand this is urgent, but that is the best reason to be measured, a bad policy could have set this work back even longer.

I strongly support the changes to the mid-density map, especially limiting the zone to ½-block depth (in most locations) to keep large rental buildings to area with walkable access to transit and amenities. Keeping the larger buildings out of neighborhoods for now should ease concerns of neighbors who want to minimize impacts to their neighborhoods. Thank you for your measured approach to this controversial topic.

I strongly support the policy for low-density areas as well. This zone is likely to be active quickly with small developers and non-professional residents upgrading property that will allow more people places to live. If the policy can make it easy for people to purchase the new units through fee-simple financing, it could usher in a new era of allowing people to become homeowners.

The only amendment that I have a concern about is Thoms proposal to limit the low-density zone to 15 units/acre. I understand the goal, to keep development from getting out of control and being abused like it is in Seattle, but 15 units/acre is too low. The typical SF lot in Tacoma is 6000 sf. That makes the density of the status quo 7.24 units/acre. 15/units per acre would only allow a ADU/DADU/Duplex to be constructed on a typical lot, which defeats the underlying vision for low-density zoning. A triplex is 22 units/acre which is recommended, therefore the existing 25 unit/acre goal is more reasonable. A fourplex would require 29 units/acre, so the existing threshold is modest within the vision for this policy.

Thank you for all the attention and effort each of you have expended to get the program to this place.

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From: Esther Day <Dayesther214@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 3:55 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Ushka, Catherine; Woodards, Victoria; Conor McCarthy; Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Beale, Chris; Walker, Kristina
Subject: Home in Tacoma
Attachments: HIT Postcard.pdf

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cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org

Dear City Clerk, Mayor and Members of the Council,

It is rather distressing that even now, as I doorbell homes to ask them if they have heard that their homes are being rezoned, THEY STILL HAVE NO idea that this is happening. The question you all need to ask yourselves, have WE made the best effort possible to reach out to ALL our homeowners?

Given that the only thing I saw that we received (and did not mention rezone) is the attached postcard that was sent to Postal Customers. Note, this was sent during a time when the Post Office had staffing issues because of the pandemic. Folks were stressed out about their jobs closing, business owners had to close their businesses, and so much more. Think? How would you feel? Especially if the Postal Carriers did not deliver the post cards because it was not addressed to anyone in particular.

I ask you to put yourselves in their shoes. Would you give this notice a second glance when you had more important issues involving your job or lack thereof, your mortgage, rent, family wellbeing, rents, children not in school, etc. THINK!

Note: The Midscale is not going to be good for Tacoma. It WILL NOT CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. This is just about creating customers for transit! Plain and simple. Do not sacrifice all of our city for transit. If you did not mean this to be the case, then why did the Planning Commission keep talking about transit. Made it a point to wait to hear from the commissioner who works for Transit.

It is important for me to tell you that I received the above postcard, and I kept it for "the heck of it" - especially as I had been a Planning Commissioner in the 90s. It was then that I learned about this rezone. Not any time before that.

I was so busy getting vaccine appointments for seniors I had met that did not have computers and driving them to get their shots. It was a shock to see this rezone. Imagine what folks are feeling NOW, that they are hearing this for the first time as I doorbell.

You could have held public meetings. If our mayor could be out on National Night in the Hilltop – meeting folks and getting her picture taken, why not hold public meetings at locations that would allow the public to hear what you were up to. It is important that NO ONE DID THAT – I don't think you were trying to pass this without public input, but that is how it comes across.

We need to be conservative. Councilmember Blocker wants bigger swaths of Midscale. That does not fit with other parts of Tacoma that already have a lot of apartments. Keep it to a minimum or preferably NOT AT ALL. Developers are chomping at the bit trying to get homes.

Don't do what Seattle did. They destroyed single family residential areas. Also, make sure that you don't allow Air BNBs to take any of our apartments. That is what has happened to Seattle and it is quickly becoming somewhat of a ghost town because many folks are not there. THEY WILL COME HERE!

So, no Affordable Housing for the young folks that dream of having their own place to call home.

Also, people are working from home. The Low Scale makes so much more sense. I don't like it, but it does – from a development point of view and I have worked with many during the Oil boom in the 70's in Houston where we had 2000 families moving into Houston a week. A WEEK! Yes, you saw it.

What we need Tacoma to do is to invest in fixing our infrastructure for all of Tacoma – not just development.

Be the leaders that your constituents hoped you would be. LISTEN TO THEM – oh, you are but only those who know about this.

Our water is not a sure thing. Water aquifers are not recharging in many of our areas as you are being led to believe.

You don't have anyone with REAL SCIENCE background that can do this research. You are so short staffed at the City that you are not getting good scientific input. If you are, let us know who that is and what their credentials are. Not just Professional Engineers that don't have a science degree/background. That is what we need especially in view of the fact that Climate Change is here and it will be growing more complicated as time goes on.

Are the apartments being built now being retrofitted for earthquake issues? Will the big apartment buildings rock when there is an earthquake? What are you doing to ensure that lives will be saved if the buildings you are putting in are retrofitted to withstand earthquakes.

There is so much that needs to be examined and it does not appear to be so. Are your inspectors up for the job – I say this because when we bought a home to remodel and sell.

The inspector placed a notice on our property to stop construction. We heard him say that our foundation was not appropriate. Never mind that it was what the Enviro house at the garbage dump indicates as what is the future.

THINK ABOUT THIS.

Keep the Midscale at a minimum or get rid of it. Learn from those individual sites as regards what works or does not work. Once you open up the pandora's box, you will have bloody hell trying to correct the mess. **Where will businesses in our communities grow?**

More importantly, THE GMA does not require you to do this. GIVE THE PEOPLE A VOTE. Listen to them – give us a responsible official that will take note of our comments and respond to all of us.

I could go on with so much more, but You were elected to do what is BEST FOR TACOMA – not what developers want, not what TRANSIT wants (Victoria, Kristina, Chris, Mello, and Campbell) sit on the transit board? A commissioner works for transit.

This is why YOU NEED TO REACH OUT TO THE PEOPLE. HEAR THEIR INPUT. What does your gut tell you?

Regards,
Esther Day

Help shape the future of housing in Tacoma

To meet growing demands from the community for increased housing supply, affordability and choice, the City is considering the following proposed actions:

- Allow more housing types throughout Tacoma's neighborhoods
- Allow mid-scale multifamily housing in areas close to shopping and transit
- Update design standards so new housing complements the neighborhood
- Strengthen policies and programs to make housing more affordable
- Strengthen anti-racism and anti-displacement policies and programs

We are considering actions to adapt our rules and policies to support the development of more diverse and affordable housing options, along with steps to get neighborhood growth right.

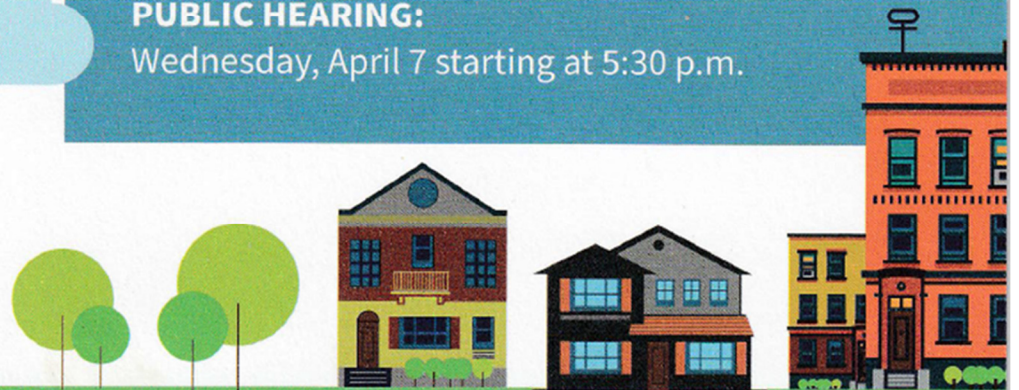
To learn more about the proposed changes, visit cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma or join us for an

INFORMATION MEETING:

Thursday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m. on ZOOM
(with Spanish live translation)

PUBLIC HEARING:

Wednesday, April 7 starting at 5:30 p.m.



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Today many people struggle to find housing they can afford that meets their needs. The City is asking for public comment on proposals that would affect most of Tacoma's residential areas, as well as a package of near-term code changes, and an environmental (SEPA) review of potential growth impacts.

To provide comments:

- Join us at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 7, 2021** at the Planning Commission Public Hearing on ZOOM
- Provide written comments to **planning@cityoftacoma.org** or the address below by **Friday, April 9, 2021**:
Planning Commission
747 Market Street Room 349, Tacoma WA 98402
- Provide comments on our interactive online map by **Friday, April 9, 2021**

Meeting details are available at **cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma**.
For more information: **planning@cityoftacoma.org**, (253) 591-5030
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From: Steve Allsop <s.allsop.37@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 8:41 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Corridors - Home in Tacoma

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CM's and Mayor: this is one more appeal that you disband with the "Corridors" that indiscriminately drop apartment houses in once-peaceful neighborhoods.

- Neighborhood character is a primary purchasing criteria. It is wrong for you to dictate radical change to my carefully chosen homestead.
- The most recent map reduces the number of corridors. That shows you have heard the chorus of protestations. So please listen to the rest of us. Reducing the number spares some, but increases pressure on those of us still unfortunate enough to have this gun to our heads.
- The infill pilot program already allows everything except mid-scale and has been cited by planning commission members as well as many others as potentially providing significantly more housing choice. The changes it brings are substantial but bearable. Why needlessly pile on before the Pilot has had a chance to run its course?
- "Scaling" and other "nice on paper" mitigations are simply not practical in a vast number of cases. So, those supposed safeguards will be done away with in Phase II. Using them as rationale for introducing mid-scale throughout the corridor areas is unrealistic.

Please eliminate the mid-scale corridors. Represent ALL of your constituents by protecting neighborhood character while at the same time providing opportunity through the Infill program and future carefully targeted density (such as the Dome District and other areas that would benefit).

Respectfully,

Steve Allsop
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From: George Oberhofer <georged.oberhofer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 4:27 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Suggestions regarding Home in Tacoma initiative

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While Home in Tacoma is an initiative that will ultimately prove worthy of public support, it is not ready for approval in its current form, for the following reasons:

1. Up-zoning arterials encircles traditional single family neighborhoods with five story walls of apartments, reducing their desirability and therefore leading to their deterioration over time. Up-zoning must be limited to nodes, not corridors, and then only in areas well-served by public transportation.
2. A plan that assumes public transportation that does not now exist, and requires expansion of police, fire and EMT services which in actuality are instead shrinking, is reckless. A plan like HIT should only be implemented when complementary plans for needed support services are also in place.
3. Any plan should eliminate unnecessary red tape, but also avoid incorporation of direct or indirect subsidies, such as tax breaks for, or requirements to incorporate units at below-market rents or prices. Such subsidies merely accrue to employers who can continue to pay wages that make living in Tacoma unaffordable for workers in the absence of such subsidies. Better by far to let market forces equilibrate housing prices and labor costs.

Respectfully submitted,
George Oberhofer

From: Michael Steffan <michael.steffan@sequoyah.com>
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 4:06 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: No Mid-Scale Zoning

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Please do not move forward with this Mid-Scale Zoning. Our neighborhoods in Tacoma, with all their character, charm and history are what makes Tacoma so special. This will make our neighborhoods more congested, hurt our tree canopy and benefit developers not the hard working home owners who have worked their whole lives to have a nice home for their families. Parking is already a struggle for almost all neighborhoods, many homes are 100+ years old, once you lose that historic charm that makes some of our Tacoma neighborhoods a destination, you'll never get it back.

Please do not do this! This needs to be better thought out.



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From: Ellen Cohen <cohenellenr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Constituent Services
Cc: City Clerk's Office; Hines, John; McCarthy, Conor; Hunter, Lillian; Walker, Kristina; Blocker, Keith; Beale, Chris; Thoms, Robert
Subject: Re: HIT

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Dear Mr. Richardson,

PLEASE do not characterize my comments as being in support of HIT. I believe I stated clearly that I am NOT in favor of the mid-scale portion of HIT at this time. I am only supportive of the low-scale aspect of rezoning. This does not imply that I am in favor of the HIT proposal as it now stands.

Please clarify this with Mayor Woodards when you review emails with her, as I am certain that there may be similar comments from other constituents which are supportive of only the low-scale aspect of rezoning.

Thank you,

Ellen Cohen

On Monday, November 22, 2021, 02:12:36 PM PST, Constituent Services <constituentservices@cityoftacoma.org> wrote:

Dear Ellen,

On behalf of Mayor Woodards thank you for writing. I will make sure she knows of your support for Home in Tacoma when I review her constituent emails with her later this week.

You will be able to comment on this item at both the November 23rd and November 30th City Council meetings. They start at 5pm. If you'd like to comment, here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84834233126pwd=QzdSeStEcmVCMkNmN0xIUtdVbXkrUT09>

Passcode: 349099

Thank you, and please do keep advocating.

Sincerely,

Ted Richardson

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Management Fellow

City Manager's Office

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From: Ellen Cohen <cohenellenr@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 4:12 PM

To: Woodards, Victoria <victoria.woodards@cityoftacoma.org>; Hines, John <John.Hines@cityoftacoma.org>; McCarthy, Conor <Conor.McCarthy@cityoftacoma.org>; Hunter, Lillian <lillian.hunter@cityoftacoma.org>; Beale, Chris <chris.beale@cityoftacoma.org>; Ushka, Catherine <cushka@cityoftacoma.org>; Blocker, Keith <Keith.Blocker@cityoftacoma.org>; Thoms, Robert <robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org>; Walker, Kristina <Kristina.Walker@cityoftacoma.org>; City Clerk's Office <ccwebmgr@cityoftacoma.org>

Subject: HIT

Dear Council Members.

I urge you to put on hold the mid-scale proposals within the HIT plan for the City of Tacoma. Allow for mid-scale development to occur in areas that are already zoned for multi-story residential buildings. Allow the currently zoned single family areas to be rezoned for low-scale development. Evaluate the effectiveness of that rezoning before moving on to the next step, if it proves to be necessary.

Along with needs for infrastructure to support mid-scale housing in currently single-family zoned areas, stabilizing and/or increasing tree canopy, "affordable" housing requirements of developers and effective tax incentives for development are necessary to have in place, as well as design standards before a change to mid-scale development.

Thank you for considering this viewpoint.

Ellen Cohen

From: James Reuter <rotophoto1942@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 12:20 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: The Need to Preserve North Union Avenue

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The Need to Preserve North Union Avenue

We believe that the Home in Tacoma's proposal to rezone North Union Avenue to allow Mid-scale housing would be extremely detrimental to the quality of life in one of Tacoma's most unique areas. Instead of taking the drastic step to rezone this established single-family neighborhood to allow 3 to 4 story apartments, we believe that **North Union Avenue should be preserved and protected for future generations to enjoy.**

There are 2 main reasons we need to preserve North Union Avenue:

- (1)** North Union Avenue is full of historic homes dating back to over 100 years
- (2)** North Union Avenue contains a 10-block long median greenbelt that is environmentally significant

Neighborhood Homes Along North Union Avenue

- **Historic Homes:** The house on the west corner of N. Union Ave. and N. 22nd, was built in 1925 and was the first all electric home in Tacoma (see related photo from Tacoma News Tribune)

- **No Vacant Land is Available:** Since there is no available vacant land along North Union Avenue, the only way to build Mid-scale 3 to 4 story apartments would be for developers to buy single family homes as they up on the market and then demolish them to make way for the apartments. This process of demolishing homes and then building modern structures would destroy the fabric of the neighborhood. Instead, apartment developers should be looking for vacant land as well as vacant buildings (to repurpose) that exist within our downtown areas, Mixed-Use Centers and scattered throughout our city.

- **The Negative Effects of Tall Apartments Next Door to Single Family Homes**

Currently, the HIT proposal would allow for ½ of each block along the Mid-scale block be zoned for a 3 to 4 story apartments. But what the proposal does not mention is that these very tall structures would not only “stick out” within the block of smaller homes, but would negatively impact the other ½ of the block of homes through the loss of privacy, loss of sunlight, loss of parking, etc. To see the negative effects of boxy, modern apartments built next to a single family home, one has only to look at the neighborhood block of N. 8th and N. Prospect to see a quaint Victorian house squeezed

between 2 modern boxy apartments.

- **Negative environmental impact of demolition and rebuilding:** In addition to the labor and time it will take to demolish 100-year-old homes, it is a terrible waste of their valuable old building materials (such as first growth timber). And all of the tons of demolished houses will be added to our already overflowing landfills. Then, the construction of 3 to 4 story apartments will cost additional time, materials and labor. Therefore, is it really economically and environmentally wise to demolish and rebuild?? Wouldn't it be far wiser to build on vacant land or repurpose already existing buildings into multi-family housing?

- **Building 3 to 4 Story Apartments Along North Union Avenue Will Not Provide Affordable Housing** – nor will it help with the current housing shortage. Currently, the North End is one of the most expensive areas for real estate in our City. So it's very doubtful that any amount of apartment buildings will provide affordable housing.

Environmental Importance of the North Union Ave. Greenbelt

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- In making any decisions for rezoning, we should follow the recommendations outlined in the **Tacoma Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability:** When considering the importance of the mature maple trees along North Union Avenue, one needs to read the vision statement of the Tacoma Office of EPS. In addition, it's

critical to read through the statements of the Urban Forestry Plan: “Tree preservation is the most important action we can take for the sustained health and well-being of Tacoma.”

- **Along North Union Avenue** (from North 19th street all the way to North 30th street) **there is a 10 block long canopy of mature maple trees.** Specifically, along the 4 blocks of North Union Avenue from North 21st Street to North 26th street, there are approx. 36 maple trees on the median greenbelt AND along the sidewalks of residential homes, there are approx. 40 maple trees (note that a North 23rd street does not exist.) In addition, there are 2 Redwood trees on each end of the median greenbelts. That’s a total of approx. 92 trees just along 4 blocks of N. Union Avenue!

- **There are a multitude of benefits provided by urban tree canopies.**

The Tacoma’s Urban Forestry Report lists numerous benefits of tree canopies that further support our belief that we should do our best to preserve North Union Avenue’s tree canopy and greenbelt. Here is a partial list of how trees are beneficial:

- *Shade on hot summer days

- *Animal habitat

- *Improved property value

- *Runoff reduction storm water

*Clean air and making breathing easier

*Reduced carbon dioxide

*Sound buffer

*Beautiful autumn leaf colors

*Diminishes urban heat islands

*Decreases crime

*Calming traffic

*Reduces stress

*Fall leaves provide nitrogen for the soil

*Keeps sidewalk pavement cooler

*And the list goes on!

• **Demolishing homes and building 3-4 story apartments has the potential of damaging or even destroying parts of the North Union Avenue's tree canopy.** In all likelihood, some trees will either be damaged or destroyed when apartments are built on Union Ave. Whenever a tree is cut down, the carbon dioxide that it has been storing is released into the atmosphere. And even when new trees are planted, it will take decades for that tree to grow and mature so that it can provide the same environmental benefits as the older tree.

• **Compared to other Puget Sound Cities, Tacoma has one of the lowest tree canopies of all the cities.** Therefore, instead disrupting

the Union Avenue trees with the demolition of houses and building of apartments, we must do all we can to protect this valuable resource. Our City government should look into qualifying Union Avenue trees as our City's **Heritage Trees**.

• **The Trust for Public Land states that that every city resident should have access to a park or green space within a 10-minute walk to their house.** If preserved and protected, our 10 blocks long Union Avenue maple lined median green space can continue to fulfill our neighborhood's access to a beautiful green space. From our living room window, we can watch our neighbors enjoying the Union Ave. median year round: dog walkers in the spring, Frisbee players in the summer, University of Puget Sound joggers in the fall and kids rolling up giant snowballs in the winter.

Georgette and Jim Reuter

11/16/2021

From: James Reuter <rotophoto1942@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 12:16 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Objections to Mid-Scale Rezoning

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

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As longtime home owners in Tacoma, we strongly object to Home in Tacoma's proposal to rezone parts of our established neighborhoods to Mid-scale housing. We believe that by demolishing older homes and replacing them with 3 to 4 story apartments will ultimately destroy the fabric of our unique neighborhoods.

Here are other important points that we would like to make:

1. The Home in Tacoma's plan to totally eliminate single family zoning citywide is, in itself, **a drastic step** that many, many citizens are completely unaware of. To date, the City has only sent out 2 small postcards that encourage citizens to go online and/or attend zoom meetings to learn about HIT. During this past year, we have talked with so many people who either don't understand Home in Tacoma or have never heard of it. They don't even remember getting one of the postcards. **Most of us residents have heard about HIT solely by word of mouth.** Not quite the most effective way for a City to communicate to its citizens.
2. Although Low-scale housing has been in development for some time, the Mid-scale proposal was introduced this year **during a pandemic** when in-person meetings and effective public outreach were impossible. Citizens need much more time to fully understand how HIT can affect their own home, neighborhood and city.
3. Please **put Mid-scale zoning on hold** and focus resources on taking the essential steps to get Low-scale zoning right. Ensure that the architecture of each multi-family housing unit blends into the established neighborhood. Have rules and regulations that will prevent any more boxy and unattractive apartments to be built in an established older neighborhood such as the 2 apts. that are on either side of a quaint Victorian home at N. 8th and N. Prospect.
4. **Protect and preserve historic homes and neighborhoods.** Don't allow well built older homes to be demolished and replaced by modern structures that destroy the fabric of an established neighborhood.
5. **Mid-scale housing is not appropriate in established single family neighborhoods.** Rather, there should be incentives for developers to create affordable multi-family housing where it's actually needed in some of the City's **Mixed-Use Centers.** (This

should not apply to the Proctor Mixed-Use Center which is already crowded with 2 expensive, 6 story apartments and another one on the way!) Also, incentives should be given for developers to build on vacant land and transform vacant buildings into apartments in the downtown core or along the Light Rail.

In closing, we believe the **plans for Mid-scale zoning should be put on hold.** Please don't move so rapidly on a city-wide rezoning plan that has the possibility of changing the fabric of our City's unique neighborhoods for generations to come.

Thank you again for taking your time to read our letter and carefully consider the consequences of Mid-scale zoning.

Sincerely,

Georgette and Jim Reuter

From: cherylj98634 <cherylj98634@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 9:14 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Zoning

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I oppose zoning even 20 o/o for multiple housing. I watched this happen in San Diego. My brother i n law and sister ended up with an apartment next to them. They lived in a residential area. The apartments on their side looked right into their backyard. They lost all of their privacy. It was San Diego! People sunbathed. People had pools. People slept on their patios. They had parties. Everything was scrutinized by others. Their six foot fence kept people in the bottom apartments from watching them and stray dogs out of the yard. Crime did increase.

From: Dawn Nanfito <dawn.nanfito@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 8:59 AM

To: City Clerk's Office; Woodards, Victoria

Subject: Home in Tacoma

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The legacy of Home in Tacoma will always be that you pushed it through during a pandemic when citizens were preoccupied and council was not meeting in person.

Why do you think you have done sufficient outreach when most of the people I know only know about it from me? My neighbors are elderly and do not have a computer. What about them and people like them? Additionally, [studies have shown](#) that a detached portal like Zoom affects engagement. It seems this is your goal.

Have you presented data to constituents from other cities who have rezoned mid-scale in residential areas? No, because there aren't any. Why now, then?

You could have had so much more support if you had done this differently. Instead there is fear and animosity. What purpose does that serve?

This is about greed. Not a vision.

Dawn Nanfito

From: Diana Armstrong <diana.armstrong2363@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2021 9:28 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: 'Save our Tacoma'

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I support 'save our Tacoma Petition! Please vote 'no'!!!! Please save Tacoma neighborhoods from large scale apartments and other structures. Thank you-sincerely, a caring Tacoma resident who lives in a beautiful Tacoma neighborhood and wants it to stay that way.

I pay extremely high taxes to live in my single family home

Neighborhood and by building a large scaled structure,

It will devalue my home and others! Please don't

Sell out Tacoma neighborhoods to the highest bidder and special interest groups who do t care about Tacoma, only care about where their next dollar is coming from! I trust you will make make the right choice and listen to the people of Tacoma who love their single family neighborhoods and homes! We aren't stupid and can see right through 'HIT' and who really is behind it and what their true motives are! Sincerely, Concerned north End neighborhood resident and a pierce Co. voter

From: Syed Meer <ashmeer@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2021 8:58 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Please pass Home in Tacoma

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Hello, I am a Tacoma resident, a homeowner, and a volunteer at Tacomaprobono's Housing Justice Project. I am acutely aware of the shortage of housing options in Tacoma. Every day I speak to people who are being evicted, not because they can't pay their rent, but because their landlord has increased their rent by 50% or more. Demand at all levels is immense. We have a basement apartment in our home that we rent below market and we get calls twice a week from people asking if it is available. If more apartments were available in residential areas, we would attract more young people who could provide workers for our local businesses and customers for our small businesses. Where do the teachers live when rent is more than half their salary and options are few. My son has teachers who travel more than an hour to get to work because they can't find housing in Tacoma.

Home in Tacoma, while not a panacea, is a great first step to defining a vision for growth in Tacoma. There will always be people who resist progress, only to be pleasantly surprised when it finally comes. Please don't let the noisy, but ultimately small, cadre of 'Don't Seattle My Tacoma' shut down what is an inspired and well-crafted vision for the next several decades. We know from scientific projections that climate change will ultimately drive more people to cities to be nearer to amenities and reduce their energy costs, if we aren't prepared for that with sufficient housing stock, it could lead to even bigger problems with housing.

Please vote for Home in Tacoma.

Thank you,
Syed Meer
1256 S. Ainsworth Avenue.

From: Sally Salzberg <sally.salzberg@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2021 7:23 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Ordinance to Change Neighborhood Zoning

Importance: Low

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Council Members.

Do NOT pass this ordinance and stand down from falling into the traps that overtaken Seattle and happening elsewhere in this country. It is a financial ruse backed by national developers and will literally overwhelm real estate in our area, potentially forever. Developers are already encroaching into our environment, building Seattle and Bellevue-like "apartments" at high costs with zero outdoor areas. Do you really want to be the Council that ruins Tacoma and reduces the home ownership opportunities for ALL economic individuals and stand up to the developers? Stop making decisions based on unknown and unproven tax base. Have some moxie and stand up to this garbage, otherwise, there will be an exodus of all economic levels from this area. HAVE A BACKBONE FOR ONCE!

Sally Salzberg
West End

"Google" is NOT a verb!
So, how is everyone enjoying O'BAMA's THIRD term?
Sent from my IBM Selectric Typewriter
If you are concerned about meddling of our elections, *stop using Google!*
If you are concerned about security and privacy, *stop using Google!*

From: MERLE JAMERSON <mmaj1945@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2021 5:20 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Changing housing zones

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Families want to keep neighbors with yards and parking neighbor stores and schools.

Washington is not New York where the apartments cover blocks of apartments, no yards, parking on sidewalks. Tacoma is not Seattle we don't need or want a three level apartment building beside our private homes or behind them.

Many of the people voting for this change don't live in Tacoma or live in what use to be called the better part of the areas for housing.

Look how many years it to change the hilltop to a affordable living safe housing area. How many years did it take for Tacoma Housing change the living environment for home owners after they placed all those low-cost housing a parents and they were destroyed and new ones built after 20-25 years in the mean time a lot of people sold their homes and moved to Fircrest and than across the bridges to Gig harbor there are hundreds of empty buildings that could be removed and homes placed there instead of destroying what is left of family homes and neighborhoods.

Please remember you don't have to destroy current neighbors and home to give builders money in their pockets.

Look at North Procter and those apartments that make the area look like an overdevelopment area it's just ugly for families with children not everyone especially homeless families want to residents of a confined area because they aren't safe due to overcrowding and limited fee space to enjoy ... Thank you please think of all the residents that want to keep the the dignity of owing an actual home and the luxury of having privacy of yards and a single family dwelling.

Thank you

Merle Jamerson

76 year resident of Tacoma

Sent from my iPhone

From: Dawn Seaholm <dseaholm69@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2021 4:24 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Changing single family zoning

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You are not listening to the Citizens of Tacoma!
Sent from my iPad.Dawn Seaholm

From: Bess Poehlmann <bess@poehlmann.co>
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2021 3:47 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Home in Tacoma, Ordinance 28793

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Hello,

I am writing to express my support for the Save our Tacoma Neighborhoods petition which has thus far garnered over 1,700 signatures. I do not approve of the city's density proposal as it fails to adequately consider livability and quality of life issues for current home owners and moves way too fast to bring in three and four story apartment buildings. Proctor is a nice family oriented neighborhood and increasing the density will diminish that. I want the city to focus on making the city nicer for families by adding sidewalks and curbs and adding parks and protecting our green canopy and providing more frequent trash pick up. These are the things the city council should be spending their time on. Please forward these comments to the City Council.

Thank you,

Bess Poehlmann

Tacoma, WA

From: Ed <edwardwnolan1@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2021 3:15 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Home in Tacoma

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As a resident of North Tacoma I would like to voice my support for the Home in Tacoma ordinance now before the council. It is critical that we increase housing density in all areas of the city, including the north end. I support additional apartment construction and most particularly additional condominium construction in the neighborhood. Additional condos will allow people who have lived in the neighborhood for a long time and are now ready to give up their single family homes but still want to stay in and enjoy the neighborhood. We should not deprive them of this opportunity.

Pass the ordinance and keep Tacoma growing.

Ed Nolan

From: Judith Greene <jhgreene67@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2021 8:33 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Thoms, Robert
Subject: No to mid scale zoning proposed in HiT

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Please leave the city's residential areas intact and concentrate multi family housing in the areas already zoned for it: downtown and the commercial centers. Do not allow or encourage apartments along streets leading away from neighborhood centers. Adopt the part of the plan that allows duplexes and accessory dwellings, but only provisionally- make the planning department work with neighborhoods on design standards.

Thank you,
Judy Greene
8201 Sixth Ave #331

Sent from my iPhone

From: David Ullman <1onedeu1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2021 5:53 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Neighborhood Zoning

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WE MOVED HERE TO AVOID THE SO CALLED ADVANTAGES OF "DENSIFICATION" AND "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" ... TO NAME JUST TWO.
THIS KIND OF PLANNING DESTROYS THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE, PROPERTY VALUES, SCHOOLS, BASIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES. TAXES WILL INCREASE NEIGHBORHOODS WILL DEGENERATE, TRAFFIC WILL BE RUINOUS, OPEN SPACE WILL BE REPLACED BY TINY GREEN AREAS ... THE LIST IS ENDLESS. MOST IMPORTANT THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT MOST PEOPLE WORK FOR AND PAY FOR WILL PUTRIFY.

TACOMA ALREADY HAS PLENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING...AND EASY ROOM FOR MORE...LOOK AT ALL THE AREAS THAT COULD STAND GENTRIFICATION.

WHY DESTROY THE REASONS WHY PEOPLE LIKE LIVING HERE OR WANT TO LIVE HERE?

THIS KIND OF THINKING ACTUALLY BURDENS THE MIDDLE CLASS WHILE PUTTING MONEY INTO THE POCKETS OF DEVELOPERS AND BUILDERS.

DAVID ULLMAN
3103 N. 13th Street
Tacoma 89406

From: nancy corr <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 2:43 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,

WE MUST PROTECT TACOMA AND FROM CONSTRUCTING MORE FOSSIL FUEL
INFRASTRUCTURE !!

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, NANCY CORR

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Des Moines, Washington 98198

From: Elizabeth Larter <elizabeth.larter@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 12:01 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Please pass Home in Tacoma a

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Hello -

Writing as a homeowner in Tacoma that is urging City Council to approve Home in Tacoma. This is a smart, long-term plan that will help Tacoma address its housing supply issues while allowing diversity of housing options to meet current and future residents needs and desired types of housing. Increasing housing supply - and a wide variety of options - is grossly needed throughout the City to keep it housing on the more affordable end.

As a newer Tacoma resident, I am proud to see Council thinking and acting to address short term and long-term needs for the City of today and tomorrow. Other Cities and communities throughout the Sound would be smart to consider similar policies.

Urging Council to support this as a positive and much needed step forward to address the number one issue- housing current and future residents.

Elizabeth Larter

From: Steven Bakker <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 9:16 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Pass the Home in Tacoma ordinance this November

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City Clerk,

To: The Tacoma City Council

Tacoma has a housing affordability crisis. According to the Tacoma News Tribune, over the last decade median home prices in Tacoma have grown by 108%, rents have gone up by 78%, while median income has grown by only 10%. We're spending more and more of our paycheck every year on housing. Housing construction simply hasn't kept up with demand. Compared to other cities of our size, Tacoma builds very little new housing. It's no wonder why; presently 75% of the city is zoned exclusively for the most expensive type of housing. As a result, Tacoma builds fewer homes than most comparable cities.

For years and years the city has been talking about how to fix this. The city has studied this issue. The city has consulted with experts and has solicited participation from the community members. The city has taken comments and done studies. And seven years ago, after all that, our elected officials committed the following:

"Promote access to high-quality affordable housing that accommodates Tacomans' needs, preferences, and financial capabilities in terms of different types, tenures, density, sizes, costs, and locations. Ensure equitable access to housing, making a special effort to remove disparities in housing access for people of color, low-income households, diverse household types, older adults, and households that include people with disabilities. Promote safe, healthy housing that provides convenient access to jobs and to goods and services that meet daily needs. This housing is connected to the rest of the city and region by safe, convenient, affordable multimodal transportation."

Home In Tacoma is the first concrete step in living up to that commitment. It is long overdue. It is time now to implement the original recommendation endorsed by a super majority of the city's planning commission. Working and middle class people can't afford to wait.

Let's build again in Tacoma. Home in Tacoma includes Low Scale Residential and Mid-Scale provisions, with a mix of housing choices and opportunities anchored around a variety of transportation options and brick and mortar services. Just like the way we used to build. The

proposal will provide more and varied ownership options, allowing more Tacomans of all incomes to own homes and find decent housing. The Mid-Scale provisions are restricted to major transit corridors, but are just broad enough to help lower rents in the city.

Tacoma stands at a crossroads as we choose what kind of city we want to be. Do we want to be a city for everyone? The Tacoma City Council should pass Home in Tacoma and abolish the legacy of redlining and exclusionary zoning.

WE STRONGLY ENDORSE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN:

- Reducing rents and increasing housing affordability will provide relief for rent and housing cost burdened Tacomans.
- Inclusionary zoning requirements serve as a means of making sure that the benefits of development are evenly shared with the most vulnerable, and help keep everyone in the city.
- More density along transit lines and more walkability, paired with green buildings, create a more sustainable and more healthy city.

HOWEVER, WE THINK THE FOLLOWING POLICY FIXES ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE THE PROPOSAL WORK FOR ALL TACOMANS:

- Stronger emphasis on anti-displacement policy to accompany the more liberalized zoning regime.
- Slash parking mandates.
- Some clarity on the role of design standards and a commitment that this will not serve as a veto point for housing production.
- Mandatory rent restricted, income restricted units as part of an inclusionary zoning framework.
- Use inclusionary zoning or other incentive structures to build out the city's Housing Trust Fund, so that it can fund affordable and social housing development.
- Speedy and rapid implementation of this proposal. Slowing down the process will only weaken the ultimate product and justice demands that we move as swiftly as possible.

Thank you,

Steven Bakker

Steven Bakker
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1716 S. Cushman Ave
Tacoma, Washington 98405

From: Matthew Price <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 6:07 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Pass the Home in Tacoma ordinance this November

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City Clerk,

To: The Tacoma City Council

I'll briefly put in my \$0.02. I'm a veteran on 100% disability and I cannot afford to live in any of pierce county. I don't make 2.5 to 3 times rent. I have bad credit, which is always a factor. I have a poor rental history for a few personal health-related issues. I am literally too poor to have someplace to live while on full disability. I am currently couch surfing in port orchard and commuting across the bridge, paying for gas and tolls, because of this. I'm hoping I can fix my credit enough to buy some 1b1br 300sqft house for \$400k which is super sweet.

The one or two apartments that come up on craigslist or Zillow that I can afford don't accept dogs. While my dog has papers from the VA saying he's my support animal, I don't want to put myself in a situation where I tell the landlord and they ghost me or deny me for a dumb reason or I could lie/withhold the fact that I have him and deal with animosity for the entire lease.

I love Tacoma and the PNW, but I'll probably just leave soon. It's too expensive, for too little if any at all.

Thank you,

MP

Matthew Price
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2100 112th ST s
Tacoma, Washington 98444

From: Dena Jones <visitdena@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 5:39 PM
To: Ushka, Catherine; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fwd: PIT DATA needs to be challenged.

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In the recent PIT survey, when asked if the individual lived in Tacoma **prior to being homeless**, were they also asked **to verify their previous address?**

In other words, were these statistics verified in any way?

These statistics are not accurate and misrepresent the reality of what is going on in Tacoma . It is biased, partisan, and falsified information.

Asking us to accept the PIT 70% statistics (people lived in Tacoma before being homeless) is an insult to our intelligence.

Covid is NOT the reason people are living in Tacoma encampments. Encampments were there before Covid and will continue to be after Covid.

Please take these statistics off the Pierce County Website! They are misleading and an unfair representation of what is REALLY happening.

Dena Jones

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From: **Dena Jones** <visitdena@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Nov 18, 2021 at 7:12 AM

Subject: PIT DATA needs to be challenged.

To: <angelayconnelly@hotmail.com>

Cc: Dena Jones <visitdena@gmail.com>, Steve Jones <steve@keyinsure.net>, Esther Day <Dayesther214@outlook.com>

See links below. I do not believe 70% of the homeless lived in Pierce County before they were homeless.

https://www.piercecountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/104280/2021-Homeless-Point_text_version

<https://www.pointintime.info/simtechsolutions/assets/File/PIT%202018%20Unsheltered%20Survey.pdf>Dena Jones

From: Daysha Gee <daishandickey@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 4:53 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Transformation Update (Briefing Item- 21-1142)
Attachments: Transformation Update (Briefing Item- 21-1142).pdf

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Hello-

Please find attached my public comment regarding **Transformation Update (Briefing Item- 21-1142)**.

Thank you,

Daisha Gomillion

November 18, 2021

Mayor Victoria Woodards

Deputy Mayor Keith Blocker

Tacoma City Council Members/City Manager

Subject: **Transformation Update (Briefing Item- 21-1142)**

Dear City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee,

This email is regarding Resolution 40622; this resolution is supposed to acknowledge the City of Tacoma's existing systems have not adequately served the needs of everyone in our community. Particularly not having not adequately served the needs of Black community members and other community members of color. My name is Daisha Gomillion I own a home on the Eastside of Tacoma; residents on the Eastside are demanding change! I am a Black Woman, I know all too well about the injustices of redlining throughout American history; that is the main reason I am advocating for change on the Eastside of Tacoma (a historically redlined community). As a 30-year resident of the Tacoma area, I have never seen any meaningful improvement in the infrastructure of the Eastside other than the rebuilding of Shalishan in 2000 (using the HOPE grant). There has been no updates to local amenities and neighborhoods for years; it is as if the Eastside has been trapped in the past, and locked into concentrated poverty. Redlining was banned over 50 years ago, but it is still hurting minorities, and the Pandemic has compounded the issue and all other issues that already plague the Eastside. Since the Eastside is comprised of predominantly Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), this side of town is still considered hazardous and undesirable, so this area is essentially still being redlined but this type of redlining is withholding infrastructure improvements, public safety request, and request to make Eastside a more equitable and desirable community.

Most middle-class whites in Washington don't have empirical observations of what happens in underserved neighborhoods or understand the historical treatment of poor and minority communities (although many claim they do), and why should they? As long as their neighborhood is not affected it is not an issue, and historically this has been the attitude of most city representatives/council members. Washington's formerly redlined neighborhoods have changed, we are comprised of individuals of all aspects of life; many of us are first or second generation homeowners. We all know that Homeownership is the number-one method of accumulating wealth (at least for minorities), but the effect of discriminatory policies have created more hurdles for the unfairly marginalized working middle class residents of the Eastside, who are caught up in the fray (such as myself). It is easy to say, well maybe you should just move, but why should I move when I see potential in a historically redlined community I do not want to move, I want change. Now that we have acknowledged the historical inequities, what do we do now? How do we make some progress on the Eastside? Besides the 64th street project (which was essential), what other improvements does the Eastside have to look forward to, that will move the Eastside in the direction of equality? I have noticed many efforts are focused on the development of Ruston Way; where most Washington residents cannot even afford to live due to the excessive home prices; but they have a new movie theater, parking garages, restaurants, among other amenities.

The Tacoma Equity Index, did not tell me anything that I did not already know (North Tacoma is high and very high and the other areas of Tacoma range between moderate and low). I love the idea of Resolution 40622; however, I want to see some action! We have to focus on the portion of Resolution 40622 that requires the City Council to **commit to a comprehensive transformation process that will establish new practices based on community and expert opinion as well as past reform efforts, centering the voices of those most impacted by systemic racism.** It is important that you know 311 does not work; I have submitted hundreds of request only to get the runaround or no services at all. 911 operators are indifferent and rude when emergency services are requested on the Eastside.

It's interesting that East 64th Street Phase 1 is a signature project for Tacoma, when that street was incredibly dangerous and unfit to drive, it's shouldn't have been a signature project it should have been a life or death project, the condition of that street was deplorable and should have never gotten to that level of decay. Tacoma City Council does not get kudos points from me for doing something that should have been done years ago but was continually dismissed because the Eastside community was not worthy of improvements due to systemic racism and disparate treatment.

Please act and improve our side of town so that we feel like part of the city and not a discard section of the City.

Sincerely,

Daisha N. Gomillion, MBA (she/her)

From: Daysha Gee <daishandickey@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 2:44 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Overview of Options to Address Camping in the City (Public Comment)
Attachments: Camping in the City of Tacoma (Briefing Item- 21-1141)_Gomillion, Daisha.pdf

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Hello,

Please find attached my public comment regarding Camping in the City.

Kind regards,
Daisha

November 18, 2021

Mayor Victoria Woodards

Deputy Mayor Keith Blocker

Tacoma City Council Members/City Manager

Subject: **Overview of Options to Address Camping in the City of Tacoma (Briefing Item- 21-1141)**

Dear City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee,

This email is regarding how the City has been addressing Camping in the City of Tacoma. My name is Daisha Gomillion I own a home on the Eastside of Tacoma; taxpayers on the Eastside are demanding change! We want our neighborhoods cleaned up! I am tired of opening the curtains in my home (that I worked hard to afford) and seeing huge encampments behind my home flooded with garbage and needles and condoms and old mattresses and shopping carts! My goodness the shopping carts are everywhere! The trash itself is a safety hazard to the small children who play in our neighborhood. My neighborhood works hard to keep our cul-de-sac clean; and it is infuriating when we as a neighborhood cleanup and the next day an encampment pops up on the clean property. Our neighborhood is currently being held hostage by transients and vagabonds that have taken up residence as if they pay property taxes.

While you gallivant at the Elks and Caballero clubs, celebrating your re-election, the residents of Tacoma are suffering. If you think it is bad in North or South Tacoma, it is ten times worse on the Eastside of Tacoma. 72nd street is a gateway to encampment heaven (vagabonds can enter any Eastside residential neighborhood via 72nd street and take up residence establishing an encampment). When they move off City property the next step is moving into residential neighborhoods and victimizing the residents, how will you address this when trespassing laws on private property are not enforced? This ordinance needs to address ALL properties not just City property.

To be frank 311 is not the answer, I have submitted hundreds of 311 request, and I can say only about 5% of them get a response. Their response time is severely delayed a minimum 12 day response time; these delays allow irreparable damage to City and privately owned properties. By the time the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) arrives, the property has been destroyed. I have seen so many homes and private property destroyed by individuals in homeless encampments. The 705 underpass is disgusting! No one should live like that.

There is an elderly lady that use to live in our neighborhood she owns a beautiful home on the corner of 72nd and East E street (503 East 72nd Street). Transients noticed it was empty and have destroyed this elderly women's home she has no other option but to sell it "as is" (this is so sad) she cannot afford the significant repairs; essentially she has lost her family home due to irreparable damage done by encampment residents. They stripped her home of copper wire, graffiti is all over it, used her fence panels for firewood, and have just destroyed this beautiful Old style Tacoma home, I urge you to go take a look and really see the destruction that is happening to our Eastside community. There is no concern or respect for others property or consequences for this type of behavior. The Tacoma Police Department never shows up when called, in fact I have been called back by city officials and told that TPD/Fire Department isn't coming out and they can't approach homeless people due to new legislation; this has created a lawlessness throughout the city that is terrifying. The transients and vagabonds have more rights than the tax paying citizens these days; it does not pay to be a contributing member of society in this State. **Now is the time to restore and enforce Unlawful Camping under Tacoma Municipal Code;** the housing first model is not working because it is not a housing issue for many, it is an addiction and mental health issue.

I have attached some photos/video so that you can see what the citizens of the Eastside are truly dealing with when it comes to public camping all the filth. I hope you really look at the attached photos/video as they are eye opening and truly depict the day-to-day struggles of living on the Eastside and not having City support.

Sincerely,

Daisha N. Gomillion, MBA (she/her)

From: Jeffrey J. Ryan <jjryan@harbornet.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 9:36 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comments regarding the Home in Tacoma project

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Hi,

Your email was given to me by Elliot Barnett. I noticed that my comments to the full council were not posted on your website, nor was my wife's comments. We sent them directly to the full council per their individual emails listed on the council web page. Will all the email get posted at some point? I also noticed several repeated comments by the same residents in your posting of the comments, most notably the Realtors Assoc. form letter (email). In one case one home commented five times in a row, will that appear in any count of the number of responses?

I asked the question regarding posting of the comments via the email provided on the HiT website but I did not get an answer, but the question was posted with the comments?

Let us know if we need to repost the comments on the HiT email link

Thanks,
Jeff

Jeffrey J. Ryan, Architect
LEED AP, BD+C

From: Calvin Read <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 6:49 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Pass the Home in Tacoma ordinance this November

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City Clerk,

To: The Tacoma City Council

Tacoma has a housing affordability crisis. According to the Tacoma News Tribune, over the last decade median home prices in Tacoma have grown by 108%, rents have gone up by 78%, while median income has grown by only 10%. We're spending more and more of our paycheck every year on housing. Housing construction simply hasn't kept up with demand. Compared to other cities of our size, Tacoma builds very little new housing. It's no wonder why; presently 75% of the city is zoned exclusively for the most expensive type of housing. As a result, Tacoma builds fewer homes than most comparable cities.

For years and years the city has been talking about how to fix this. And seven years ago, after all that, our elected officials committed the following:

"Promote access to high-quality affordable housing that accommodates Tacomans' needs, preferences, and financial capabilities in terms of different types, tenures, density, sizes, costs, and locations. Ensure equitable access to housing, making a special effort to remove disparities in housing access for people of color, low-income households, diverse household types, older adults, and households that include people with disabilities. Promote safe, healthy housing that provides convenient access to jobs and to goods and services that meet daily needs. This housing is connected to the rest of the city and region by safe, convenient, affordable multimodal transportation."

Home In Tacoma is the first concrete step in living up to that commitment. It is long overdue. It is time now to implement the original recommendation endorsed by a super majority of the city's planning commission. Working and middle class people can't afford to wait.

Let's build again in Tacoma. Home in Tacoma includes Low Scale Residential and Mid-Scale provisions, with a mix of housing choices and opportunities anchored around a variety of transportation options and brick and mortar services. Just like the way we used to build. The proposal will provide more and varied ownership options, allowing more Tacomans of all incomes to own homes and find decent housing. The Mid-Scale provisions are restricted to

major transit corridors, but are just broad enough to help lower rents in the city.

Tacoma stands at a crossroads as we choose what kind of city we want to be. Do we want to be a city for everyone? The Tacoma City Council should pass Home in Tacoma and abolish the legacy of redlining and exclusionary zoning.

WE STRONGLY ENDORSE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN:

- Reducing rents and increasing housing affordability will provide relief for rent and housing cost burdened Tacomans.
- Inclusionary zoning requirements serve as a means of making sure that the benefits of development are evenly shared with the most vulnerable, and help keep everyone in the city.
- More density along transit lines and more walkability, paired with green buildings, create a more sustainable and more healthy city.

HOWEVER, WE THINK THE FOLLOWING POLICY FIXES ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE THE PROPOSAL WORK FOR ALL TACOMANS:

- Stronger emphasis on anti-displacement policy to accompany the more liberalized zoning regime.
- Slash parking mandates.
- Some clarity on the role of design standards and a commitment that this will not serve as a veto point for housing production.
- Mandatory rent restricted, income restricted units as part of an inclusionary zoning framework.
- Use inclusionary zoning or other incentive structures to build out the city's Housing Trust Fund, so that it can fund affordable and social housing development.
- Speedy and rapid implementation of this proposal. Slowing down the process will only weaken the ultimate product and justice demands that we move as swiftly as possible.

Thank you,

Calvin Read

Calvin Read
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Lacey, Washington WA

From: N Elizabeth <nmills@stanfordalumni.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 8:28 PM
To: Bennion, Reid
Cc: Hines, John; City Clerk's Office; Wheelock, Mayra
Subject: Re: Sample size of 750 households used in city survey is too small

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Thanks for the fast response, Reid and team. Where the math breaks down is the Councilman subsets - those are smaller populations with their own characteristics - doing 150 surveys each would not scale to the district. You should vet this with a third party, and I think a local math or public policy professor would be a good start point.

Math aside, is Tacoma using a Canadian firm to do government surveys? Tacoma/WA/US has qualified folks who can do this survey without the conflict of interest that comes from hiring an outside firm. Well into the 21st century our Canadian neighbors had raw sewage flowing into our Puget Sound, [City to stop dumping poop into Puget Sound \(nbcnews.com\)](https://www.nbcnews.com/news/health/city-stop-dumping-poop-into-puget-sound-ncna111111)

More to the point, all key decisions need to happen by residents voting, not by survey.

On Wed, Nov 17, 2021 at 10:58 AM Bennion, Reid <rbennion@cityoftacoma.org> wrote:

Hi Elizabeth,

Thank you for reaching out. We spoke with our consultant on the Community Survey, they explained to us that 750 is robust and will produce results that represent the Tacoma population by age, gender, and region (councilmanic districts). This sample size will have a maximum margin of error of +/- 3.7% at a 95% confidence interval.

This is our third time using this MDB Insights we did competitively socialite this work when we first issued the contract, and we plan on doing that again the next time we conduct the survey in 2023.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Reid Bennion

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[Go to the Employee Information on COVID Response \(GNET\)](#)

From: N Elizabeth <nmills@stanfordalumni.org>

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 9:31 PM

To: Bennion, Reid <rbennion@cityoftacoma.org>; Hines, John <John.Hines@cityoftacoma.org>; City Clerk's Office <ccwebmgr@cityoftacoma.org>

Subject: Sample size of 750 households used in city survey is too small

Hi Reid, City Clerk -

Home in Tacoma initiative piqued my interest in how the city obtains and uses data for decisions. For instance, Home in Tacoma is up for a vote and marketed as a way to grow affordable housing even though the city already has housing inventory planned to meet demand, and even though Home in Tacoma does not actually foster affordable housing.

I recently was made aware of the MDB Insight survey and wanted to alert you that the sample size here is too small for the city to draw statistically meaningful learnings. I would suggest running findings by a UW or TCC statistics professor, for instance, before drawing inferences from this. Also it would be great to see the city hire a more local company or at least a WA one.

Thanks!

Elizabeth

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From: Kate Parkinson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:38 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Protect The Tacoma Tideflats, By Stopping Fossil Fuel Expansions

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Madam Mayor, and Tacoma City Council,

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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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Jan Ellis
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Port Townsend, Washington 98368

From: Dena Jones <visitdena@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:30 PM
To: City Clerk's Office; Ushka, Catherine
Subject: Encampments are Inhumane for Everyone!

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Public Safety Issue:

ENCAMPMENTS ARE INHUMANE for EVERYONE! Not just the people living in them, but also for the communities impacted by them daily!

The definition of inhumane is to be cruel and heartless, without compassion for the misery and suffering of others. This works both ways. I've heard a lot about the inhumane living conditions of the encampments, but little is said about the inhumane conditions imposed on families, neighborhoods, school districts, businesses, and surrounding communities. Not only are encampments unsafe and creating a rise in crime (including shootings!) but they also are destroying our environment by polluting our water with feces, drug chemicals, garbage, and rat infestations.

It is cruel and heartless to impose this suffering on individuals who have worked hard their whole life to build a safe community for their families.

I have lived in Tacoma for over 64 years. Over the last decade, the east side was developing into a vibrant community with new businesses and young people reviving the properties. Now (within the last four years) it has drastically changed into "Tent City". I know of at least 4 large encampments less than a mile away from my house.

There is a safer and better way to take care of those in need, without destroying the life of others!

I hope this City Council will vote on an initiative to End Encampments NOW!

Dena Jones

Masters in Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Washington, Tacoma

Tacoma East Side resident for 64 years

Attended Lincoln High School

Worked at Tacoma Community College

Worked for the University of Washington

Currently works at a Seattle University

Dena Jones

From: Megan Rupert <meganlrupert@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 6:35 PM
To: Woodards, Victoria
Cc: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Stop the sweeps! Drop Ord. 28756 - Stop Criminalizing Homelessness!

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Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council:

I am a Tacoma homeowner and voter and I am disgusted by the further criminalization and banishment of people who are unhoused. You are elected to represent ALL Tacoma residents, including those who are unhoused.

This ordinance is cruel and unethical, especially in the midst of a global pandemic. I demand that Mayor Woodards and city council:

-Drop this cruel ordinance
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Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:07 PM
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