

**From:** Ahndrea <Ahndrea@themadfseattle.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 4:23 PM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Propose Ordinance ORD28799  
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**Sincerely,**

December 13, 2021

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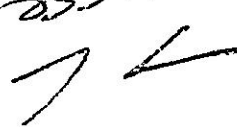
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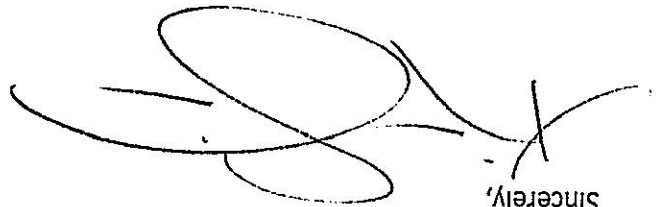
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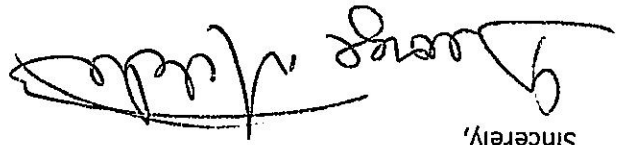
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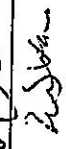












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Amanda Nelson	3622 42nd Ave NE	98422	A Nelson
Zhen Hynd	17245 58 St	98408	Zhen
LANA	8625 St	98404	Zhen
Nina	N. Narrows Dr. 98406	98406	Nina
Tecia N	Moldova	98405	L. G. N.
Essenia	Moldova	98404	Essenia
Pobenco Andrei	4642 Yakima Ave 98444	98402	Andrei
Rena	9042 Yakima Ave	98444	Rena
Rena	207 E Waples St	98404	Rena
Rena Morrison	3839 McKinley Ave	98404	Rena Morrison
Rena	6027 EF	- C	Rena
Shirley R. R. R.	9101 Connelly	98499	Shirley R. R. R.
Andi R. R.	812 E 34th St	98404	Andi R. R.
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A Woods	3502 MCINTYRE	98404	
TATIANA	201224 ZT	98405	
Avintha G	Homes		
Dolores			
HO NGOT	8831 S.M ST	98444	
Dien Nisay	8820 SAM ST	98444	
Linda Anderson	2350 SO 96th #620	98444	
Joe Guie	2312 26th L	98404	
Wynn Hoby	7001 G ST T.W.	98408	
Arelia Phillips	1202 S 46th St	98418	
MARK FULLER	3202 E. 1st B206	98404	
Danica Co. Adilla	1856 mcintyre Hwy E	98387	
Nadine Factorino	1305 N Pearl St #C45	98407	
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Linda Jones	7021 Yalena Ave	98408	Linda Darnell Jones
Camille F	3232 E 1 ST	98404	
Rachael Robinson	2345 S Wilkes		Vivian I R
Robbie Hinton			Robbie Hinton
Lisa Allen	425 So Tacoma	98401	Dawn
John Parker	910 E 4th Ave	98406	
Rose M. Bracy	3202 E 1 6104	98404	Carl M. Bracy
Nancy M	1512 S 86th	98444	Margaret
Wynne & Roby	2708 S Meridian	98573	Wynne
Natasha Smedley	5016 S. Muelbush	98409	Jim
Shirley Hils			Shirley Hils
Camille Smith	4027 So Puget Sound	98409	
Lawrence E. Smith	612 2nd Division	98400	Lawrence E. Smith
Rachael Radeck	3601 A St.	98408	Rachael Radeck

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 8:33 AM  
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**Importance:** High

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Dear Tacoma City Council Members,

First, thank you for your support of Eloise's Cooking Pot Food Bank during this pandemic. We could not have survive without the help and support from the council, city manager and staff. Thank you.

Second, it has come to our attention that the city council will be discussing an amendment to the sidewalk use ordinance. This amendment would greatly affect Making A Difference Foundation/Eloise's Cooking Pot Food Bank's ability to serve the area's most vulnerable people, and I would like to express my opposition to this change and respectfully request the proposed ordinance be tabled to discuss its impacts and work through the issue the city is trying to resolved.

Eloise's Cooking Pot Food Bank has been working all through the pandemic and there has been a tremendous increase in people experiencing hunger and needing food. We move millions of pounds of food and other items through this food bank and there will be loading and unloading issues if this amendment should occur. We are the largest independent food bank with the largest delivery system serving over 27 percent of pierce county. To penalize us with fines due to these issues is not only bad for our organization but the community as well. We rely on volunteers and limited staff, especially during COVID-19, it is very challenging to get the food moved quickly when it must be hand carried into our location.

We are already well over worked during this health crisis and to change the sidewalk use is putting more undue pressure on a system that is overburdened.

Please reconsider making this amendment and enforcing fines that related to sidewalk use.

Thank you,

Ahndrea Blue  
President/CEO  
Making A Difference Foundation

**Sincerely,**

**Ahndrea L. Blue, Esq.**  
**(She/Her)**

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**From:** Nikki B <batsinwa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 10:15 AM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Cc:** Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; Hunter, Lillian; McCarthy, Conor; Hines, John; Walker, Kristina  
**Subject:** Re: Ordinance for sidewalks...

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Dear Tacoma City Council Members,

It is my understanding that the city council will be reviewing a potential change to the city's ordinance regarding the use of sidewalks. While this seems like a minor issue that won't really affect others in a negative way, I would like to point out something the city council members might not have thought of.

There is a local community organization doing great work on the eastside of Tacoma and throughout Pierce County. This organization is Making A Difference Foundation who operates Eloise's Cooking Pot Food Bank that serves people from all walks of life who are hungry and need healthy food. To do this, they receive donations and then distribute these items back into the community. This requires a lot of space and manpower, two things in short supply for nonprofits, especially through the pandemic.

I have seen what good they do in the community and it hasn't been easy managing all the need and the resources to address this need. There are times when they have trouble moving the food off the sidewalks in a timely fashion, as it all has to be hand carried in and out, but to change the ordinance to where they might be breaking the rules and get fined for it is just not right and bad for the food bank, bad for the community at large.

I want to make my voice heard before it comes to a vote and say that this is wrong and the amendment should not pass.

Sincerely,

N. Benson



**From:** Ashley DeCaro <Ashley@themadfseattle.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 10:18 AM  
**To:** Atienne Howard  
**Subject:** Signed Sidewalk Petition Form  
**Attachments:** AtienneSideWalkPetition.png

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**From:** Keith Jackson <kj629603@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 10:34 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd:  
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Date: Tue, Dec 14, 2021, 10:19 AM  
Subject:  
To: <[kj629603@gmail.com](mailto:kj629603@gmail.com)>

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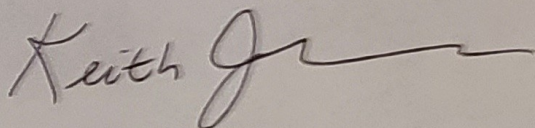
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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 11:17 AM  
**To:** Kamille Smith  
**Subject:** Signed Sidewalk Petition Form  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 11:22 AM  
**To:** Shirelle Hicks  
**Subject:** Signed Sidewalk Petition  
**Attachments:** ShirelleSideWalkPetition.png

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I have attached a copy of your signed petition to this email.

Respectfully,

Ashley DeCaro, Food Bank Assistant Manager

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December 13, 2021

City of Tacoma  
Tacoma City Council

Dear Tacoma City Council Members,

We would like to express our concern to and opposition of the proposed city ordinance regarding sidewalk usage that is being considered by the Tacoma City Council.

While it may seem like a minor issue, making this change, we would like to point out how it can really affect in a negative way certain areas of the city more than others – as well as some businesses and agencies. An example of that would be Eloise's Cooking Pot Food Bank. They serve hundreds of thousands of people with healthy food and they work really hard, especially through the pandemic, to not turn anyone away. With so much food going through this location, they do a great job meeting this need. Yes, there are labor issues and all items have to be hand carried when loading and unloading. This can make for a larger burden on both the organization and the surrounding neighborhood. And the threat of fines for them not moving the donated food items quick enough is not something they should have to worry about. This organization has been burdened enough. Shouldn't we as a community be supporting them better? Shouldn't our council members be supporting them better?

Please do not amend the current ordinance. Leave it as is so agencies like this don't have to face another challenge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shirelle A. Hunt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



**From:** Atienne Howard <Atienne@themadfseattle.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 11:30 AM  
**To:** Ashley DeCaro  
**Attachments:** AshleySideWalkPetition .png

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Sidewalk petition

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December 13, 2021

City of Tacoma  
Tacoma City Council

Dear Tacoma City Council Members,

Please let the record show that I oppose the proposed sidewalk ordinance change that the city council is discussing and considering.

While I understand what the council is trying to do, organizations like Eloise's Cooking Pot Food Bank shouldn't be penalized in the process. The city council should be working more closely with agencies such as this to address any problems, not create new ones. The pandemic has really taxed our nonprofits who serve the community with critical needs. The food bank is one of them and to place even more burden on them with the threat of fines and not moving the donated food they receive fast enough for the ordinance is just not right. We should be working together as a community instead.

Please, do not pass the amendment to this ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ashley DeCaro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



**From:** shereda holmes <sheredaholmes@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 1:46 PM

**To:** City Clerk's Office

**Cc:** Shereda Holmes

**Subject:** Proposed Amendment Ordinance

**Attachments:** Letter on Sidewalks to Council #4.pdf

**Importance:** High

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December 13, 2021

City of Tacoma  
Tacoma City Council

Dear Tacoma City Council Members,

We have been working with Making a Difference Foundation in the Eastside Tacoma area for many years and they do really great work in the community and in helping people experiencing hunger. The pandemic has left so many nonprofits struggling financially and with labor issues. MADF and Eloise's Cooking Pot Food Bank is no different, yet they continue to serve those who need it and do not turn anyone away. To do this, it takes a lot of food, which means issues in storing food items loading and unloading donations, operating with limited staffing and space.

It has come to our attention that the city council is considering a proposed amendment to the sidewalk use ordinance and that this amendment, if passed, will greatly affect the food bank. The idea that they could face fines over breaking the new revised amendment is not right for all they do to help others.

Please, when you review and consider this change, vote no, and leave it as it currently stands.

Sincerely,

S. Holmes

XXX

**From:** Corso . <Corso1965@live.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 13, 2021 4:31 PM  
**To:** Woodards, Victoria; Blocker, Keith; Thoms, Robert; Hunter, Lillian; McCarthy, Conor; Walker, Kristina; Beale, Chris; Hines, John; Ushka, Catherine; City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Budget: Crime and Policing

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Dear Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Blocker and Councilmembers,  
City Council has been choosing to under-fund the Tacoma Police Department for years.  
Is there any question that a chronically, under-funded city department is unable to fulfill its mission, let alone do it well?  
I understand there are Councilmembers, past and present, who feel it is necessary to punish the entire department - and in turn the entire city - by withholding funds in response to the very bad behavior of a small percentage of police officers. This irrational thinking and behavior must stop now.  
The department is broken. Criminals know their chances of police responding to their criminal behavior is low as long as they are not violent, and they're aware that the police are sometimes slow to respond, if they respond at all, to violent crime because they're understaffed.  
Please fund the department using data and rational guidelines.  
I want Council to allocate:

- The same-size budget to TPD as cities of similar population and area.
- Enough funds to fully restore the Community Liason Officer program.

Sincerely,  
Geoff Corso  
701 N J St.

**From:** Tom Hagen <klektor123@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 12, 2021 2:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** ban on public camping

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I am all for a ban

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**From:** Kim Ward <kimbaerward@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 9, 2021 6:54 PM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office; Hines, John; Ushka, Catherine; Hunter, Lillian; Blocker, Keith; Beale, Chris; Woodards, Victoria; Pauli, Elizabeth; Thoms, Robert; Walker, Kristina; McCarthy, Conor  
**Subject:** In Support of The Pathways to Shelter and Stability

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I have lived in Tacoma for 50+ years. We have done a miserable job of helping those in need on our streets. Allowing them to live in filth and crime is not the solution. It only contributes to the problem. We support creating pathways to shelter and stability. Banning public camping will be a big step towards giving the people experiencing homelessness the care, attention, dignity they deserve. Please take steps towards this goal.

Sincerely,

Todd and Kim Ward

North End Residents

**From:** Nilmah Mills <nilmah@graylumber.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 9, 2021 1:12 PM  
**To:** Hines, John; Barnett, Elliott; City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** FW: LOW-SCALE ZONING  
**Attachments:** scan.pdf

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The big question is who is going to pay for and who will enforce this in our neighborhood of the West Slope. We don't have sidewalks or curbs now on many of the narrow streets. I personally know the City will expect any builders to pay for this work when altering the lots. In addition, how can the noise and vehicle traffic be controlled on our residential streets when increasing the residents? It isn't now! For example, last night I was awoken a little after 2 a.m. by a roaring car racing down my street (Aurora) southward from South 12<sup>th</sup>. This happens even during daylight; I and other neighbors have nearly been hit while walking our dogs. Are speed bumps being installed like on Mountainview between 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and South 19<sup>th</sup> or roundabouts on South 12<sup>th</sup> west of Jackson? The issue of transit still hasn't been addressed for us nor increased police work. These issues have been questioned in writing and during live Council sessions. I believe this zoning change will surely raise tax revenue for the City but lower my property value. After over fifty years of home ownership in Tacoma, it no longer is appealing. Gig Harbor, here I come!

Mrs. George Mills Jr.                      1224 S. Aurora Ave.                      Tacoma, WA 98465  
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**From:** fax@graylumber.com <fax@graylumber.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 9, 2021 12:35 PM  
**To:** Nilmah Mills <nilmah@graylumber.com>  
**Subject:**



The final bill also lays out the “qualities” associated with low-scale residential neighborhoods, describing them as having “lower noise levels,” less vehicle traffic, “private and shared open space and yards,” and trees lining sidewalks and streets.

The hope from city leaders is to create more diverse housing options amid Tacoma’s growing population, particularly in the category of what’s known as “middle housing.” Between 2010 and 2019, it’s estimated that the city added three new residents for every one new housing unit.

### Economist: Seattle’s single-family zoning ‘doesn’t make any sense’

That’s also driven housing prices up as options have dwindled. According to [Home in Tacoma’s website](#), “about 40% of Tacomans pay more than they can afford in housing costs.”

“The City can’t control the price of housing, but we can encourage developers to offer affordable units in larger projects by offering bonuses, such as allowing more units or reducing parking requirements,” the website reads. “Another action the City can take is to allow Missing Middle Housing types. Since they are more compact, the cost of land and infrastructure is shared across more units. While this doesn’t guarantee an affordable price, it generally brings down costs and creates relatively affordable housing choices.”

In practice, this initial ordinance does not drastically change the existing zoning requirements of Tacoma’s neighborhoods, instead targeting a few smaller changes to start. That includes swapping the low-scale/mid-scale designations of a handful of areas, while actually down-zoning some areas from mid-scale to low-scale.

The plan moving forward is to use the new land use designations as a jumping-off point for further zoning changes and updated design standards. That work will comprise Phase 2, kicking off in “early 2022,” according to the city.

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:44 AM  
**To:** Councilmember Marty Campbell; Pauli, Elizabeth; Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John; Blocker, Keith; lillianhunter@cityoftacoma.org; Walker, Kristina; Beale, Chris; McCarthy, Conor; Thoms, Robert; Ushka, Catherine  
**Cc:** Angela Connelly; City Clerk's Office; Nathan Jones; kristina@align-realistate.com  
**Subject:** SHOOTING! DOME DISTRICT : WRIGHT AVE AND MCKINLEY HILL:

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**When COMPASSION for ENCAMPMENTS infringe on the health and wellness of society as a whole, it is NOT compassion. It is IRRESPONSIBLE AND RECKLESS!**

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Dena Jones

**Advocate for ALL vulnerable populations:**

the elderly  
children

those with disabilities  
those struggling with addiction

the mentally ill

the poor

the sexually and physically abused

**Save our community and you will save their lives!**

**Not an advocate for:**

Criminals and those who chose a lifestyle that hurts others.

**END ENCAMPMENTS NOW!**

BAN ENCAMPMENTS!



When COMPASSION for ENCAMPMENTS infringe on the health and wellness of society as a whole, it is NOT compassion. It is IRRESPONSIBLE AND RECKLESS!

Four large and growing encampments are less than a half a mile from my home; near a grade school, a retirement center, and several local businesses.

- ✓ A few weeks ago beautiful Syretta Brown was found dead in an encampment just blocks from my home.
- ✓ A few days later 5 gun shots were fired in the direction of street campers, kiddy corner from my home.

Encampments are unsafe and inhumane for those who inhabit them! AND they are UNSAFE for our COMMUNITY, including our school children, our elderly, and our disabled.

To view encampments through the AFFORDABLE HOUSING lens only, is not only NAIVE, but it is NEGLIGENT.

Affordable housing:

- ✓ will NOT help the mentally ill
- ✓ will NOT help those struggling with drug addiction
- ✓ will NOT stop the drug dealers, sex trafficking, and other related crimes, such as murder.
- ✓ Affordable housing will NOT change the mind of those who want to remain homeless.
- ✓ For those who want and need housing, we must provide it, and provide it now!

**According to current city and federal data:**

• **Virtually all the sheltered homeless are unemployed. YET...**

• **Those with serious addictions spend \$1200- \$1800 a month on meth, fentanyl, and other drugs. AFFORDABLE HOUSING WILL NOT FIX THIS! COMPASSIONATE AND RESPONSIBLE LAWS WILL!**

These encampments surround my home on Wright and McKinley. The all are less than a mile away. Here is my reality:

- **38<sup>th</sup> street and McKinley:** Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, there was a decomposed female body found next to a homeless camp on 38th and McKinley,



next to McKinley Grade School.

- **705 Bridge Encampment:** When we went to El Gaucho restaurant last weekend, we were horrified at the grotesque 705 Bridge encampment just blocks from our home on Wright Ave. It has grown 3 times in size in a very short period of time. We frequently observe open drug deals, filth in the streets, needles, open fires, people breaking into cars and public urination and defecation. A waiter from El Gaucho said that their staff is fearful going to work and their cars are broken into regularly.



- **705 Bridge Encampment Taking Overflow Parking Spaces:** Not only is 705 is also taking up the overflow Tacoma Dome parking spaces, pushing cars up into our neighborhoods, creating huge traffic jams and parking congestion. This is creating chaos for police personnel and local residents. The blatant disregard for traffic laws and pedestrian safety during these events continue to jeopardize the safety of east side Dome Top neighborhood; including children, the elderly and the disabled in wheelchairs who regularly cross the McKinley and Wright cross walk.
- **Pacific Ave and 911 Call Center Encampment:** Businesses and area residents are robbed daily by the Pacific Ave encampment across from 911 Call



Center. Garbage, rats and debris are mounting daily.

- **Portland and 25<sup>th</sup> Street Encampment:** Open drugs deals, rats, garbage, spread for blocks. This is the first thing people see when heading to a Tacoma Dome Event.





**From:** Alexandra Rebar <alrebar05@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:44 PM

**To:** City Clerk's Office

**Subject:** Matter of Public Opinion

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up

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Dear City Council,

I feel tired. I feel disgusted. I feel outraged and I am unsurprised by you. Mostly, I am deeply, deeply concerned for my neighbors and community. (Beale, you are exempt from some of this constructive criticism: we saw your strength and professional diplomacy in support of Tacomans during the regulation loophole failure. Thank you, sincerely. Please, help us here also).

One week you sit there congratulating yourself, literally applauding, for passing regulations that allow for a TOTALLY OPEN loophole to be included, laughing as you clap in the faces of the environmental scientists and activists asking you for YEARS to close it before passing them; and the next you are congratulating yourselves on creating a Juneteenth celebration in the face of people YOU ALLOW TO BE MURDERED ON YOUR STREETS. You are offensively obvious in your attempts at pandering to the people of our Tacoma. We see you and we see through you. This is not a step in the direction we have been asking for. This is the bottom of the barrel of broken promises. This isn't even reparations. This is pandering slop when it is not following you meeting the demands of the Tacoma Black Community affected by Your Tacoma police brutality. What safety and responsibility are you offering the people hoping to celebrate? This is not something to congratulate yourselves on. What would be, you wonder? Fire the officers WHO MURDERED MANUEL ELLIS, as we have been demanding. Fire Elizabeth Pauli, as we have been demanding. Hold accountability for SHERIFF ED TROYER, WHO HAS BEEN CHARGED FOR ILLEGALLY MISLEADING US AND MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS, who also led details about Ellis' murder.

If you are not ashamed of yourselves for your repeatedly performative gestures of bad faith, distractions from real change and justice, I pray for something so drastic in your life that it radicalizes you past your biases and campaign/political greed to change the tarnished legacy you've strongly built. Maybe loss of your housing? Loss of your livelihood? Loss of your family or community? Loss of your life? What would it take for you, personally, to see your constituents suffering these on a DAILY, as your responsibility, as we have entrusted our lives to you? So far, Victoria and the rest of you, your legacies are already ones of being at best corporate stooges, and enablers of racist policy and unchecked Tacoma police brutality, and at worst, active actors in complicit murder (looking at you "victimized" McCarthy). Not to mention allowing an UNELECTED OFFICIAL TO MAKE \$280,000 A YEAR OFF OUR TAXES WHILE NOT LIVING HERE OR USING THE POWER OF HER OFFICE to fire powerful murderers of fellow Tacomans. She's your puppet, your enabler, your goon. The one of YOUR dirty work. Here's to you, Pauli. Here's to your pals.

Honestly, I'd love to believe in ya'll, but your continued pandering continues to push me away.

Oh, and as of Thanksgiving week, Manny's mom is receiving hateful and threatening text messages mocking her son's murder, praising his murderers, and Manny's sister continues to have to move and adjust her safety against directed personal violence and property damage at the hands of people who feel supported by you. Your lack of action directly contributes to their continued abuse and suffering. **THEY LITERALLY DESERVE YOUR IMPACTFUL ACTION.**

Sincerely,

Alexandrea "Until You Prioritize Our Lives, Fuck Your Decorum" Rebar

LICSW, CMHS, MHP

JUSTICE FOR MANNY

P.S. Please do something real to make things right, so I can send a love letter, instead. This shit sucks. And no, your "anti-racism" committees are not real action.



**From:** N Elizabeth <nmills@stanfordalumni.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 9:03 PM  
**To:** Barnett, Elliott; Hines, John  
**Cc:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Re: Home In Tacoma Project - City Council decision

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Thanks, but this study looks more comprehensive and data driven, [CITY OF TACOMA](#). I am familiar with the other site you sent and don't find data to support that housing volume can't meet demand. Also, the Council has acknowledged in one of the recorded sessions that Tacoma has inventory to meet the 2050 housing demands.

The reason the growth is in multi-family centers is that that is most efficient and affordable, and that will continue to be true - changing zoning to allow slightly higher density housing everywhere will not make housing more affordable for the people who need it most. To accomplish that goal the city has to promote more high density housing - that is the most cost effective way to house people.

What Home in Tacoma does is make it cheaper to live in nicer neighborhoods and grow the tax base by allowing more units on more expensive lots. This also creates an opportunity for developers to profit.

On Tue, Dec 7, 2021 at 11:00 AM Barnett, Elliott <[EBarnett@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:EBarnett@cityoftacoma.org)> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for the question regarding our statement that “it is getting harder to find housing in Tacoma.”

That sentence is a simple description of a complex situation. Here is a little more of what underpins that assertion:

Housing supply:

- State growth projections indicate that our region is growing

- Tacoma has a commitment to plan for and support significant population growth under the regional plan (Vision 2050) and the Growth Management Act
- Tacoma has not historically kept pace with those housing growth targets
- While the pace of housing construction has increased in the past few years, it has not increased enough to meet those targets, let alone to make up for the years of unmet housing need

#### Housing affordability:

- Housing prices are increasing very rapidly in Tacoma
- Incomes for most Tacoma residents have not kept pace with the increase in housing costs
- A high percentage of Tacoma households are cost-burdened

#### Housing choice:

- Though Tacoma has grown more rapidly in recent years, that growth has been primarily multifamily located in Centers
- This means there are limited housing choices in many neighborhoods

As a result of long-standing trends, it is getting more difficult for many Tacoma residents to find housing that they can afford, and that offer them access to jobs, housing, transit and other opportunities.

I suggest that you look at the Tacoma Housing Action Plan posted at [www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma) for more information on this topic.

Sincerely,

Elliott Barnett, Senior Planner

253-312-4909

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**From:** N Elizabeth <[nmills@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:nmills@stanfordalumni.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 9:45 PM

**To:** Barnett, Elliott <[EBarnett@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:EBarnett@cityoftacoma.org)>; City Clerk's Office <[ccwebmgr@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:ccwebmgr@cityoftacoma.org)>

**Subject:** Re: Home In Tacoma Project - City Council decision

What are the facts behind this statement -" It's getting harder to find housing in Tacoma"

This is misleading. There are hundreds of homes for sale, and inventory is already growing. If anything Tacoma needs more high

density apartments. The main point is it's not getting harder to find housing in Tacoma. Home in Tacoma is an effort to lower homeowners' property values and raise the City's property tax revenue, not a sincere effort at affordable housing. If the City cared about affordable housing it would promote high density smaller units near buslines.

[https://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-search/Tacoma\\_WA](https://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-search/Tacoma_WA)

[https://www.zillow.com/homes/Tacoma,-WA\\_rb/](https://www.zillow.com/homes/Tacoma,-WA_rb/)

On Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 7:25 PM Barnett, Elliott <[EBarnett@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:EBarnett@cityoftacoma.org)> wrote:



### **City Council Action – final reading on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**

The City Council will take final action on the Home In Tacoma Project (Phase 1) recommendations on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

The final package includes changes directed by the City Council at its December 1, 2021 Special Meeting. The changes, packaged as Amendment 1, would add specific direction regarding Phase 2 implementation steps, make several text changes to the Comprehensive Plan, and make several changes to the Housing Growth Scenario Map.

To learn more about the final changes as well as how to provide your comments to the City Council or attend the virtual meeting, visit [www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma).

### **What's in the package?**

The City Council will consider adopting the Home In Tacoma Project policy actions (Phase 1). The package includes:

- Comprehensive Plan policy updates – changing Tacoma's housing growth strategy and calling for new zoning and standards supporting infill housing
- Near-term Code Changes – adding flexibility to Tacoma's current housing rules to promote affordability and infill

- Tacoma's Housing Action Plan – guiding long-term implementation of housing goals

The complete package, is available at [www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma).

If City Council adopts the package, the City will start work on zoning and standards (Phase 2)—we hope you will participate!

## Background

It's getting harder to find housing in Tacoma. The City is considering changes to housing rules intended to help meet our community's housing supply, affordability and choice needs.

For many years, Tacoma's housing rules for most neighborhoods have primarily allowed just one housing type—detached houses. Under these proposals, the City would allow housing types including duplexes, triplexes, cottages and multifamily to be built in Tacoma's neighborhoods as well. The City would adopt standards to make sure that the design and size of new housing is not too different from that of nearby houses.

After the City Council's July 13<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing, the Council's Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability (IPS) Committee worked to address issues raised at the hearing through changes to the proposals. The Committee's recommendations, which reduced the amount of Mid-scale and strengthened design, affordability and infrastructure policies, were included in the package initially considered by the City Council on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The package has now been further modified by the City Council at its December 1<sup>st</sup> Special Meeting.

## How to learn more

To find out more, visit [www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma), send an email to [planning@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:planning@cityoftacoma.org), or call (253) 591-5030 (Option 4).

The City of Tacoma launched the **Home In Tacoma Project** to gain community and industry insight in updating Tacoma's housing growth policies and zoning. You are receiving this notice because you have been identified as a potentially interested party. Please help to spread the word! We hope you will continue to participate.



<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma> |

City of Tacoma | 747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402 | (253) 591-5030 Option 4

**From:** Dena Jones <visitdena@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 6:14 PM  
**To:** Councilmember Marty Campbell; Pauli, Elizabeth; Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John; Blocker, Keith; lillianhunter@cityoftacoma.org; Walker, Kristina; Beale, Chris; McCarthy, Conor; Thoms, Robert; Ushka, Catherine  
**Cc:** Angela Connelly; City Clerk's Office; Nathan Jones; kristina@align-realistate.com  
**Subject:** DOME DISTRICT : WRIGHT AVE AND MCKINLEY HILL: SHOOTING TODAY!

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Again, on Wright and McKinley, 6 gun shots were fired in the direction of street campers while 2 school girls were waiting for their school bus along with an elderly disabled woman. The traumatized children fled the scene, while the elderly woman did her best to get out of the line of fire. I watched this all from my livingroom window. Other neighbors saw the same incident and rushed to make sure that the children and elderly woman were uninjured.

This is the second shooting within two weeks. Drug deals continue to openly occur at this location; near a senior center, school bus stop, and my neighborhood!

Many of us feel Monday night's council meeting was a joke. We felt censored and silenced. Wednesday's meeting was no exception. Your unwillingness to allow citizens to publically voice their concerns on this issue is creating more and more friction and lack of trust with elected officials.

**Thoms was right on target; Ushka was out of line!**

JUST RECIEVED A TEXT, thanks to your inaction, our local neighborhood library (Mottet) just stopped full service activity due safety issues related to "criminal activity"

Horrible day in the neighborhood!

Getting madder by the moment,

Dena Jones

**Advocate for ALL vulnerable populations:**

the elderly  
children

those with disabilities  
those struggling with addiction

the mentally ill

the poor

the sexually and physically abused

**Save our community and you will save their lives!**

**Not an advocate for:**

Criminals and those who chose a lifestyle that hurts others.

**END ENCAMPMENTS NOW!**

**BAN ENCAMPMENTS!**



When **COMPASSION** for **ENCAMPMENTS** infringe on the health and wellness of society as a whole, it is **NOT** compassion. It is **IRRESPONSIBLE AND RECKLESS!**

Four large and growing encampments are less than a half a mile from my home; near a grade school, a retirement center, and several local businesses.

- ✓ A few weeks ago beautiful Syretta Brown was found dead in an encampment just blocks from my home.
- ✓ A few days later 5 gun shots were fired in the direction of street campers, kiddy corner from my home.

Encampments are unsafe and inhumane for those who inhabit them! **AND** they are **UNSAFE** for our **COMMUNITY**, including our school children, our elderly, and our disabled.

To view encampments through the **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** lens only, is not only **NAIVE**, but it is **NEGLIGENT**.

**Affordable housing:**

- ✓ will **NOT** help the mentally ill
- ✓ will **NOT** help those struggling with drug addiction
- ✓ will **NOT** stop the drug dealers, sex trafficking, and other related crimes, such as murder.

- ✓ Affordable housing will NOT change the mind of those who want to remain homeless.
- ✓ For those who want and need housing, we must provide it, and provide it now!

According to current city and federal data:

- Virtually all the sheltered homeless are unemployed. YET...
- Those with serious addictions spend \$1200- \$1800 a month on meth, fentanyl, and other drugs.  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING WILL NOT FIX THIS!  
COMPASSIONATE AND RESPONSIBLE LAWS WILL!

These encampments surround my home on Wright and McKinley. The all are less than a mile away. Here is my reality:

- **38<sup>th</sup> street and McKinley:** Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, there was a decomposed female body found next to a homeless camp on 38th and McKinley,



next to McKinley Grade School.

- **705 Bridge Encampment:** When we went to El Gaucho restaurant last weekend, we were horrified at the grotesque 705 Bridge encampment just blocks from our home on Wright Ave. It has grown 3 times in size in a very short period of time. We frequently observe open drug deals, filth in the streets, needles, open fires, people breaking into cars and public urination and defecation. A waiter from El Gaucho said that their staff is fearful going to work and their cars are broken into regularly.



- **705 Bridge Encampment Taking Overflow Parking Spaces:** Not only is 705 is also taking up the overflow Tacoma Dome parking spaces, pushing cars up into our neighborhoods, creating huge traffic jams and parking congestion. This is creating chaos for police personnel and local residents. The blatant disregard for traffic laws and pedestrian safety during these events continue to jeopardize the safety of east side Dome Top neighborhood; including children, the elderly and the disabled in wheelchairs who regularly cross the McKinley and Wright cross walk.
- **Pacific Ave and 911 Call Center Encampment:** Businesses and area residents are robbed daily by the Pacific Ave encampment across from 911 Call



Center. Garbage, rats and debris are mounting daily.

- **Portland and 25<sup>th</sup> Street Encampment:** Open drugs deals, rats, garbage, spread for blocks. This is the first thing people see when heading to a Tacoma Dome Event.





**From:** elle grey <ellegreymail@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 3:12 PM

**To:** City Clerk's Office

**Subject:** Justice for Manny

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up

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Council,

I feel tired. I feel disgusted. I am unsurprised at you.

Mostly, I am deeply, deeply concerned for my neighbors and community.

(Beale, you are exempt from some of this constructive criticism: we saw your strength, courage, and professional diplomacy in support of Tacomans during the regulation loophole failure. Thank you, sincerely. Please, help us here also.)

One week you sit there congratulating yourself, literally applauding, for passing regulations that allow for a TOTALLY OPEN loophole to be included, laughing as you clap in the faces of the environmental scientists and activists asking you for YEARS to close it before passing them; and next you are congratulating yourselves on creating a Juneteenth celebration in the FACES OF THE PEOPLE YOU ALLOW TO BE MURDERED ON YOUR STREETS. You are all offensively obvious in your attempts at pandering to the people of our Tacoma. We see you. We see through you. This is not a step in the direction we have been asking for. This is the bottom of the barrel of broken promises. This isn't even reparations. This is pandering slop **when it is not following you meeting the demands of the Tacoma Black Community affected by Your Tacoma police Brutality.** What safety and responsibility are you offering for the people hoping to celebrate? This is not something to congratulate yourselves on. What would be, you wonder? FIRE THE OFFICERS WHO MURDERED MANUEL ELLIS, as we've been demanding. FIRE ELIZABETH PAULI, as we've been demanding. HOLD ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GODDAMNED SHERIFF **Ed Troyer WHO HAS BEEN CHARGED FOR ILLEGALLY MISLEADING US AND MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS, who also lied about details about Manuel's murder.** If you are not ashamed of yourselves for your repeatedly performative gestures of bad faith distractions from real change and justice, I pray for something so drastic in your life that it radicalizes you past your biases and campaign/political greed to change the tarnished legacy you've already strongly built. Maybe loss of your housing? Loss of your livelihood? Loss of your family or community? Loss of your life? What would it take for you, personally, to see your constituents suffering these on the DAILY, as Your responsibility, as we have entrusted our lives to you? So far, Victoria and the rest of you, your legacy are already ones of being at best corporate stooges and enablers of racist policy and unchecked Tacoma police brutality, and at worst, active actors in complicit murder (looking at you "victimized" McCarthy). Not to mention allowing an UNELECTED OFFICIAL TO MAKE 280,000 A YEAR OFF OUR TAXES WHILE NOT LIVING HERE OR USING THE POWER OF HER OFFICE to fire power-full murderers of fellow Tacomans. She's your puppet. Your enabler. Your goon. The

one for YOUR dirty work. Here's to you, Pauli. Here's to your pals.

Honestly, I'd love to believe in ya'll, but your continued pandering continues to push me away.

Oh, and as of Thanksgiving week, Manny's mom is receiving hateful and threatening text messages mocking her son's murder, praising his murder, and Manny's sister continues to have to move and adjust her safety against directed personal and property violence at the hands of people who feel supported by you. Your lack of action directly contributes to their continued abuse and suffering. THEY LITERALLY DESERVE YOUR IMPACTFUL ACTION.

Sincerely,

Elle "Until You Prioritize Our Lives, Fuck Your Decorum" Grey.

Tacoma Resident District 3

JUSTICE FOR MANNY

SHUT DOWN THE NWDC

ps Please... please do something *\*real\** to make things right so I can send you a love letter, instead. This shit sucks. And no, your "anti-racism" committees are not it.

**From:** Julie and Jay TURNER . . . . <juliejayturner@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 10:11 AM

**To:** City Clerk's Office

**Subject:** Police letter to Council

**Attachments:** Police letter to Council.pdf

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Dear City Clerk,

Please send the attached letter to each City Council member today.

Thank you for this service you perform for Tacoma's citizens.

Julie S. Turner

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Tacoma, WA 98403

Tacoma City Council  
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Tacoma, Wa 98402

Dear Council Members,

I do believe that the time has come to beef up our police department. We are all feeling a little insecure and vulnerable because of so few patrols, so we need more officers as soon as we can get them and train them.

Now, the above is a well-known fact in Tacoma, but it has occurred to me that we should return as well, to the well-loved Community Policing Liaison form of making the clusters of officers for each of our city's sections. We in our neighborhood, the North Slope Historic District, had exceptional service from the CLOs who were assigned to our area. They counselled us, as home owners and renters, and talked to the offender and often defused an explosive situation.

We need to get going, now that we have a new police chief, and spend some money to bring our police force's men and women up to a level where we can feel confident an officer will come if we need one.

It's past time to spend the money. Please do it! While time is wasting away we lose people to violence than a larger police force may have prevented. We are a better city than this!

Thank you for your service to all of us.

Julie S. Turner  
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**From:** Maria Watkins <mariasaveyourtruth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 29, 2021 1:46 PM  
**To:** Woodards, Victoria  
**Cc:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** TACOMA: Will you please help to encourage adult members of your community to share life lessons with students?

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Hi Mayor Woodards & Council Members,

I hope you are well.

Will you please help to encourage adult members of your community to share life lessons with students - so we can learn how to live meaningful lives and be less depressed?

I and many students struggle with depression and how to live a meaningful life. Being a teenager is normally hard, but living during COVID has made growing up even harder on our mental health. Students want to know what makes life worth living. Is it money, fame, work, pleasure, family, faith, love, or \_\_\_\_? We need adults to tell us the truth about life.

May I please send you my survey that is designed to save life lessons from adults?

Please respond soon. Young people like me really need your help.

Thanks,

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