

From: Michelle Mood <moodm@kenyon.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 7:43 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Debbie Cockrell; Heidi S.
Subject: Comment for "Public Comment" on Pauli's Performance Review

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Dear City Clerk,

I will be sending two letters today, one for Public Comment and one for Virtual Forum. This comment is for Public Comment on Resolution 40981 regarding City Manager Elizabeth Pauli's completed review, for her pay raise to \$287,000 and various additional funds. The City Council gave her a glowing review for racial equity and justice, but I object. As the top executive, City Manager Pauli talks the talk but does not walk the walk.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli (and TPU Director Jackie Flowers) included an inspirational letter right at the front of Tacoma's Climate Action Plan and declared a solid commitment to Tacoma's climate goals and policies and intent to **"ensure departments, directors, and managers embed climate and equity in every service, policy, program, project and contract."** Has she done that? No. Currently the Planning and Development Office has failed to embed climate and equity in the LU21-0125 permitting process. Even after complaints, the PDS did not inform more than 975 residents of the proposed project. The PDS did not include neighborhood councils in considering this project? An EIS has been preliminarily determined as nonsignificant. The PDS is controlling the timeline and scope of the Health Impact Assessment as per your report to the Council last week. City Manager Pauli is not stepping up.

City Manager Pauli has not done her job, has not provided oversight to this project or any other project permitting nor made sure the city complies with the 2050 net zero greenhouse gas emissions goal, the 2021 Decarbonization Resolutions (Res.40776, U-11193), 2019 Climate Emergency Resolution (Res. 40509) as well as the 2020 Anti-Racist Systems Transformation Resolution (Res. 40622), which, you assure us, **"governs everything we do."**

The City of Tacoma's **2019 Climate Emergency Resolution declares that the threats of climate change "require immediate actions to** minimize harm to current and future generations and therefore constitutes a **public emergency."** The City of Tacoma's 2020 Anti-Racist Systems Transformation Resolution affirms the City Council's commitment "to **comprehensive and sustained transformation of all of the institutions, systems, policies, practices and contracts impacted by systemic racism."** Both of these together are important for racial equity, since environmental costs are borne most by our brown neighbors. Environmental racism cannot be countered without addressing both racism and construction in poor areas -- preserving a sustainable climate will benefit brown residents the most.

I want to underscore a **near-term, high impact Action for the city Manager to complete by 2024 as detailed in the Climate Action Plan Next Moves: Implementation Actions.** From the Climate Action Plan, the City Manager is directed to do many things. I will just point out one:

*Strategy for a Better Tacoma requires "ACTION by City Manager's Office (plus TPU plus OEPS): advocate for county-wide planning policies that support **GHG reduction, climate adaptation.**"*

City Manager Pauli has not demanded change at the Planning and Development Services Department to support such goals. The City of Tacoma Office of Equity and Human Rights, which is "at the center" of the city's **"commitment to transform government and anchor it in anti-racist practices and policies"** can do little if development replicates redlining racist zoning laws as this construction does. Ditto for the abandonment of leadership for a green tomorrow, including Pauli neglecting to pressure officials to embrace the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone.

City Manager Pauli is letting us residents down. Without oversight and the involvement of City Manager Pauli, the City of Tacoma Planning and Development Services Department, operating independently and within the letter of the law, has the capacity to set the city on a tragically irreversible path that will violate all of these wonderful new plans and policies, some of which are vital for our key climate resilience and all of which are supported by a democratic and inclusive process as the city charts a new path. City Manager Pauli does not deserve her raise to \$287,000.00.

Dr. Michelle S. Mood (she, her, hers)
South Tacoma

(c) 740-233-6333

A boomer, not a zoomer.

From: Heidi S. <heidigs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 3:49 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 5/24/22 Public Comments / RES 40891

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RE: RES 40981

City Manager performance review and raise.

I object to the high marks for racial equality when current code allows for environmentally racist projects like Bridge Industrial's.

This falls to the city manager who is also allowing the Planning Department to rush the Health Impact Assessment. That should be done carefully and correctly for the benefit of residents (not for the benefit of the permit applicant) and also paid for by the permit applicant, not residents' taxpayer dollars.

The city should not pride itself on approving permits faster than anywhere else. That says our code is weak and important details are being skipped.

For example, the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District code has been ignored and is outdated, when it should be the primary overriding land-use (not the city's zoning), and no further permitting should be allowed until that is brought up to federal water quality standards.

I have mixed feeling about the City Manager's current letter asking federal representatives to close the NW Ice Processing Center. Yes, the place should be closed, but this sentiment is coming years too late... and if the city had listened to its residents, we could have avoided that nightmare altogether. Eighteen years ago, Tacoma residents had begged the city not to make zoning exceptions bringing the horrid place here. As city attorney, then, Elizabeth allowed the lie that it was an essential federal facility... which it was not and never has been (it's a private prison with a federal contract), but only acknowledged when it suited the city. After years of expected terrible incidents and new reports of inappropriate restraints and sexual abuse, Tacoma continues to let the place operate even while violating the state legislation.

Now her letter says: "As city leaders, we share the same concerns expressed by local community advocates for the health, safety, and welfare of detainees..."

However, residents had raised clear awareness of those harms over 18 years ago, yet the city ignored us.

We were right then, and we're right now regarding the pending harm of the mega-warehouse.

So, two things need to change before the city manager should get a raise:

* No more meaningless resolutions and ineffective (stacked) committees/advisory task force/focus groups. The actual city codes must be changed for the protection of our residents and the environment, not for the ease and benefit of developers holding us hostage to weak policy.

* In lieu of either Citizen Forum or Virtual Forum (or in addition), there needs to be a weekly City Manager Q/A forum, where we can talk directly to the City Manager and get direct responses (since the mayor says it's not possible for multiple council members to answer, but the City Manager certainly can). Since that's not possible for part-time city council members, we should certainly be able to have a regular one-on-one with the City Manager, which seems like a very reasonable ask as part of a nearly \$300K salary.

From: Heidi S. <heidigs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 3:46 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Virtual Forum written comments 5/24/22

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RE: Opposition to Bridge Industrial -and- Support for the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone

Hundreds of residents have spoken in opposition to the Bridge Industrial proposal, as well as over 600 written comments and over 900 petition signatures opposing it.

Even after the public comment period closed, it has since been learned that the vehicle traffic estimates were likely only even half of what it will actually be. Bridge Industrial had simply carried over numbers from the ProLogis project of over 15 years ago (and which was for a much smaller facility) since Bridge Industrial claims they don't know who will be occupying their site; however, they have been actively advertising to e-commerce companies which Earth Justice predicts could bring up to an additional 12,000 vehicle trips per day. The city cannot accommodate that much more traffic on our roads, and especially the increased diesel exhaust into an area which already has high air pollution, and high lung cancer rates.

For those who assume it may bring a few jobs, the Grocery Union and even the Teamster are opposed to this project, since they value high quality of life for their members and road safety which this plan will threaten.

Just today it's being reported that the covid delivery bubble has burst, and Amazon has empty warehouse space they're trying to lease. Movie theaters and walking malls, once all the rage, now sit vacant. Do not repeat the same short-sighted mistake (as having welcomed the detention center) by now allowing this mega-warehouse which will very likely become a hulking vacant wasteland, another urban dead zone, heat zone having destroyed a wetland and watershed and the last bit of air and water management we have in South Tacoma.

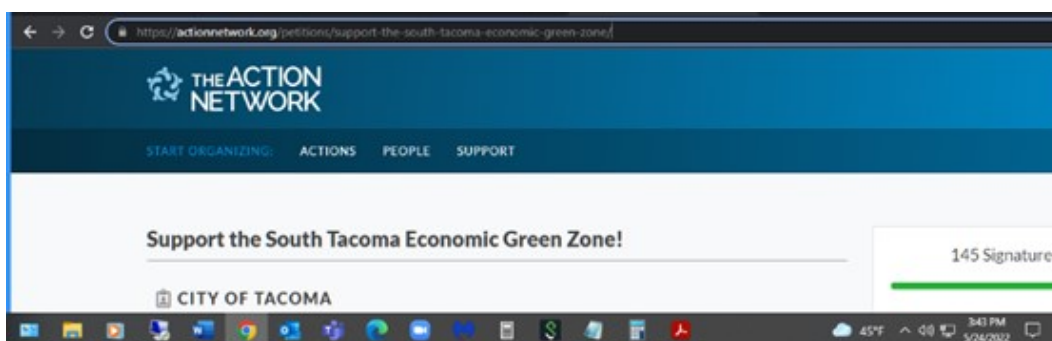
I've heard councilmembers say they've been coached to not discuss this topic for fear of litigation from the permit applicant. That's a terrible way to run a city and that's how we ended up with the NWDC/NWIPC, which the city is now trying to extract itself from.

Stop letting corporations and developers run you.

The city needs much stronger code, which a great start would be to pass the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone and apply the Planning Commission's recommendation for a moratorium on all permitting until the STGPD code has been updated.

If not, and if more traffic and air pollution are instead brought into South Tacoma, the lawsuits the city should be worrying about are class action lawsuits from residents who are continually experiencing blatant environmental racism.

145 people are supporting this statement:



It's time for the city to reverse pollution and environmental racism in South Tacoma, by:

- passing the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone Phase-1a Work Plan to begin updating the overdue South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District land-use overlay,
- and including a moratorium on any new permitting within this groundwater district and recharge areas until the code has been appropriately updated.

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From: Kurt <kurtjmac@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 10:42 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Support the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone, Phase-1a Work Plan

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To: City of Tacoma

I am writing in support the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone, Phase-1a Work Plan.

Tacoma has an uncomfortable association with pollution (the ASARCO smelter, the notable "aroma," to name a few), so we should commit to being a leading example in the efforts against climate change and environmental destruction. We can not continue write blank checks to industry and corporations at the expense of future generations' health and safety. No amount of short-term profits, promise of "jobs," or intangible "growth" are worth the irreversible damage to the local environment of the South Tacoma Aquifer. We, as a community, should be working to protect and restore our natural resources as part of the global effort to turn the tide of climate change, instead of paving them over with concrete.

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Thank you,

Kurt McNamara

Tacoma Resident in the 98404 zip code

From: Timothy Smith <mr_tjsmith@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 10:40 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Heidi S.
Subject: 25 MAY 22 Comments on Agenda Item 22-0571 2022 Annual Amendment- STGWPD/STEGZ
Attachments: 08 APR STEGZ Formal Comments to Planning Commision .docx

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Please forward my comments to the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee for their review of the subject above.

Vr,

Timothy Smith

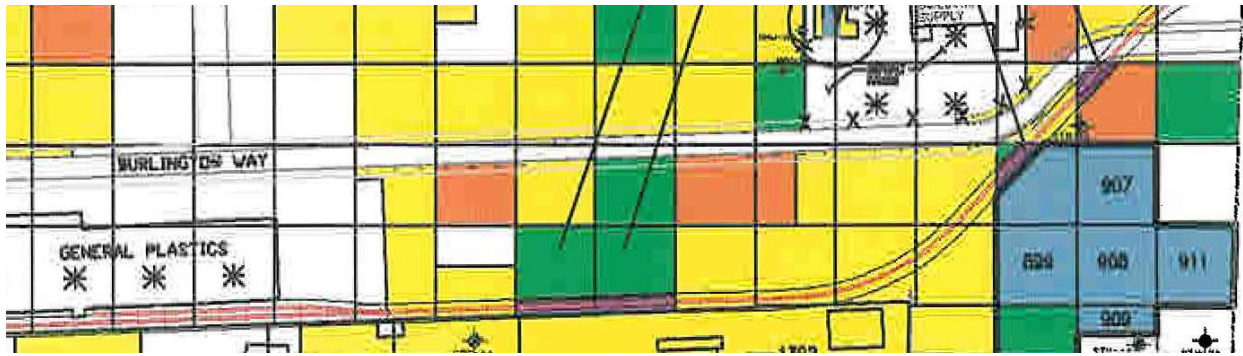
I fully support the amendment put forth by the South Tacoma neighborhood council for a complete review and update of TMC 13.06.070D – South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGWPD). In 1988 the City of Tacoma found that it was necessary and in the public interest to establish the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District. A full review of the governing zoning overlay is long overdue and must incorporate up to date best science.

This bottom-up community amendment application was for both an update in 2022 as well as a proposal for an entirely new look at the potential for green economic activities that support the primary zoning protections of the existing code. The proposal aligns with at least 25 major goals of the City Climate Action Plan. Stretching this out minimizes the primacy of this most vital protective code and creates the conditions for continued development to exploit weaknesses in the existing oversight mechanism exploit those vulnerabilities and diffuse the vital synergy in Tacoma in addressing the climate crisis. Delay will supersede the requirement and study being met right now to update the South Tacoma Wellhead Protection and the ongoing infrastructure improvements to the South Tacoma Wellfield plan by TPU. Delay is destructive to our water supply.

The area represented by this proposed amendment covers 1/5th of the city area and is designated as an environmentally (geohydrologically) sensitive area. The intent of this GWPD the current law and the proposed workplan to update the is to establish orderly procedures that reduce the risks to public health and safety and maintain the existing groundwater supply within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District as near as reasonably possible to its natural condition of purity.

The failure to do these needed updates and reinforce the primacy of this zoning overlay district has created a situation allowing for the siting of new and proposed developments where the intent and purpose of the GWPD has been placed far down the list when determining suitability and impact of major development.

For example, The Tacoma Pierce County Health Dept (governing management and punitive authority) and the City of Tacoma (land use and zoning) made every exception possible to place a metal and auto salvage yard – DIRECTLY over one of the most remediated properties in the 260-acre superfund site known as Operable Unit 4. A portion of this property was restored to “Above Residential Levels” of acceptable contamination as shown in this map extract from the 2019 report to the EPA on remediation efforts by the responsible party (BNSF). See extract below “Site Development and Institutional Controls Plan South Tacoma Field Tacoma, Washington” 1 May 2019 from BNSF to the EPA Region 10 page 27.



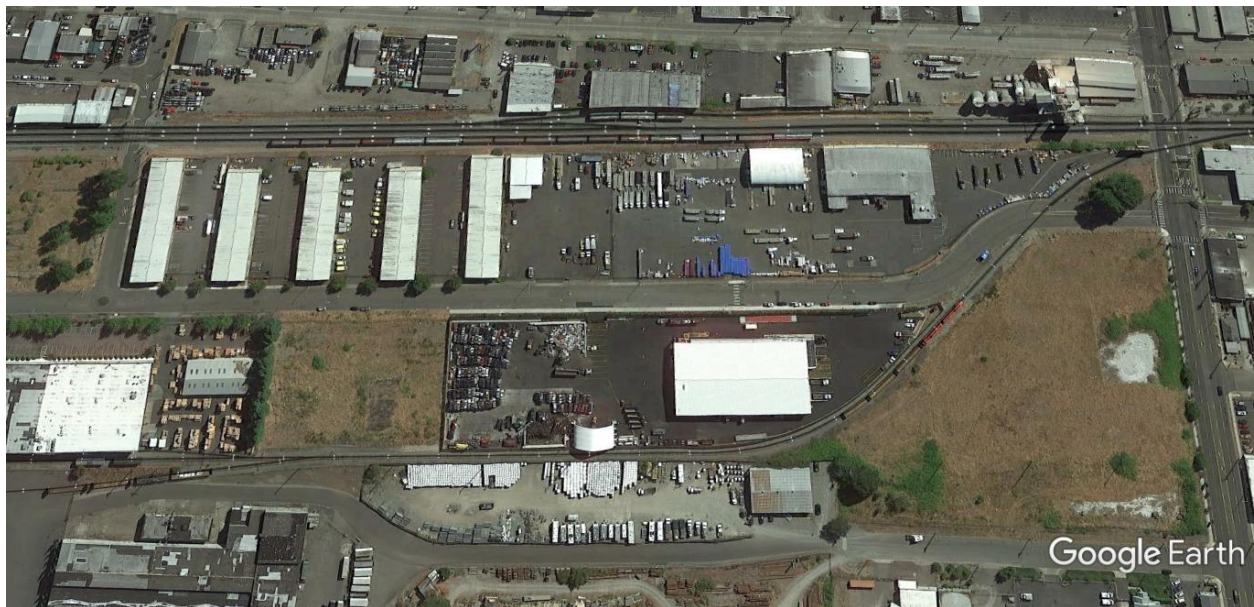
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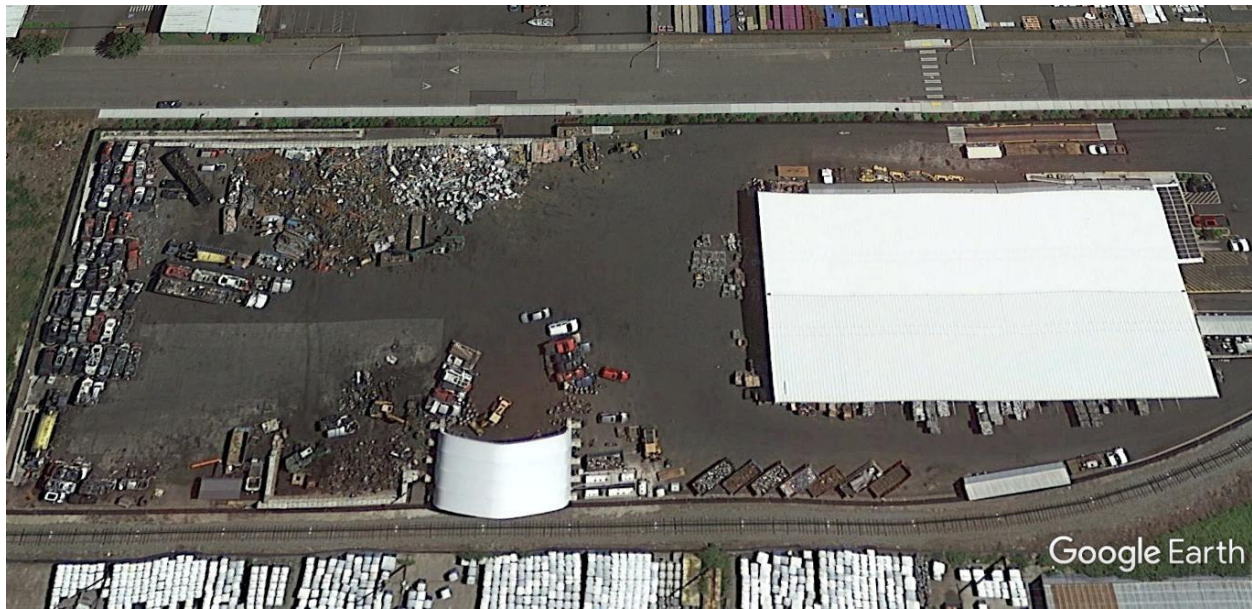
Yellow: GRID COVERED WITH AT LEAST 6» CLEAN SOIL AND HYDROSEED

Green: GRID ABOVE RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP LEVEL

Yet...here the remediated area is in a June 2021 satellite image now occupied by one of the most toxin producing industries – Sutter’s Metal Recycling. The toxic site is the large white building just right of center and surrounding salvage yard – S 56th street on the right edge – Burlington Way left to right in the middle – Tacoma Rail curving just above the bottom:



Although in 2019 this area was remediated – to a level acceptable for RESIDENTIAL reuse...indications from groundwater monitoring - since that time - show a mysterious “spike” in iron oxides. We are not sure of any other changes because, as of last report, the TPCHD has not tested the infiltration system they permitted for this metal harvesting facility. The system reportedly does not function to standard!



But a closer look from a satellite – 300 miles in space – clearly show the presence of vehicle fluid on the paved surfaces as well as LARGE AREAS OF ORANGE coloration indicative of..you guessed it... RUST – IRON OXIDE! What would more robust and frequent on-site testing reveal? We need to update the STGWPD to make that possible.

The current code prohibits and discourages such facilities based on the guidance promulgated by the EPA concerning such highly toxin prone facilities. Here are the possible threats.

Potential Pollutants at an Auto Salvage Yard:

- Used oil
- Used transmission fluid
- Used brake fluid
- Used wiper fluid
- Used antifreeze
- Gasoline
- Batteries
- Oily water
- On-road diesel
- Off-road diesel
- Metals
- Solvents / detergents
- Hydraulic fluid
- Lubricating fluids
- Mercury
- Refrigerants

The EPA strongly recommends such facilities prevent exposure of the automobile hulks to exposure to rain, implore the draining of fluids prior to placing them into the salvage stream, and to NOT allow them in hydrologically sensitive area. But there it is...and it is going to be expanded. Notice the vast piles of metal and hulks exposed to the elements and rainfall. Rigorous oversight, monitoring, and existing punitive measure for compliance MUST be done – now – and reinforced before any new hazardous or impactful development occurs. We should have updated the STGWPD 2 years ago.

WHY IS THE STPWD review and STEGZ update so vital? To prevent additional developments such as this over a critical groundwater and aquifer water supply using all and best available science. Pursuant to Ecology's Chapter 197-11-908 WAC and TMC Section 13.12.908 it is the policy of the City of Tacoma and City code to establish strict performance standards which will reduce or eliminate threats to this resource.

All properties and developments within the Protection District, as defined in Section 13.01.090, shall comply with these requirements, and any additional requirements of the sub-zoning districts where the property is located or may be located in the future. In the event of conflict with other regulations, the provisions of the existing STGWPD code shall control.

PLEASE, Support this initiative, integrate and accelerate the proposals for the Economic Green Zone, suspend current major development applications and place a moratorium on any currently underway until the superseding Groundwater Protection District code is updated.

Water IS life...

Vr,

Timothy Smith

From: Anneliese Simons <tacomasummer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 8:45 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: May 25 Infrastructure Planning and Sustainability Committee (IPS)

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Hello, as a voting resident of the City of Tacoma, I support the proposal for establishing a South Tacoma Economic Green Zone.

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I wish to keep Tacoma clean of pollution and allow open areas for the aquifer to allow clean water into the ground.

Please represent my voice in your votes,

Respectfully,

Anneliese Simons

2905 South 17th Street

Tacoma, WA 98405

From: Anneliese Simons <tacomasummer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 8:43 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Support for South Tacoma Economic Green Zone

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From: Michelle Mood <moodm@kenyon.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 8:29 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Woodards, Victoria; Bushnell, Joe; McCarthy, Conor; Ushka, Catherine; Hines, John; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Blocker, Keith; Daniels, Kiara; Walker, Kristina; Debbie Cockrell; Heidi S.
Subject: Virtual Forum Comment

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Dear City Clerk,

This is a public comment for today's Virtual Forum.

I am disappointed not a single City Council Member has contacted me about my concerns related to the 2.5 million square feet warehouse construction next to my property in South Tacoma's Oakland-Madrona neighborhood. I am dismayed that the City Council Members have not had greater oversight over City Manager Pauli in the implementation of resolutions and goals of the city's One Tacoma Plan, the Climate Action Plan, and 2050 net zero greenhouse gas emissions goal, the 2021 Decarbonization Resolutions (Res.40776, U-11193), 2019 Climate Emergency Resolution (Res. 40509) as well as the 2020 Anti-Racist Systems Transformation Resolution (Res. 40622). "Anti-Racist Systems Transformation Resolution" (Res 40622) must be followed and thus no new construction until racist redlining zoning is redressed by adoption of the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone; One Tacoma requires PDS to promote clean and green industrial development; HEAL requires addressing environmental justice. City Council is sitting on their hands and not leading the city. **The Climate Action Plan charges YOU to complete by 2024 several near-term, high impact Actions (Climate Action Plan Next Moves: Implementation Actions).** This includes -- ***GREEN ECONOMY: support the city's transition to a green economy.*** A key area for this is in the industrial sector, which accounted for 30% of Tacoma's 2019 emissions. For a socially just, green economic transition we need to support those transitioning out of fossil fuel jobs and focus on recruiting and retaining frontline community members to new, skilled, living-wage green jobs. ***ACTION by Planning and Development Services Department to conduct zoning and development standard review for industrial lands to promote clean and green industrial development and ensure consistency of industrial uses with policies for economic development, public health, environmental enhancement and protection.*** Where is your oversight? Are you leading at all, or are you being led, complacently?

Step up and lead the city. Stop cowering when unelected officials warn you off topics or tell you to "stay in your lane." Residents' lives and health ARE in your lane. Resist being "managed" by unelected officials. Use your power. Be curious. Ask questions. Push for justice. Hold on to your power, don't relinquish it. The city has done so much work to change our systems, and you need to push City Manager Pauli to implement them. Walk the walk of all those lovely city resolutions, please. And if the resolutions aren't the means of creating change, find out how to create change, institutionalize change, and look forward to a more just future. Key to this is making sure that the Planning and Development Services Department keeps neighborhood councils informed, and city council members informed, and citizens informed. The South Tacoma Economic Green Zone needs to be implemented and you can push for that, write letters of support, get the media involved. The Bridge Industrial warehouses need to be reined in to comply with the needs and vision of the city. The citizens will thank you! I will thank you!

Thanks for listening,

-Michelle

District #3 resident

Dr. Michelle S. Mood (she, her, hers)

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A boomer, not a zoomer.

From: Niedermeier Design <kurt@kngraphicdesign.com>

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 10:16 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: RE: Protect South Tacoma Aquifer!

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Tacoma City Council Members:

As a resident of Tacoma, I very much support STEGZ and ask the city to:

1. Pass the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone Phase-1a Work Plan.
2. Include a moratorium on any new permitting within this groundwater district AND recharge areas until the code has been appropriately updated.

It's clear that the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District and its current zoning-overlay need updating to reflect modern day best science which is long overdue, and which affects more than just South Tacoma because the South Tacoma Aquifer at times provides up to 40% of Tacoma's back-up water supply.

Without periodic code review and regular updates, as recently as a just few years ago a metal recycling / auto crushing facility was allowed to begin operation directly above this protected groundwater aquifer, involving toxic auto-fluids, heavy metals and degreasers (all of which are specifically noted by the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department as contaminants to strictly avoid in such an area).

Thank you,

Kurt Niedermeier
719 S. Mason Ave.

From: Anna <tanbabygirl@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 8:58 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: NO...warehouse!!!!

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I am writing in regards to the mega warehouse proposition at 5024 S Madison St in S Tacoma.

We say NO.

NO thank you to more congestion, more traffic issues, more cement walls instead of trees. The list of reasons we say NO is long & extensive.

It seems so many in leadership roles regarding our city & state have forgotten that they work for us...we the People...and not the other way around.

Tacoma has become a nightmare & it is getting worse by the day.

The bubble some of you live in astounds me.

Crime is out of control. The disgusting, polluted streets are sickening & now you want to even consider this insane project.

You have literally lost all of our support.

Clean up the city. ALL of it. Hold criminals accountable & start utilizing non violent criminals to clean up our roads like they use to.

We are tired of being dismissed & disappointed by so called leadership.

We want change. We want you to see the devastation our city is in.

S Tacoma is NOT where any mega warehouse should be or needs to be.

There are plenty of unincorporated areas for that.

Let's do something to make Tacoma great again instead of sinking family neighborhoods.

How about you put it in your neighborhood.

Signed,

A fed up tax payer

The absolute insanity of what this city has become...all because you, the so called "leaders" choose to ignore the hard working, tax paying citizens while allowing crime to over run things. Then to top it off, you want to RUIN a neighborhood by suggesting this insane warehouse.

You guys seem to forget who you work for & what we the people want.

Maybe it is time all of you be replaced so that we can take our city back & make it a nice place to live again.

You drive down any street & all you see is TRASH.

This is NOT a homeless problem. This is a DRUG problem, with a small hint of mental illness thrown in. Yet all you do is continue to enable.

It is pathetic & disturbing to say the least.

For once....LISTEN to your citizens.

STOP the madness & STOP ruining neighborhoods.

You want the insanity...then put it in YOUR back yard.

From: Stacy Oaks <stacyoaks425@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 3:48 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fwd: City of Tacoma, Support the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone!
Attachments: support-the-south-tacoma-economic-green-zone_signatures_202205241044.pdf

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Please add the comments of the 145 people in the attachment as part of public comment at tonight's city council meeting.

Thank you,

Stacy Oaks

on behalf of 350 Tacoma

City of Tacoma,

145 people have signed a petition on Action Network telling you to Support the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone!.

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You can view each petition signer and the comments they left you in the attached PDF.

Thank you,

350 Tacoma



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350 Tacoma

1. 350 Tacoma (*ZIP code: 98405*)

2. Steve McDonald (*ZIP code:*)

3. Abby Shade (*ZIP code: 98403*)

4. Ailsa Wallerich-Neils (*ZIP code: 98409*)

5. Belinda Laju (*ZIP code: 98409*)

6. Amy Van (*ZIP code: 98404*)

7. K Anderson (*ZIP code: 98354*)

8. Andrew Ryan (*ZIP code: 98418*)

9. DALE N Bickenbach (*ZIP code: 98409-1817*)

Current zoning of this area is vastly outdated as 'industry' is not in the interest of the City. Nor is there a current or proposed City plan for South Tacoma of which I am aware promoting current and expected needs.

10. annette agee (*ZIP code: 98409*)

11. Samantha Hughes Lutge (ZIP code: 98409)

I support the Green Zone. Lets stop the warehouses.

12. Bruce Forsberg (ZIP code: 98409)

Hope this action works.

13. Brenda O'Brien (ZIP code: 98409)

14. Beverly Naidus (ZIP code: 98403)

15. Bradley Thompson (ZIP code: 98405)

16. Brendan Wooten (ZIP code: 98409)

17. Brian Thayer (ZIP code: 98405)

18. Casey McManus (ZIP code: 98404)

As a resident of East Tacoma and a current member of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, I support the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone plan and ask the City to work with the community on these asks.

19. Cathie Urwin (ZIP code: 98409)

This land area in South Tacoma needs to have the zoning changed from "high industrial" to an "Economic Green Zone". The aquifer for this land area needs to be adequately protected and preserved. The residents of South Tacoma are long overdue for equitable planning with the land areas within their neighborhoods.

20. Christopher (ZIP code: 98404)

We don't need more factories killing poor people from toxic fumes and chemical pollution. We should buy that land for public use and restore it until it becomes a future forest for kids and all to relax and play.

21. Colleen Waterhouse (ZIP code: 98499-8113)

22. John Corso (ZIP code: 98403)

23. Daisha Gomillion (ZIP code: 98404)

24. Dale Mulholland (ZIP code: 98409)

25. Daniel Villa (ZIP code: 98405-4014)

Please support the Economic Green Zone and enact a moratorium on development in this area until it has been processed and implemented by the city!

26. Esther Day (ZIP code: 98408)

Stop this insane project and protect our aquifer and the wetlands.

We have so many vacant warehouses in South Tacoma that we do not need this one.

27. Denice Jentlie (*ZIP code: 98405*)

28. Dawn Schofield (*ZIP code: 98408*)

I think it's ridiculous that Tacoma citizens have to protest stupid decisions made by our well paid city officials that clearly don't have the well being of those citizens as a first priority.

29. Dana Muir (*ZIP code: 98374*)

30. Doug Helland (*ZIP code: 98498*)

31. Stacy Oaks (*ZIP code: 98271*)

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32. Ken Zirinsky (*ZIP code: 98407*)

33. Felicity Devlin (*ZIP code: 98406*)

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34. Shannon Andrews (*ZIP code: 98403*)

35. Luciano Garofalo (*ZIP code: 98418*)

36. Hannah Lima (*ZIP code: 98403*)

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37. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 95051*)

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40. Linda Hood (*ZIP code: 98466*)

41. Betsy Perdue (*ZIP code: 98406*)

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42. Barbara Church (*ZIP code: 98422*)

Our glaciers are melting and our water sources are diminishing. We need to protect our aquifers and green zones. We need to put the health and safety of people; and all living things first.

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47. Jennifer Ladzinski (*ZIP code: 98418*)

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Thank you,

Jessica Trujillo

49. Joellen Giles (*ZIP code: 98405-2227*)

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the right thing

50. John Butler (*ZIP code: 98403*)

Commerce should never come at the expense of clean water, fresh air, and thriving neighborhoods.

51. Justine Eister (*ZIP code: 98408*)

52. Kenneth Hopper (*ZIP code: 98404*)

53. Kelsey Alshememry (*ZIP code: 98404*)

54. Kathryn Lanzillo (*ZIP code: 98409*)

55. Kayla Quinn (*ZIP code: 98465*)

I am in full support of the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone. The city already has enough pollution and equity issues. The green zone will help prevent more issues from arising. It's a positive investment in Tacoma's future.

56. Irne Kennedy (*ZIP code: 98406*)

57. Kenra Brewer (*ZIP code: 98404*)

58. Kristen Harrison (*ZIP code: 98406*)

59. Kimberlie Ielli (*ZIP code: 98467*)

60. King Schoenfeld (*ZIP code: 98403*)

We've got to keep our eyes on the long term needs and conditions of our local natural resources.

61. Kristofer Nystrom (*ZIP code: 98403*)

62. Kody Granger (*ZIP code: 98409*)

63. Kristen Gledhill (*ZIP code: 98335*)

64. Christina Manetti (*ZIP code: 98499*)

65. Kurt Niedermeier (*ZIP code: 98405*)

66. Elaina Garrison (*ZIP code: 98408*)

67. April Smith (*ZIP code: 98445*)

68. Lauren (*ZIP code: 98409*)

69. Good Citizen (*ZIP code: 98418*)

Hello California! Goodbye Tacoma!

70. Lauren Bishop (*ZIP code: 98498*)

71. Lester Pogue (*ZIP code: 98405*)

Do the right thing for future generations, protect the water!

72. Lindsay Medema (*ZIP code: 98408*)

73. Debra Gibson (*ZIP code: 98408*)

74. Linda Higgins (*ZIP code: 98407*)

75. Trischa Lohr Barlet (*ZIP code: 98390*)

76. Brigitte Long (*ZIP code: 98070*)

77. Louisa Beal (*ZIP code: 98466*)

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79. Kathy McKibbin-Manuel (*ZIP code: 98409*)

80. Madeline Burns (*ZIP code: 98406*)

81. Mary Ann Harshman (*ZIP code: 98465*)

82. Marian Schwartz (*ZIP code: 98407*)

83. Marianne Tompkins (*ZIP code: 98503*)

My grandchildren and children live in south Tacoma. I care for their health and safety, and as leaders it is your job to care for the community you serve as well.

84. Anna Markee (*ZIP code: 98406*)

85. Ashley Marrow (*ZIP code: 98498*)

86. Megan Selvage (*ZIP code: 98404*)

87. Mary Jo Strom Copland (*ZIP code: 98407*)

88. Maryanne Dehner (*ZIP code: 98465*)

89. Michelle Mood (*ZIP code: 98409*)

90. Kathryn Moon (*ZIP code: 98408*)

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91. Lisa Jutte (*ZIP code: 98409*)

92. Nancy Farrell (*ZIP code: 98406*)

93. Natalie Hyde (*ZIP code: 98466*)

94. Nichole Snyder (*ZIP code: 98040*)

95. Ruby Nicholls (*ZIP code: 98409*)

I reside in South Tacoma in a home that I own. I fully support this proposal.

96. trevor millner (*ZIP code: 98444*)

Please hear us out and consider the environment over profits.

97. Oneida Arnold (*ZIP code: 98403*)

98. Yanah G Cook (*ZIP code: 98580*)

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100. Mary Curry (*ZIP code: 98409*)

101. Patrick Casados (*ZIP code: 98418*)

102. Robin and Sandra Peterson (*ZIP code: 98465*)

103. Pia Rivera-Jones (ZIP code: 98408)

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106. Rachel Wilkie (ZIP code: 98408)

Tacoma needs to prioritize saving and protecting our remaining green spaces. South Tacoma and the South End are already separated by a giant freeway, with poor pedestrian crossing options, fewer parks and green spaces, and more pollution (and the accompanying lower quality of life). Protecting this aquifer (and developing an active green space above it) will benefit the community much more than a huge, paved, warehouse monstrosity and all of the accompanying pollution, traffic and threat to the water supply.

107. Robert Bearden (ZIP code: 98409)

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113. Stuart Johnston (ZIP code: 98446)

114. Sally Radford (ZIP code: 98409)

115. Shaw Sander (ZIP code: 98404)

116. Sarah Kowalski (ZIP code: 98409)

I strongly support the passing of the Economic Green Zone. Tacoma has historically been an industrial city, and the green spaces that remain need to be protected both for the health of the species that live there, and for the health of surrounding neighborhoods.

117. Taylor Underwood (ZIP code: 98499)

Please don't destroy what little natural resources pierce county has left.

118. Elizabeth Scott (ZIP code: 98499)

119. Morgan Shields (ZIP code: 98408)

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Please protect and support this vital area in Tacoma.

121. Emily Smith (ZIP code: 98407)

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129. Tara Nelson (ZIP code: 98466)

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So many neighborhoods are vulnerable to industrial pollution including Lakewood where high levels of "forever chemicals" have been found in certain wells. We need more oversight by our local representatives to work for the people.

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138. Walter Jorgensen (*ZIP code: 99501*)

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From: 350 Tacoma via ActionNetwork.org <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 6:18 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City of Tacoma, Support the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone!
Attachments: support-the-south-tacoma-economic-green-zone_signatures_202205240118.pdf

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16. Toni Mills (*ZIP code: 98198*)

From: Sharon Knight <finny65@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 11:41 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: RE: Covering of Aquifer/ Bridge Warehouse Project

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To all that it concerns,

This is my second written statement to the City of Tacoma and I did make a public statement at the last public hearing. I feel very strongly that selling this land to Bridge Industrials will be a mistake for many reasons.

First, the environmental impact of this sale on the area would be a disaster. Covering the aquifer that has a water supply needed during droughts. How are you going to replace this water supply? Aquifers are important for some many ecological reasons. Once it's gone, there will be no replacing it.

Secondly, this is a superfund site. It has never been thoroughly cleaned up and is still leaking chemicals into the ground. There needs to be a government approved plan to clean up the site to meet at least minimal government standards. Hopefully to meet higher standards.

Third, All the extra traffic will lead to noise and air pollution. It will also raise the temperature in the area. All pollutions seen with increased traffic in high density neighborhoods. We are taking away most of the trees creating more cement.

The traffic concerns are what originally drew me to this project. I often drive on 56th street in this area. It is already congested. Then you get stopped by the Sounder train and it's a mess. Many people from University Place use 56th Street to get to I-5. Also, 56th Street is one of the main ways to get to Chamber Creek Regional Park. Many tourists come to visit the park and to go to the events in the park and at the Golf Course there. It is a great source of tourist dollars for South Tacoma as well as University Place.

Plus, all the trucks that will go into the warehouses even with two entrances and exits. You know that traffic will be higher than the estimations. Plus, the employees, how will they access the property? I'm sure they will drive to and from work. That's even more traffic! During the summer, when we have haze from wild fires, what will happen to all the fumes from the extra traffic?

I hope that the city will take time a do a thorough assessment of the area, including a Health Impact Assessment and an Environmental Impact Assessment. This is a fragile area and needs to be taken care of for the City of Tacoma. It is in the City's best interest to protect this unique and diverse area. A minimal amount of clean up with a cement pour over the aquifer and adding some retaining ponds and plants just is not the right way to do this.

I hear that the planning committee has approved the "South Tacoma Economic Green Zone (STEGZ) with the purpose of creating new, non-polluting business opportunities in the aquifer protection district and not inhibiting this vulnerable aquifer's ability to recharge." (From the Tacoma Weekly 5/21/22, Heidi Stephens)

In conjunction with Code Review and the moratorium on permitting from the planning committee this will give the City time to reflect on the next step in this progress.

I know that the City can do better and I believe that the City can.

Respectfully yours,

Sharon F. Knight

5514 58th Avenue Court West
University Place, Wa 98467

Sent from [Outlook](#)