

From: Mark Andrews <mark@addisonsupply.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 3:38 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Prohibiting of Camping in the Entire City of Tacoma

Good afternoon,

I'm writing as the owner of a 45 year old Tacoma Business that is tired of crime on our streets. Not unlike every other business owner, I am sure.

This crime can be stopped: The Council needs to want to stop it.

The prohibiting of Camping is a start, it can't just be 9 small locations, the camping in Tacoma needs to be ended in its entirety, City wide.

Property Loss will end, the campers aren't homeless, they are criminals and druggies that have chosen to live near areas that they can steal from without consequence.

The TPD needs to have full authority to not only arrest individuals but to expect that those criminals will be prosecuted and be held in jail. Our Jail is virtually empty, and it would only take 200-300 arrests to stop the crime.

The TPD needs to be recognized as THE AUTHORITY in Tacoma and they will then be respected.

The Camping, the motorhomes and the trailers are a network of criminals that seize all opportunity to steal from the businesses and households that are paying the Property, B and O and Sales Tax that pay the Cities bills. They run drugs, prostitution, and chop shops to maintain their lifestyle at the expense of every Tacoma Business.

I don't need to list the crime that happens, the City is well aware of the spiraling out of control problems.

The City Council needs to give authority to the police. Our protectors, let them protect, let them police, let them arrest and we will have a city free of crime.

Sincerely,



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In solidarity,

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In solidarity,

guyblahson@hotmail.com

514 W Main

Puyallup, Washington 98371

From: Justin Parsons <justinp@colrich.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 10:21 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: The Beacon Center - Youth Overnight Shelter
Attachments: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Beacon Center loitering more info; Screenshot 2022-09-13 at 10.18.16 AM

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Hello,

My name is Justin Parsons and I am the Asset Manager for five separate apartment buildings throughout downtown Tacoma. I'm reaching out because we have been dealing with constant issues related to crime, violence and drug use occurring at the Beacon Center which is a youth overnight shelter located **415 S 13th St, Tacoma, WA 98402**. Our building, Midtown Lofts, is located across the street. As mentioned, there is constant crime, violence and drug use which is negatively affecting the living conditions of our residents and causing us to lose residents and prospects from wanting to live there due to the consistent loitering during all hours of the day and night. I have had conversations with a few people in charge at the City of Tacoma , Neighborhood and Community Services division but there has been no action taken. The next steps we would like to take is involve local City Council as well as getting an attorney involved. I've attached examples of what we have been dealing with as of late. I think this would be a great item to add to the agenda as the city is considering a New Camping Ordinance. I'm happy to hop on a call or meet in person to discuss this issue further.

Thank you,

Justin Parsons

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From: Steve Wilson <swilson@cityofva.com>
To: Justin Pearson
Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:46:58 PM
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Beacon Center loitering more info
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Hi,
Please see what is provided here from a resident at Midtown. I am thinking attention needs to be brought to the city about this facility.

Attachment: 2022_0901061 Beacon Center loitering more info
From: Steve Wilson <swilson@cityofva.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:46:58 PM
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Beacon Center loitering more info

I know we spoke with Justin yesterday regarding the Beacon Center. I got this information from a resident. I felt like it would be helpful information to approach whenever the contact is with since it's now bringing serious crime onto our actual property and as you can see the person was also arrested on our property.

The resident also provided me with a screenshot from her "Citizen App" which is just a community crime reporting app. It states what crime was committed and the location. I collected that screenshot as well. Hopefully this will help!

Justin Wilson (Community Manager)
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On Tue, Aug 20, 2013 at 10:04 PM, Karl Wilkerson <karl.wilkerson@cityoftacoma.org> wrote:

Thank you Karl!
An off-camera (KCS) around 8:00pm, a large group is now loitering near the building, smoking and drinking the alcohol.
The crowd, smoking, drinking of alcohol. I had only observed between 8:00pm to 8:30pm, but now it's moving the crowd later in the evening too.
Thanks,
Karl

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On Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 10:04 PM, Karl Wilkerson <karl.wilkerson@cityoftacoma.org> wrote:

I called and left a message. I will follow up with contacting them again tomorrow.

Karl Wilkerson (Community Manager)

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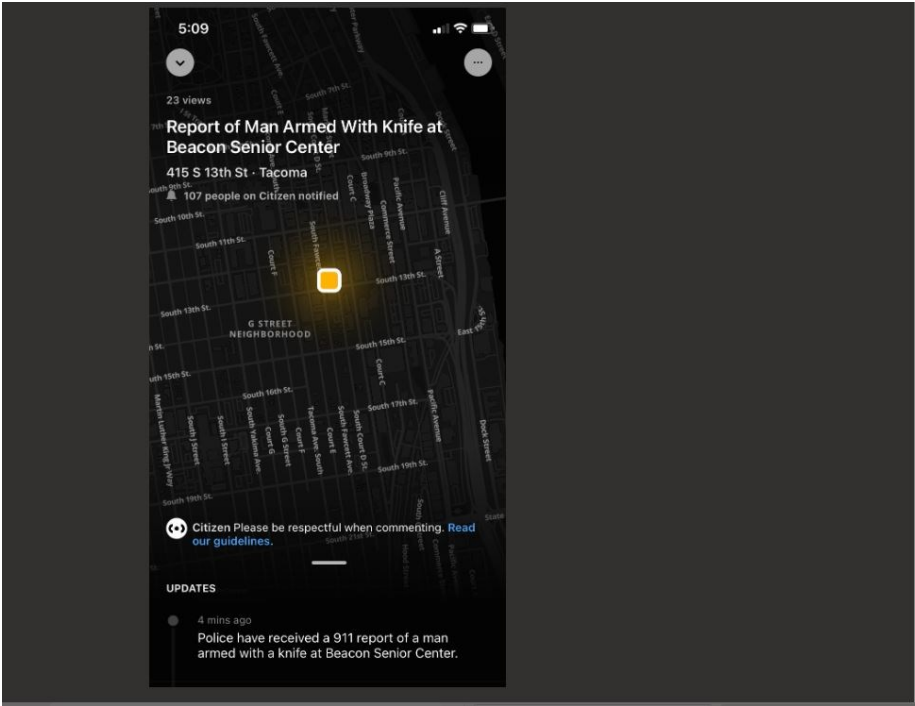
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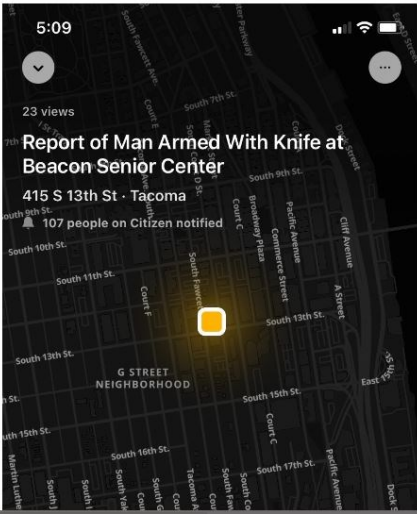




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Nellie <richmondgimlet@yahoo.com>
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Citizen App alert from 8/31



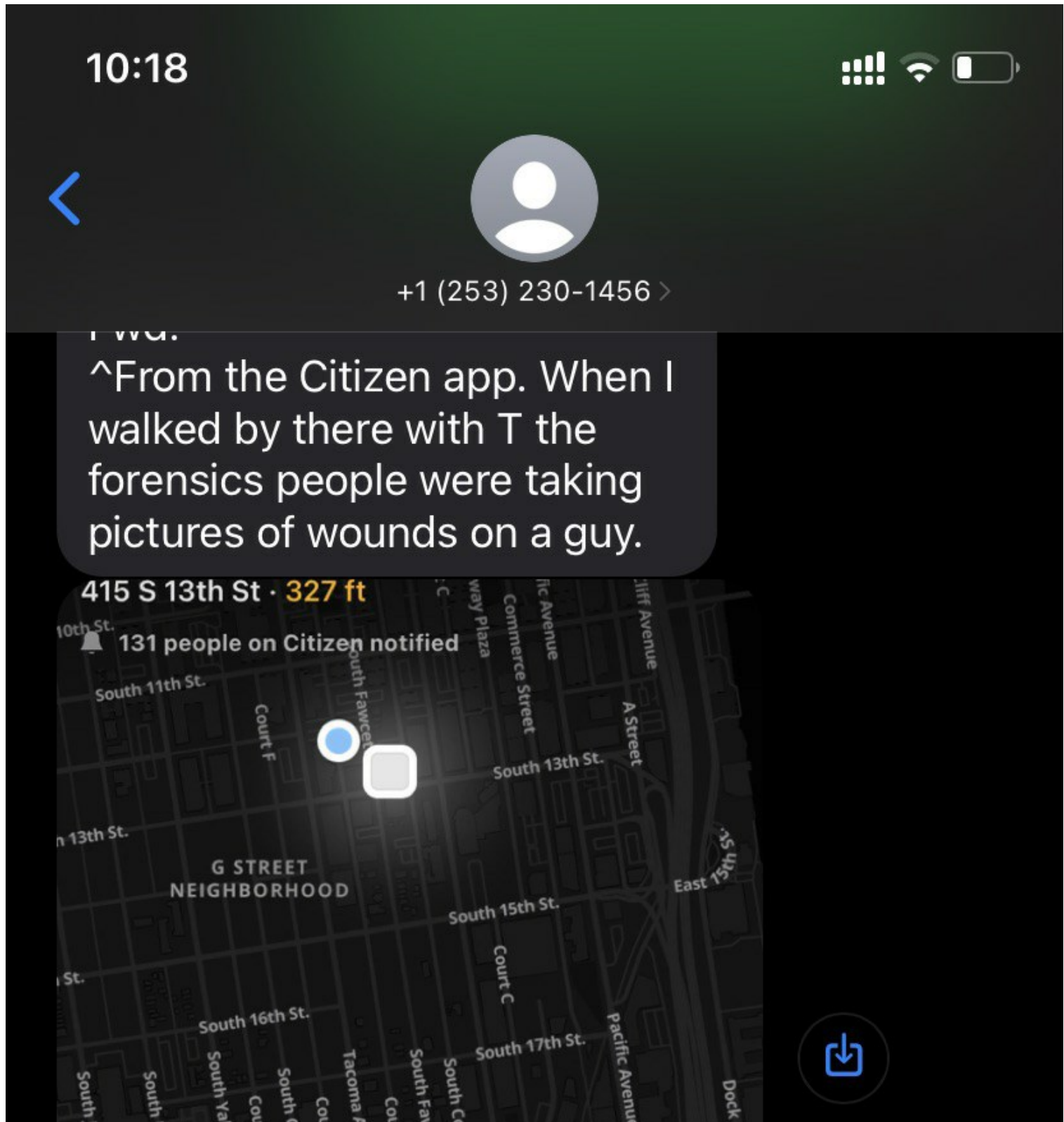
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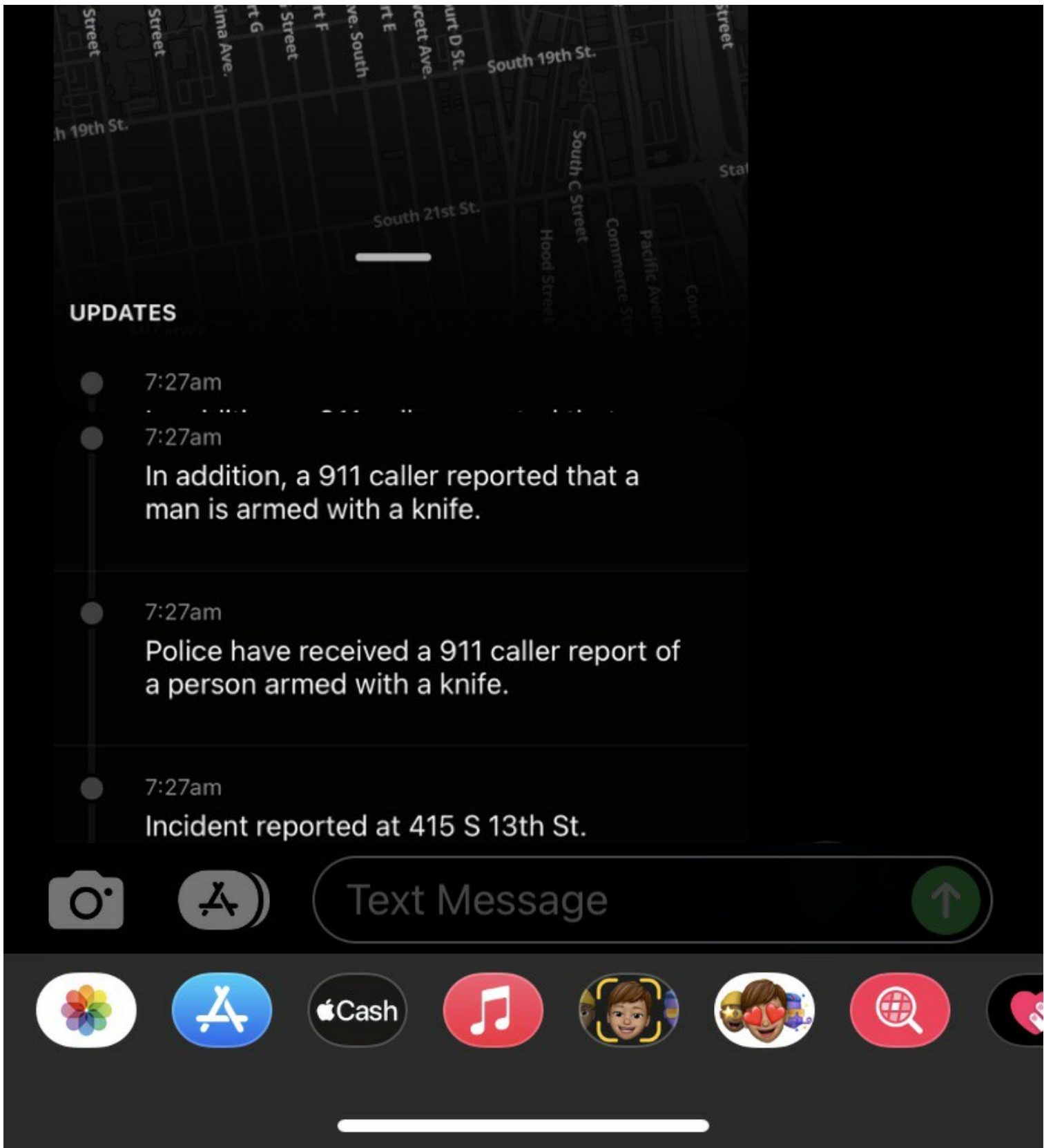
To: Justin Parsons

Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 10:20:56 AM

Subject: Screenshot 2022-09-13 at 10.18.16 AM

Attachments: Screenshot 2022-09-13 at 10.18.16 AM.png (197 KB);





Justin Parsons

Asset Manager

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From: Phil Harty <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 10:09 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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In solidarity,

Phil Harty

philhartymusic@gmail.com

1 North Broadway apt., apt# 2, apt# 2, apt# 2

Tacoma, Washington 98403

From: Megan Lum <veggiegirl68@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 9:42 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Camping ban

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Dear city council, I urge you to support the camping ban within 10 blocks of sanctioned shelters. The unsanctioned camps attract drug dealers and violence, which undermines the efforts being made to safely shelter people in need.

- Megan, Tacoma resident

From: Matthew Caras <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 5:38 AM
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Matthew Caras
TDSA Housing Working Group

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From: Aaron Sheldon <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 11:37 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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Aaron Sheldon

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From: Samantha Overstreet <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 10:49 PM
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