

From: Alexandria Nickerson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 9:44 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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City Clerk City Clerk,

Greed ruins it for everyone. Please be humane. I am calling on you to reject Ordinance 28831. Enacting a camping bill criminalizes homelessness, rather than working to solve the crisis. Costing everyone!!

We, the people of Tacoma, reject Ordinance 28831. We categorically reject a policing solution to homelessness. There are simply not enough safe, accessible, and non-congregate shelter spaces available – in this context it is unacceptable to put additional restrictions on folks with little or no alternative. The homelessness crisis weakens practically every other civic interest the council is concerned with, including public safety, public health, mental health, parks, schools and families. We need bold, direct measures that work towards solving, not criminalizing it.

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In solidarity,

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In solidarity,

Emily Kalteich

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From: Satan McGee <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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We urge you to reject this camping ban and not deserve the death penalty.

In solidarity,

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From: Amber Burch <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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In solidarity,

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In solidarity,

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From: David Dunham <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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We should reject a policing solution to homelessness. There are simply not enough safe, accessible, and non-congregate shelter spaces available — the pandemic is NOT over and we should not be encouraging people to mass indoors.

Please reject this camping ban.

In solidarity,

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From: Kristin Johson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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In solidarity,

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From: Neil Hewitson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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City Clerk City Clerk,

Hello, my name is Neil Hewitson and I live in the neighborhood of Hilltop. I live very close to encampments of our un-housed community members. I call on you to reject Ordinance 28831.

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Sincerely,

Neil Hewitson
Hilltop resident

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Kiara-Yael Méndez

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The issue should not be addressed by police only. I will stand up for my unhoused neighbors if you will not. Please contact me to talk further about this issue.

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From: Travis Leever <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 10:36 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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In solidarity,
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From: Lezley McDouall <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 10:51 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Ban on Camping on Public Property!

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City Clerk City Clerk,

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People of faith on Tacoma reject Ordinance 28831 because we know that our treatment of the poor IS our treatment of Jesus Himself.

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The homelessness crisis caused by housing unaffordability is weakening every other civic interest the council is concerned with, including public safety, public health, mental health, parks, schools and families. We need bold, direct measures that work towards solving these problems, not criminalizing band-aids.

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People of faith demand better stewardship of our tax dollars.

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2. To increase community support for services like mental health, hygiene, garbage, and drug and alcohol services.

3. To legalize all forms of housing in the city, including those that are the most accessible to people experiencing homelessness, such as mobile homes/RVs.

We urge you to reject this camping ban.

In solidarity,

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From: Jessi Presley-Grusin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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City Clerk City Clerk,

I am asking that you reject Ordinance 28831 because enacting a such a bill would serve to criminalize homelessness, rather than actually solving this crisis.

We must categorically reject policing as a solution to homelessness. There are simply not enough safe, accessible, and non-congregate shelter spaces available, and in this context it is unacceptable to put additional restrictions on folks with little or no alternative to camping. The homelessness crisis weakens practically every other civic interest the council is concerned with, including public safety, public health, mental health, parks, schools and families. We need bold, direct measures that work towards solving, not criminalizing, it.

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We need a solution to the homelessness crisis that provides permanent affordable housing and that centers the voices of those who have experienced homelessness. This camping ban ordinance is the opposite, creating yet another restriction directed at the unhoused who are just trying to survive amidst the systemic injustice of lack of safe, affordable housing in our community. The arbitrary nature of this camping ban's ten block radius is unjustified. Why should people in stable sites and longstanding encampments be forced to move merely because they are within a few blocks of a stability site that doesn't serve them? The city cannot offer adequate shelter or housing, so why arbitrarily dislocate encampments for geographical niceties?

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I urge you to reject this camping ban.

In solidarity,

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From: Alexis Gonzales <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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In solidarity,

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In solidarity,

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From: Sophia Keller <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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We urge you to reject this camping ban.

In solidarity,

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From: Erick Hohnstein-Van Etten <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 12:52 PM
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We urge you to reject this camping ban.

In solidarity,

- Erick Hohnstein-Van Etten

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From: the people's assembly * <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: City Clerk's Office
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We urge you to reject this camping ban.

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From: Sara Nau <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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Reject this camping ban.

In solidarity,

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From: Marteena Jones <Marteena.g.jones@Gmail.com>
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To: City Clerk's Office
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From: Emily Slager <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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In solidarity,

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4. Provide sanitation services to current encampments to decrease animosity toward unhoused people by the housed.

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In solidarity,

Laurie Arnold,

Tacoma resident whose apartment bldg is located within an encampment

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From: Milly Vara <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 2:29 PM
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From: Heather Kerr <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 3:15 PM
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Mazzi Biritz

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Thank you for your time and work
In solidarity,

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From: Scout Norton <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 3:51 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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In solidarity,

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In solidarity,

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From: Stacey Romero <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: City Clerk's Office
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City Clerk City Clerk,

Some of you know me personally and won't be surprised that I signed onto this letter. I hope enough of you who are currently in office have enough sense to see that a ban will do nothing to move us forward. I remember that nearly 20 years ago (in WA, although not Tacoma) I was living in my car; I was still among the working poor. Crushed by medical debt, I had to choose between keeping my car or keeping my apartment. I chose the car, so that I could still get to work, given I lived at the time in a rural area with little public transportation. I alternated between paying for campsites and finding little places to pull over and sleep in my car for the night where probably no one would come across me; it was grueling to hold down a professional job without a stable place to sleep, shower, and store my belongings. Every minute I wasn't at work I was figuring out where and when I could sleep, where and when I could shower, etc. Today, thousands of people are living out some version of this nightmare - many without the benefit of a vehicle to sleep in - in this community, and the response of people who are not living out such a difficult experience makes me believe I live in a discompassionate city with few decent human beings. Please prove me wrong: I call on you to reject Ordinance 28831. Enacting a camping bill criminalizes homelessness, rather than working to solve the crisis.

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In solidarity,

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From: Todd Hunt <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 8:28 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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In solidarity,

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From: Kate Briddell <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 4:45 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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In solidarity,

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From: Courtney Wiles <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 6:23 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
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We urge you to reject this camping ban.

In solidarity,

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From: Alex Mann <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 9:02 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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2. To create sanctioned, self-governed encampments throughout the city, with over 72% of people interviewed preferred to stay in an outdoor, managed camp than overcrowded indoor shelter. Until our city can offer safer, more dignified, non-congregate, and stable shelter options, violent sweeps will only deepen the homelessness crisis.

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In sum, I implore you to reject this camping ban.

Sincerely,

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From: Madison Severson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 9:55 AM
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In solidarity,

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From: Erika Bartlett <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 11:40 AM
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In solidarity,

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From: Catherine Garretson-Bilnoski <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2022 3:17 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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From: April Nimick <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2022 7:48 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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In solidarity,

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From: Betsy Kindblade <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2022 10:18 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
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From: Shantell Sanders <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 10:30 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
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From: Jeanette Mihaila <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 11:01 AM
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In solidarity,

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TACOMA, Washington 98409

From: Jackie Kaiser <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 11:03 AM
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We urge you to reject this camping ban.

In solidarity,

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Tacoma, Washington 98402

From: Brandon Morrissey <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 1:02 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
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In solidarity,

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From: Stacey Soltoff <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 1:55 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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City Clerk City Clerk,

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I encourage you to check out the policy recommendations from Housing Not Handcuffs (<https://housingnohandcuffs.org/policy-solutions/>) & The National Homelessness Law Center (https://homelesslaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/No_Safe_Place.pdf)

If enacted, Ordinance 28831 will traumatize and punish those experiencing homelessness in our community, just like similar ordinances implemented across the country. Increased penalties and sweeps systemically escalate violence against the unhoused, who according to the last Point in Time Count were disproportionately PEOPLE OF COLOR and LGBTQIA YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS.

It wastes tax dollars. Any funds spent on courts, lawyers, and police are resources diverted from the very real need for sanitation, healthcare, sustainable inclusive public safety, and housing for all.

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In solidarity,

Stacey Soltoff

Member of the Tacoma-Pierce Regional Organizing Committee of the WA Poor People's Campaign

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From: Karla Rixon <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ban

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City Clerk City Clerk,

I'm asking you to reject Ordinance 28831. A camping ban criminalizes homelessness, which as you know is useless and wasteful. You know that Tacoma does not have enough shelter for everyone living on the streets. And you know that a police-based solution will create harm and may even lead directly to the murder of our houseless neighbors.

A real solution would include short-term help like:

- proactive trash pickup
- many more public restrooms with city-paid cleaning staff
- water stations
- shower stations
- nutrition and personal care drop offs
- extreme weather shelters open at lower thresholds for heat, cold, air quality, etc

And a real solution would focus on long term assistance like:

- much, much more public affordable housing
- a functional transit system
- high taxes on real estate investments that are driving up rents
- adequate mental health and addiction treatment services

It's a known fact that many of the homeless folks in our community avoid the shelter system. I'd like to see the city council move beyond the assumption that this is because homeless folks are wrong. As a formerly homeless person I can tell you that our shelters are dehumanizing and disrespectful, and the system is so frustrating to navigate that it feels like a constant insult. You're not going to solve that by getting the cops to shove folks down the street--you're going to make it worse. And you're going to waste a bunch of public money doing it.

I expect better from you.

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From: Claire Thorstad <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 4:37 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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In solidarity,

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From: Joy Caddock <joycaddock@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 7:50 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: No camping ban. Full mental health crisis support team

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I'm a long time resident of Tacoma and parent of an 8 year old here on Puyallup territory. I am in favor of a fully funded mental health crisis response team and unarmed mental health liaisons to support houseless individuals in our city. (Rather than armed officers who aren't equipped to handle mental health crisis.)

I am not in favor of any camping bans or criminalizing those who are experiencing houselessness or mental health crisis. We are experiencing trauma and pandemic collectively and our most vulnerable have taken a hit. Societal and governmental response should reflect this reality and offer support rather than criminalization and penalty.

Thanks,
Joy Caddock

From: Bergen Eickhoff <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 2:45 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
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It is not hard to provide housing for all. It simply takes courage, compassion, cooperation, and care. People who are houseless are deserving of the dignity and respect all human beings inherently possess. If the Tacoma City Councilmembers and Mayoral team cannot treat all people—especially those who suffer the most—with care and compassion, then you do not deserve to represent our great city of Tacoma. I will speak as a religious leader and queer person that many people who are houseless are themselves people of deep faith and members of the LGBTQIA+ family. I find it unacceptable to think that my chosen home of Tacoma would treat members of my family with such careless cruelty.

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I urge you to reject this predatory, unacceptable camping ban.

In solidarity,

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From: Camille Brunel <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 6:23 PM
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From: BK Lemay <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 11:35 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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City Clerk City Clerk,

Greetings,

I call on you to reject Ordinance 28831. Enacting a camping bill criminalizes homelessness, rather than working to solve the crisis. City staff provided a sound and humane plan to end homelessness in Tacoma, and I urge you to trust their experience and expertise in this area rather than implementing Ordinance 28831, which will do nothing to solve the issue and in fact will exacerbate it.

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In solidarity,

BK Lemay

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Tacoma, Washington 98408

From: Kristin Lillegard <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 2:03 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
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From: Lavada Kent-Napier Kent-Napier <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:41 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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From: Faith Smith <luvsmit@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 11:00 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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In solidarity,

Faith, your neighbor

Faith Smith

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Tacoma, Washington 98445

From: Barbi Leifert <barbi6253@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 11:59 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: In favor of Ordinance to ban camping

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This has been a long time coming
You must pass this ordinance

It is a start and it doesn't go far enough We have been greatly impacted by camping under the 705 and have seen city property under the 705 highway in the dome district and the north end of downtown -deteriorate because camping has been allowed in these areas Fires, urine ,feces, drug needles- grafitti -violent people We deal with this on our property on a daily basis as they use our property to move around to other places In The city to and from their tents

I have dozens of tenants and workers who are scared to death to walk to the parking lot next to the building because of drug crime directly related to homeless camping under the parking lot under and next to the 705 My fence has constantly been cut Along with the city's to access under the 705 which provide shelter for people living under it I feel if you ban it- more people who are unhoused will except shelter instead of living in the streets Thank you Barbi podemski

Sent from my iPhone

From: Esther Day <Dayesther214@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:50 PM
To: Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Bushnell, Joe; Daniels, Kiara; McCarthy, Conor; Walker, Kristina; Pauli, Elizabeth
Cc: City Clerk's Office
Subject: FW: Kent to discuss stronger ban to address homeless camping - DO SOMETHING!!!!

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Dear Tacoma City Council and City Manager,
The Encampment Ban is critical for this city to survive. Why? Because businesses have had it! They are anxious at the fact that you cannot seem to decide what is best for Tacoma.

Vancouver, Washington took the step to create 4 encampments in their city and started cleaning house. I sent that information to you sometime ago.

Now, Kent is ready to take tougher action. You heard folks worry about the mental health and drug issues. Well, those folks are prey for the thieves that are living amongst them. If folks don't want to relocate to any of the encampments you set up, you need to make sure they leave our city.

I sent you a message that we needed to include schools. In talking to our business folks on Pacific Avenue, they are hoping you will also include no encampments around businesses. We will lose more businesses because of the danger that the criminals pose to their customers and their business.

DO SOMETHING – We will be getting more homeless people here that are coming from other areas. If you don't – you will see an influx of homeless folks here that are being removed from other cities. It has been happening for some time and it will continue.

Our city cannot afford NOT to do something. We have winter coming and the warming fires that the mayor allegedly said were okay – well – tell that to the building owner on Pacific Avenue who had a fire started in back of his building. Homeless folks use the lighter fluid in lighters that they carry and started the fire.

The building owner lost his business renters and has had a devil of a time getting the insurance company to cover the expenses. I believe they are finally working on that building, but not sure.

From:
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 8:40 AM
To: Subject: Kent to discuss stronger ban to address homeless camping

I thought you would be interested in this story I found on MSN: Kent to discuss stronger ban to address homeless camping - <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/kent-to-discuss-stronger-ban-to-address-homeless-camping/ar-AA12pEaT?ocid=msedgdhp&pc=W000&cvid=a217006d4e834fe2b008d766171d0824>
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

[Vancouver prepares to open its first sanctioned homeless community site - Bing video](#)

Need Ban around schools too:
[Vancouver-area 7th grader fends off attacker during walk to school - Bing video](#)

[Vancouver's sanctioned homeless village keeps residents safe from cold - Bing video](#)

IMPORTANT WATCH:

[Vancouver approves funding for more sanctioned homeless villages - Bing video](#)

[Vancouver announces new plan to address homelessness - Bing video](#)

[Vancouver clearing homeless camps in areas at risk for wildfire - Bing video](#)

Check out this housing created for low, low income singles, couples, and families. We have so much BUILDABLE LAND that can be used for this.

[Residents grateful to move into new Vancouver affordable housing complex - Bing video](#)

Regards,
Esther Day

From: the people's assembly * <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 10:00 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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-The People's Assembly

the people's assembly *

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PO Box 610

Tacoma, Saint Croix Island 98401

From: June Ng <juneng56@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 12:06 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: To Community Vitality and Safety Committee
Attachments: 2.jpg; 3 stop sign.jpg; 6.jpg; 4.jpg; 7.jpg; 8.jpg; 10.jpg; 11.jpg; 12.jpg; 5.jpg; 14.jpg; 13.jpg; 15.jpg; 16.jpg; 9.jpg; 21.jpg; 20.jpg; 19.jpg; 22.jpg; 2022-10-03_11-18-45.png; 18.jpg; 17.jpg; 23.jpg

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Please review and discuss at your next city council meeting.

We are located on Tacoma Mall Blvd and 80th Street, S Trafton and 80th and 80th Street and Pine St.

For the past year and a half, and hundreds of complaints later, the homeless encampment in this neighborhood continues to be extremely problematic and frustrating for local businesses and residents here. We are demanding actions from the City of Tacoma!

Issues are below:

1. Roughly counting, there are over 80 cars and RVs parked ALL over the road here. It's possible to safely drive down this road, it no longer supports 2-way traffic. Due to all the RVs and cars parking extremely close to the intersections, it is impossible for drivers to be able to see oncoming traffic before making turns. ACCIDENTS are bound to happen, SOMEBODY will get hurt.
2. Streets are filled with broken down cars, motorhomes, piles of trash, human waste, and pets/pets wastes.
3. Sidewalks are impassable and extremely unsafe. Residents are NO LONGER able to safely walk on the sidewalks.
4. Extension cords in the road connecting power to opposite sides of homeless RVs, this is NOT safe for cars to be driving over.
5. Homeless individuals walk in and out of the road not letting cars pass.
6. Homeless individuals rummaging through broken down cars, stacking up stolen parts/bikes, which creates large piles of parts/trash right on the road.
7. Homeless individuals carry weapons. They are making drug deals on a regular basis. Police reports filed but no action has been taken.
8. Homeless individuals park their cars in the middle of the road, not allowing any cars to pass. Residents are forced to call 911 but nobody shows up to help us.
9. Homeless cars parked an inch away from the stop sign on 80th street and pine - this is EXTREMELY frustrating as the school bus has nowhere else to park to safely pick up and drop off our children. Children are forced to walk out into the middle of the street to get on the bus. Children are forced to witness all the drug deals going on within the homeless encampment.
10. The Crime rate has increased exponentially in this neighborhood - cars broken into, packages being stolen, homeless individuals have been caught going on private properties to take baths in front of the residents' homes using their front water hose.
11. Local businesses' staff have NOWHERE to park when they arrive to work as the homeless encampment/tents are taking over the street. Staff DO NOT feel safe as they have been harassed by homeless individuals.

Please see attached photos of the situation. The pictures hardly touch how severe and out of control this homeless encampment has become on south 80th street. Please send resources onsite to thoroughly review, assess and take actions on the issues.

The city has allowed this to go on way too long. We need help. We DEMAND help. We are requesting that the homeless encampment here to be removed ASAP to address all of our concerns mentioned above. Stop putting this off. We pay taxes and we deserve to live in a safe and clean neighborhood.















































From: rmagno mcfhc.org <rmagno@mcfhc.org>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 4:21 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public Comment Submission
Attachments: Public Comment- Ordinance 28831.docx

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Attached is a public comment regarding Ordinance 28831.

I have not seen this ordinance back on the agenda since the Council meeting on the 20th, but would like to submit a comment before this ordinance is put into vote.

Roxy Magno, MSW

ECEAP Family Support
Support Group Facilitator
Triple P Provider

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Public Comment regarding Ordinance #28831



On behalf of a social service agency that proudly serves the Greater Tacoma area and Pierce County, we would like to address the above stated ordinance. Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center and the Tacoma Recovery Center is one of the agencies that actively sends staff out into the community as Homeless Street Outreach Workers to provide services, meet basic needs, and collect necessary information from individuals to create/update profiles within homeless databases.

As an agency, we understand this ordinance to significantly disrupt the successful operation of a Street Outreach Team. Our work is based off trust. As we know, folks that are experiencing homelessness endure a great deal of trauma, resulting in many having trouble trusting entities from social service agencies. In order for us to gain enough trust with individuals, we must maintain a trusting relationship which requires consistent interactions and communication. This ordinance will directly impact our ability to locate clients that are choosing to engage in our services, but may not have the opportunity to access a shelter bed. The services we provide address mental health, substance misuse, and other preventative factors that will support an individual when they successfully obtain permanent housing. Every time a person is forced to relocate, they experience trauma, resulting in providers having to address the new trauma and hardships instead of pursuing the goals and plans that they had established prior to their relocation.

In our experience, clients that are located close to social services are more ready to receive and incorporate necessary change than those that are forced into geographic isolation. This ordinance also increases the risk and safety concerns for Street Outreach Teams. As encampments are “swept” and pushed out to areas that are further from resources and the community, it naturally creates spaces that are more remote and more concentrated area for crime to take place. Street Outreach workers have skills that allow them to enter into encampments and interact with individuals safely. It creates an uneasy feeling within teams knowing that the more remote the encampments are, the less accepting clients are of social services.

This ordinance fails to recognize and acknowledge the community that is built within individuals that are experiencing homelessness. Many individuals look at their peers that are also unhoused as their family, neighbors, and friends. These community structures have denied acceptance to services in the past due to knowing that their community as a whole will not be served. Relocating these communities threatens to dissolve support systems that individuals have built and create further mental strain and trauma inducing experiences.

Encampments are not the solution. However, value and respect does need to be placed on spaces that individuals identify as their home for the time being. This ordinance assumes that there are enough shelter beds for those that would like to be placed in shelter, which is simply untrue. It is assumed that if an individual obtains a shelter bed, they no longer engage with encampments. However we have found, many individuals are forced to leave shelters during designated times of the day, are not allowed to store all their belongings inside, and reoccurring nightly stays are not guaranteed at every shelter location. Therefore some individuals that would be forced to relocate are also the same individuals receiving services from shelters. Forcing people to move a mandated distance from shelters and services, perpetuates the barriers that most have to accessing services and shelters.

Respectfully,

Roxy Magno, MSW
 Family Support Specialist
 Homeless Prevention Navigator
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From: Bruce Titus <brucet@brucetitus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:07 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Ordinance 28831

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I am I full support of Ordinance 28831.

Bruce Titus, President & CEO
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"Count on Us, All Around the Sound"

From: Felicity Devlin <felicitydevlin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:13 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Please pass City Ordinance 28831

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Dear City Council Members,

I'd like to register my support for City Ordinance 28831

I know it's not a perfect solution. But it's the first positive step that's been presented to start tackling the street encampments. Most importantly, it will protect the people transitioning from homelessness at the temporary shelters. And, hopefully, it will promote support for additional temporary shelters because nearby residents needn't be concerned that they'll become magnets for unsanctioned encampments.

Sincerely,

Felicity Devlin

From: Alexx@aabergsequipment.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:16 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Enact Ordinance 28831

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To whom this may concern,

My name is Alexx Bacon with Aaberg's Rental here in Tacoma. We own three lots on Puyallup ave. Our business has been impacted very negatively not only financially but also with worker retention because of the allowed encampments around our business. Back when the rehabilitation center(city run homeless facility) first got built across the street from my business it was supposed to help clean up our part of town but since the opening has just created more illegal camping and drug use in our area. It doesn't take more than 5 minutes to count 10+ different homeless camps within about a 1-mile radius from this facility. 25th and L st has become so bad we don't even try to drive 25th st anymore because of all the activity. We would really appreciate if the city council would think about all the businesses and people in our community and help us clean up our streets. We are losing customers daily because of the area and they just don't feel safe anymore. If the people down here really want help, they would walk across the street and live in the city run facility. Instead, they want to live on the street so they can do drugs and steal from all of us hard working Tacoma taxpayers and somehow, they get more protection then us businesses that pay the way. Last week I had an employee put in his 2 weeks' notice and the main reason was that he can't be around Tacoma anymore because he can't take what is going on. He has been an employee here for over 9 years and said he just can't take it anymore. He is worried about his safety and his personal property. This isn't something that an employee should have to worry about going to work.

To anyone that says that we are all homeless haters, and we don't care I will stand my ground in saying I am not. I care very much about people struggling and needing help. These people in these illegal camps are not your family needed assistance and a second chance. These people are drug addicts and are out stealing and hurting others to get their fix. I would even bet that 50% or more of them came here in the last 4 years because they knew they could live off the actual taxpayers in this state.

Something needs to be done here and fast. Tacoma is dying and we need to stop the bleeding now. We all know that this is an amazing city, and we need to bring that back to reality. Please vote to approve this measure and start enforcing the rules again. Please do this before its to late and we lose more businesses to other cities around us and states. We all deserve a clean, safety place to live and work.

Thank you for your time. We all can play a part in helping Tacoma.

Thanks,
Alexx Bacon
Aaberg's Rental
253-272-1138



From: Gina Eury <ginaeury@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:16 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Ordinance 28831

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Hello:

I emphatically support Ordinance 28831. Tacoma residents require no less. It is time for Council to support all residents; families, businesses. We deserve this attention and care.

Regards

Regina Eury

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Rob <Rob@marvmetal.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:48 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: SUPPORT FOR ORDINANCE 28831

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I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MEASURE!

Rob Hawkins
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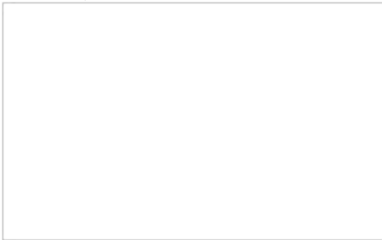
From: Ruby Chambers <rubychambers@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:48 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: CAMPING ORDINANCE

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I am in favor of the camping ordinance. Please vote for our safety.

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Tacoma, WA 98402



From: Jake Nyman <jakenyman@olive.group>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:53 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Support for camping ban within 10 blocks of shelter

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I'm in support of this camping ban. I do believe it is a great next step in getting people the help they need.

Jake

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Schedule a meeting with me here

From: chrisvkimball <chrisvkimball@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 2:48 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Encampment rule

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To whom it may concern, I am in favor of any ordinance that helps get rid of the homeless encampments in our communities. We need more mental health facilities, and the mentally ill need to be put in those facilities. That benefits them and the public. Sincerely, Chris Kimball

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

From: Mark Hanson <southendautocare@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 2:47 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Unsanctioned Encampments

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ENFORCING THE LAW? I fully Support that.

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Best regards,
-Sam S.

From: K Dinicola <karend@harbornet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 2:52 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Please enact ordinance to limit locations of unsanctioned encampments

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Thank you for taking action on this difficult issue.

Karen Dinicola
Tacoma resident

Sent from my mobile phone
253-759-8098

From: Dan Bradley <nyland@creativecastingco.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 3:23 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Ordinance 28831

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Please pass this ordinance and provide a safe zone for the shelters and tiny homes free from the unsanctioned camps that increase crime and drug sales.

Dan

From: Webb PERMA <Webb.Perma@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 4:28 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: In Support of the Ban On Camping

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Hello,

Please inform the council that my business at 1610 Center Street is in support of a ban on camping on public property and this bill as an initial step in the direction toward that goal.

My business has been burglarized at least 8 times this year. Transients camping on the property have hurt our business relationships with vendors, customers and the landlord.

Thank you,

Webb Bowie
Perma, LLC

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Michael Gilliam <kaldhamar@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 4:42 PM
To: City Clerk's Office

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I support the camping ordinance

From: Mark Bardwil <meb@markbardwil.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 4:42 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Support for Proposed Ordinance 28831

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My name is Mark Bardwil

I have lived in Tacoma since 1997 when I bought my first home – almost 26 years ago. This is my family's home. I also own a building downtown Tacoma.

I moved to Washington with my wife in 1994 with less than \$500 in my pocket. I am a practicing attorney of now 27 years and I own my own law firm and a building downtown that I have owned since 2012.

Over the past 27 years, I have provided jobs to employees, space to rent for small businesses and have paid literally hundreds of thousands of dollars in:

- Real estate taxes for my homes
- Real estate taxes for my building(s)
- Business and Occupation taxes for my businesses

I am a contributor. But my home and my building have been vandalized and we have been the victim of theft and other crimes. My family feels unsafe here and that is sad. We did not feel this way just a couple of short years ago.

As outlined in City Council Action Memo which cites to an FBI report, there is increased crime near homeless encampments and therefore, the homeless situation is greatly contributing to our city's crime crisis. That's not my opinion, that's a document fact as recognized by the city. This is what has led to councilmembers putting forth this limited restriction on camping on our city streets. And this ordinance, while I do not believe goes far enough, and will lead to camps simply shifting to other areas, it's a start and it protects our vulnerable homeless from other elements in the encampments who are dangerous and create crime. Therefore, I ask that at a minimum, it be adopted in its current form. The status quo is unacceptable.

As citizens of a city in this world, we are voluntary members of an organized society. Organized societies have rules. If they don't, they cease to be organized societies and they devolve into anarchy. I am part of this society. I follow the rules. I can't and don't live just anywhere I please. Persons who wish to be a part of our local community should be required to, at a minimum, follow very basic rules, which includes obeying the laws. It would be preferable for them to be contributors, but at a minimum, they should not be detractors. If they choose to not follow the basic rules of a society, there needs to be some level of accountability.

Recognizing that some less fortunate persons are not capable of understanding let alone following basic rules and therefore are wandering the streets with no way out of a cycle of despair associated with homelessness, I do believe that we, as the community must come to their aid, not just for their good but for the good of the whole community. And we can do that. But they must be willing to accept our help, and not just in any way they see fit. The city's own homeless count shows that there are approximately 2,700 homeless persons on our streets. The city admits that this number is probably high, because they count each and every person with whom they come in contact with during a given year as being on our streets. The city also admits that only 20-30% will accept assistance. The others simply choose homelessness for assorted reasons, including their desire to not live subject to any rules at all – many under the influence of illegal drugs. They also engage in crime. Criminals feed on and abuse the homeless which makes the issue worse for all of us. Others have severe mental health problems – many with coexisting drug and mental health problems.

That leaves approximately 900 persons who need and will accept services. Yet we have allocated \$16 million as a city, just in 2022 to deal with our homeless crisis. And we are unable to care for 900 persons with that? How is that possible? I think it's possible because the current program fosters an environment of many people who profit from the unfortunate people living on our streets. To pass a camping ordinance such as this is the first step in eliminating certain businesses which exist solely to perpetuate persons living on our streets. No one, including the homeless, can afford this.

We do, however, need a more comprehensive approach towards camping. This limited ordinance, I fear, will merely send the message that outside of the buffer zones, it quite simply is "legal" to live wherever people want to. In fact, it is not. Even existing public nuisance and public right away laws prohibit what is going on in our city. Yet the city does nothing to enforce

the laws already on our books.

The city has taken a legal position that there is a legal opinion out of the state of Idaho (Martin vs. Boise) which stands for the legal principal that we cannot enact a camping ordinance unless we have indoor shelter for each and every person on our streets. That is simply an incorrect legal interpretation of that decision. It's a red herring. If that were true, then housing ordinances in Edmonds, Bellevue, and Auburn would not exist. Their ordinances require shelter, but they also provide that if a person is voluntarily homeless because of addiction to drugs, alcohol or other such voluntary reasons, a shelter bed is not required to be provided. That only makes sense. For Tacoma to allow a free for all, while other surrounding cities do not, only attracts more people who will refuse shelter to our city and add to our current crisis. It is an obvious result.

What is occurring on the streets of Tacoma is a travesty. Its inhumane. We are not helping homeless individuals by perpetuating their situation. We are leading to their slow and painful demise all while making the community less safe and sanitary. Contributors will start leaving. Potentially new contributors will not come here.

Please, at a minimum, pass Ordinance 28831 on October 11, 2022.

October, 4, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "M. Z.", is located at the bottom left of the page.

From: Teri Andrews <tlajea@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 7:46 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City encampments

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If you are going to continue to allow encampments anyplace-which I don't agree with unless the lawlessness can be controlled, then I agree they should not be near the affordable housing. I own a business on south Adams which is frequently broken into. Our employees cars, which have to be parked on the street are broken into regularly. This is beyond ridiculous! The rights of the folks paying your B&O taxes should certainly be considered heavily in making these decisions.

Sent from my iPad

From: ANGELIA PORIETIS <angie@alpineiv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 11:16 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: WRITTEN COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE CAMPING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 28831) FOR THE OCTOBER 11 MEETING

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to the members of the City Council & the city officials in Tacoma regarding the effects and damage to private property and the surrounding community within Tacoma & the request to implement a CAMPING BAN CITY WIDE, at minimum to approve the ordinance 28831. Over the past two years we have repeatedly reported issues being caused by the encampments located between 15th-17th on Yakima Ave. Now that the encampment is being removed, we can see the far greater effects from it to our properties other than just the things previously reported such as property damage, illegal activity, and constant nuisance. We have had to pay a debris and junk removal company, to once again come out and clean the homes out so we can start to make repairs to the properties to get them ready to rent again for affordable housing. We entered our boarded-up houses located at 1512-1520 Yakima and were once again faced with the reality of what was needed to get them back into a livable condition. As a DIRECT result of that encampment, we have the following damage:

- 1) Rat infestation in all 4 homes (the entire block is seeing rats)
 - a. They have eaten through walls, insulation, flooring and throughout the properties
 - b. Possible damage to the electrical wiring
 - c. Feces from rats found all over the property's interiors, basements, and attics
- 2) Plumbing has been damaged
 - a. The encampment occupants have pulled out pipes and connections and flooded basements
- 3) Possible contamination of soil & water in the area due to improper disposal of human waste, drugs, oils, and many other hazardous materials
- 4) Garbage and debris all over the properties again
- 5) Electrical meters and wiring pulled/damaged on homes
- 6) Entire block and area are littered with human feces. The smell of urine is overwhelming around the properties as shown in photos in previous emails.
- 7) Contaminated and damaged planting strips along entire front of property

We have also had 2 homes that had fires started at them, which were a complete loss, as a direct result of the homeless population & the lack of arrests and accountability of people committing crimes this past two years who now feel emboldened to commit crimes and do whatever they want because there are no consequences. The estimated costs of just those losses exceeding 600k. Those funds take away from our continued efforts to provide affordable housing in the community, and detrimentally impact our ability to continue to do so in the future.

The issue of affordable housing, homelessness and addiction existed long before COVID, decades, and the implementation, or lack thereof, of laws and accountability to address what is going on to our community is wrong. Spending Millions of dollars on a shelter to house less than a 100 people is not the answer. Making laws that cater to less than 1% of the population and allowing them to dictate how this City is ran is going to create irreparable damage. We NEED REAL Solutions.

Angelia Porietis
Alpine IV, LLC

From: Santana Gonzales <walkinginseattlerain@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 11:42 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City Camping Ban Ordinance and Voting

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Greetings City of Tacoma:

I am writing in support of the City Camping Ban Ordinance and would like to see it go into effect as soon as possible.

My cars have been broken into, my garage has been broken into, and the windows at my house have been broken. Not to mention the constant issues of garbage, human waste, unsightly tent housing units, and constant theft from local stores causing safety concerns for all entering and leaving. There is no point in calling the Police, nothing gets done or the City 311 telephone number.

The thing that bothers me the most is all of these homeless individuals own vehicles and drive around the City of Tacoma with no drivers licenses or insurance. What is the City doing about this?

I work very hard and pay my dues to live in my house. What am I getting for this? NOTHING!

In writing this I am reminding you that it is your job to keep the City safe and livable. Allow the Police to do their jobs and stop wasting resources.

From: Angie K <angela.kocsis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 12:05 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: WRITTEN COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE CAMPING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 28831) FOR THE OCTOBER 11 MEETING

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Dear Council,

I am a resident of the city of Tacoma. I live in a neighborhood in the south end. I implore upon the city of Tacoma to reinstate the camping ordinance.

I have had homeless and obvious drug addicts camp in the alley behind my home and even try to get in my back yard when my grandchildren are playing. They tag you out fences. They steal parts from our cars. They are continually drug seeking and the City of Tacoma is failing to take action on behalf of its residents.

It is dangerous and very unsafe. Our children and our neighborhoods deserve protection.

My granddaughter attends high-school at the School of Performing Arts. She has had homeless stare into classroom windows. She has been approached by homeless during lunch time and after school. She has had to walk past tents, afraid of being snatched, raped or worse.

PLEASE PROTECT OUR CHILDREN!

It's alarming that the City of Tacoma is not making sure it's residents and children are safe.

I reiterate that we taxpayers deserve protection. The city has a responsibility to provide this protection for us and our vulnerable children, who are forced to be exposed to certain dangers from the campers within our city due to the lack of action by the city to make sure that our streets and neighborhoods are safe from homeless campers.

Understand that while I have empathy as to where someone is in their life, my FIRST priority is to my own family and my neighbors, who help to pay the salaries of our city council and expect to be made a priority for protection against street sleepers and people on drugs.

THESE ARE MY WRITTEN COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE CAMPING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 28831) FOR THE OCTOBER 11 MEETING.

Thank you,
Angela Kocsis
Tacoma, WA

From: Kristen Wynne <kristen@historic1625.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 12:42 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Please enact the Camping Ordinance on Oct 11th - Ordinance 28831

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Second, we as a city need to address the inhumane conditions that exist for those living in the unsanctioned encampments. This ordinance is a first step in attempting to remedy that situation. The hope is that it will help motivate those living in the encampments to move into shelter where they can get safe shelter and services. That is something on which all of us can agree –that those living on the streets would be better off living in shelters. Let’s enact this ordinance as a step to help bring that about.

Third, the city is committed to enforcing this humanely. Some oppose this out of fear that those living in the encampments will be rounded up without notice and put in jail. However, the City Manager stated that would not happen. She stated that city staff will reach out to those living in the encampments within the buffers to let them know they must move and will offer them help moving into available shelter beds. Further, the encampments will be given advance notice. Finally, because the ordinance applies only to certain locations, if those living within the buffers refuse to move into a shelter, they will still have the option of living outside in Tacoma – just not within one of the buffers.

In sum, this is a reasonable first step. Please enact the Camping Ordinance.

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From: Mark Bardwil <meb@markbardwil.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 1:23 PM
To: Kristen Wynne; City Clerk's Office
Subject: RE: Please enact the Camping Ordinance on Oct 11th - Ordinance 28831

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Love it. Well written. I just don't like and fear the very last part. I don't even want to acknowledge or imply that that is acceptable. But I understand its reality right now.

Mark E. Bardwil, Esq.

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From: Erik Bjornson <Ebjornson@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 1:58 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Regulation of Encampments

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Mayor Woodards and Tacoma City Council,

I ask today that the City of Tacoma enact reasonable regulations of homeless encampments which nearly any significant city around Washington, other states and other countries have enacted. The suggestion of councilmember Hines appears very reasonable and a small step to addressing the issue.

The hands-off laissez-faire approach to encampments has been a disaster for Tacoma on many different levels. It has made it difficult for those needing treatment to get treatment and get off their addiction as there is no incentive to get into a shelter or accept services. The city's non-action on this issue is enabling and incentivizing more and more encampments throughout the city as other city's do not allow them to become established and expand so easily.

It is not compassionate in any matter for the city to allow the harm and the human tragedy in and around the camps to continue. It is a waste of city funds for the city to buy housing for those experiencing homelessness, drug dependency and mental health issues and not have the units be used.

Declining to regulate and address homeless encampments have given rise to increased crime, dysfunction, fires, and blight in and around the encampments.

Encampments have made swaths of the city near unlivable. It has repelled many companies from coming to an investing in Tacoma which desperately needs investment which place Tacoma's finances in peril. No company would want to invest in a neglected forsaken park of the city.

The unregulated encampments are placing a strain on our first responder services like our police and fire. They also commandeer public owned land.

The city regulates sidewalk cafes, what activities can take place on public lands and the hours of operation of parks. There is no reason that encampments cannot be regulated as well so that life in Tacoma is not unduly negatively infringed.

Other cities such San Francisco, Seattle, and Olympia have regulated the place appropriateness of encampments. Tacoma now sits nearly alone in letting the encampments get more dangerous and imposing in Tacoma.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Erik Bjornson

From: Sean <spatrickokane@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 8:26 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Ordinance #28831

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Dear City clerk/Council members, I've never sent an email to my city before, but my frustration and that of so many of my neighbors compels me to do so. Please support homeless camp sweeps and full funding of the Tacoma police department. As I'm sure you're more than aware the homeless/crime problem over the years has only gotten worse, no matter how many tax payer dollars are thrown at it. Frustration is turning to anger and disappointment as myself and others feel the homeless' population needs and rights come first, rather than those who play by the rules, pay taxes and contribute in a positive way to the city we call home. We're not delusional in thinking the sweeps will be a cure all, but it's a start, it's something. Can't an ordinance be passed on temporary basis, with a date in the future to reevaluate its benefits or lack there of? I obviously don't know what can or can't be done, but something definitely needs to change.

Thanks for your time,
Sincerely- Concerned citizen

Sent from Sean's mobile

From: Julie and Jay TURNER <juliejayturner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 11:56 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: homeless camping

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Dear Council Members,

Please pass the ordinance put up by CM Hines as a *partial* solution to our horrendous homeless camping on public properties around the City. It is a shame that no one can come up with more of the large camping areas for homeless campers; our city is turning into a shabby-looking place because of poor people who have nowhere to go.

Please help them!

Julie S. Turner
817 North J St.
Tacoma, WA 98403

From: Joseph Loran <joe@loranritchie.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 11:58 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Ordinance No. 28831

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I support Ordinance 28831. The buffer zone is common sense – let's keep people who reject services, and clean and sober facilities, away from people who want services and are trying to get/remain clean and sober. Maintaining a clean water supply and protected habitats is common sense too.

Joseph J. Loran

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From: Nick Houghton <nick@roscoprecisionmachinery.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 12:32 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Camping Ban

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Dear Mayor Woodards & City Council Members –

I am writing to you as a North Slope resident in strong support of a No Camping Ordinance on public property.

First of all, no one should be allowed to sleep outside in Tacoma, period. It is inhumane. It is especially inhumane to allow those with mental illness or drug dependence to be victimized by street living. These folks need help and our community can provide resources through churches, volunteers, not for profits and city funds. A community coming together can solve this issue.

Therefore, we should not allow people to camp anywhere for any reason. This must stop. Homeless encampments are unsanitary, unsafe, inhumane and an incredible eyesore. I walk and drive past the encampments frequently and see open fires, stolen property, drug use, and drug dealing. Tacoma is where I live and pay taxes. This is an unacceptable situation that must end.

The new ordinance does not go near far enough and fails to call into account so many of the awful conditions at Puyallup AVE and I 5, Tacoma AVE, 705 and I-5, the port of Tacoma, under pass in Nally Valley and anywhere else this is allowed to persist.

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On several dozen occasions I have called 311 to request services for people and to clear encampments in Triangle park, Peoples park, Trinity Presbyterian church, 11th and J Streets, the vacant lot at MLK and 11th, Tacoma Ave, 6th Ave door fronts and the very needy folks that live on the hillside surrounding TCC campus and more. I see open drug dealing and use. I see young people injecting drugs in the open on the streets of downtown during the day. There are obviously a spectrum of needs in all these cases. However, some of the campers are not victims at all, but rather, will full, resourceful opportunists who are abusing the goodwill of Tacoma and our desire to help. This is why no one can be allowed to setup a campsite where they choose and must come inside if there is room in a shelter.

At one point, the Puyallup Ave shelter was a success and should have been the model in the region to get people off the streets and into the proper treatment category whether that is mental, rehab, jail, or simply moved along and out of town if they refuse services. It was a hard battle to clear those earlier encampments and parks several years ago, but the rules were enforced, resources marshalled and problem solved. Unfortunately, it is back and I am seeing the problem grow and become worse every day.

Somehow, the progress of the past seems to have lost momentum and it is very alarming. I find myself in a great neighborhood now encroached upon by homeless encampments and open drug use. Please do not let Tacoma become anything like Seattle or Olympia.”

This camping ban is a start, but it does not go nearly far enough. Tacoma has applied thousands of dollars and the problem is worse. There are plenty of resources yet to be marshalled to help the needy, but let's help ourselves by saying enough! No Camping, this is not what we deserve.

Best regards,

Nick Houghton

Mobile 206-293-3198

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From: Nick Houghton <nick@roscoprecisionmachinery.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 12:44 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
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On several dozen occasions I have called 311 to request services for people and to clear encampments in Triangle park, Peoples park, Trinity Presbyterian church, 11th and J Streets, the vacant lot at MLK and 11th, Tacoma Ave, 6th Ave door fronts and the very needy folks that live on the hillside surrounding TCC campus and more. I see open drug dealing and use. I see young people injecting drugs in the open on the streets of downtown during the day. There are obviously a spectrum of needs in all these cases. However, some of the campers are not victims at all, but rather, will full, resourceful opportunists who are abusing the goodwill of Tacoma and our desire to help. This is why no one can be allowed to setup a campsite where they choose and must come inside if there is room in a shelter.

At one point, the Puyallup Ave shelter was a success and should have been the model in the region to get people off the streets and into the proper treatment category whether that is mental, rehab, jail, or simply moved along and out of town if they refuse services. It was a hard battle to clear those earlier encampments and parks several years ago, but the rules were enforced, resources marshalled and problem solved. Unfortunately, it is back and I am seeing the problem grow and become worse every day.

Somehow, the progress of the past seems to have lost momentum and it is very alarming. I find myself in a great neighborhood now encroached upon by homeless encampments and open drug use. Please do not let Tacoma become anything like Seattle or Olympia.”

This camping ban is a start, but it does not go nearly far enough. Tacoma has applied thousands of dollars and the problem is worse. There are plenty of resources yet to be marshalled to help the needy, but let's help ourselves by saying enough! No Camping, this is not what we deserve.

Best regards,

Nick Houghton

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To: City Clerk's Office
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Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 2:26 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Hines, John; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; jrbushnell@cityoftacoma.org; Daniels, Kiara; Diaz, Olgy; Walker, Kristina; victoria.woodwards@cityoftacoma.org
Subject: Ordinance No. 28831

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I am writing to voice my support for Ordinance No. 28831. While I do not think it goes far enough, it is a start. I own a business and pay B&O taxes in Tacoma. I am frustrated at the City Council's apparent indifference to the out-of-control problem that is homelessness and rampant crime and drug use in our City. This is what people see when they come to Tacoma: https://www.facebook.com/groups/393164824099390/?multi_permalinks=5546863962062758&ref=share and <https://www.facebook.com/1213605827/videos/631628908347881>

Those of us that are demanding the City take action are being called NIMBYs or other derogatory and condescending names because we expect our city to be drug and crime free. A place where families want to live, and where businesses want to open. It is not that right now (and you are proposing a cut to the police budget in 2023 – which just boggles the mind).

This is not just a failure at the city level but at the state level. You should be lobbying the state legislature for funding and legislation to address these issues (most importantly a Blake fix, money for services, unhandcuffing our law enforcement, etc.).

I have heard a lot of rhetoric from certain members of the council about why this ban should not be enacted. Have any of you actually gone and walked through a homeless encampment? Have any of you talked to law enforcement, firefighters or social workers that are cleaning these encampments up? These encampments have rampant chronic public intoxication, panhandling, loitering, trespassing, shoplifting, drug dealing, and mental illness. Their residents refuse drug treatment services, job services, and mental health services and should not be tolerated in any form in our city.



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From: nick@oppnw.net
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 2:31 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Camping Ordinance

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I am writing in support of the Tacoma Council adopting ANY measure that restricts camping in our City. I expect the Council's priority to be maintaining safe, clean streets, sidewalks, parks and other public lands. There is simply no way allowing uncontrolled camping in the City is consistent with that mission.

I'm all for helping people, but it is not compassionate to allow people to sleep outside.

Nicholas Malden

From: tiffany brooks <itstifferz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 3:44 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: WRITTEN COMMENTS AGAINST THE CAMPING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 28831) FOR THE OCTOBER 11 MEETING

I am emailing with comments against the camping ordinance.

The gentrification of Tacoma has caused extreme increases in the cost of living throughout the city, even more specifically in historically black and brown neighborhoods like Hilltop. While the cost of living and rent continues to skyrocket in our city, the wages of workers have not matched that rise in cost of living. We are seeing families being priced out of living in Tacoma. As an educator in this city, I have directly seen the impact the sky high cost of living has had on our at risk and high poverty communities. We are addressing homelessness in our student populations in ways I have never seen.

Until we address the issues with cost of living and find solutions to address homelessness in this city, we cannot uphold a city ordinance that effects families that have already been unhoused because of the cost of living. Where are these people supposed to go? We don't have adequate resources to house our homeless communities, and for many, they are turned away or as unsafe in these homeless shelters. How are we addressing these needs? How are we helping out unhoused folks in our community find more permanent housing? What is uprooting tent cities going to do if these folks don't have anywhere to go? We need to work to address the cost of living in this city as well as find ways and resources to support our unhoused citizens.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I hope you do right by the citizens of Tacoma rather than pander to the wealthy folks and businesses, who are in large part the cause of the housing crisis in our community.

Tiffany Roossien
Mother, teacher, Tacoma advocate

From: David Easterday <david.r.easterday@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 3:49 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: No camping allowed!

Tacoma should not allow camping on public or private property. It's a real mess in many parts of the city.

From: Nicole Coulter <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 3:50 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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City Clerk City Clerk,

I call on you to reject Ordinance 28831. Enacting a camping bill criminalizes homelessness, rather than working to solve the crisis.

We, the people of Tacoma, reject Ordinance 28831. We categorically reject a policing solution to homelessness. There are simply not enough safe, accessible, and non-congregate shelter spaces available – in this context it is unacceptable to put additional restrictions on folks with little or no alternative. The homelessness crisis weakens practically every other civic interest the council is concerned with, including public safety, public health, mental health, parks, schools and families. We need bold, direct measures that work towards solving, not criminalizing it.

Ordinance 28831 will be used to terrorize and punish those experiencing homelessness in our community, just like similar ordinances implemented across the country. Increased penalties and sweeps systemically escalate violence against the unhoused, who according to the last Point in Time Count were disproportionately people of color. Any funds spent on courts, lawyers, and police are resources wastefully diverted from the very real need for sanitation, healthcare, sustainable inclusive public safety, and housing for all.

We demand a housing solution to address our homelessness crisis. There is no solution to homelessness that does not include permanent affordable housing for everyone and that centers the voices of those who have experienced homelessness. This camping ban ordinance goes in the face of this -- instead another restriction directed at the unhoused trying to survive amidst the systemic injustice of lack of safe, affordable housing in our community. The sheer arbitrary nature of this camping ban's ten block radius is hard to convey; why should people in stable sites and longstanding encampments be forced to move merely because they are within a few blocks of a stability site? The city cannot offer adequate shelter or housing, why arbitrarily dislocate encampments for geographical niceties?

We need bold, proactive steps to solve this crisis impacting our most vulnerable residents dictated by input from experts on homelessness -- homeless people themselves. Instead of whitewashing the issue with sweeps and harassment, we urge you and other Councilmembers to actively pursue the following policy goals:

1. To create sanctioned, self-governed encampments throughout the city, with over 72% of people interviewed preferred to stay in an outdoor, managed camp than overcrowded indoor shelter. Until our city can offer safer, more dignified, non-congregate, and stable shelter options, violent sweeps will only deepen the homelessness crisis.

2. To increase community support for services like mental health, hygiene, garbage, and drug and alcohol services.

3. To legalize all forms of housing in the city, including those that are the most accessible to people experiencing homelessness, such as mobile homes/RVs.

We urge you to reject this camping ban.

In solidarity,

Nik Coulter

Nicole Coulter

ncoulter034@gmail.com

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Tacoma, Washington 98402

From: Odette D <odette1014@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 3:54 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: In support of camping ordinance

I am a property and a business owner in Dome District.

Years ago the City of Tacoma spent over \$2 million to build a homeless shelter on Puyallup Avenue. That shelter was suppose to be temporary but it has remained. Down the road is the Rescue Mission.

There are beds that remain vacant in these facilities while the tents continue to grow. We've experienced numerous crimes and have had to answer calls ranging from burglaries to homicides.

We're a family business and we are trying to give value to our customers and our community. We need to do this is a safe environment.

Our door was backed into in March for example by burglars. The response from the community was overwhelming shock. And we saw a direct impact of people refusing to come to our business because it was dangerous. This has had a terrible impact on our sales thus threatening jobs of our team members. Because how can we sustain wages if we don't have the revenue to support it.

I understand the plight of our house less brothers and sisters. But I also recognize that some choose to live on the streets because they need more than homes. They need medical care or rehabilitation.

I believe providing a way to limit the choice of being on the streets with a camping ordinance may aid the decision to opt for wrap around care rather than homelessness. And hopefully curb criminality and lawlessness.

The city is not doing anyone any favors by allowing camping when there are housing choices.

Pls pass the ordinance. It will be good for all.

Thank you.

With much Sweetness,

*Odette D'Aniello
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"What is now proved was once only imagined."

-William Blake

PS sent from my iPhone. Please 'excuse mishplings

From: stephanie SW <stephaniersw@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 4:09 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comments In support of Enacting the Camping Ordinance – Ordinance 28831 at City Council on October 11

I would like to write in my support of this ordinance.

Thank you Stephanie Seivert

From: Kelly Watson <kdw011962@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 4:59 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Camping Ordinance 28831

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Good Afternoon,

I fully support this law and ordinance that would prohibit unsanctioned encampments within 10-blocks of temporary shelters. In fact, I don't feel it goes far enough. Pierce County, and most of Western Washington has become too far left wing when it comes to supporting the homeless. We, as a society can go only so far to help others before they must begin helping themselves. I'm speaking of those who can help themselves both physically and mentally because they are capable of doing so, but refuse to because Washington will continue paying their way.

Those that are homeless, mentally and physically capable of helping themselves, but refuse assistance, should go back to living where they came from. Camping on streets in neighborhoods where people have invested in their own lives to make the best of it by paying taxes. etc., only to have those who refuse to and are capable of doing so is absolutely wrong in so many ways! It wasn't allowed before, and never should've changed to allow it regardless of a pandemic or anything else.

KDW

From: Ammar Mannaa <ammar.mannaa@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 5:25 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Sluggo Brewing

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Hello

I sold my business , that was doing really well for a lot of reasons.

But the most important one was the growing crime and issues with homeless in the area.

Please do something to improve safety in Tacoma city.

I still own couple businesses in Tacoma.

I'm really worried about the safety of my customer.

I can't even park my vehicle down town without checking it out every while.

Thank you for your service.

Ammar Manna

From: Jennifer Gravely <jennsjunebug@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 6:22 PM
To: City Clerk's Office

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Get rid the encampment I have adopted a street south 40 and pine. You have allowed a encampment to live there for years behind the post office. I have had needles thrown at me garbage cops have been called many times. And this is a volunteer job for me. How can I be treated like this I take over 70 pounds a week of trash to the dump. They do drugs steal poop on the sidewalk do something my taxes pay your salary. Better yet move them to your neighborhood. OR MOVE THEM TO THE MAYORS AREA. Jennifer Gravely 2902 south 40 # B Tacoma wa

From: Anita Seivert <aseivert@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 6:29 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Camping Ordinance

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To the City Clerk of Tacoma:

We support the enforcement of this ordinance by the city of Tacoma!
Let's continue to improve our efforts to support shelter for the homeless.

Thank you,
Greg and Anita Seivert

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From: Victory Lewis <lewisvictory@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 7:43 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Ordinance No. 28831.

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Tacoma and I am against Ordinance No. 28831.

1) enforcing this ordinance with fines will accomplish nothing. Those who are in the unfortunate situation of living in an encampment will not be able to afford these fines thus setting them even further back.

2) Please look at the crime rate right after humans, experiencing homeless, are “kicked out” of their encampments? I’m guessing they sky rocket.

3) “kicking them out” of the makeshift shelters they’ve created to make a home does not solve the homelessness issue in Tacoma. It only gets rid of the “eye sore” people are unsettled by. We need to provide more spaces and more shelters prior to moving people out of their shelters.

Please remember these are human lives that need help. My writing may not be great but I hope my points are clear.

--

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From: Brittany Jones <britter.jones@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 8:22 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Stop the camping

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Stop the insanity!

The encampments, continues cycles of mental illness, human trafficking and drug addiction.

What about our environment, have you noticed the litter, the garbage, the rats? What happened to cleanliness? What happened to protecting nature and the wildlife around us? Do these not matter anymore?

What about walking safely and comfortably down the block? Do you feel comfortable walking to your local coffee shop when passing the homeless doing meth on the sidewalk next to you?

There was a time this city cared about these things. Like it or not, encampments contribute to all of these problems so admit it, and deal with it.

Stop this insanity!

[Prohibit unsanctioned encampments within 10-blocks of temporary shelters!!](#)

From: Eric Adams <qhdeputy@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 10:03 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Ordinance 28831

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As a business owner and a member of law enforcement in the area for more than 27 years I support this ordinance. This makes sense and there is no excuse to have homeless camps when there is housing afforded to those who can't. Thank you.

From: Josh Harris <josh.harrisicg@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 1:57 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
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Subject: Re: So Tacoma Businesses
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Best Regards

Mike Madden

Owner/Sales Manager

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I added a handful of really frustrated Tacoma business owners to this group email.

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From: brian borgelt <bborgelt@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 6:42 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless criminals

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After 6 arsons in 3 years; multiple assaults on my staff and tenants; much vandalism; multiple break-ins and burglaries; plus the filth that has overtaken my business district, I have no faith in city leadership to do the right thing for we the tax-payers. Yes, the predatory criminals should be kept away from good people seeking temporary shelter. They should also be kept away from the rest of us who are trying to live right, raise families, and do business.
Brian Borgelt

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Subject: Re: So Tacoma Businesses

City Manager, City Council, City Mayor,

The citizens of Tacoma are finished with your constant progression to bring Tacoma to a third world country status at the cost of the businesses and residents. You should all be proud. Our city looks like a scene out of Afghanistan but at least they don't have graffiti and criminals and the homeless running their streets. You know nothing about real affordable housing, the real issues within the homeless community, and not one of you should procure or vote on any policing policy until you ride along with officers on a constant schedule. This goes for policy regarding the homeless and mentally ill. Your disregard for public safety and the safety of all first responders is disgusting. The city is on fire from RV's burning to homeless camps setting wildfires. Our homicides, violent crimes and car theft are breaking new historical records. People are defecating on businesses' front door steps. The city's windows look like a plywood palace. Your contracted garbage disposal company for the homeless camps told me as of 2 months ago they had picked up 1.9 million pounds of trash at our expense. Your lack of accountability in policy on all these matters is destroying a once great and safe place to live. Do you not see what's going on? Do you turn a blind eye to the reality that has become Tacoma? Or is this your objective and agenda? Quit enabling people to continue in a vicious cycle of addiction and crime. Quit allowing people to camp and defecate in our streets. And quit victimizing the public that pays for your salary and owns these streets, buildings, desks and computers you're reading this email. I have worked with the homeless and mentally ill for over 24 years. I will dedicate any time and effort to help you steer this city back to common sense and a safe community. The choice is yours.

Businesses in Tacoma are now consulting with legal advice in moving forward with litigation against the city and you personally if possible for your blatant disregard for our safety, lack of services which we pay taxes to procure, and personal and property crime. It's time for you to wake up, educate yourselves on the issues, and support the resources that are providing the best services with accountability and stewardship. It's time to get Tacoma back on track and make it the once beautiful, safe, friendly, and opportunistic city it once was. Your choices in policy and procedures moving forward will dictate how far legal action will be taken. We are watching!!

Josh Harris
Concerned Resident and Business Owner



On Thu, Oct 6, 2022 at 8:15 AM Mike Madden <mike@mpindustrial.com> wrote:

City of Tacoma Council and City Manager

When is enough is enough , **I am tired! we are all tired ! of constantly cleaning up human waste** , the city says it's not our responsibility , Health Department says we don't do that try and call solid waste . It all comes back on the business owners of the city of Tacoma who pay for these services through taxes but can't get any help when we need it . YA I KNOW this just goes on def ears over and over and over "we don't have the resources"" we don't have the personnel" BLA BLA BLA .In the last 60 days we have filed 6 police reports and have over \$20,000 in property loss all of this I cannot claim on insurance because I will get canceled , I need to keep good coverage for WHEN not IF but WHEN I need to file a larger claim.

Just like all the other emails to the city officials that all of us have sent, I am sure this one too will not get any responses



Best Regards

Mike Madden

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From: Theresa Power-Drutis <tpdrutis@nctacoma.org>
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 10:53 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: The 10 Block Camping Ban: ORDINANCE NO. 28831

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The 10 Block Camping Ban ORDINANCE NO. 28831

Three reasons this ordinance should not be approved

1. The proposed 10 block “buffer” would eliminate almost every campsite set up by people trying to survive without housing.
There are reasons these camps are centrally located; people want to be close to services and are reluctant to leave survival equipment and other belongings unguarded.
2. Better to enforce current laws against crime rather than making new laws to criminalize homelessness.
Complaints by neighbors are primarily based on activities that are already illegal. People breaking the law often hide their activities in the poorest communities; tents make it easy to “set-up” business. Enforcing laws that already exist will improve health and safety for everyone whether or not we are housed. **Sweep these:**
 - tents that hold traffickers who do not even sleep in the tents they erect
 - cars rolling through the neighborhood 24/7 with buyers and sellers
 - giant, unoccupied storage tents/wooden structures that block sidewalks
 - garbage (then add dumpsters so there is a place to put new garbage)
 - human waste (then add Sani cans and handwashing stations)After these are accomplished – we will be faced with a much different - and more solvable - problem.
3. Criminalizing homelessness is a bad idea:
 - Illegal according to Martin v. Boise (upheld most recently in Johnson v. Grants Pass)
 - Jail is more expensive than housing alternatives and the Sheriff's Department is charged with law enforcement - not managing a shelter
 - Criminal history makes it even more difficult to obtain employment and housing
 - Fines are the most unequal tool wielded by the criminal legal system. Debtor's prisons are supposed to be a thing of the past. Do the research and find a more just and equitable way to approach this problem.

Regards
Theresa Power-Drutis
1418 S. G street
Tacoma, WA 98405

From: Sagan <parkerse@plu.edu>
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 3:52 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 28831 Ordinance

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Sagan Parker
Your hard working, law abiding, and tax paying citizen

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To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Re: 28831 Ordinance

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I also want to follow up and say that, BECAUSE I HAVE WORK on tues, I will be unable to attend the Zoom meeting.

This email is my voice

- Sagan

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From: dorsett.richard@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 11:25 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Camping ban comments

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Councilmember Hines,

I have already provided copies of comments and suggestions to improve the proposed camping ban that comes soon to the Council for consideration. Those recommendations focused on how to make the proposal less harmful for those living on our streets. But upon further reflection, my suggestions to limit harm miss the mark.

When a camping ban was considered a year ago, there was one takeaway that stood out as a principled approach to how Tacoma would regulate those who live in its public spaces. Tacoma, as I understood it, would not criminalize homelessness. Unfortunately, this new proposal does just that.

Despite suggestions to limit the scope of the ban or to reduce penalties, the structure of the proposal does criminalize homelessness. Because of that fundamental flaw, please consider tabling this proposal for a camping ban. Our efforts would be better spent finding services, shelter, and housing for those in need.

Thank You
Richard Dorsett

Sent from my iPhone

From: Timothy Harris <director@dignitycity.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 11:33 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Ordinance 28831

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Dear Tacoma City Council,

I moved to Tacoma one year ago and have closely followed the issues of homelessness, street camping, policing, and crime. I have more than three decades experience in working with people on the street and was the founding director of Seattle's Real Change Homeless Empowerment Project for 27 years.

Currently, I am working in Tacoma on a new street paper start-up called Dignity City. This is a new model for street papers, designed for viability in small to medium sized cities, and dedicated to finding common ground on contentious issues.

I am writing to oppose Ordinance 28831 as it is written. I agree with all the talking points you have heard before. To summarize:

- The ordinance perhaps squeaks by on Martin v Boise, but less so on Johnson v Grants Pass. If passed, there will be litigation. This might not be an immediate problem for the ordinance, but in the long term, it's probably a costly choice.
- We need investment in housing and low-barrier shelter and fervent support for the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan on Homelessness. This ordinance is a noisy, expensive distraction from that goal.
- The data is in. Criminal penalties for survival behavior mostly just deepen the hole that people have to climb out of. Unpaid fines accumulate and turn into warrants, etc. We know this.
- There are laws in place that prohibit criminal/antisocial behavior. Use them.

Beyond that, street homelessness is not just a crisis of housing affordability. It is a public health emergency that is exacerbated by the ubiquity of the fentanyl and P2P meth that have taken over as street drugs. These are cheap, plentiful, and the leading cause of deaths on the street. Any solution that does not address this core reality misses the point.

When I was in Seattle, the clearance and fencing off of "the jungle" led to an immediate explosion of tents in the downtown and neighborhoods to the north such as Ballard. It made the camping issue worse, not better. You could see it plainly in the results of the one night count. Turns out, merely banning camping in areas near human services resources makes it metastasize and spread to new areas.

I am sympathetic to the neighborhoods that have born the brunt of the crisis, and believe that, in Tacoma especially, BIPOC people have born the double-burden of the homeless crisis: beyond the well-documented disproportional occurrence of homelessness, the residents and businesses of South Tacoma have been disproportionately hurt by homeless encampments. These neighborhoods deserve relief.

But this ordinance is not the answer. While a "carrot and stick" approach is needed to address street homelessness and the increasingly deadly addiction issues that are embedded in that, this ordinance employs the wrong sticks and insufficiently develops the carrots.

Please do better. Do not apply criminalization tactics to what is essentially a public health issue. There are far better ways to deploy our limited resources.

Respectfully,
Tim Harris, ED, Dignity City

From: Gw Short <lucifer98198@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 4:01 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Encampments

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Hell yeah, make it illegal and haul their freeloading asses to jail!!

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From: M. Wess <wessm18@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 7:25 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Camping ordinance

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So the ordinance will prohibit "camping" within ten blocks of shelters. What do you think is going to happen 11 blocks away? I'll be honest, I don't know what the solution is but for this city to tolerate what's happening on Hosmer street between 72nd and 84th is appalling.

Mike Wess
Tacoma

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From: anseraesdesigns <anseraesdesigns@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 9:01 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless camps

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I know this is long and winded but please read it in it's entirety. I am totally against homeless encampments anywhere. They are a threat to the safety of of our communities and pose major health hazards. Most of the "campers" do not have any real income and are addicted to drugs. They support their habits by victimizing the citizens and the business who call Tacoma home. The city can spend billions of dollars on building affordable housing, but trust me these individuals don't want housing. Why? Because there are rules in even the most barrier-less housing program. Rules that campers don't want to deal with. Most of them lack basic life skills. They are oblivious to the normal activities of daily living. Things like garbage removal, using a toilet, bathing are not their strong points. Why? Because they are addicted and have lived out side of society that social norms are foreign to them.

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I grew up in the sixties and seventies. Drugs were rampant. There were no homeless encampments then. ASK YOUR SELF WHY?

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy A52 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

From: Keith Dunavant <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 10:00 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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In solidarity,

Keith Dunavant
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2102 Yakima
Tacoma, Washington 98405

From: anseraesdesigns <anseraesdesigns@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 12:36 AM
To: anseraesdesigns; City Clerk's Office
Subject: FW: Homeless camps
Attachments: Camps.eml

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To: cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org;

Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 9:00:38 PM

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From: Rosemary Powers <rpowers@eou.edu>
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 10:15 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comment on proposed camping ban Ordinance #28831 for 10/11 Council Mtg

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October 9, 2022

To: Mayor Woodards and members of the Tacoma City Council:

Re: Ordinance # 28831

I am writing to share my concerns about the proposed camping ban (Ordinance #28831) that would establish a 10-block buffer zone around current City-supported temporary shelters among other provisions. I see many problems with this ban.

1. The increasing presence of tents and vehicle homes in Tacoma's poorest neighborhoods has created significant problems and does need to be addressed. However, this proposed 10-block buffer zone will effectively eliminate the entire area of Tacoma that is walkable to services for people without any place to live except the streets. They will be forced to seek some place to be in other neighborhoods that are likely to be hostile to their presence, and will be even more vulnerable to harassment and violence.
2. I have seen no evidence that a **10-block buffer zone** around approved shelters will encourage more neighborhoods to accept sanctioned temporary shelter sites. Some cities, even ones more hostile to the presence of people camping in public spaces, have instituted small buffer zones around sanctioned shelters, but not such a large restricted zone. Whatever the rationale for the large zone, it is unclear why a smaller buffer would not be as effective in achieving the stated goal, and with fewer negative consequences for people trying to survive on the streets.
3. I am further concerned about **problems with enforcement**. How will anyone know where these zones begin and end? It isn't new policy to establish areas where people are not permitted to camp, but how will people know? And who will actually enforce this? Given the current stated shortage of law enforcement officers, I do not see how they could reasonably be expected to respond to violations of a buffer zone ordinance. The city should instead prioritize our officers ability to enforce the laws that are being violated everyday in large encampment that put both housed and unhoused residents at risk—rampant drug dealing and sex trafficking specifically.
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5. Finally, I am concerned that **recent 9th circuit ruling** in Johnson v. Grants Pass will have consequences for the legality of this ordinance. I realize that this court ruling came out after the current ordinance was proposed, but at the very least I urge you to delay a decision on such an ordinance until these potential consequences can be fully reviewed. Given the positive actions the city has carried out in response to the homelessness crisis, it is important to avoid a potential lawsuit against the city for violating the human rights of unsheltered persons.

For all these reasons, I am opposed to Ordinance #28831 at this time and urge the Council to postpone any decision at least until the legal questions about the 9th Circuit ruling are adequately addressed. I do appreciate the efforts of the City of Tacoma to respond to the housing emergency, and the many hours you have devoted to considering ways to balance multiple rights and needs. We must find solutions that offer a variety of housing and treatment options for our most vulnerable residents. You can count on me to be part of that ongoing effort.

Thank you for your consideration,
Rosemary Powers
1418 South G. St. Tacoma, rpowers@eou.edu

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Rosemary F. Powers
Senior Researcher, New Connections
(541) 805.0848

From: Mr. Dean <dean1564@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 1:58 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Support for Ordinance 28831

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Our entire extended family of 16 voting adults support adoption of Ordinance 28831. It is a common sense approach to dealing with Tacoma's homeless problem. It isn't a total solution, but a good direction to take.

Please pass Ordinance 28831.

Thank you!

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From: Lillian Ferraz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 2:54 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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In solidarity,

Lillian Ferraz

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6435 South Alder St.

Tacoma, Washington 98409

From: Dionne Jacobson <dajacobson111@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 4:21 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Ordinance 28831

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To the City Council-

I am not expert in Homelessness, but I spend my days talking to those who live in the streets, those displaced in sweeps, and those who access vital resources nearby the cities existing shelters.

I am 100% certain that a camping ban surrounding life saving resources will not only harm our already traumatized homeless population, but will cause the greatest harm to our most vulnerable- the homeless elderly, those who cannot advocate for themselves clearly, and those who might not have the tenacity left to survive on the streets in one of Washington's most dangerous cities.

Lives are in your hands.

Dionne J.

From: Undeniable Bajinya <undeniablebajinya@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 8:31 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: #undeniablebajinya
Subject: Ordinance 28831

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I spoke at the last City Council meeting about the homeless and drug problem at my Hill Top store, 1105 S 10th St. I continue to be terrified every single day. Every day I go to my store early so I can clean the front of my store of debris left by the homeless the night before and the urine on my doorstep, sidewalk and windows. I fully support every positive step the City Council takes toward controlling the homeless situation. NO, the homeless problem for those of us who live it everyday. I support passage of Ordinance #28831.

From: Illyana Zeski <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 10:55 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
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In solidarity,

Illyana Zeski

illyanazeski@gmail.com

1745 s m st

Tacoma, Washington 98405

From: Halley Egnew <h.egnew@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 6:52 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comments for 10/11 meeting

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to speak against public ordinance 28831. Please see several points discussed below.

- Shelters offer resources, and it is a natural process that those in need of those resources will congregate around them.
- There are many reasons why someone couldn't be in a shelter. Some shelters don't allow possessions, partners, pets, or children.
 - This is a unique quandary that those of us with housing may have a difficult time imagining or empathizing with, and yet it is reality for the thousands of people experiencing homelessness in our city.
- The reasons for homelessness are manyfold, including the systemic racism that the city council highlighted during the introduction to the indigenous peoples' day last week. In criminalizing the homeless we do not dismantle systemic racism. In criminalizing homelessness we add to the burden that the already-disenfranchised experience.
 - Where will they get the money to pay these fines? What will happen to their possessions if they are detained or imprisoned? How does stripping someone of their living space offer a step forward?
- To address the concern of public health, I am currently working at St. Joseph's Medical Center, and you may know there are quite a few encampments within a 10-block radius. We see many homeless patients, and I am glad that they live close enough to the hospital to seek help for their medical problems. I can't imagine the suffering that would go unaddressed if they were pushed out of reach of medical services, as is likely to happen if this ban goes forward.
- This plan has not been well thought through on a number of points, highlighted below:
 - The estimated number of those experiencing homelessness in Tacoma in this bill is undercounted.
 - "working on expanding capacity" and having enough beds to house people are two entirely separate things. I am not confident that with the undercounted # of those experiencing homelessness, that the city would be able to create enough beds to meet the need, in addition to the reasons stated above for why someone may not qualify for or wish to use a shelter.
 - The idea that "prohibiting camping around temporary shelters will foster support from community members to host a temporary shelter in their neighborhood" is not a realistic expectation, given that there is already so much anti-homeless sentiment amongst our city.
 - *Martin v. City of Boise* establishes a clear precedent that this city council is willing to ignore in the interest "public morality." The establishment of a fine and/or imprisonment for public camping is a blatant criminalization of homelessness, an out of sight out of mind tactic that will not improve the lives of the vulnerable.

Homelessness is an uncomfortable reality for a city to face. And yet, it is the reality of our time. Paths forward must be paved with empathy, support, and constructive actions, as enacting punitive justice on those who already have so little only compounds the problem. I look forward to a future where the city can expand a pathway from homelessness to housing by expanding public services, not shelters with bans.

Thank you for your consideration,

Halley Egnew

From: Kayla Quinn <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 7:18 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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In solidarity,
Kayla Quinn

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1502 S Orchard St, Apt i-301
Tacoma, Washington 98465

From: Tori Brewster <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 7:55 AM
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In solidarity,

Tori Brewster

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828 S State St, -

Tacoma, Washington 98405

From: John Gray <jgray@basinpacific.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 8:44 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Camping Ordinance

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I am writing in support of the camping ordinance.

Thank you,



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From: Katharine Gray <katharinegray3810@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 10:09 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: In Support of Establishing Buffers Prohibiting Camping Near Temporary Shelters

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Dear City Council,

Please find this email as my support of a new ordinance proposed by Council Member John Hines, to help alleviate the current encampment crisis around Tacoma. There are non-profit and municipal agencies working hard to provide comfort and shelter to those experiencing homelessness.

Providing clear guidelines of where encampments may be set up allows for these agencies to provide an alternative offer of shelter for these individuals. This ordinance also provides much needed guidance for law enforcement agencies as they take much of their direction from city and state rulers.

Please pass this ordinance and begin solving this crisis.

In Partnership,

Katharine Gray
253-273-8676
Tacoma Resident and social worker

From: Heather Gray <hgray@basinpacific.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 10:28 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: In Support of Establishing Buffers Prohibiting Camping Near Temporary Shelters

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Dear City Council,

I am writing you to voice my support of the new ordinance proposed by Council Member John Hines, prohibiting camping within 10 blocks of a shelter. This ordinance will provide needed guidance for our police officers who are trying so diligently to carry out their duties.

Please pass this ordinance to help bring some tangible guidance to the homeless situation.

Heather Gary
253-376-3043
Business owner and Tacoma resident.

From: Sarah Gillings <medicaldirector@summitvets.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 11:25 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: S 80th St feedback

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If you have not personally driven on South 80th St or the immediate surrounding blocks within the past few weeks, I implore you to do so. You cannot truly imagine the scope of the homeless camps here unless you see it with your own eyes.

I am one of the founders of Summit Veterinary Referral Center, which opened on South 80th St in 2010. In 2019, the owners of the practice and the property invested \$9M in a major capital expansion - construction and equipment upgrades. Our facility is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. On a given weekday, we have close to 100 staff in the building. We see over 2000 clients per month. Looking back through the evolution of the neighborhood, I would give anything to return to the days when our biggest annoyance was semi trucks filling up all of the street parking.

My clients and my staff feel unsafe, every day, due to the presence and behaviors of people living on the street. The unhoused population is variably coherent, often aggressive, and have threatened my staff directly with weapons. They try to come into the building at all hours. They block sidewalks. They light fires. They leave syringes, needles, and buckets of feces on our property.

I have no understanding of how the city has been able to turn a blind eye to this crisis. This is a direct threat to the survival of my business. Would meaningful action happen if one of my clients or staff are killed or seriously injured by somebody living on the street? Why would you let that happen in the first place?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Gillings

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Sarah Gillings, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM (Oncology)
Medical Director
Summit Veterinary Referral Center
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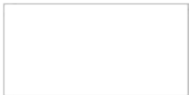
From: Evan Connolly <econnolly@summitvets.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 11:44 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Camping Ordinance

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Hello,

I am writing as an employee and a concerned citizen. I work on S 80th street and we are overrun by RVs and homeless encampments. It was brought to my attention that you all are voting on a Camping Ordinance this week. I strongly encourage you to think about the businesses that these encampments impact. We have had staff vehicles that have been broken into, staff members being attacked or otherwise made to feel unsafe. This impacts our ability to carry out our business. We have tried many different ways to help these encampments in the past but none have been successful. We need help from the City to make sure that our businesses and employees are safe and able to function. I hope that the people in these homeless encampments can be helped off the street.

Thank you,
Evan Connolly
Administrative Coordinator



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From: Cherie Gray <cheriegray8@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 11:53 AM
To: City Clerk's Office

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Please vote in favor of the camping ordinance coming up for a vote tomorrow. Bob and Cherie Gray

From: Kristina <kristina@made-law.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 1:57 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Please support CM Hines' ordinance to limit encampments of the unhoused within 10 blocks of sanctioned camping areas

Importance: High

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Greetings,

We are residents of Tacoma. We also are business owners and own commercial properties.

We have experienced first-hand the impact of encampments on our community. We truly believe that all residents of encampments need assistance to obtain the support services they need to work through difficulties whether they be drug addiction and/or mental health assistance and/or housing. We believe these services exist and that more effort and resources need to be given to assisting individuals to obtain these treatments/services. We do NOT believe that living on the streets in encampments is the answer, as it perpetuates the depravity of their living situations and violated their human rights.

While we believe that this ordinance falls short of what needs to be accomplished within the city limits, in banning any form of encampments, we do support this ordinance as a step in the right direction.

Please support the passing of CM Hines' proposed ordinance.

Kristina Maritzak and Jim Defebaugh

From: Kat Wood <kwood66@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 2:13 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public comment for 10/11 regular city council meeting

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Dear Mayor Woodards and Tacoma City Council Members,

I write to urge you to delay the vote on the proposed camping ban ordinance. We need to focus on actual solutions to homelessness, and camping buffers and bans are not solutions to this complex problem. This proposed ordinance needs reviewing in light of the recent Johnson vs Grants Pass ruling. Campers want safety through law enforcement as much as any community, and we should be enforcing laws and ordinances already on the books, not passing camping bans that will not address the root problem. Please delay the vote and listen to those vulnerable communities most affected - those who turn to camping because they often have no other choice.

Thank you,
Kat Wood

From: Webb PERMA <Webb.Perma@live.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 2:22 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Tacoma
Subject: SUPPORT OF CAMPING ORDINANCE

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Hello,

On behalf of my business and everyone I know in Tacoma, we are in support of the camping ordinance as a first step in setting behavioral limits on people who are living in filth, non-code compliance and creating fear of crime/disease throughout our city.

Thank you,

Webb Bowie
Perma, LLC
1610 Center Street
Tacoma, WA 8409

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Barrows Family <clkbarrows@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 2:23 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Hines, John
Subject: Please support and enact Ordinance 28831

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Greetings,

We are residents of Tacoma and are writing to ask that the Mayor, her staff and city departments, and all Council member's support CM Hines' ordinance to limit encampments of the unhoused within 10 blocks of shelters.

We have experienced first-hand the negative impacts of encampments on our community including the inhumanity that we as a community allow to exist as well as the public safety threat that these encampments pose.

We truly believe that all residents of encampments need assistance to obtain the support services they need to work through difficulties whether they be drug addiction and/or mental health assistance and/or housing. These services exist and more public effort and resources need to be given to assist individuals to obtain these treatments/services.

Living on the streets in encampments is not the answer, as it perpetuates the depravity of their living situations for individuals who need help and services, removes public locations from being used by the public, exacerbates threats to public safety, and often serves as a target for those who seek to use these encampments as a cover for their own criminal or cruel acts.

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Please support the passing of CM Hines' proposed ordinance.

Thank you,
Chris and Liselotte Barrows

From: Dena Jones <visitdena@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 2:28 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: I support the new camping ordinance!

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I live in the area and this new camping is desperately needed.

From: Jenna McMichael <mcmichjw@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 2:28 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
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Thank you,
Jenna McMichael

From: Theresa Power-Drutis <tpdrutis@nctacoma.org>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 2:35 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Alternative to the 10 Block Camping Ban: ORDINANCE NO. 28831

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Many people have already provided the City Council with sound reasons to vote against ORDINANCE NO. 28831. Below is an alternative, 4 step plan for your consideration:

Safe camps instead of sweeps

Logical steps to safe and healthy campsites

STEP 1:

Enforce laws against trafficking humans, drugs, and stolen goods within the existing camps; the “hands-off” approach to law enforcement in the camps continues to do great harm to both housed and unsheltered people living in poor communities.

Moving a camp without addressing the trafficking, bullying, and extortion that exists in many large campsites will simply create new unsafe campsites and new sets of angry constituents. Turning a blind eye to crime in and around campsites continues to allow a few individuals to endanger everyone in the community and puts vulnerable campers and other neighbors at extreme risk for abuse.

STEP 2:

Consider camp improvements rather than moving the camps. Ask:

- a) Is this a logical location for a camp based on the survival needs of campers?
- b) Would neighbors be open to living beside people without standard homes if *Step 1* is complete and regularly monitored?
- c) If a camp must be moved, check the structure of the current camp.

- Is this a community that wants to move as a unit?
- Are there natural, positive leaders within the camp who are willing to contribute to solutions?
- Are there extremely vulnerable people who need options (other than congregate shelter) in order to survive?
- What is needed and who can be asked to help?

Offer real choice wherever people have agency (even if these are small areas of control). Provide the information campers and people in vehicle homes need to make informed decisions - offer the same information to housed neighbors.

STEP 3

Provide actual solutions: a printed map -or at least a set of addresses- where camping *is* allowed rather than a list of places where camping *is not* allowed.

NEVER sweep an area without providing an address and ensuring transportation to a safe shelter, campground or safe lot where people can move AND where there is an available shelter, campsite, or parking space.

STEP 4

Learn from our own experiences and the experiences of other municipalities (e.g., Puyallup).

- We know that congregate shelters are a critical tool for addressing homelessness and inequity in Tacoma/Pierce County (keep supporting these)!
- We understand that many factors may keep reasonable people from choosing to move to a congregate shelter.
- We need to act responsibly to avoid the potential liabilities for taxpayers if municipalities ignore *Martin v. Boise* and [Johnson v. Grants Pass](#).
- Pierce County developed a [COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS](#). Leaders within every municipality in the county need to study this plan and find opportunities for collaboration. Act as if we are all in this together. We are.

Regards

Theresa Power-Drutis
1418 S G Street
Tacoma, WA 98405

From: Lonnie Chavez <lonniechavez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 2:45 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: We support CM Hines' ordinance to limit encampments

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Good afternoon,

We are extremely concerned with our growing homeless population and the negative effects in our community and the residents.

Tent communities have too many negative aspects for their residents.

While we believe that this ordinance falls short of what needs to be accomplished within the city limits, in banning any form of encampments, we do support this ordinance as a step in the right direction.

Please support the passing of CM Hines' proposed ordinance.

Luis and Lonnie Chavez

From: Andrew Westfall <awestfall@summitvets.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 3:16 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: S 80th St Tacoma

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Dear city council of Tacoma. Im writing in regards to what has become the drug fueled camper lot on s 80th St in Tacoma. I have worked for Summit veterinary referral center for 10 years and have watched what is supposed to be our comfortable and quite street become a place employees and clients alike are fearful to travel down or wait near. the situation has gotten worse for years and is at the worst it has ever been. I daily leaving work will watch drug deals being conducted in the middle of the street and parking lots, I have seen numerous weapons being carried down the street as well as angry individuals screaming about looking for people to "fuck up". we have had numerous car break ins of employees as well as clients. This should not be a concern when we are just trying to come to work to feed our families and care for our communities sick and inured pets. I expect more from a city that says it cares about its people but its actions show the complete opposite. Homeless people down on their luck is one thing, this is not what is happening on s 80th St. These are mainly individuals who prioritize drug use and their next fix over all else. Please do something to help resolve this problem and stop letting law abiding and well to do citizens suffer because of it.

Thank You.
Andrew Westfall

From: Samantha Jennison <equipment@summitvets.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 3:39 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: S 80th st

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Hi there,

I am an employee of Summit Veterinary Referral Center, and have been for the past 7 years. I have watched the street in front of our hospital go downhill over the past couple years. Thankfully our hospital has provided gated parking, but not all of our employees can park in our lot safely. Everyday there are drug deals, intoxicated people wandering the street - some with machetes and guns (!), many broken down campers, vehicles, boats, GARBAGE and the people residing on the street do NOT care about their safety and regulatory walk and stumble in front of cars. I have personally watched multiple people defecate and urinate in public and a client's dog ingested some of that fecal matter....!

We do not feel safe here as a whole and need something done about the encampment situation. Please take into consideration the amount of people that Summit serves for our community- employees and clients, and help make our street safe again.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Samantha Jennison, LVT
Lab & Equipment Supervisor
Summit Veterinary Referral Center

From: Lisa Hunt <lhunt@ymcapkc.org>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:01 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: In support of ordinance 28831

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I urge my city council members to vote yes to ordinance 28831

It is a great start in the right direction

Thank you

Lisa hunt

Sent from my iPhone

From: Catherine Calhoun <cjazzey38@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:02 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: John Hines proposal - limit camping in Tacoma

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I support the John Hines proposal to limit camping in Tacoma. I also support fully funding the TPD. Please, for the sake of our safety, make these proposals happen.

Catherine Calhoun
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cjazzey38@gmail.com

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From: Tom Treleven <tom@treleven.co>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:13 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Camping ordinance

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Please, Please, Please

Ban camping in the City of Tacoma. This tiny segment of our population continues to make the city an absolute mess.

If the campers don't accept help and temp housing put them in jail to clean them up.

TOM TRELEVEN

Treleven Project Management

// 253-222-5106

From: jane matsch <janematsch@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:23 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Restricting Homeless Encampments and more funding for the Tacoma Police Department

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City of Tacoma Clerk's Office:

I support John Hines recommendation for a camping ordinance to restrict the homeless encampments. Homeless encampments make our cities dangerous and discourage commerce.

It is crucial for our community to have a well-funded police department and to consider additional funding if it becomes necessary.

We need to preserve our beautiful and liveable city.

Jane Matsch

From: rachel haxtema <rachel.haxtema@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:23 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City Council regular meeting 10/11 - Proposed Buffer Zone

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Dear City Council -

I'm deeply concerned about the proposed buffer zone and the implications of this effort. While I am aware of the many challenges associated with encampments, I believe that further criminalizing homelessness only furthers the systemic harms. If you continue to create new financial penalties and the threat of jail time, we further extend the homelessness crisis. While something like a buffer zone may feel like a solution, instead it's another way that we continue to harm those in our community with already difficult situations.

Please focus instead on creating solutions to homelessness, including low-barrier sites with supportive services and access to basic hygiene needs. While the city has done some good work to create shelters and expand housing, there is clearly so much more needed - especially very low-barrier options. I continue to hear about the lack of truly accessible housing for those most in need.

The ordinance needs to be withdrawn for more discussion and feedback and it can't work without safe places for people to go - low-barrier shelters and other accessible sites. I understand that there are at least two underlying reasons for the ordinances, safety for those in the shelters and incentives for neighborhoods to accept new shelters, I strongly believe that as proposed the negatives far outweigh the two hopeful positives. A buffer zone of 1-3 blocks would be reasonable, but it should not be enforced with fines nor imprisonment. That only puts additional barriers on those already facing too many barriers.

I've shared concerns with council member Hines and I know that the voices to address encampments are loud, but there are many of us who want to prioritize real solutions that support our neighbors and hope that we can find better ways.

Please withdraw this proposed ordinance and take seriously the lived experience of those facing homelessness and find better solutions rather than further criminalizing our neighbors.

Rachel Haxtema
City Council District 1
Tacoma, WA 98406

From: Ben German <ben@neptuneseafood.us>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:26 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: John Hines proposal

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to voice my support for Councilman Hines proposal to pass the ordinance restricting homeless encampment locations. As a VP of a small business and homeowner in Tacoma I have been majorly affected by local encampments and the crime that has been proven to accompany them. This proposal will certainly not solve all of our problems overnight, but I believe it to be a step in the right direction in making our city a safer place to exist. Thank you for taking the time to hear my thoughts.

Thank you,

Ben German || Vice President
Neptune Seafood, Inc.
[\(253\) 548-7691](tel:(253)548-7691) cell
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From: Marie Andersen <panachemarie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:27 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless encampment Pacific Avenue
Attachments: 20221010_162549.jpg; 20221010_155446.jpg

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Hello. We live on south Harrison street on the opposite side of a homeless encampment on Pac Ave and about 35th. We luckily have a green belt between us and a current vehicle illegal encampment of homeless people. Its non stop noise, gun shots, screaming and car engine noises. When we heard a supervised encampment going in on Pacific Ave across from 911 center was going to be put in we had mixed emotions. We thought one supervised camp would be better than what we currently have. See photo attached with vehicles current illegal camp, and fenced construction area the new one.

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Our neighborhood has enough craziness now with theft. Gun shots and serious health violations. Please close out this camp!

Sincerely,

Allen and Marie Andersen
103. So. Harrison street
Tacoma 98418





From: Maxine Pendras <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:28 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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City Clerk City Clerk,

I call on you to reject Ordinance 28831. Enacting a camping bill criminalizes homelessness, rather than working to solve the crisis.

We, the people of Tacoma, reject Ordinance 28831. We categorically reject a policing solution to homelessness. There are simply not enough safe, accessible, and non-congregate shelter spaces available – in this context it is unacceptable to put additional restrictions on folks with little or no alternative. The homelessness crisis weakens practically every other civic interest the council is concerned with, including public safety, public health, mental health, parks, schools and families. We need bold, direct measures that work towards solving, not criminalizing it.

Ordinance 28831 will be used to terrorize and punish those experiencing homelessness in our community, just like similar ordinances implemented across the country. Increased penalties and sweeps systemically escalate violence against the unhoused, who according to the last Point in Time Count were disproportionately people of color. Any funds spent on courts, lawyers, and police are resources wastefully diverted from the very real need for sanitation, healthcare, sustainable inclusive public safety, and housing for all.

We demand a housing solution to address our homelessness crisis. There is no solution to homelessness that does not include permanent affordable housing for everyone and that centers the voices of those who have experienced homelessness. This camping ban ordinance goes in the face of this -- instead another restriction directed at the unhoused trying to survive amidst the systemic injustice of lack of safe, affordable housing in our community. The sheer arbitrary nature of this camping ban's ten block radius is hard to convey; why should people in stable sites and longstanding encampments be forced to move merely because they are within a few blocks of a stability site? The city cannot offer adequate shelter or housing, why arbitrarily dislocate encampments for geographical niceties?

We need bold, proactive steps to solve this crisis impacting our most vulnerable residents dictated by input from experts on homelessness -- homeless people themselves. Instead of whitewashing the issue with sweeps and harassment, we urge you and other Councilmembers to actively pursue the following policy goals:

1. To create sanctioned, self-governed encampments throughout the city, with over 72% of people interviewed preferred to stay in an outdoor, managed camp than overcrowded indoor shelter. Until our city can offer safer, more dignified, non-congregate, and stable shelter options, violent sweeps will only deepen the homelessness crisis.
2. To increase community support for services like mental health, hygiene, garbage, and drug and alcohol services.

3. To legalize all forms of housing in the city, including those that are the most accessible to people experiencing homelessness, such as mobile homes/RVs.

We urge you to reject this camping ban.

In solidarity,

Maxine Pendras

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1201N. Tacoma Ave

Tacoma, Saint Croix Island 98493

From: dominic adams <dominic@genepankeymotors.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:29 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: restricting where camping can occur

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I would like for the vote to restrict where camping can occur to PASS, to limit camping to safe, and permissible areas only. Camping on the right of way in front of my business by RV's, and tents has been an ongoing issue with combinations of property damage, theft, biohazard, parking issues for legitimate customers, and has even deterred some business away from our Tacoma business. Our property crime and security costs have risen by more than 50x previous years. We (small businesses in Tacoma) need the city's help to restrict camping in areas where safe camping can occur and does not negatively impact businesses providing jobs, tax dollars, and services to our community.

Dominic Adams
GM/Partner
Gene Pankey Motor Co Inc.

From: Barry Nilsen <nilsen.barry@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:35 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Councilman Hines Camping Ordinance

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My name is Barry Nilsen. I am a small business owner downtown. I own Nilsen Development Inc. dba Terra Firma Drilling. We are not far from the Rescue Mission.

Specifically I am geotechnical contractor that works on difficult landslide issues and structural problems. I have personally worked on 3 of the city's properties including Old Tacoma City Hall, Cushman Dam 2, and Mayfield Dam.

I very much support Councilman Hines camping ban proposed tonight. I am disgusted by the drug addicts and filth emboldened by their numbers collecting near my business and properties downtown. We are often approached by the homeless when we fuel our trucks at the Pilot Gas station on Puyallup Ave, or kick the addicts out of our parking lots. I've had multiple trucks stolen and catalytic converters stolen from my locked yard.

Until the addicts or mentally ill hit rock bottom and decide to seek help, they problem will only get worse. They need tough love, not hand outs.

To be clear, I support the Tacoma Rescue Mission and Catholic Community services and those shelters where those who are seeking help are getting it and moving on with their lives. Every last one of those homeless people just outside the shelters is just there for the free handouts and then they go do their drugs and shit on the sidewalk, then steal or vandalize my property.

I fear for everyone's safety if things continue as they are and end up in violence because the city hasn't cleaned up the situation and engineered a way out of this.

Please pass Councilman Hines Ordinance.

--
Barry Nilsen
Project Engineer
[Terra Firma Drilling](#)
253-691-3060

From: bruce <bruce@saaguns.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:42 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: I absolutely support the proposed camping restrictions and fully funding the TPD, and more importantly prosecuting and forcing the jail to actually take in the criminals that are caught. We see the problems every day and been the victims of numerous cr...

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Fay Garrett <faym72@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:52 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public Comment/Camping Ban Ordinance and Council Meeting Tuesday Oct 11 at 5:00 p.m.

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As taxpayers to the City, we oppose the implementation of this ban, especially because of the recent Grants Pass ruling. We have NO INTEREST in funding future legal fees to fight the implementation of the ban in court.

At a minimum the vote should be delayed until a legal analysis can be conducted on the ban against the legal ruling and determine implications.

The buffer of ten blocks is an overreach. Spokane's is three blocks.

We are against penalties for these vulnerable people -- a \$1,000 fine on someone who is already living in abject poverty is immoral and makes all the problems worse. Jail time further limits opportunities for housing in the future.

These campers' have civil rights.

Fines and criminal history makes it even more difficult to obtain employment and housing and jail is more expensive than housing alternatives. Fines are untenable and will create more barriers to housing for an already disadvantaged population.

The proposed ban ignores why people choose to be near services, so we're against pushing people further away from emergency services. These disadvantaged persons need access to services in the city and pushing them further away isn't helping the situation.

Without viable camping areas near services or a plan to address possession storage, this can't work. Ten blocks will push people out of the city and will be extremely difficult to enforce. And will be very costly.

We advocate for alternatives to police enforcement -- unarmed emergency response teams, not necessarily more police. In light of the "cop shortage" and how many are discussing how we can't enforce the camping ban - we can take this opportunity to support the demand for non-police Crisis Response Teams and the Home In Tacoma For All campaign.

We agree with the two underlying reasons for the ordinances, safety for those in the shelters and incentives for neighborhoods to accept new shelters, but as proposed the negatives far out weigh the two hopeful positives.

We suggest the current ordinance be moved back into the creation stage to get public input and that any ordinance be tied to a certain level of housing being created before the ordinance takes effect.

As Christians we feel we need to care for the unhoused. We are opposed to exclusionary zoning. We need to devote our city's limited budget to provide housing, which is one fifth the cost of keeping people unhoused, as in emergency, medical and waste services.

Fay Garrett
Evan Garrett
4810 N 27th St.
Tacoma
City district 1

From: Chris Dobler <chrisd@dmcimail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:56 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: I support the Camping Ordinance

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Dear Mayor Woodards and Councilmembers,

I am a long-time business owner and housing provider here in Tacoma. I am writing in support of the Camping Ordinance. I support this ordinance because it is a start. It is a start for those living on unsheltered streets to utilize the services offered and be sheltered.

We must address the inhumane conditions for those living in unsanctioned encampments. This Ordinance is the first step in attempting to remedy that situation. The hope is that it will help motivate those living in the encampments to move into a shelter where they can get safe shelter and services. We can all agree on the need for the unsheltered to receive services and have a safe place to live. Indeed, we can all agree that those living on the streets would be better off living in shelters. Enacting this Ordinance is the beginning of this happening.

Of course, this can be done humanely. Those who oppose this fear that those living in the encampments will be rounded up without notice and put in jail need not worry since the City Manager stated that would not happen. In addition, the encampments will be given advance notice. Finally, because the Ordinance applies only to specific locations, if those living within the buffers refuse to move into a shelter, they will still have the option of living outside in Tacoma – just not within one of the buffers.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Camping Ordinance.

Sincerely,

□ **Chris Dobler**
CPM

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From: Lindsay Medema <lindsayrae@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:57 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City Council Regular Meeting 10/11 - Proposed Buffer Zone

Dear City Council -

I am writing to share my immense concern about the proposed buffer zone regarding encampments and unhoused people in our community. Homelessness will not be solved by this, and it will only continue to create a problematic cycle of criminalizing homelessness. A buffer zone will only further complicate this problem.

If the goal is to help those who are unhoused find housing, please support funding and legislation for low-barrier sites with support services and access to basic needs. People with children, pets, teenage kids, or various other things that keep them from accessing support, also need to have help. This city is insanely expensive to live in, and I am only able to be in a house due to help from family. We need to address all sides of the housing crisis, including more housing for people with lower incomes or inability to prove income to access mainstream housing.

I know the voices of business owners and those supporting the ban are strong, but please consider making access to low-barrier sites a priority and considering reevaluating this proposal before moving forward.

Please withdraw this proposed ordinance. Homelessness is not a choice anyone would choose if given other options. Human beings deserve a home and to be treated as a human. We all have different needs.

Lindsay Medema
City Council District 5
Tacoma, WA 98408

From: Catherine Lee <catherine.e.lee.385@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:57 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: No Camping Ban

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Mayor Woodards and Council Members,

I urge you to vote AGAINST adoption of Ordinance No. 28831 creating "buffer zones" around shelters, effectively criminalizing camping in most of the city.

There are numerous valid reasons for which a person experiencing homelessness may choose not to enter a shelter. These include and certainly are not limited to: insufficient shelter capacity; restrictions on pets or family members; curfews that interfere with autonomy and/or employment opportunities; loss of community of other unhoused individuals who care for one another; heightened potential for abuse; conflict with other shelter residents; and lack of adequate protection from COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. None of these concerns are addressed in the council's attempt to coerce unhoused people to choose temporary shelters or relocate to areas further from essential services. If enacted, this ordinance would ensure people experiencing homelessness would be conveniently out of sight and mind for local homeowners and business by punishing homeless people for existing in public.

Let me be clear that the most important reason not to impose jail time and fines upon people who are already struggling to survive is that it is cruel. Another important consideration, though, is that these policies are more costly and inefficient for tax payers. In proposing this ordinance, the council implied that the only alternative to this action was inaction. However, there are numerous alternatives that have even been previously discussed by this council, including low barrier camping sites. The ordinance states that "camping without adequate sanitation services, such as sewer, water, and garbage" is a risk to public health safety: so provide those services to unhoused people without the restrictions which shelters impose. And next, robustly fund Housing First initiatives, which are the only successful programs at ending the homelessness-jail cycle. This ordinance is a step in the wrong direction.

From: Eric McNeal <eric@cascadefriction.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 4:59 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: John Hines Proposal on Camping Restrictions

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I support the restriction on camping in the City of Tacoma. I also fully support the FULL funding of the Tacoma PD.

Thank You,

Eric McNeal
Cascade Friction Materials Inc.
253-383-4363

From: K Dinicola <karend@harbornet.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 5:00 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Hines, John
Subject: Support proposed limited camping restrictions

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Dear Council Members,

I wrote in support of CM Hines thoughtful proposal and stepwise approach in advance of the first reading. I am reiterating my support here.

While society at large figures out how to address long standing injustices and address the many root causes of homelessness, we need to take care of our city, its residents, and the business community. Please give the public safety officers tools and support to provide better services and give assistance to these most unfortunate and vulnerable people.

Thank you for taking this first step and continuing to work to address this difficult issue.

Karen DiNicola
Tacoma resident

Sent from my mobile phone
253-759-8098

From: Marie Andersen <panachemarie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 5:00 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Re: Homeless encampment Pacific Avenue

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Ps. We support the ordinance 28831. Please vote yes. Tacoma needs to be healthy and safer
Thanks

Allen and Marie Andersen

On Mon, Oct 10, 2022, 4:26 PM Marie Andersen <panachemarie@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello. We live on south Harrison street on the opposite side of a homeless encampment on Pac Ave and about 35th. We luckily have a green belt between us and a current vehicle illegal encampment of homeless people. Its non stop noise, gun shots, screaming and car engine noises. When we heard a supervised encampment going in on Pacific Ave across from 911 center was going to be put in we had mixed emotions. We thought one supervised camp would be better than what we currently have. See photo attached with vehicles current illegal camp, and fenced construction area the new one.

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Sincerely,

Allen and Marie Andersen
103. So. Harrison street
Tacoma 98418

From: Kyle Price <Kyle_Price@aw.org>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 5:03 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Camping ban

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Council Members, I support John Hines proposal. His proposal is not perfect and does not solve the homeless problem, but his proposal might make it easier for established shelter sites to exist, and we need more of those sites. Please support his proposal.

Kyle Price
4006 North 35th Street
Tacoma, WA 98407

From: Kendall Burch <burch.kendall@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 5:03 PM
To: Hines, John; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Letter in opposition to Public Ordinance 28831

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Dear Councilman Hines and members of Tacoma City Council,

My name is Kendall Burch and I am writing in opposition to Public Ordinance 28831. This ordinance is a misuse of money that will have no meaningful effect on our city's homelessness epidemic.

I have taught elementary and middle school students in Tacoma since 2018. During that time, I have learned two important lessons on managing a classroom. First, children can only manage their behavior to the level that their years and experience allow. A squirmy eight year old diagnosed with ADHD isn't a "bad kid," she's a human being who hasn't yet learned to manage her energy. Second, trying to force away unwanted behaviors without offering an alternative does not work. The solution to the disruptions caused by that squirmy eight year old isn't yelling or banishment. It's calm redirection and provision of tools to help her behave in a manner appropriate for the setting.

These ideas apply to adults as well as to children. While the people living in Tacoma encampments are almost all adults, they're still only able to do what their circumstances allow. I assume that I don't have to spell out the challenges inherent in escaping homelessness. From trouble securing important documents to the sheer weight of poverty, to expect a person experiencing homelessness to simply stop being homeless is naïve at best.

As you know, the number of shelter beds available in Tacoma is lower than the population of people who need them, even without considering the myriad reasons someone might not be eligible for a given bed. Clearing out encampments without any adequate alternative achieves nothing.

On a practical level, the penalties for violating this ordinance are also nonsensical. Fining someone experiencing poverty not only contributes to that person's disenfranchisement, but is unlikely to result in an actual payment made.

Incarceration is also a losing option. Assuming the original language of the ordinance stands and a \$100 cost per day of incarceration (based on state prison statistics), the city stands to spend \$9,000 on punishing a single person for camping near an established shelter. That's the same cost as trash service for a 300 gallon barrel for a year, 64 weeks of addiction counseling, or four to six months' rent. Which of these options actually addresses the problem?

Finally, one of the stated aims of this ordinance is to make neighborhoods more open to the idea of hosting shelters. When people are moved from their current neighborhoods, where are they going to go, if not the neighborhoods without the shelters and without services? This plan will only result in more widespread ire directed toward people experiencing homelessness.

As a voter, I hope that this ordinance will not be adopted. It smacks of a political desire to "do something," but shows no promise of improving the lives of Tacomans.

Thank you for your time,
Kendall Burch

From: Holm, Margo B <mbholm@pitt.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 5:59 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Ordinance 28831

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I am in favor of this ordinance. I am tired of our building being broken into from members of nearby homeless camps so drug addicts who don't want to abide by rules can steal to support their habits.

mbh

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Margo B Holm, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
Professor Emerita
University of Pittsburgh
253-444-8096 cell

From: Jodi Cook <jodicook.nenc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 7:28 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Hines, John; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Bushnell, Joe
Subject: Camping restriction ordinance

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Respected City Council Members:

Please count my support for the ordinance brought forth by Councilman Hines, to restrict homeless encampments to be within the ten blocks of those 8+ managed homeless sites. The residents within, and the neighbors who live in their housing around these managed sites, need protection from un-sanctioned homeless encampments.

Thank you Council Members: Hines, Rumbaugh and Bushnell. You have acknowledged this is just a first step, but it is an important one to begin to address this complex issue, for all.

Jodi Cook

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tina Reed <treed2003@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 8:06 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: South 80th Street

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To Whom it may concern.

I am employed at Summit Veterinary Referral Center located at 2505 South 80th street in Tacoma. There are several other businesses as well as residential building located on South 80th as well.

That street has become increasingly invaded by people living in RVs and their cars. It has become hard to navigate safely down the street with vehicles lining both sides of the streets, and people standing in the middle of the street. Trash lines the side of the streets. Sidewalks are impassible in some areas. Just today a dog was tied to a tree outside a vehicle that appeared to be occupied by people living in it.

There have been incidents of people living on the street (in their car or RV) prowling our clients/employee cars in our parking lot, using our garden hose to bathe, walking in front of our parking lot carrying a large knife, shootings, fighting, etc. I do fear for my safety on that street. We have been forced to lock all doors in our building except for the main entrance during day business hours. This has caused a hardship in performing my job. It can be difficult to unlock and open a door while carrying a heavy animal in a carrier or trying to wrangle a dog who does not walk well on a leash. It is also challenging to use gurneys to transport our patients through locked doors. The personal living on the side of the street also pose a danger when we are outside with our clients and patients. It is very challenging to give my client my full attention while speaking to them. I feel I have to constantly watch myself outside and be on high alert for a possible threat/attack. We have had to hire security and establish a fenced, locked employee parking lot.

I am urging the members of the Tacoma City Council and the Mayor of Tacoma to come to a timely resolution to this problem. I suggest changing the parking laws to prohibit people from living in their vehicle on the street if it is not already prohibited. If the laws are in place to prohibit this, they need to be enforced.

I do have a picture of some of the trash on the side of the street and a video of what it is like to drive on the street that I am willing to submit for review.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Tina Reed

From: joyce tober <bobcat16@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 12:19 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: PROPOSAL TO BAN HOMELESS CAMPING to be presented @ City Council Regular Meeting 10/11

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In view of the widespread effect the proposed ban to limit homeless camping would have, it behooves the City Council to analyze how the ban will not solve the basic issue of lack of affordable housing, but further burdens those who most critically need to be housed. Please delay action on the ban until further study is implemented and a more humane solution developed. Thank you, Joyce Tober

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From: kdwatson0113@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 7:11 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Councilman Hines Proposal - Homeless Encampments

Importance: High

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Good Morning,

I'm writing in to express my support that homeless encampments have become problematic for business operations and residents in/around Tacoma. While this is not perfect, John Hines' proposal seems to be moving in a direction that Tacoma Business Council supports. I live here and support this as a much needed first step.

Thank you,

Kelly Watson
Kdwatson0113@comcast.net

"There will always be more good ideas than there is capacity to execute" – Sean Covey



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From: Andrea Haug <andreaaug33@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 7:35 AM
To: Bushnell, Joe; Ushka, Catherine
Cc: Larchmont Cares; Pauli, Elizabeth; Walker, Kristina; Woodards, Victoria; City Clerk's Office; Diaz, Olgy
Subject: RE: Camping Ban

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Good Morning CMs!


I am emailing today to ask you both to vote no on the proposed ordinance to ban camping within 10 blocks of mitigation sites.

The Spring Hill and Stewart neighborhoods, as well as Eastside and other South Tacoma communities will be greatly affected by this ordinance. The people that live in these communities are just now starting to realize what this ban could mean to their neighborhood.

There has not been enough outreach in these areas where the homeless population density will increase. The City is going for density, but I do not think this is what CoT meant.

This ban serves no one and wastes valuable time and resources that should be spent trying to find staff for existing programs to succeed.

For the sake of your time, I will bullet point the rest of my thoughts for your consideration.

- Criminalizes Homelessness
- Disperses persons leaving outreach workers scrambling to find client(s) or completely losing touch with client(s). Resulting in wasted time and resources.
- Breaks up community family units. Trust and stability are integral in healing. Family in any form is important.
- Moves problems associated with addiction, mental health, and homelessness to a new neighborhood.
- Moving encampments creates a new environmental hazard in an otherwise clean area. Adding a new cost for clean up in the future.
- We do not have enough services and the ones we have are not operating at full capacity due to staffing shortages. Please allow these programs to flourish and succeed. It is putting the cart before the horse to declare a ban on camping before these services even get a foothold.
- Pushing people further away from services is counterproductive and makes it less likely for these people to reach out for services as you will be creating other barriers, ie. Transportation
- Creates us and them in the community
- Gives a false sense of hope/victory to ban supporters if ban passes. It has been stated publicly by City Mgr. Pauli that the City does not have the resources to enforce this ban. This further increases community anger and frustration and does not build community.
- This is North End And Northeast overreach in the South End. It is not equitable for those districts to impose their will in our South End community. We will experience an enormous impact if this ordinance passes and we were not consulted.
- Hosmer needs an individualized plan to meet the needs of the business association, residents, and visitors. CM Bushnell, I support a whole Hosmer approach. Please give that area the attention it deserves and take your energies away from this already failed ordinance. Home again on Hosmer . This is positive messaging. Camping ban is negative messaging offering zero solutions.
- It is an untruth to say this ordinance is to protect the health of our homeless/addicted/mentally ill population. If it was about health, it would be about providing robust services and not tearing down the little bit of belongings, dignity, stability, and familiarity they have. Not providing garbage and sanitation services is not healthy. Moving people from one urine soaked ground to a new, clean area to be soiled is not environmentally friendly or healthy.

Sure you can use leaves as tp, mud in a wound, or use pantyhose to repair a Volkswagen, but the question is should you, if you have the means to, make a better choice? Please don't throw the proverbial duct tape on our homeless, addiction, and mental health crisis. Be bold, be brave, be forward thinking, be creative, and choose to not support this ordinance in any form.

Thank you,

Andrea Haug

She/Her

South End Resident

Lived Experience

Litter Free 253 Chair

253 Merry Makers Outreach

SENCos Vice Chair

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Andrea Haug

From: Shannon Haven <shanaynayhaven@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 8:24 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless on S. 80th St

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Dear To whom it may concern,

I am employed at Summit Veterinary Referral Center at 2505 S. 80th St Tacoma and we have a problem with Homeless campers on our St. of business. There is trash all over the ground, Needles and junk. When I am trying to get to work or even leave there is a struggle to get there with all the trailers in the way. Sometimes when I am leaving the homeless people just stand in the middle of the street and don't move when I am there. We have had fights that have broken out amongst the homeless people and had to call our manager on duty to go out there and try to break up the fights. We have had employee cars broken into and we have had clients complain that they don't feel safe due to all the homeless trailers on our street. We have had homeless people come and harass our clients for money and they also come and steal our employees' meals that they have ordered for lunch or even dinner. It has really gotten out of hand and is scary for not just our employees and our clients. Something has to be done about this so we feel safe enough for not just our employees but our clients and their pets.

Thank you
Shannon

From: Kayla Hansen <kayla.hansen@HighgateSelectService.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 8:32 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Vote- Homeless

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I vote in favor of any law against any encampments.

We are in danger, the camps are growing daily, theft is higher than it has ever been.

The shelters are scary and overran by drugs, crime and violence.

It's nice to see some kind of plan. There has been NO action plan for far too long.

You have not, and are not, taking care of the taxpayers of Tacoma in the low-income parts of town and it is disgusting - literally.

I hope you are ashamed of yourselves.

Kayla Hansen
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From: Cynthia Stewart <stewdahl@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 8:33 AM
To: Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Bushnell, Joe; Daniels, Kiara; Diaz, Olgy; Walker, Kristina; City Clerk's Office
Cc: Real, Chantra; Campbell, Haley
Subject: Proposed Ordinance 28831 on Today's Council Agenda
Attachments: Letter to City Council 10-11-22 re Proposed Ord 288331.pdf

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Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council Members:

Attached is a letter in lieu of oral testimony at today's City Council meeting, as I am unable to attend the meeting. The League of Women Voters asks that you reject proposed Ordinance 28831 and have cited our rationale in the letter.

Thank you for your consideration of this perspective.

--Cynthia Stewart, President
League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County



October 11, 2022

The Honorable Victoria Woodards, Mayor
and Members, City Council
City of Tacoma
Council Chambers
Tacoma Municipal Building, First Floor
747 Market Street
Tacoma, WA 98402

Re: Proposed Ordinance 28831, Establishing a ten-block buffer prohibiting camping and the storage of personal belongings on public property around temporary shelters

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council Members:

This letter is coming to you in lieu of oral testimony, as I am unavailable at the time of your Council meeting. The League of Women Voters asks that you reject proposed Ordinance 28831.

The League of Women Voters has no official stake in this matter. We are not service providers. Our role is to study and react in the public interest. We have been extensively engaged in the homelessness issue since 2016. We have held public forums, including a large event at the Convention Center; we have participated in the Coalition to End Homelessness for years as a way to stay informed; and we have actively promoted solutions to address the homelessness crisis. We are asking you to decline this ordinance based on those experiences and the knowledge gained from them and also because of our additional work to study the issue more deeply.

The League can only advocate based on positions it has established following extensive study and a membership consensus process designed to assure that informed members agree on what the League should promote. This letter is founded on a position adopted by our League in July 2020

[<https://lwvtpc.org/docs.ashx?id=1006971>] , following an in-depth Shelter Study, February 2020 (http://tacomapiercelwv.org/files/shelter_study_for_web_2-20_reduced.pdf). Relevant sections of the position include these:

- The League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County recognizes that shelter is a basic human right. People experiencing homelessness must be allowed to access or create temporary shelter until they can gain and sustain the adequate and secure housing that should be accessible for all.
- We support a multi-faceted approach to addressing housing insecurity, increasing the amount of affordable housing, and providing temporary shelter when affordable housing is not available, especially among low and extremely low income people and those with special needs.
- Homelessness must be decriminalized, and shelter must be provided for people living homeless, including safe lots (for people living in vehicles). We uphold each person's right to perform the basic functions necessary to life, including sleeping.

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Our position on this proposed ordinance is further supported by the case of *Martin v. Boise*, which was upheld by the Supreme Court and prohibits punishing homeless persons for sleeping outside on public property in the absence of adequate alternatives; and *Johnson vs Grants Pass*, where the 9th Circuit Court upheld the same principles.

As proposed, Ordinance 28831 would penalize people who are unable to access appropriate shelter. There are far fewer shelter opportunities in Tacoma than there are people without housing, and among the shelter opportunities, not all are suitable for the people who are not using them. The extensive area of Tacoma that would be covered by the 10-block radius from each shelter creates undue barriers for those without homes or shelter. For that matter, many people who might camp within the 10-block radius might not even know about this or that they are within that radius.

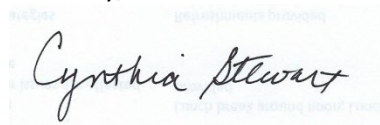
Far better than this ordinance would be action to increase shelter funding, increase development of affordable housing units and permanent supportive housing opportunities, and provide education to privileged communities about these principles:

- The underlying causes of homelessness;
- The fact that people on the street are more likely to be victims of crime than to perpetuate crime;
- The fact that homeless encampments have been victimized by criminals, and even after sweeps, those people committing crimes may remain in the neighborhood;
- The concept of communities taking care of each other;

and more.

Criminalizing people who are without housing and who camp on the street is the wrong answer. Please vote against this ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. It is positioned over a light blue rectangular background that has some faint, illegible text on it.

Cynthia Stewart, President

From: Helen Edwards <helen.valmere.edwards1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 8:45 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comment about camping ban

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Dear city council,

I am writing to urge you to vote no on the camping ban. I cannot believe this keeps coming up. Criminalizing people for trying to survive is not going to help end the homelessness crisis.

To that end, I would also like to throw my support behind a fully funded crisis response team. I genuinely don't feel that Elizabeth Pauli's biennial budget goes far enough to address this.

I would comment at the public forum tonight, but I will be at work so consider this my public forum comment.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Helen Edwards

From: Phil Harty <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 9:14 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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City Clerk City Clerk,

I call on you to reject Ordinance 28831. Enacting a camping bill criminalizes homelessness, rather than working to solve the crisis.

We, the people of Tacoma, reject Ordinance 28831. We categorically reject a policing solution to homelessness. There are simply not enough safe, accessible, and non-congregate shelter spaces available – in this context it is unacceptable to put additional restrictions on folks with little or no alternative. The homelessness crisis weakens practically every other civic interest the council is concerned with, including public safety, public health, mental health, parks, schools and families. We need bold, direct measures that work towards solving, not criminalizing it.

Ordinance 28831 will be used to terrorize and punish those experiencing homelessness in our community, just like similar ordinances implemented across the country. Increased penalties and sweeps systemically escalate violence against the unhoused, who according to the last Point in Time Count were disproportionately people of color. Any funds spent on courts, lawyers, and police are resources wastefully diverted from the very real need for sanitation, healthcare, sustainable inclusive public safety, and housing for all.

We demand a housing solution to address our homelessness crisis. There is no solution to homelessness that does not include permanent affordable housing for everyone and that centers the voices of those who have experienced homelessness. This camping ban ordinance goes in the face of this -- instead another restriction directed at the unhoused trying to survive amidst the systemic injustice of lack of safe, affordable housing in our community. The sheer arbitrary nature of this camping ban's ten block radius is hard to convey; why should people in stable sites and longstanding encampments be forced to move merely because they are within a few blocks of a stability site? The city cannot offer adequate shelter or housing, why arbitrarily dislocate encampments for geographical niceties?

We need bold, proactive steps to solve this crisis impacting our most vulnerable residents dictated by input from experts on homelessness -- homeless people themselves. Instead of whitewashing the issue with sweeps and harassment, we urge you and other Councilmembers to actively pursue the following policy goals:

1. To create sanctioned, self-governed encampments throughout the city, with over 72% of people interviewed preferred to stay in an outdoor, managed camp than overcrowded indoor shelter. Until our city can offer safer, more dignified, non-congregate, and stable shelter options, violent sweeps will only deepen the homelessness crisis.

2. To increase community support for services like mental health, hygiene, garbage, and drug and alcohol services.

3. To legalize all forms of housing in the city, including those that are the most accessible to people experiencing homelessness, such as mobile homes/RVs.

We urge you to reject this camping ban.

In solidarity,

Phil Harty

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Tacoma, Washington 98403

From: Lauren Hamil <lhamil@summitvets.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 9:27 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Concerns about South 80th St

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Dear City Council Members,

I am a veterinary surgeon at Summit Veterinary Referral Center, located on S 80th St in Tacoma. I strongly urge you to address the significant and dangerous situation on our street. There is a constant encampment of cars, motor homes, detached trailers, and campers that line each side of the entire street. This has created numerous safety and logistical problems such as the inability to drive down the street and access the building to actually get to the clinic, and the inability to find parking. More importantly, it is a dangerous hazard to have this congestion of the road- if there was a fire there would be no quick access to our building, and no escape route. Furthermore, clients who attempt to access our ER often have a life threatening emergency for their pet, and have an extremely challenging time accessing our hospital and parking lot due to the crowded nature of the road.

Additionally, there have been several incidences of personal safety concerns that our staff have experienced from the owners and inhabitants of these cars, trailers, and campers. One of the residents of a permanently street parked vehicle has been seen multiple times over the past several months openly carrying a gun, and has threatened and chased an employee to her car. Many of our staff member's cars have been broken into, and often this is witnessed by clients and Summit staff, without any resources to address the crimes. I do not feel safe driving down S 80th at any time- especially when I have to leave work late at night due to emergency call in surgeries; I have witnessed drug deals, acts of prostitution, and illegal fires on the side of the road all by people who reside in the vehicles, when traveling to and from work late at night.

The businesses and their employees on S 80th Street are being significantly and directly impacted by the unmanageable car and vehicle congestion that is continuously present- with most vehicles being permanently occupied by people. These vehicles need to be moved, and action must be taken to prevent them from returning- such as concrete barricades or at the very least no parking signs spaced at intervals to deter parking on the street- this should be enforced by tow agencies, and the police department. If no action is taken, I am sure the situation will continue to worsen, and inevitably a safety hazard can be expected. It is already damaging our clinic's reputation, and our business, but more importantly it puts myself and my fellow employees in dangerous situations where coming to work is not safe.

I would request some serious measures be implemented immediately to address these concerns.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Lauren Hamil, MS, DVM, DACVS-SA
Small Animal Surgeon
Summit Veterinary Referral Center

From: Justine Bales <jbales1115@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 9:37 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: S. 80th St. Tacoma

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To whom it may concern,

I am an employee at Summit Veterinary Referral Center at 2505 S. 80th Steet in Tacoma.

I am writing to express my concerns with the excessive homeless population and caravans parked along the streets.

I have witnessed the people living in these vans vandalizing cars parked on the streets, attempting to break into the gated employee parking lots, start brush fires, create hazardous conditions driving down thw street as well as generalized commotion at our facility.

The streets are littered with trash and debris constantly and it is difficult for 2 cars to safely drive down the street.

There are loose dogs from these caravans that have tried to attack patients coming into our building or try to attack employee pets that are trying to walk into our facility.

I personally do not feel safe walking across the street and it has gotten exponentially worse. We have our place of employment on lock down to ensure the safety of the staff. There have been reports of individuals walking up and down the street with machetes, guns and other weapons.

This is a huge problem that has gotten out of control and something has to be done about it. It is ruining this area of the city and increasing crime. I hope that something can be done soon to ensure the safety of the staff who work hard to protect the animals of this community.

Thank you.

Justine Bales

From: Monica Busch <mbusch@summitvets.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 9:55 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Blocked access to emergency and specialty care!

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing with concerns about the houseless population surrounding businesses along South 80th between Tacoma Mall Blvd and Pine and expanding towards Bates Tech college on South 78th and Hosmer.

Houseless people are blocking vital emergency care to Summit Veterinary Hospital! I work as a CSR and have taken many complaints. Clients are being blocked from coming down South 80th to the clinic. Houseless are stopping in the middle of the street either by standing or with a vehicle. This has forced clients to wait, costing precious minutes to access emergency care. Many are frightened to stop for these people and turn to go around by way Bates and Hosmer but it gets just as bad and also coming in through Pine and South 80th is no better. Some clients have left to try to find another Emergency Hospital because they are sure they are in the wrong area. This can cost the life of the pet and severe trauma to the client.

Employees have been chased to their cars and heard gunshots during the day and night. There have been stabbings and open drug deals. There have been fires on the grass and in the motorhomes. A couple of Houseless on bikes purposely put the butt of a lit cigarette into the beauty bark to watch it burn, then laughed as the staff of Summit had to do a water brigade to put the fire out.

I personally witnessed an open drug sample and purchase in front of the Summit Veterinary Referral Parking gate. I called the police and made a report and had to park elsewhere because they would not move their vehicle or themselves out of the way to let me in. They just continued the illegal activity as if it were a normal thing to do.

I arrive at work at 5:30am. I have to be very cautious not to hit someone casually using the street as their personal space to hang out. I have to speed up to get around some who may not move and I fear being blocked in. I have seen houseless people put buckets of feces on the side of the road and throw urine bottles on private property. They have snuck into our facility and used our Client only restroom to bathe and use drugs. They have tried to intercept staff and client UBER food deliveries. Some clients wait at the hospital for hours while the hospital ER team works to save their pet's life. That is why they order food while they are here.

I have worked at this hospital for over 12 years. The tragic condition of South 80th between Tacoma Mall Blvd and Pine and between Tacoma Mall Blvd and South 78th and Hosmer must end! This situation is very dangerous to the public and staff that frequents this facility. It is blocking access to Emergency care when seconds count! Staff feel threatened by guns, machetes, knives and even golf clubs.

We are a 24/7 facility and staff and clients do not feel safe. They ARE not safe.

Thank You for your time in this matter!
Monica Busch

From: Jordan Nickell <jnickell@summitvets.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 10:27 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: South 80th Street in Tacoma

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To whom it may concern,

I am an anesthesiologist at Summit Veterinary Referral Center, located at 2505 S 80th St in Tacoma. Since I began working there 2 years ago, the homeless encampments that pop up on our street have been a consistent problem.

The main issue is obviously safety. There have been multiple occasions of employee cars being broken into. I've witnessed the aftermath of two of the campers having caught fire. There have been multiple instances where I have almost hit someone randomly walking across the street without paying attention or almost hit a car that is pulling out of these encampments. We've even had individuals from these encampments come onto our property and harass clients for money. Additionally, the number of cars and campers on both sides of the road causes a bottleneck that drastically slows down traffic that can impact our clients getting to our hospital or first responder vehicles getting to our building (or other businesses on the street) in the event of an emergency.

As a member of the community, I strongly urge you to address this hazardous situation. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jordan Nickell, DVM, DACVAA

From: Nora Brannon <nbrannon@summitvets.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 10:50 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City council meeting Thursday, October 13th - homeless camp 80th street

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To whom it may concern,

I am an employee at Summit Veterinary Referral Center writing to you in regards to the homeless encampment on S 80th Street in Tacoma.

I have been working at Summit Veterinary Referral center since 2012 and have seen our hospital grow and expand from a mere 35 employees to now 240 strong and growing. We are the premier 24 hour veterinary specialty and referral hospital in the area and supply much needed tertiary veterinary care to the south sound and the state of Washington. We take great pride in the services we provide and what we have built over the years. It is heartbreaking to have been witness to the transition of our neighborhood, going from generally quiet to a place of open drug deals, transients using the street as their trash and human waste receptacle as well as openly carrying guns.

We have invested into this community, created jobs, and installed safety measures around our facility that benefit the community but do not see any support when dealing with the aforementioned problems. In order to keep our staff safe we had to invest in onsite security, automatic locking systems and additional lighting. However, the problems in our neighborhood have increased to the point where not even those measures seem to be enough. Staff feels unsafe to the point that some don't want to work here anymore and car break ins are the norm. Clients have had to hide inside our building because of transients arguing in the street and waving a gun around. Parking has become impossible due to trailers and trash on the street. Delivery truck drivers delivering vital goods we have voiced their concerns for safety as they are unable to navigate the trash and trailer clogged streets to reach our business safely anymore.

In the past we have seen the Tacoma PD do sweeps and clean up the area frequently. This has changed and 80th Street has turned into a permanent camp. I feel that as a business providing vital services to the community our staff has the right to feel safe. Finding good staff is hard enough, having to lose good staff members because they feel unsafe parking their cars and walking to their place of employment is unsustainable. Our streets should not be clogged with trailers to the point that businesses are unable to operate and I sincerely hope that our pleas for help will no longer fall on deaf ears.

Sincerely,

Nora Brannon, LVT
Hospital Services Manager
Summit Veterinary Referral Center
OH: Tue - Fri 9am - 4pm

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From: Jennifer Barfield <jennbar77@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 11:25 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Vote No on Camping Ban, Yes on Non-Police Crisis Response Team

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Dear City Council Members:

I am writing today to urge you to vote down the proposed camping ban ordinance. We need real solutions to homelessness and real solutions do not include targeting the most vulnerable in society – those experiencing homelessness. As you consider the upcoming budget, I ask that instead of wasting money on a guaranteed to fail non-solution, that the City direct funding to Housing First options and sanctioned encampments, as well as funding for a Non-Police Crisis Response Team. Housing First approaches have been shown in cities around the country to not only work, but to reduce the costs associated with homelessness. A Non-Police Crisis Response Team will also reduce the negative outcomes that frequently result from police interactions with those experiencing mental health crises.

I ask that you consider solutions that center the most vulnerable and reject austerity. I believe that by directing funds toward the community and away from policing, we will see a measurable reduction in crime.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Regards,

Jennifer Barfield, Tacoma Resident, District 5

From: Neil Hewitson <neil.hewitson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 11:28 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 10-block radius camping ban

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Hello City of Tacoma Council Members,

I am writing today to ask you to vote down this camping ban. Shelters are full, or have requirements that not all of our houseless community members can meet. Until the city, county and state can provide housing, sanitation, restroom facilities, and counseling services to all those who are in need, I believe this is a half measure that will only kick the problem down the road. This camping ban would continue to put additional pressure on already overburdened healthcare and justice systems. Let's end the conversation on enforcement and move on to talking about what it will really take to make sure nobody has to live on the street, even for one night.

Thank you for your consideration. Please vote no.

-Neil Hewitson
Hilltop resident

From: Kristina Piccini <kristina.piccini@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 11:37 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homelessness on S. 80th St., Tacoma

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To whom it may concern:

I would like to voice my concern regarding the homeless encampment/RV parking along S. 80th Street. I am an employee at Summit Veterinary Referral Center and I do not feel safe coming and going from work. The road is at a constant state of debris and it is hard to drive down this road due to human traffic and parked vehicles.

There have been many accounts of people freely wielding weapons walking down the road as well as several encounters making this area unsafe for staff and our clients. These people living along the street have attempted, and in some cases succeeded, in breaking into personal vehicles of our staff. They try to break into the employee parking lots as well. How can we be safe going to work when there is a rampant rise in crime along our street? Not just for our clinic but for other businesses in this area. The semi-trucks have no room to maneuver into their lot and no room to park along the street while they are waiting to enter their warehouse lot. The staff cars are vandalized on a frequent basis.

The homeless have even approached our building and went through food that was delivered for our staff before staff members could get it inside. Sanitation on this street is at best non-existent.

We need safety and security in the area where we work. I have worked at this clinic for a year and can attest to the increase of vehicles and people during this time. Please help in clearing these streets.

Sincerely,

Kristina Piccini

From: Emily Hernandez <emily.cl.hernandez@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 12:41 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Written Comment- "Camping Ban"

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Hello City Council Members,

I am against the proposed camping ban. It is inhumane and unconstitutional to remove citizens from public space without giving them an alternative place to stay. I have personally tried to help people get access to a shelter. It is not an easy task. While I recognize that the Council and Felicia Medelin of the HUD are working on creating more affordable housing in the area, it remains a fact that we still do not have enough shelters in our city. People deserve access to clean housing and safety. When these things are not accessible, people resort to camping around shelters. It would be a huge mistake to charge the most vulnerable in our community with a fine for existing in the open. Jail time will only push them further from integrating into society. In lieu of a camping ban, we need to organize an emergency support team separate from the Tacoma police department.

Thank you

-Emily Hernandez

From: brinley froelich <brinleyfroelich@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 1:38 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: public comment for 10/11/22

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Hello,

I'm a resident of district 2 and I want to add my comments against the camping ban and in favor of a fully funded mental health crisis response team.

A camping ban does not solve the issue of homelessness: housing does. The city should invest in long-term supportive housing. Otherwise, we will keep spending money shuffling people around and further traumatizing people in the process. This ban does not encourage people to seek shelter. If anything it will make it more difficult for people to access services they need.

The current proposed budget also does not sufficiently address the city of Tacoma's needs for a mental health response. In order for a program to be effective, it needs long-term investments, and millions of dollars. This ensures that workers can be compensated to prevent burnout and high turnover rates. It also ensures that the people who support this program can safely perform the duties they need to without relying on police presence.

The police do not prevent crime: they only respond after the fact. What prevents crime is investments into people with resources, violence prevention, housing, education and services. When people are able to meet their needs they are less likely to commit to violent or harmful behavior. The city of Tacoma should invest in the people that make up this community by supporting them in crises, rather than criminalizing them.

Thank you,
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From: Cortney Brower <cortneybrower@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 1:06 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: S 80th street Testimony

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Good Morning,

My name is Cortney Brower, I am a current employee at Summit Veterinary Referral Center.

I, as well as many of my coworkers have been negatively impacted by the unsafe, filthy, and crowded conditions of South 80th Street. The sidewalk is covered in garbage, used needles, car parts and clothes. With all of the broke down trailers and RV's on the side of the road there is only enough room for one way traffic. People will walk directly in front of cars and I have nearly hit residents of this sidewalk multiple times. When walking across the street from the employee parking lot I have been yelled at. Clients have complained on multiple occasions about the unprofessionalism of the filthy presentation in front of our hospital. They feel unsafe walking their pets around the parking lot.

I believe it is unacceptable for our business to require security escorts and supervision for employees to feel safe walking across the street or just just around the parking lot. Action needs to be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of our employees, patients and clientele.

Thank you for your time.

Cortney Brower

From: Bruce Titus <brucet@brucetitus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:08 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: FULLY FUND THE POLICE!!!!

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I am in support of fully funding the police for the current budget cycle.

Bruce Titus, President & CEO
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"Count on Us, All Around the Sound"

From: Gina Eury <ginaeury@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:13 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: TPD Funding

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I am in support of fully funding of TPD.

It is essential, to address rising crime in Tacoma

Regards

Regina Eury

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Megan Lum <veggiegirl68@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:16 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Support of Ordinance 28831 and TPD budget

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Good afternoon.

I want to express to the city my support of proposed Ordinance 28831 to prohibit unsanctioned encampments within 10 blocks of shelter sites. This ordinance will make current shelters and surrounding neighborhoods safer, and it will make other residents more agreeable to hosting new shelters in their neighborhoods in the future. Unsanctioned encampments have dangerous and inhumane conditions.

I also want to express my support for fully funding the Tacoma Police Department as the city budget is under consideration. Crime rates are frighteningly high, and public safety should be our #1 priority right now.

Thank you.

- Megan Lum, Tacoma resident

From: Rob <Rob@marvmetal.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:51 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: FUND THE POLICE!!

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THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN FULLY FUNDING THE POLICE IN TACOMA!! The crime and lawlessness must stop! The demonization of our police must stop! Our city is in shambles. People are not safe. Our kids are not safe! My business is not safe! This must stop!

Rob Hawkins
rob@marvmetal.com



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From: Jake Nyman <jakenyman@olive.group>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:54 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fully fund our police dept

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I would like to support the initiative to fully fund our police. We are in need of more officers now.

Jake

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Schedule a meeting with me here

From: chrisvkimball <chrisvkimball@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 2:50 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Police funding

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To whom it may concern, I mean no offense by saying this, but defunding the police has got to be one of the stupidest ideas ever conceived! Who in their right mind thinks this would decrease crime? We need more police, not less. Please fully fund the police department, thank you. Sincerely, Chris Kimball

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

From: K Dinicola <karend@harbornet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 2:54 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fully fund TPD

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Our city needs a fully staffed police force which means a fully funded department. We can continue to improve policing and implement new, proven approaches... but we need a foundation to build on.

Thank you for casting your vote to fully fund the Tacoma Police Department.

Karen Dinicola
Tacoma resident

Sent from my mobile phone
253-759-8098

From: Webb PERMA <Webb.Perma@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 4:31 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fund the Police Department

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Hello,

Please inform the council that my business at 1610 Center Street requests more funding of the Police Department.

Our business has been burglarized at least 8 times this year and not a single criminal has been investigated or prosecuted because there are not enough police resources to provide the evidence to the prosecutors.

Thank you,

Webb Bowie
Perma, LLC

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From: Michael Gilliam <kaldhamar@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 4:42 PM
To: City Clerk's Office

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We need to fund and support or Police.

From: Mark Bardwil <meb@markbardwil.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 4:46 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Upcoming City Budget

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Please increase and fully fund Law enforcement in this year's upcoming budget. We cannot afford to do otherwise. Crime is already out of control in this city and if we don't start right now in rebuilding our police force such that it can protect our city, reputable businesses will leave. (Good) Citizens will leave. Many of both already have.

If not for our safety, consider your future budgets. Taxpayers like me on the business and personal side will leave and new ones will not replace us if you don't get our crime under control. Please pull funds from programs that we cannot afford at this time until you can fund the police, fire, and repair of our streets. Those should be your top priorities. Until you can get a handle on the basics, we cannot afford anything else.

Thank you.

Mark Bardwil

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From: Jacquelyn Showalter <jacquelynshowalter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 7:31 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fully Funding Tacoma Police Dept

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Please vote to fully fund Tacoma Police Department on Oct 11, 2022.
Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Showalter
1515 S. 14th St.
Tacoma 98405
Sent from my iPad

From: Teri Andrews <tlaeja@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 7:51 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: TPD

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Of course the police should be fully funded! If you can't enforce the laws meant to protect all of us, then why bother to have laws at all.

If an individual police officer is found to not be following training and protocol then he, or she, should be dealt with on an individual basis. FULLY FUND THE POLICE!

Sent from my iPad

From: Judith Forrest <j4est10@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 12:25 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comments on Ordinance 28831 and Police Funding

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TO: Tacoma City Council

The continued tolerance of unsanctioned encampments has made Tacoma uninhabitable for those of us living downtown. The number of untreated addicts and mentally ill individuals clustered together in these camps commit the majority of personal assaults and property crimes in the surrounding areas and hurt local businesses as residents avoid walking downtown. Persons living in the camps obviously cannot or will not access the health and social services available to them due their inability to make better life choices. They repeatedly use the ER for basic health services and many die of exposure, assault, and preventable disease. Such services are expensive, and it appears that the “safety net” for those temporarily down on their luck has been ineffective in dealing with these long-term public encampments. The present approach is unsustainable.

Involuntary commitment to an inpatient mental health facility or addiction treatment center may seem like a violation of individual rights, but neither is it compassionate to leave these folks on the streets in their present condition. It is like allowing a toddler to play on I-5.

Limiting unsanctioned encampments around temporary shelters may offer the shelter employees a bit more safety and vehicle security but this will not fix the problem—it merely relocates these encampments. All encampments should remain illegal, and the law enforced consistently, everywhere, all the time. Those living in them should be compelled to abandon this lifestyle for their own health and safety. If police action is the only way to prevent encampments, then give the police the funding and manpower to initiate the triage and relocation of these folks.

Judith Forrest

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Tacoma, WA 98402

From: K Dinicola <karend@harbornet.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 10:06 AM
To: angela.vincent@ecy.wa.gov; amy.waterman@ecy.wa.gov
Cc: City Clerk's Office; Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John
Subject: Where's the stormwater treatment?

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I took these photos a couple days ago but just ran into a couple of City of Tacoma folks at the site (Washington between N 27th and 28th) who said simply "this is what was approved" - I.e., no stormwater treatment for (way) more than 500 SF of new street surface for a redevelopment project that honors zero LID principles and greatly increases overall runoff volumes.

These city staff appeared unwilling to contact their colleagues in Environmental Services.

Tacoma cannot allow this type of development to proceed at the expense of environmental and water quality for the benefit of the builders' bottom line. Numerous public comments to this effect were submitted to the city's planning department before the project was approved. I would like a full explanation of why the city believes this project could possibly be compliant with its Clean Water Act obligations.

Now is the time to install treatment- before the pour.

Tacoma's NPDES permit requires it.





(The multi story building in the background of the second photo is the impetus for turning this alley into functionally a new city street.)

Karen Dinicola
Tacoma resident

Sent from my mobile phone
253-759-8098

From: Janeen Provazek <provaj@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 1:29 PM
To: Planning; City Manager; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Important article to read re mega warehouses...

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Hello. I wanted to pass this along because it is information pertinent to whether we allow Bridge Industrial to go ahead with their Mega Warehouse plan. Please be sure our City Council and Mayor receive this as well.

As you already know, Bridge Industrial's proposal, if permitted, will be disastrous for our environment and the health and safety of the neighborhoods in that area. Not to mention the racism it promotes given where this proposed warehoused would be located.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this. Thank you, Janeen Provazek

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From: Janeen Provazek <provaj@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 1:37 PM
To: Planning; City Manager; City Clerk's Office
Subject: A specific article about Bridge Industrial's proposal

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Hello again! This is another "must read" article that addresses Bridge Industrial's proposal and the concerns Tacoma residents have. It truly is your community speaking to you. Thank you for taking the time to read this!
Janeen Provazek

<https://www.nwpb.org/2022/09/22/proposed-warehouse-in-south-tacoma-has-residents-worry-about-exacerbation-of-current-inequities/>
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From: Barrows Family <clkbarrows@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 2:23 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Hines, John
Subject: Support full funding of the TPD

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Greetings,

Please fully fund the TPD.

We are residents of Tacoma and expect that those who are charged with protecting public safety are sufficiently resourced to competently and completely perform their duties.

We have first hand experience that this is no longer the case, and hasn't been for some time, here in Tacoma.

We expect that our TPD will be resourced to show up to instances of burglary, theft, and issues where there is a potential for public and citizen safety to be impinged.

TPD needs to be resourced to monitor and patrol our streets and communities. Yes, they need to be trained to do so in full respect of civil rights and responsibilities. This takes funding and planning as well.

They currently don't have the staffing to meet the standard that we as Tacoma residents expect of a municipal force for a city of our size. Tacoma has real crime, safety, and community problems that only a fully funded TPD can successfully address.

Please fully fund the TPD.

Thank you,
Chris and Liselotte Barrows

From: STEVE JONES <stevejguy@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 3:38 PM
To: City Clerk's Office; Ushka, Catherine; Hines, John
Subject: The Camping ordinance proposed by John Hines; Police Funding

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To the Tacoma City Council
Katherine Ushka -
Victoria Woodards.

As a decades long resident of Tacoma, and within Councilwoman Ushka's district, I want to adamantly express my support for Councilman Hines' proposed ordinance on camping within the City of Tacoma.

We have watched a steady deterioration of the quality of life and safety within our city for years now. There must be a line in the sand to stop this downward spiral. This is unconscionable to think the 100,000 plus residents of Tacoma cries for help continues to go unanswered.

How could you possibly think that the police department needs LESS resources? Please allocate the funding to TPD that will give them the opportunity to create a safe Tacoma. DEfunding the police has been a disaster...!

Steve Jones

From: Thomas Gordon <gordontd@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 3:41 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Crime

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I fully support the vote to limit camping within the city of Tacoma. The TPD needs to be fully funded to address the rising crime rates in our area.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mark Andrews <mark@addisonsupply.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 3:51 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tacoma PD and Camping Ban

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Please voice my full companies support to fund with every nickel available the Tacoma Police Department and PC Jail in all of their capacities.

It's my company and families view that Tacoma funds couldn't be spent on a more beneficial to all program.

We also, as we've stated for months would like to make sure the camping ban is approved and pushed through council.

We don't believe that the majority of encampments are there for any other reason than to house criminals that commit the majority of the crimes in Tacoma. Stealing from the Tax Base that pays Tacoma's bills.

Please vote for the Safety of Tacoma which means empowering the police to arrest criminals

Fund the POLICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,



Mark Andrews
President
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From: steve@teamhiatt.com
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 3:51 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Camping & Police

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Fully fund the police.

Stop the camping around Tacoma.

Not funding the police and letting the un-housed take over everywhere is extremely problematic.

As a Realtor, my clients don't want to live in Tacoma in General anymore it's so mismanaged. And I don't feel safe, nor want to live in Tacoma anymore.

Get a grip and make adults be adults. We have programs for the unhoused.

Steve Hiatt

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From: Linda Miley <adnil@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 3:55 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: I Support Restricting Homeless Encampments & Fully Funding the Tacoma Police Department

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City of Tacoma Clerk's Office:

I support John Hines recommendation for a camping ordinance to restrict the homeless encampments as a positive first step. Homeless encampments make commerce areas unattractive and unsafe.

Additionally I support fully funding the Tacoma police! This is a huge PRIORITY!!!

Thank you,

Linda Miley

From: george rodkey <georod01@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 5:49 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: camping restrictions

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Honorable City Council members,

I would like to express my support for the camping restrictions near existing shelters as put forward by Councilman John Hines. It is not a perfect solution, but it does address a situation that is undermining the efforts of shelter providers. It's also an opportunity for the city Council to take some action in an environment where it appears that inaction and passivity is the norm.

Also, in regards to the upcoming budget considerations, I support full funding of the tacoma police department and any attempt to bring number of on duty officers up to the minimum necessary level. At the same time, I would also encourage efforts towards establishing an unarmed mental health resource team to respond to 911 calls which do not require police force to resolve. This will reduce TPD costs and also provide a more appropriate response to non-violence situations.

Thank you for your consideration,
George Rodkey
2901 N 9 th St
Tacoma, WA 98406

Sent from my iPhone

Submitted by Theresa Power-Dmitis
1418 S. G Street, Tacoma, WA
Between 14th and 15th on G street



Alley between Yakima and G street
on 15th street



Safe camps instead of sweeps

Logical steps to safe and healthy campsites

STEP 1:

Enforce laws against trafficking humans, drugs, and stolen goods within the existing camps; the “hands-off” approach to law enforcement in the camps continues to do great harm to both housed and unsheltered people living in poor communities.

Moving a camp without addressing the trafficking, bullying, and extortion that exists in many large campsites will simply create new unsafe campsites and new sets of angry constituents. Turning a blind eye to crime in and around campsites continues to allow a few individuals to endanger everyone in the community and puts vulnerable campers and other neighbors at extreme risk for abuse.

STEP 2:

Consider camp improvements rather than moving the camp. Ask:

- a) Is this a logical location for a camp based on the survival needs of campers?
- b) Would neighbors be open to living beside people without homes if *Step 1* is complete and regularly monitored?
- c) If a camp must be moved, check the structure of the current camp.
 - a. Is this a community that wants to move as a unit?
 - b. Are there natural, positive leaders within the camp who are willing to contribute to solutions?
 - c. Are there extremely vulnerable people who need options (other than congregate shelter) in order to survive?
 - d. What is needed and who can be asked to help?

Offer real choice wherever people have agency (even if these are small areas of control). Provide the information campers and people in vehicle homes need to make informed decisions - offer the same information to housed neighbors.

STEP 3

Provide actual solutions: a printed map -or at least a set of addresses- where camping *is* allowed rather than a list of places where camping *is not* allowed.

NEVER sweep an area without providing an address and ensuring transportation to a safe shelter, campground or safe lot where people can move AND where there is an available shelter, campsite, or parking space.

STEP 4

Learn from our own experiences and the experiences of other municipalities (e.g., Puyallup).

- We know that congregate shelters are a critical tool for addressing homelessness and inequity in Tacoma/Pierce County (keep supporting these)!
- We understand that many factors may keep reasonable people from choosing to move to a congregate shelter.
- We need to act responsibly to avoid the potential liabilities for taxpayers if municipalities ignore *Martin v. Boise* and [Johnson v. Grants Pass](#).
- Pierce County developed a [COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS](#). Leaders within every municipality in the county need to study this plan and find opportunities for collaboration. Act as if we are all in this together. We are.

The 10 Block Camping Ban ORDINANCE NO. 28831

Three reasons this ordinance should not be passed

1. The proposed 10 block “buffer” would eliminate almost every campsite set up by people trying to survive without housing.

There are reasons these camps are centrally located; people want to be close to services and are reluctant to leave survival equipment and other belongings unguarded.

2. Better to enforce current laws against crime rather than making new laws to criminalize homelessness.

Complaints by neighbors are primarily based on activities that are already illegal. People breaking the law often hide their activities in the poorest communities; tents make it easy to “set-up” business. Enforcing laws that already exist will improve health and safety for everyone whether or not we are housed. **Sweep these:**

- tents that hold traffickers who do not even sleep in the tents they erect
- cars rolling through the neighborhood 24/7 with buyers and sellers
- giant, unoccupied storage tents/wooden structures that block sidewalks
- garbage (then add dumpsters so there is a place to put new garbage)
- human waste (then add Sani cans and handwashing stations)

After these are accomplished – we will be faced with a much different - and more solvable - problem.

3. Criminalizing homelessness is a bad idea:
 - Illegal according to Martin v. Boise (upheld most recently in Johnson v. Grants Pass)
 - Jail is more expensive than housing alternatives and the Sheriff’s Department is charged with law enforcement - not managing a shelter
 - Criminal history makes it even more difficult to obtain employment and housing
 - Fines are the most unequal tool wielded by the criminal legal system. Debtor’s prisons are supposed to be a thing of the past. Do the research and find a more just and equitable way to approach this problem.





















From: Max Murrey <max@fastcoinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 2:35 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: John Hines Proposal

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I support the John Hines Proposal on Camping Restrictions.

Max Murrey
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The logo for Fastco, featuring the word "Fastco" in a stylized, italicized font with a horizontal line extending from the end of the word.

From: Pam Beal <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 2:37 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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City Clerk City Clerk,

I call on you to reject Ordinance 28831. Enacting a camping bill criminalizes homelessness, rather than working to solve the crisis.

We, the people of Tacoma, reject Ordinance 28831. We categorically reject a policing solution to homelessness. There are simply not enough safe, accessible, and non-congregate shelter spaces available – in this context it is unacceptable to put additional restrictions on folks with little or no alternative. The homelessness crisis weakens practically every other civic interest the council is concerned with, including public safety, public health, mental health, parks, schools and families. We need bold, direct measures that work towards solving, not criminalizing it.

Ordinance 28831 will be used to terrorize and punish those experiencing homelessness in our community, just like similar ordinances implemented across the country. Increased penalties and sweeps systemically escalate violence against the unhoused, who according to the last Point in Time Count were disproportionately people of color. Any funds spent on courts, lawyers, and police are resources wastefully diverted from the very real need for sanitation, healthcare, sustainable inclusive public safety, and housing for all.

We demand a housing solution to address our homelessness crisis. There is no solution to homelessness that does not include permanent affordable housing for everyone and that centers the voices of those who have experienced homelessness. This camping ban ordinance goes in the face of this -- instead another restriction directed at the unhoused trying to survive amidst the systemic injustice of lack of safe, affordable housing in our community. The sheer arbitrary nature of this camping ban's ten block radius is hard to convey; why should people in stable sites and longstanding encampments be forced to move merely because they are within a few blocks of a stability site? The city cannot offer adequate shelter or housing, why arbitrarily dislocate encampments for geographical niceties?

We need bold, proactive steps to solve this crisis impacting our most vulnerable residents dictated by input from experts on homelessness -- homeless people themselves. Instead of whitewashing the issue with sweeps and harassment, we urge you and other Councilmembers to actively pursue the following policy goals:

1. To create sanctioned, self-governed encampments throughout the city, with over 72% of people interviewed preferred to stay in an outdoor, managed camp than overcrowded indoor shelter. Until our city can offer safer, more dignified, non-congregate, and stable shelter options, violent sweeps will only deepen the homelessness crisis.

2. To increase community support for services like mental health, hygiene, garbage, and drug and alcohol services. We need a mental health response team that can address this as a

public health not a public safety issue.

3. To legalize all forms of housing in the city, including those that are the most accessible to people experiencing homelessness, such as mobile homes/RVs.

We urge you to reject this camping ban. Please use the funds for a mental health response team instead.

In solidarity,

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From: Sally Perkins <sally@practicalsolutionstacoma.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 2:52 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public comment for Ord 28831
Attachments: 2022 10 11 City Council written testimony Ord 28831.pdf

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Good afternoon, City Clerk's Office, I think these may be too late for your deadline (I thought the deadline was 4:00pm day of meeting...), but I hope at some point, Council members will have the chance to see them.

Thank you.

Sally Perkins
District 3, Hilltop
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October 11, 2022

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council, and the City Manager,

I am unable to attend the October 11, 2022 regular City Council meeting in person or virtually, so I am submitting this written testimony regarding Ordinance 28831, the banning of encampments of unhoused people within 10 blocks of City-approved shelters/sites for unhoused people.

If this were a baseball game, my walk-up music tonight would be Bridge Over Troubled Water, verse two, by Paul Simon:

*When you're down and out
When you're on the street
When evening falls so hard
I will comfort you.*

*I'll take your part
Oh when darkness falls
And pain is all around*

*Like a bridge over troubled water,
I will lay me down...
Like a bridge over troubled water,
I will lay me down.*

Whose job is it here—to be the bridge?

To be a bridge, not a broom.
To be a bridge, not a barrier.
To be a bridge, not a badge.
To be a bridge, not a bully.
To be a bridge, not a betrayer.

One of the most fundamental roles of government is to protect and help the most vulnerable residents of your City. Equity demands that you tip the scales toward being SURE that you are protecting your vulnerable residents. To be honest, you don't have the luxury of getting irritated or impatient when vulnerable people, many with little or no money, and struggling with many traumatic experiences, poor health, perhaps addiction to alcohol or drugs, mental health concerns...don't immediately do what you tell them to do. It's their dignity that you are called to respect and uphold, and in doing so, you are an example to the entire community.

You're the bridge, not the broom, not the barrier, not the badge, not the bully, and not the betrayer.

And you are not here to trouble the waters.

You will hear from a lot of people tonight about this Ordinance.

The people who oppose this Ordinance will provide you tonight with a number of logical and legal ways you can either delay it or vote No on it. They are giving you off-ramps, and I hope you take one or more of them.

Many of the people supporting this Ordinance have legitimate concerns that, as I hear them, can be solved by law enforcement making drug activity, trafficking, and other criminal activity in areas where homeless people are living a priority for enforcement. A different definition of "hot spot" perhaps, but definitely a hot spot.

Some of the loudest voices will sound impatient, irritated, and to be honest, entitled.

Those are the voices who are pushing you in the wrong direction.

Because at the root of this entire conversation is a moral question. Is it your job to trouble the waters? Or be the bridge over troubled water?

My last comment addresses the Action Memorandum that accompanies Ordinance 28831. Above, I used the word "betrayer." That's a hard and heavy word. Normally I would not use that word with you all; I don't like being this negative.

But if you look on page 5 of your Action Memorandum, about mid-page, you will see 2025 Strategic Priorities, Equity and Accessibility. Read what you wrote here. You call out and defend the equity interests of the people living at City-approved shelters/sites, and you call out and defend the equity interests of the residents living near the City-approved shelters/sites. Somehow, you missed or overlooked the equity interests of the unhoused people who live in the encampments you want to sweep and buffer. It's this group with the fewest resources and greatest vulnerability.

Was this an "oversight?" Did anyone read this paragraph before it was published?

I will say this again: **One of the most fundamental roles of government is to protect and help the most vulnerable residents of your City. Equity demands that you tip the scales toward being SURE that you are protecting your vulnerable residents. To be honest, you don't have the luxury of getting irritated or impatient when vulnerable people, many with little or no money, and struggling with many traumatic experiences, poor health, perhaps addiction to alcohol or drugs, mental health concerns...don't immediately do what you tell them to do. It's their dignity that you are called to respect and uphold, and in doing so, you are an example to the entire community.**

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Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 3:24 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Reject the Camping Ordinance - Public Property Camping Ban!

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We urge you to reject this camping ban.

In solidarity,

Megan Capes

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Tacoma , Washington 98444

From: Sharlene <sharlenemmp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 4:08 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Ordinance 28831

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I do not support Ordinance 28831. That law would prohibit unsanctioned encampments within 10-blocks of temporary shelters.

Who is going to protect the property/individuals 10 blocks from your temporary shelters?

Talk about sweeping it under the rug, pushing it down the block???

From: Milan Milovancev <mmilovancev@summitvets.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 6:27 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: South 80th street

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To Whom It May Concern:

The houseless situation on S 80th street is a concern for public safety and a direct concern to me as an employee of a business that works on this street (2505 S 80th St). I believe we need to provide safe spaces for individuals in a houseless state and S 80th St could be such a place, but in its current state represents a lack of organization that makes passage through the street (and adjoining streets) physically difficult, at times impossible, due to obstructions with vehicles, boats, people, etc. If more appropriately organized and regulated, S 80th St and adjoining streets may represent opportunities to provide locations for houseless individuals to stay, but it needs much more active management to reach a state where it would not be obstructing the flow of regular business and prevent harassment (e.g. I have witnessed an individual waving a large knife in the air at an employee) of employees and patrons of businesses on this street.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Milan

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Milan Milovancev, DVM, DACVS-SA
mmilovancev@summitvets.com

*** Please note: if your pet is having an emergency, please contact Summit's 24-hour ER service by texting "Summit Vets" to 34947 or calling 253-983-1114 since this email is not continuously monitored.

From: Nicole LeBlanc <nleblanc@summitvets.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 6:29 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 80th street

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This is regarding the status of 80th street, where I work as a veterinarian at Summit Veterinary Referral Center. I often do not feel safe coming and going from the clinic, despite having a security guard present in the evenings. There are pretty frequent reports of police being called due to weapons being displayed from the occupants of the street. Also some of our clients also have expressed concern about the safety of the area. Also on a weekly basis, I have houseless people disrupting my interactions with clients in the parking lot (clients leaving the parking lot after being harassed by houseless people and having to return at a later time). I understand there needs to be greater accomodation for our houseless people, however the current status on S. 80th street is not tenable and a solution is preferred rather than continuing in the current state. I can be reached on my personal cell at 608-469-6002 if there are any additional questions regarding my comments.

Sincerely,
Dr. Nicole LeBlanc

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Nicole LeBlanc DVM, MS, DACVIM (Cardiology)
Summit Veterinary Referral Center

From: Summit Info <info@summitvets.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 8:38 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless on 80th street

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This is in regards to the homeless on 80th street in Tacoma. On wednesdays there is absolutely no parking in the street. Our employee parking lot is full and we're parking in the spots reserved for clients bringing their pets to Summit. And then theres no parking for the emergencies that come through. They are double parking in the street. Meaning they are parking their cars parallel to their trailers and we are unable to pass by. If we can pass by, oncoming traffic has to wait or we have to wait for oncoming traffic to pass before we can get through. They let their kids and pets run in the street. They come out of nowhere and I've seen them almost get hit. The trailers have extension cords running across the street that we're driving over, and the trailers have doors and extensions out that cars almost hit, especially at night because the lighting in the street is poor. They have stolen our food we have delivered to us and management has to replace it. They try to sneak in to use our restrooms, we've had a lady bathing in our sinks before. And I don't feel comfortable walking to my car at night. Thank you for your time!

Kendra-CSR

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From: erna_eley <erna_eley@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 9:04 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 28831

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Please do all you can to pass the subject ordinance. The welfare and safety of Tacoma residents are at stake. Protect your taxpayers, they come first

From: Emily Harper <eharper@summitvets.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 10:05 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless encampment on S 80th St.
Attachments: 20221010_182328.jpg; 20221011_183600.jpg; 20221011_183605.jpg; 20221011_183527.jpg; 20221010_182349.jpg

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I am sending this email on behalf of Summit Veterinary Referral Center, my fellow co workers and myself. I have been working at Summit for 8yrs now and this is the first time there has been an issue with homeless people on S 80th St. I'm will to try to make this email short and straight to the point.

These are the situations/challenges we face on a daily basis.

- People sitting outside on the sidewalk doing drugs at 5AM
- Garbage EVERYWHERE.
- Random things in the middle of the road like lawn mowers, generators, tires, plastic bins etc
- Men openly urinating facing the street
- People walking up and down the street yelling and rambling.
- People passed out in their cars
- Toddlers and children running around.
- We've had people shooting off guns a few times
- There was a fight outside near our hospitals parking lot
- We have clients tell us constantly how they do not feel comfortable when they come to our clinic because they have to drive down the street
- A man jumped in front of an employee's car and wouldn't move out of the way because he needed a jump for his car.

Most of these situations we reached out for help and have been told that , "There's nothing we can do." Because there hasn't been any action taken, our clients and staff do not feel safe. We have an ER Assistant that's dad is worried about his daughter walking out to her car after her shift. He comes to escort her to her car. We have had clients tell us that they couldn't get to us quick enough while their pets were in crisis because they couldn't make it down the street due to the homeless people and their RV's that are parked on each side of the road.

This is just some of the things that have been going on. I am asking if there is something we can do about this? We really need your help.

Thank you for reading my email.
Emily Harper











From: Selena Hoyt-McCarthy <mccarthysel7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 10:48 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: RE: HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT ON S. 80th St

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Hello,

My name is Selena McCarthy, and I am currently employed at Summit Veterinary Referral Center located at 2505 S. 80th St Tacoma, WA.

Over the past 2 years of employment at the hospital I, along with my coworkers have noticed conditions of the street have drastically worsened. I fear for my safety of myself, and others daily. Not only is the population on the street merely homeless, but they appear to be on drugs, actively pursuing crimes (have been seen breaking employee car windows, threatening pedestrians with handguns etc). Little to no law enforcement presence is seen or made. Due to the lack of authority, and parking tickets/towing, the homeless have now formed a full on encampment with RVs blocking the roadway at times creating great difficulties for oncoming traffic to get by, and myself along with others to even get to work (at all hours). I beg of you to please tow these vehicles or make a bigger presence known. I want to continue working at my place of employment, but due to safety concerns I have begun looking for jobs outside of pierce county.

Thank you for your time.

From: Abby Ohlson <abby.ohlson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 2:23 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City Council Meeting 10/13/2022

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Abby Ohlson and I am an overnight ER nurse at Summit Veterinary Referral Center located on S 80th St. This is my testimony as I am unable to attend the meeting scheduled.

I have only lived/worked in the state of Washington for about 4 months. In that time, my concerns over the state of our street have grown stronger and stronger. Coming originally from Chicago, where these homeless camps are not tolerated, I was a bit taken aback. Over the past month I have seen an extreme influx in activity and volume of people and vehicles that is negatively affecting our hospital.

Our clients do not feel safe in our parking lot at night. Our protocol still is curbside service, although we have begun letting people in the building, several feel more comfortable in their cars normally but not after driving down the street to get here. Additionally, us night staff members do not feel comfortable about going to triage patients outside or leave our vehicles even close to our building. Last night (10/10) there were gunshots seen and heard very close to our building. I was walking one of my patients outside and they nearly bolted away from me out of fear. There have been three times where police have sped into the parking lot adjacent to our building with lights and sirens, again scaring patients. This morning (10/11) my puppy was sniffing a small square of foil in the grass around our parking lot. Given the fact that my coworkers came in talking about "the people smoking crack on the corner", I have no doubt in my mind that that was drug related. The amount of "stray" dogs and cats that come out of these groups of people is alarming, but the condition they arrive in is disturbing. I have seen more strays being hit by cars, presenting with signs of drug ingestion and terrible parasite infestations in these last four months than in the whole five years of my career in veterinary medicine.

We **can not** provide good quality patient care with these circumstances. I recognize that we are an animal hospital, but we are a hospital. It is not appropriate to have nearly the whole street blocked by trashed RV's, cars, boats and more. It is not appropriate to have several people loitering in the street, jumping out in front of employees and clients cars (which really happened. Twice). It is not appropriate to have several people under the influence of drugs screaming and harassing our clients. It is not appropriate to have individuals from these groups loitering by our employee entrance with a **gun and a machete** drawn.

The lack of action is extremely worrisome. As winter approaches, I fear we will see more people trying to get into our building under the guise of bringing in a stray animal, as well as more fires and destruction. There was an event last winter where I was told about where the whole hospital lost power because some people lit a fire on the grass out front and it caught on the power line. Again I reiterate - **we are a hospital**. We have oxygen dependent patients, ventilator patients, so many serious things that are being persistently affected by the presence of the homeless camp. It is my hope that the outcome of this email and this meeting is a step towards a solution to relocate and clean up our street. Thank you for your time.

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Best,
Abby Ohlson, LVT

From: Polly Rogers <pharmacy@summitvets.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 6:47 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless encampment on S 80th St.

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Hello

I am writing in regard to the extensive homeless encampment on S 80th street and the surrounding area. I work at Summit Vet Referral Center and the problem is progressively worse and I am concerned about my safety, my co-workers' safety and the clients' safety. I have witnessed numerous times the homeless people holding machetes and a coworker had a gun pointed at her. Not only weapons, we have had trailers catch on fire requiring the fire department's help. This is not a safe environment.

In addition to the large safety concern, the trash and human excrement found along the street is a health hazard and disgusting. There are large piles of garbage that spread out around the trailers and carry over into the street. The number of RV/trailers parked along either side of the street make it impossible for only one car to pass through at a time and some of our vendors with large trucks are commenting that they barely can pass through them.

I have seen people passed out in cars, on the sidewalk or doing drugs out in full view along the street. The people wander between the trailers with no regard to cars driving on the street and will at times just stare at you as you're trying to drive through.

They move the trailers from spot to spot but the amount of trailers are just increasing and overwhelm not only S 80th street but the surrounding streets as well. I feel very unsafe in the area and I know my co-workers and clients feel the same way. Something needs to be done to get this problem under control.

Thank you for your time, consideration and help in fixing this problem and making the area a safe and pleasant place to work.

Thank You!!

Polly Rogers
Pharmacy Supervisor
Summit Veterinary Referral Center
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(253) 983-1114 x 203

From: Caitlin Head <caitlinhead7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 9:17 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Summit Veterinary Referral Center Employee

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-To whom it may concern-,

My name is Caitlin Head and I am an employee at Summit. I am so grateful that I have been given this opportunity to voice my opinions and concerns regarding the street outside our hospital. From the moment RVs and people living in their vehicles began moving on the street there has been an increase in trash accumulating on the sidewalks and in the street, vehicles being damaged whether on purpose or accident (tires slashed, broken into, or nails popping tires). There are vehicles parked on both sides of the 80th street which make it difficult to drive down the street without almost hitting a pedestrian or another vehicle. There has been a bucket of human waste that was left near our employee parking lot that was disposed of by another employee of Summit. There have been multiple incidents of mentally ill persons walking into our hospital and setting up in our bathrooms (for employee and client use) and showers (employee use only). A woman was found wandering the halls of our hospital. And the most distressing occurrence has been the few cases of firearms being pointed at an employee and the most recent case where someone was shot on 80th street. I understand that Tacoma in general is becoming more dangerous regarding firearms, but due to the nature of our business (we are outside much of the time) I do not feel safe in our parking lot due to the homeless presence on 80th street. Not only does it look bad with trash everywhere, but many clients have been shouted at by people experiencing a schizophrenic episode or drug-induced psychosis. Multiple times a week I have clients complain about the appearance of the street and the lack of safety and it is very embarrassing to say that I too feel unsafe where I work.

Thank you for your time and if there is anything I can elaborate on, please let me know.

-Caitlin Head, IM LVT
714-858-6412

From: Bruna Silva <bsilva@summitvets.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 1:09 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Testimony for Oct 13 meeting

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Dear Tacoma City Council Members,

I have been a resident of Tacoma since December 2020. My husband and I have relocated from Los Angeles, CA seeking a better quality of life to raise our family - we have a 3-year-old and I am 25 weeks pregnant with our second kid. We have learned to love and appreciate Tacoma in every way and have no regrets about our decision to relocate. However, I would like to express my concern about the current situation on 80th Street, specifically regarding the many RVs, tents, vehicles, and furniture that are permanently camped on 80th St and on Trafton St. I am a receptionist at Summit Veterinary Referral Center. It is still dark when I arrive for my 6 am shift and I often notice considerable movement on the street, people outside of their vehicles and tents, which is very intimidating. I feel unsafe crossing the street from my company's parking lot carrying all my belongings (as I don't dare leave anything in my car), especially now that I walk slower as I approach the final stages of pregnancy. Unfortunately, the problem does not end as I enter the building: being at the front desk and constantly going to the parking lot, my team and I are usually the first to be in contact with the consequences that derive from the living/parking situation right outside, like solicitors, food deliveries that are interrupted, and non-clients trying to use the restrooms. We frequently have to monitor our restrooms, and request non-clients to remove themselves - we have found drug paraphernalia left behind on many occasions, which poses a health hazard for all. Multiple instances of arguments and fights between the campers have happened, as well as littering, fires, and gatherings with vehicles temporarily stopped on the street impeding the flow of traffic. I witness comments and complaints from concerned clients daily. They often have to stay in our parking lot for extended hours as their pets get treated and they report feeling uncomfortable with the situation on our street. We are a large hospital, with many employees serving a high number of clients in a day and even though we have ample designated parking for clients and an additional parking lot just for employees, there are times of the day when we overflow our parking capacity. Yet parking on the street has become very unsafe for staff and clients, as many cars have been vandalized and broken into. I see how the circumstances have evolved in the last year and a half that I have worked for Summit and I can attest this has made my job more difficult as a consequence of the extenuating conditions in the environment outside of the company.

I sympathize with those living in the parked vehicles on 80th St as I understand that may not be ideal for them - I myself constantly experience the struggle to afford a home. I believe in a solution that entails not only the dismantling of the encampment but also comprehensive outreach to its residents, addressing their basic needs and ensuring access to shelter, as well as the development of pathways to permanent housing options. I hope our community can create a plan for what will happen to the area after residents are displaced.

Thank you for your time.

Bruna Silva

From: Katie Vanderhalf <kvanderhalf@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 2:50 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Encampment at s. 80th st

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Hello to whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the safety of our staff and clients at Summit Veterinary referral center and the encampment that has riddled our street since Covid began.

This is very scary I was walking out to my car one afternoon at 5pm and there was a person about 20 feet away swinging around a large butcher knife. There have been gun shots and a man with a machete as well. And the amount of trash that accumulates on the street is astronomical. Broken glass through the street and needles. It's just not safe for humans and animals alike. We should not feel this unsafe when walking to and from the building.

Last week I walked out of the building and thought something was on fire. And looked down the road and they had a metal barrel with a huge fire going. And it seems to continue to get worse with each week. There have been trucks blocking the streets and people wandering around that look like they are drunk and drugged up just in the middle of the road. It's horrible and scary and hopefully we can do something about it before someone gets hurt or gets their car broken into again.

Thank you for listening

Katie Vanderhalf
Summit staff

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

From: Amber Smith <amberlynn2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 3:08 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: S 80th st encampment

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Hello, I'm a licensed vet tech at Summit Veterinary Referral Hospital and my management has opened this line of communication to you for me to share my thoughts about the encampment with you in preparation for the meeting.

I have deep concerns about the encampment. It has grown to the point where it is actively blocking the road. There used to be an extra wide road that would allow traffic in two directions at once, and now the encampment is so big only one car can squeeze down the middle of the road at a time. Imagine you are a client desperately trying to get your pet to the emergency hospital but you have to stop to allow the line of cars coming from the other direction through, while you watch your pet have seizures, or struggle to breathe, or bleed profusely, or any other variety of emergencies. It is not right to allow the encampment to impede the speed with which pet owners can find care for their furry family members.

I'm also having an increasing number of conversations with owners about the encampment once the owners are in our parking lot and we're bringing their pets in through triage. They are expressing concerns to me about being asked to wait in their cars with the type of behavior that occurs so close to them. We've seen guns being brandished, people threatened with knives, we have had employee cars broken into and rifled in broad daylight with people around, I've personally witnessed drug deals going down while trying to get a medical history from clients...the list goes on and on. I do not feel safe walking to my car across the street, even with the security guards there, and I don't appreciate feeling like I have to lock my car doors just to drive in and out of my work place.

We've also had an incident where an employee dog found and ate human feces before the owner could stop her. This is a biohazard for anybody who comes into contact with the dog, and is unhealthy for the dog. There is no reason we should be having to worry about something like this when we're simply trying to get to and from work.

And lastly...the garbage. There is far too much garbage and junk accumulating around the area. The public sidewalk is no longer public - it is completely unusable due to the junk that is strewn all over it. Several of the homeless people have created spaces with pop ups and tent ties that span the sidewalks as well.

I truly hope something can be done to evacuate the area. It is unsafe, unhealthy, and bad for business.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Amber Smith, LVT
Summit Veterinary Referral Center

From: Melinda Stark <mstark@summitvets.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 3:09 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless encampment on S 80th St.

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I am writing regarding the homeless encampment on S 80th St. The situation is out of hand. Trash is everywhere, broken down vehicles, and RV's are cluttering the streets. It is unsafe to walk on the sidewalks, or driving down the street due to the clutter. Safety of the clients and employees has been compromised, as well. We have had men carrying knives, and machetes walking in our parking lot. People are passed out on the streets and in their vehicles. We have had them stealing food and drinks from our designated food drop for the staff. Bathing in the bathroom, half naked, washing their clothes in the sink.

Thank you for your time
Melinda Stark

From: nicholas bond <nicholasbond@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 12:39 PM
To: K Dinicola
Cc: Hines, John; Woodards, Victoria; amy.waterman@ecy.wa.gov; angela.vincent@ecy.wa.gov; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Re: Where's the stormwater treatment?

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Karen, thank you for copying me. I believe the threshold is 2,000 square feet before steps 5-9 in the stormwater management manual are triggered. I argued that water quality improvements were required in my public comments and the city chose to treat on-site and off-site stormwater in separate buckets to stay below the applicable thresholds. It's not just the entrance to the alley here that is being replaced, the permit required the entire alley to be paved. The amount of offsite pavement replacement has increased since permitting due to utilities work and to repair damage to the roadway caused by the crane. I am also concerned that the alley and roads have been patched inadequately. I know the city requires full concrete panel replacement when a resident has to repair a side sewer. It would be shocking if the developer wasn't held to the same standard here for their sewer trench repairs and electrical under grounding.

Nick Bond

On Mon, Oct 10, 2022 at 10:06 AM K Dinicola <karend@harbornet.com> wrote:

I took these photos a couple days ago but just ran into a couple of City of Tacoma folks at the site (Washington between N 27th and 28th) who said simply "this is what was approved" - i.e., no stormwater treatment for (way) more than 500 SF of new street surface for a redevelopment project that honors zero LID principles and greatly increases overall runoff volumes.

These city staff appeared unwilling to contact their colleagues in Environmental Services.

Tacoma cannot allow this type of development to proceed at the expense of environmental and water quality for the benefit of the builders' bottom line. Numerous public comments to this effect were submitted to the city's planning department before the project was approved. I would like a full explanation of why the city believes this project could possibly be compliant with its Clean Water Act obligations.

Now is the time to install treatment- before the pour.

Tacoma's NPDES permit requires it.

(The multi story building in the background of the second photo is the impetus for turning this alley into functionally a new city street.)

Karen Dinicola
Tacoma resident

Sent from my mobile phone
253-759-8098

From: erna_eley <erna_eley@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 9:06 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: TPD

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Please increase the Tacoma Police Department budget. This MUST be a priority above all else in the city budget. We need law and order to protect our citizens.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone