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**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 7:30 AM  
**To:** Matt Theinert; Michael Johnson  
**Subject:** Let's NOT BE Portland As Well City

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It seems other governments handle the illegal encampments.

[Idaho governor wins lawsuit against illegal encampment outside Capitol: 'We are not Portland' | Fox News](#)

Sincerely,



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**Subject:** RE: GUN ACTIVITY- South Adams Street

The video opens fine with the amazing and free VLC media player. I will keep my eyes open for this vehicle, thank you for the heads up. I will contact you if I see it.

Matt

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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**From:** [Mark Andrews](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2022 3:48 PM

**To:** [Matt Theinert](#); [Michael Johnson](#)

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**Subject:** RE: GUN ACTIVITY- South Adams Street

I'm uncertain if the neighbors can open this video clip from our camera's but this is the car. A small black sedan with a busted out rear drivers side window with a multicolor plastic in it.

Sincerely,



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**Subject:** GUN ACTIVITY- South Adams Street

City Council,

When will you open your jail and start arresting people?

Last night one of my employees, my son, was walking to his car after work and 2 guys pulled up to him in a car and aimed a shotgun at him after calling him a few names. He ended up running away successfully back into our yard without harm.

This is the third employee of mine that has had a gun pulled on them this month, on the street, in front of my business.

This goes away if the criminals that are walking our streets are in jail and they learn that Tacoma is again Hard on Crime. Criminals don't like Jail and Criminals will go elsewhere.

I PLEA TO YOU

Open the Jail

I now get to make sure all of my employees are escorted to their cars with an armed person. Which will be me.

If this was your kid, would you start putting criminals in jail?

Zachary at Sound Transit- Can you please send this to all of your Sound Transit people? This is 2 blocks from your 56<sup>th</sup> Station. If I were you, I'd put up a very large sign stating that this is happening

Sincerely,



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**From:** Daisha Gomillion <daishangomillion@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 2:44 PM  
**To:** Bushnell, Joe; City Clerk's Office; City Manager; Woodards, Victoria; Williams, Keith (Allen); Ushka, Catherine; Rumbaugh, Sarah  
**Subject:** McKinley Hill Friends Church-259 E. 72nd street 98404  
**Attachments:** MHFC4.jpg; MHFC5.jpg; MHFC1.jpg; MHFC3.jpg; MHFC2.jpg

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Hello CM Bushnell

I have reached out to you and several other council members since October 2022 regarding the encampment located at the McKinley Hills Friend church off of 72nd street.

This encampment is completely out of control. There is trash and human feces everywhere and the amount of encampment residents have multiplied since October 2022.

I have put in numerous 311 requests with no response or resolve. It is completely disgusting behind our neighborhood. The church has been overrun by vehicles, popup tents, camping tents. I've had to call 911 several times due to a propane tank that exploded, cooling on grills, and warming fires. There has been gunfire, fighting, prostitution, drug use, and violations of the noise ordinance. This is a working class neighborhood and we are unable to sleep because of all the noise coming from the camp and all the traffic coming into the encampment. There are trash bags lining the sidewalk of 72nd and shopping carts everywhere.

The encampment is causing safety issues for our residential neighborhood and has been there for over 5 months, it's time to have the individuals move on and clean up the area. Public safety issues. I reached out to CM Rumbaugh because you did not respond to my email. This is a serious issue for our neighborhood, and the neighborhood is planning to attend your District 5 Town Hall meeting in full force because we are being ignored. Please see the attached photos showing how disgusting the encampment has become.

Please help!

Daisha N Gomillion, MBA















**From:** N Elizabeth <nsmills@stanfordalumni.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2023 8:53 PM  
**To:** Home In Tacoma; City Clerk's Office; Hines, John  
**Subject:** Re: Home In Tacoma Phase 2 Update

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Please log this into public record as part of the environmental impact review.

First off, your call for certain demographics of people in the Housing Equity Champion program is bigoted and exclusionary. By that I mean you explicitly call out focus on certain types of people, which excludes people in my demographic. I am going to forward that example, along with others, to a non-profit to pursue legal action against the planning commission.

That aside, here are my comments for the environmental impact review:

1. You will not pass a proper environmental impact review without increasing your police headcount, traffic stops, parking garages or lots, etc. Foremost I would like to avoid getting assaulted by boarding house neighbors, which happens when high density is allowed without adequate police, for instance near University of Washington. Also not smelling marijuana and burning garbage, another experience I had when I lived in Seattle and housing reminiscent of Home in Tacoma was allowed. Finally, not getting hit by a car when drivers cannot see me due to street parking that blocks sightlines to pedestrians.
2. My main concern is safety. You cannot have housing without public safety. Tacoma police needs to patrol ALL neighborhoods. It is inequitable to focus on a few. Hot spot policing is not no policing outside of hot spots. You are not using correct hot spot policing. You are misusing that concept.
3. Home in Tacoma will take money from hard working people and cause more deaths, particularly traffic safety but also crime. Here is how that will happen: Many Tacomans have scrimped and saved to buy a home and now have their lives' savings in that home equity. They will lose some of that because the City rezone reduces property values in neighborhoods that will become unsafe to walk due to street parking and 4x as many cars on the road, and the larger buildings Home in Tacoma allows will block sunlight and views. Deaths will increase because the City does not have enough police and fire resources, and because more cars on roads not equipped to deal with that will result in more traffic deaths, particularly pedestrians.

On Thu, Jan 5, 2023 at 4:45 PM City of Tacoma <[cityoftacoma@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:cityoftacoma@public.govdelivery.com)> wrote:

HITP2

## Home In Tacoma Phase 2 is underway

In 2023, Tacoma is seeking community input to create middle housing zoning and design standards, along with actions to ensure housing growth meets multiple goals.

## Middle Housing Examples

## Tacoma's housing rules are changing

Housing gives us a roof over our heads and connects us with community, jobs, schools, and transportation—which matters to our health and wellbeing. Yet finding housing is hard, and many Tacoma residents pay more than they can afford.

Since the 1950s, Tacoma's residential zoning has set aside most of our neighborhoods for single-family houses—one of the least affordable and most prevalent housing types. This has limited housing choices and contributed to today's housing crisis.

In 2021, the City Council decided to make a change and started Tacoma on a path to allowing "middle" housing to be built citywide. The changes, when adopted, will allow more housing types in our neighborhoods—and more people to call Tacoma home.

## Join the discussion about how housing gets built in our neighborhoods

Everyone has a stake in housing and neighborhoods. Home In Tacoma – Phase 2 works on how to get housing growth right by focusing on:

- Middle housing design standards to promote neighborhood compatibility
- Infrastructure and neighborhood amenities to support housing growth
- Strategies to keep housing affordable and combat displacement

This community conversation on housing will take place in 2023. Get involved now by:

- Sharing your ideas on the [Home In Tacoma online engagement forum](#)
- Applying to [become a Housing Equity Champion](#) to ensure every voice can be heard (applications are due January 27, 2023)
- Completing the [Home In Tacoma survey](#) (by February 10, 2023)
- Commenting on the scope of the City's [Environmental Impact Statement](#) (by February 10, 2023)
- Learning about upcoming engagement opportunities and in-person meetings at

[www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma).

## How to learn more

Visit the project homepage at [www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma). You can also send an email to [homeintacoma@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:homeintacoma@cityoftacoma.org), or call (253) 312-4909.

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



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

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**From:** Esther Day <Dayesther214@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 11:55 AM  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Home In Tacoma

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I am writing to express my concern that Tacoma keeps sending important information that will impact our homes/lives FOREVER and the notices are sent to Postal Customer – NOT OUR OWN HOME ADDRESSES.

The problem is that we are having serious issues with postal carriers and also the fact that they DON'T have to deliver the mail to Postal Customers because it is not directed to a homeowner or resident.

That is not good for YOU, TACOMA, OR US AS PROPERTY OWNERS.

Only three homes in my block received the last post card. I did not get one – so I asked. I am still waiting and during this time we have had 3 different postal carriers.

So, I am writing to tell you that you must do a better job of this notification process. Unless that is the intent – to keep folks in the DARK.

If you get the sense that I am mad, you betcha I'm mad as hell.

Regards,  
Esther Day

**From:** Michael Johnson <Michael@polybagllc.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2023 10:43 AM  
**To:** Pete Bristow; 'Addison Construction/Mark'  
**Cc:** Brian Paul Arnold; Mark Andrews; Matlock, James; Mike Madden; City Clerk's Office; Tacoma Business Council; Real, Chantra; Woodards, Victoria; Blocker, Keith; Matt Theinert; Hines, John; Campbell, Haley; dean@simmonsauto.com; fish; Rbrown@lifeforceservicesinc.com; Hines, John; City Manager; Griffith, Allyson; Heidi S.; Ushka, Catherine; Goodwin, Claire; info@2ravensstudio.com; dustin; Mike Givens; Sophia McKee; John F. Pugh; Joelle Siebert; Grace Yarber; armormark3@sbcglobal.net; Dennis Nyland; allison b; Maureen Fife; Adam Gehrke; ed; Eskenazi, Zachary; T and T Tire Point S Auto Service Ed Tuck III; jjones@koro7.com; Justin Williams; David@q13fox.com; qhdeputy@me.com; Chrissy Mady; Chris Hamilton; matt@drcveneering.com; Rock, Brittany; william.g.rupert@usps.gov; Karen Rich (krich0093@gmail.com); Faaluaina Pritchard; Josh Harris; Jessica Hoefle; Collision Specialists; Bucky's; nick gilchrist; Ubie Stagg; SOUTH TACOMA AUTO/Mo; Warren Wissmer; Karen Rich (krich0093@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** City Ordinance banning public drug use  
  
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Why is it other cities can create ordinances to restrict the distribution and public consumption of hard drugs in order to facilitate the addicts getting the treatment they so desperately need, yet some of Tacoma's City Council members continuously fall back on the tired excuse that they are beholden to the ridiculous State laws currently in place that is enabling and encouraging the crime and violence plaguing our Business Districts and neighborhoods?

You can circumnavigate the ridiculous State Laws with common sense ordinances. Your hands are not tied. You just have to want to. And sadly that seems to be the overriding issue with many of our Council Members.

[Proposed ordinance by Lynnwood police chief bans drug use in public | KOMO \(komonews.com\)](#)

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FEB 13, 2023

TO: MAYOR WOODARDS, CITY MANAGER PAULI,  
CITY ATTORNEY FROSBRE, AND ALL MEMBERS OF  
TACOMA'S CITY COUNCIL;

RE: "NATIVE AMERICAN GENOCIDE" TIMELINE.

The NAZI Holocaust of 6 million occurred  
over a period of 13 yrs (1933-1945). It  
was conceived in the Nuremberg Racial Laws and  
the "WANSEE Conference" with the "FINAL SOLUTION" order.

The "Armenian Genocide" of 1 1/2 to 2  
million (that was recently recognized  
in an U.S. Congressional Resolution) occurred  
over a 1 yr period in the closing days  
of the Ottoman Empire and was implemented  
by the Army through bullets as was  
the Native American Genocide. It was  
ordered in a "secret conference" with no  
written record as a military order by 4 OTTOMAN  
leaders.

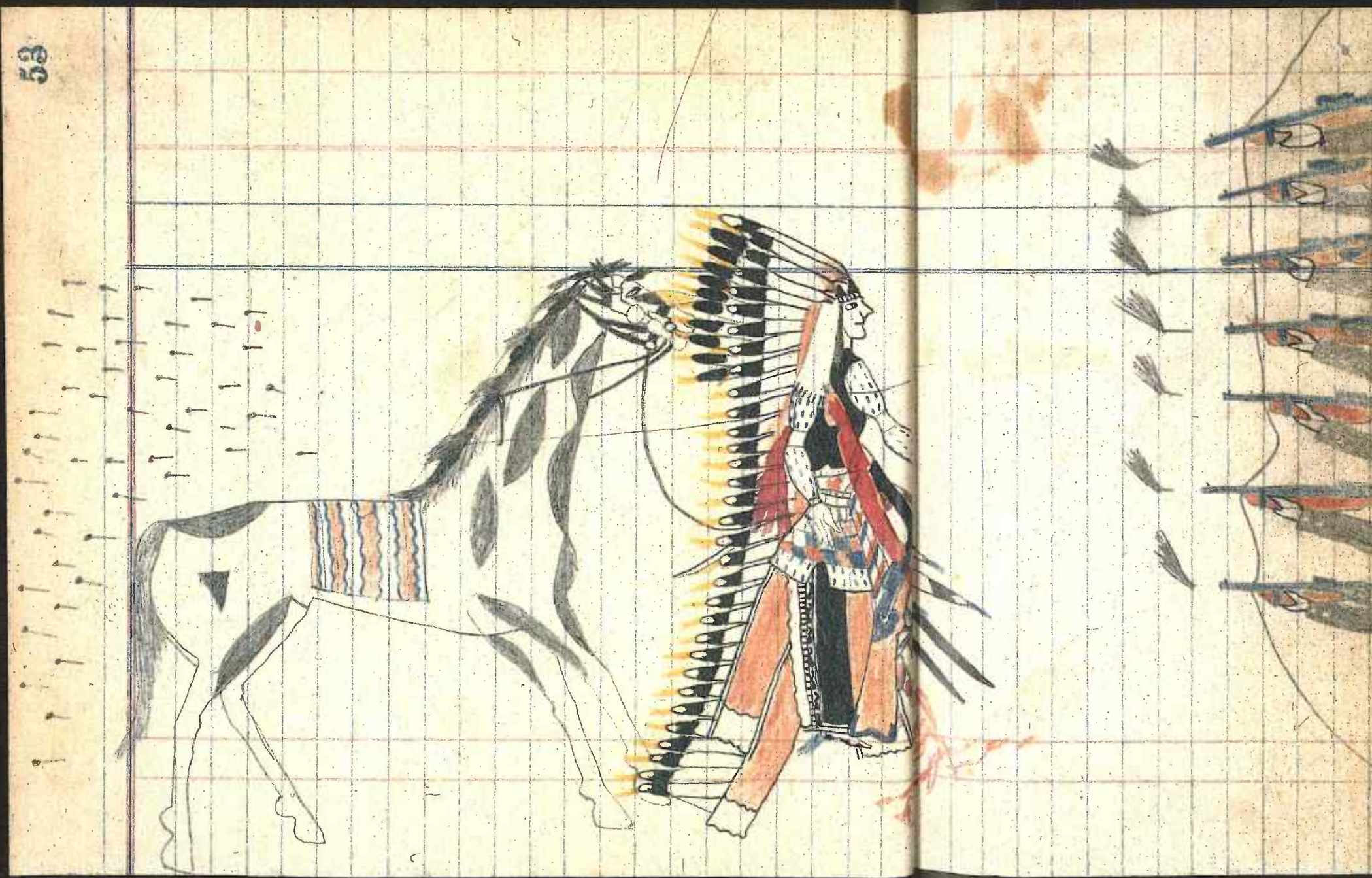
The "Native American Genocide" occurred  
from "first contact" in 1500 by Spanish explorers  
in Florida to 1890 when U.S. Army concluded  
its 397 military campaigns against Indians.  
A period of 400 years! It was a  
systemic genocide as it was the most  
documented of all the genocides and was essentially  
"Open Season" on Native Americans for their  
land and because of racist ideology of  
White Americans!

P.S. - 1890 was when the City of Tacoma was incorporated?

Nichelle Reich



# IMAGES OF A DESPERATE STRUGGLE



The war for the Great Plains, one of the epic tragedies of American history, was kindled in the mid-19th century by the intrusion of white migrants on the homelands and hunting grounds of the Indians. Within a few decades, the vast open range west of the Mississippi River was riven by thoroughfares for white emigrants. And by 1890, the region's original inhabitants—tribes whose territories stretched from the Canadian wilderness to the deserts of northern Mexico—had suffered total military defeat and a devastating transformation from free hunters and warriors to impoverished wards of the burgeoning nation.

During that era and in the years immediately following, the Indian chroniclers of this cataclysm recorded its events in pictographs, which were collectively called ledger drawings because many were rendered on the pages of ledger books. Those reproduced here, by Northern Cheyenne artists, depict tribal personalities and events, including the Plains wars' most storied engagement, the annihilation by allied Sioux and Cheyenne forces of Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer's men at the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

The drawings also document the enduring pride of Indian warriors, who regarded combat as among the noblest of life's endeavors. In their battles with traditional enemies, the supreme honor for many Plains Indians was to count coup—to boldly touch an enemy as a way of capturing his spirit. Such ritualized feats persisted, even when warriors clashed with white settlers. As the years passed and Indians were subjected to the perpetual punishing blows of total war, they continued to fight with fervor and celebrate their exploits.

Standing his ground despite his wounds, the Cheyenne hero Yellow Nose unflinchingly faces a hail of white soldiers' bullets. In accordance with Plains tradition, warriors sometimes rode out to face soldiers alone, testing the power of their personal medicine against the weapons of their enemies.



F.Y.I.

MAYOR VICTORIA WOODARDS