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Update from your District 5 Council Member

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Greetings,

Fall is officially here, and with the change in season the City Council is once again considering our next biennium budget. These funding decisions will set the agenda for the next two years and are the culmination of priorities set forward by the City Council, including our commitment to addressing impacts of climate change and to transforming every part of the City into an anti-racist institution. This e-newsletter includes information on how your voice can be heard as we make these decisions for the City. I look forward to hearing from you about your priorities during the final stages of budget development.

Election season is here! Voters this year will decide the presidential election, as well as important candidate and referendum elections in Washington State. Washington is a Vote-by-Mail state and ballots were mailed out on October 16, 2020. As of October 19, over 37 thousand Pierce County voters had already returned their ballot! That's three times as many as at this point in 2016. Be sure to make your voice heard and vote by 8:00 pm on November 3rd.

- [Find a Ballot Drop Box](#)
- [Check if I'm registered](#)
- [Register to Vote \(you can register in person and vote the same day!\)](#)
- [Request a replacement ballot](#)
- [Read the State and Local Voters' Pamphlet](#)

Gratefully in service,

Chris Beale, AICP
Tacoma City Council Member, District 5

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2021-2022
TACOMA
OPERATING & CAPITAL
BUDGET

CORE SERVICES
CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT
CREDIBILITY

Community Feedback and Engagement Opportunities on our 2021-2022 budget

Tell Us If or How You'd Adjust the Proposed Budget with Our Balancing Act Exercise

On October 6, 2020, [the City Manager presented her proposed budget to the City Council](#). Use our interactive budgeting tool, called Balancing Act, to provide the City with feedback on how you would continue to reprioritize services within the General Fund or support some of the funding for services included in the Proposed Budget. You can then share this information online or with friends and your responses are also submitted to the City as feedback on the 2021-2022 Budget. The deadline to complete the [Balancing Act exercise](#) is November 13, 2020.

Community Town Hall on October 21, 2020

On October 21, 2020 the City will host a virtual town hall meeting with the Tacoma City Council from 6-7:30 PM via Zoom. Staff will give a brief presentation on the budget and then offer opportunities for attendees to provide their thoughts on its contents and ask questions.

Please use this link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83541927915?pwd=U2IMb3U3UWUzYmtvTmZTDdrRjNQdz09>

Passcode: 219278

Or call in at: (253) 215-8782

Webinar ID: 835 4192 7915

Public Hearings on the Budget

The City will host two public hearings on the budget. They will be held on October 27, 2020 and November 10, 2020 at 5:15 PM. Please check back here for more information on these public hearings.

Small Business Resiliency Grant

The [Small Business Resiliency Grant](#) is a one-time payment of \$10,000 to eligible businesses that are located and licensed in Tacoma. These funds are for microenterprise owners impacted by COVID-19 to stabilize your business in our community. Businesses are not required to pay the grant back.

The grant can be used for any eligible business operating expense that has not been previously paid for by other federal, state, county, or local programs (for example: if you received funding to pay for rent for the months of September-December, you may not use the Small Business Resiliency Grant to pay for September-December rent). Operating expenses may include: rent, utilities, payroll, utilities, etc.

To request assistance you must meet the program requirements, submit required documentation, and certify this form by 5:00 PM on Friday, October 23rd, 2020. [Learn more by viewing the resiliency grant application here.](#)

Funds are available on a limited basis. Submitting this application is not a guarantee of assistance. For your privacy, information collected will remain confidential, used only to meet federal and state record keeping requirements, and withheld as applicable from disclosure.

Learn more about this and other resiliency support offered to Tacoma businesses on our [MakeitTacoma.com](#) website.



What would you like to see in our next Police Chief?

The City of Tacoma is seeking an experienced, transformational leader to serve as its next Chief of Police for the Tacoma Police Department, and community members are invited to attend a community conversation on Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. The purpose of this virtual event is to gather community input that will inform the development of interview questions for candidates.

Oct. 29 6 – 7:15 p.m. [Click this link to join on Zoom.](#)

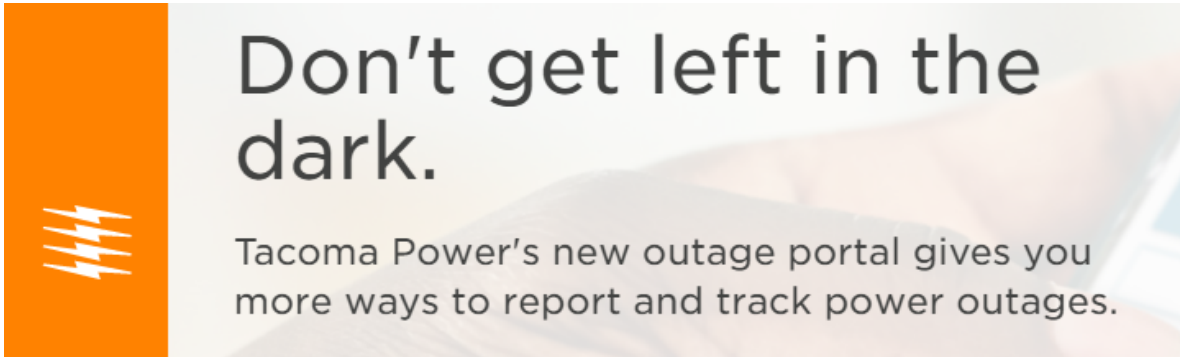
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You can also join by calling (253) 215-8782.

The City is also asking residents to take a survey to tell us more about what they would like to see in our next police chief. We want to hear from you! Please take this brief survey by October 23. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RS5H9FN>

The Chief of Police is responsible for the oversight and administrative management of the department's daily operations and for achieving the department's mission, vision, and strategic objectives in alignment with the vision, goals and priorities of the City Council and the community.

You can learn more about the Police Chief recruitment process and stay up to date on future outreach virtual conversation events on our [Chief of Police Recruitment webpage](#).



More ways to report and track power outages and other updates from Tacoma Public Utilities

As we head into storm season, add a new tool to your preparedness kit: Tacoma Power's outage portal. The enhanced outage map and new portal offers more features and information, and allows you to easily report a power outage online. You can also choose to receive updates about outages impacting your business via email and text message. Enroll today at MyTPU.org/Outage

Check out these other resources for residential customers:

- [Emergency Assistance Program](#): COVID Emergency Assistance could give their residential account up to a *\$270 utility bill credit* if income-qualified (the online application is available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese)
- [Install instant savings with your free water savings kit](#)
- [Install instant savings with your free Energy Savings Kit](#)
- [Residential Rebates](#). See if you could qualify to get a rebate, loan or deferred loan to purchase energy-efficient products for their home

Do you want to stay up to date on all the resources Tacoma Public Utilities has to offer? [Sign up for TPU emails](#).



Council Member Bike Tour Across the South End

Last Saturday, Council Members Ushka and Walker joined me for a bike ride around the South End of Tacoma to see up close each neighborhood's infrastructure needs. CM Ushka toured us through the north part of the South End, and I toured us through Southeast Tacoma.

District 5 residents know that the South Tacoma and the South End isn't a monolith, each neighborhood looks and feels different and has different infrastructure needs. On this trip we road by the 72nd and D street intersection, where we recently added a HAWK Signal to our 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan. We took a look at new development, like the Grand Pacific project, and discussed the impact these have had on neighborhoods. We also road down Park Avenue and saw how high quality bike infrastructure makes it possible to safely ride bikes through Tacoma.

Each of your Council Members are committed to investing in Tacoma's infrastructure and I appreciate CMs Ushka and Walker taking the time to learn about southeast Tacoma and share their vision for how we invest in the entire City.

COVID-19 Resources

City of Tacoma – cityoftacoma.org/coronavirus

Make It Tacoma – makeittacoma.com

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department - tpchd.org

TPU Bill Assistance - mytpu.org/payment-billing/payment-information/payment-assistance

Washington State Governor Jay Inslee COVID-19 Response - coronavirus.wa.gov



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