



# Council Member **Keith Blocker** **District 3 Report**

## September 2016

### District 3's Top 3



#### **Tacoma Arts Month Kickoff-September 29**

October is Tacoma Arts month and throughout the month, special events will be featured at various galleries. The kickoff event will be Thursday, September 29 from 6-9pm at the Asia Pacific Cultural Center located at 4851 South Tacoma Way. This event will be free and open to the public; come and enjoy the live performances, appetizers, and family activities. For more information and the full schedule, click [here](#).



### **What's Going On**

#### **TacomaData Information Session-Oct 5**

Following a successful series of Project PEACE conversations designed to build trust, relationships and understanding between community members and Tacoma Police Department officers, the City of Tacoma has been taking proactive steps to further these efforts. One of these efforts is the Tacoma Police Department's involvement with the White House Police Data Initiative. As part of this initiative, the Tacoma Police Department has committed to providing police data using an open data portal in an effort to improve transparency and accountability. During a public event on October 5 from 6-8 p.m. at the Evergreen State College, the community is invited to preview the

### **Community Spotlight:**



Sound Outreach provides guidance, direction, and support to all those in need, with a focus on economically vulnerable populations in Pierce County. Staff take a comprehensive, affirmative approach, ensuring that clients feel respected, while looking beyond their initial needs that brought them in for help.

Their outreach services revolve around several areas such as: basic needs (assistance with programs such as SNAP and utility assistance), guidance with finding affordable options for health



## **Student Government Day: November 1**

The Student Government Day program provides high school students in Tacoma Public Schools with an opportunity to learn more about the policy-making processes and operations of municipal government. As an attendee you will:

- Meet with the Mayor, City Council Members, city executives, and staff to talk about important issues
- Learn about the services provided by city government
- Play the role of the Mayor, Council Members or city staff members in a Mock City Council Meeting
- Learn about emerging, important issues for the City of Tacoma
- Gain firsthand knowledge of how the City provides core services to the community
- Learn how these services or issues impact you now and in the future

For additional details or an application, click [here](#).

## **Community Technology Survey**

To better understand how Tacoma residents use technology to retrieve and communicate information – as well as any related areas of need that may exist – the City of Tacoma is in the process of conducting its first Community Technology Survey. Piloted this past

first sets of data to be made available. The event will also help educate the community about the police department's complaints process.

## **Budget Outreach Meetings:**

### **City Manager to Hold Budget Outreach Meetings**

The City Manager will be holding budget outreach meetings during the month of October. These meetings are an opportunity for the public to hear details on the proposed budget, as well as provide feedback on their priorities.

The meetings will be held:

Oct 12 from 6-8pm, at Fire Station #8 (4911 S Alaska Street)

October 19 from 6-8pm, at Lincoln High School (701 S 37th Street)

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insurance, housing resources, and financial empowerment.

Sound Outreach located at 1106 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in the Hilltop. For more information on services, please check out their [website](#).

summer to 250 randomly selected households representing a diverse cross-section of the community, the full survey begins this week, and a condensed version of the survey is also available over the next six weeks to all Tacoma residents at [tacomatechsurvey.com](http://tacomatechsurvey.com). Click [here](#) for additional information.



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