

CITY OF TACOMA'S MINIMUM WAGE TASK FORCE

THE TASK FORCE'S SECOND MEETING

Monday, 1 June 2015
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
The Center for Urban Waters
326 East D Street, Tacoma

DRAFT AGENDA

THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Hear the Task Force members' current thinking on raising the minimum wage in Tacoma.
 2. Begin the process of gathering facts and data through a discussion of demographic information about Tacoma and the region, and through a series of questions and considerations about the potential economic impacts of raising the minimum wage.
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NOTE: *Light snacks will be served starting at 5:15 p.m. Please come early to enjoy them so we can convene the meeting promptly at 5:30. Thank you!*

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| I. | 5:30 | Meeting Convenes: Review Goals and Agenda | Jim Reid, facilitator |
| II. | 5:35 | Housekeeping Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Approve summary of 28 May meeting</i>• <i>Hear how citizens may submit written input to the Task Force.</i> | Task Force/Tadd Wille |
| III. | 5:40 | Present Members' Positions on Raising Minimum Wage <p>Each Task Force member has 3 minutes to share her/his position on the issue of raising the minimum wage. There won't be time for questions and answers or discussion and debate. The purpose of this exercise is to hear what each member thinks today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>How do you feel about raising Tacoma's minimum wage?</i>• <i>What interests and consideration are most important in your current thinking?</i> | Task Force Members |

IV.	6:30	Past, Current, and Future: The Demographics of Tacoma and the Region	Ali Modarres/Task Force Members
		<p>Dr. Modarres, Director of the UW Tacoma’s Center for Urban Studies and a Task Force members, will present demographic information about Tacoma and the surrounding region to provide context for the Task Force’s consideration and discussions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Are there any questions? Any reactions?</i> ▪ <i>How does this information help inform your thinking? What was most important to you?</i> ▪ <i>Is there other information we could use from Ali?</i> 	
	7:20	break	
V.	7:25	Framing the Discussion About the Economic Impacts of Raising the Minimum Wage	Katie Baird, Doug Wills, and Task Force Members
		<p>Katie Baird, Associate Professor of Economics, Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs at the UW Tacoma, and Doug Wills, an Associate Professor of Economics at the Milgard School of Business at UW Tacoma are serving as economic consultants to the Task Force. In this session they’ll help the Task Force frame the discussion about potential economic impacts of raising the minimum wage.</p> <p>They’ll walk us through the a series of questions (SEE HANDOUT) and present a conceptual overview of the economics of wage support policies.</p>	
VI.	8:10	Beginning to Identify and Define the Key Findings	Everyone
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>In light of what we have learned from Ali, Katie, and Doug this evening, what topics might your key findings address (employment, poverty, effect on businesses?)?</i> ▪ <i>What data and information will you need to reach these findings?</i> 	
	8:30	Adjourn	

THE TASK FORCE’S NEXT MEETING IS:

Thursday, 4 June 2015
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
The Center for Urban Waters