

**CITY OF TACOMA'S MINIMUM WAGE TASK FORCE**  
**THE TASK FORCE'S FIFTH MEETING**

Thursday, 18 June 2015 4:37 – 7:27 p.m.  
The Center for Urban Waters

# **SUMMARY**

**OF THE MEETING'S KEY DISCUSSIONS, DECISIONS, AND AGREEMENTS**

*Approved by the Task Force on 22 June 2015.*

**In attendance: Task Force Members and Alternates:** Kelly Chambers, Sarah Cherin, Pastor Gregory Christopher, Odette D’Aniello, Michelle Douglas, Liz Dunbar, Reggie Frederick, Russ Heaton, Abranna Romero Rocha, David Strong, Robert Taylor, and Brenda Wiest; **City Staff** serving the Task Force: Tadd Wille, Andy Cherullo, Jared Eyer, and Christina Watts; **Economic Consultants:** Katie Baird; **Facilitator:** Jim Reid

**Task Force members who were absent:** Dennis Farrow, Eric Hahn, and Ali Modarres

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Facilitator Jim Reid called the Tacoma Minimum Wage Task Force’s meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. PDT.

## **THE TASK FORCE'S DECISIONS AND AGREEMENTS**

The Task Force members:

1. Approved the summary of the key discussions, decisions, and agreements of their fourth meeting on 11 June 2015. The final summary will be posted on the Task Force’s website to help keep the public informed about the Task Force’s work.

## **THE TASK FORCE'S NARROWS PROPOSALS TO THREE**

As a result of the evening’s discussion, the Task Force narrowed the number of proposals to three. They are illustrated in a separate document that accompanies this summary. The Task Force asked that the proposals be placed in a matrix for an easier side-by-side comparison. The members also requested that two other columns be included in the matrix, one to show projected future increases in the State’s minimum wage under existing law, and the other to show the effects of the 15Now initiative. **Please see accompanying document “Proposal Matrix.”**

In an initial straw poll to see where sentiment lies, three Task Force members indicated support for Proposal A (as labeled on the accompanying document), five leaned toward Proposal B, and three indicated a preference for C. Michelle spoke in favor of elements of Proposals A and C.

Facilitator Jim Reid asked the Task Force if they were wanted to submit these three proposals to Mayor Strickland and the City Council. Most Task Force members spoke in favor of continuing to work to try to reach consensus on one recommendation or to finalize two options to submit to the elected officials.

Task Force members will continue to talk to their colleagues, associates, and constituents about the proposals and on Monday, 22 June, at their next meeting, will resume their conversation to see if they can finalize what they will recommend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. PDT.