

From: Tim Chalberg <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:50 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Protect Tacoma's Cultural Sector - Release Tacoma Creates Funding

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Tacoma City ,

I respectfully request that the Tacoma City Council take action and unanimously approve the voter-approved work of Tacoma Creates and the independent Citizen panel's recommendations on this first major round of Tacoma Creates funding, and to do so on the expedited timeline and process suggested by Tacoma City Staff.

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From: Melissa Malott <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 4:06 PM
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From: Monique Simkova <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 4:54 PM
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Monique Simkova
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From: Tara Brown <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 5:30 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
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From: Alan Varsik <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 5:52 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
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Alan Varsik
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From: Tacoma Ocean Fest <info@tacomaoceanfest.org>

Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 7:58 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: for public comments April 14

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Dear Mayor Woodards and council members:

I respectfully request that the Tacoma City Council take action and unanimously approve the voter-approved work of Tacoma Creates and the independent Citizen panel's recommendations on this first major round of Tacoma Creates funding, and do so on the expedited timeline and process suggested by Tacoma City Staff.

The Cultural Sector is a \$75 million economic engine in our City, employing more than 4,000 individuals — community members who pay rent, shop and pay taxes. This sector is facing the same challenges that all for profit and not for profit businesses are enduring due to the COVID 19 virus. City Staff's recommendation will help stabilize the sector, a key deliverable of the Tacoma Creates ordinance.

We at Tacoma Ocean Fest are lucky, in a way: We are mostly volunteer-driven, and still have our day-jobs. We postponed the festival until September 13. However, all of our artists will now be without that stipend until September. Other organizations, bigger than ours, are not so lucky – without immediate revenue from ticket sales or admissions, they still have bills to pay and will face staggering losses, wide layoffs or complete wipeout. In a city known for and proud of its arts scene, this is unacceptable.

During this crisis the Cultural Sector has not remained dormant: delivering educational and childcare services with Tacoma Public Schools and other nonprofit partners for front-line workers and First Responders; offering free online resources and performances for all ages whether educational or inspirational to households across the City; partnering in communications and fundraising to support the social services sector; and shifting services to support PPE production.

Tacoma Ocean Fest is continuing with the Youth Story Contest, working with partners to create film, poetry and marine science workshops to educate students and encourage them to develop artistic and literary skills to make their voice heard in environmental matters.

Please put Tacoma Creates dollars to work to help stabilize the cultural sector, now. This dedicated funding will support

a diverse group of more than 50 organizations and ensure that our cultural community remains strong and serves the entire community at a new level of impact and commitment.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Ponnekanti

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Rosemary Ponnekanti, director

Tacoma Ocean Fest

June 7, 2020 at the Foss Waterway Seaport

tacomaoceanfest.org

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Kathleen Simpson
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From: Sorum, Doris
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Jenkins, Jessica
Subject: Downtown Tacoma Partnership - Public Comment 04-14-2020 Council meeting

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From: Bingham, Debbie <dbingham@cityoftacoma.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Sorum, Doris <DSORUM@ci.tacoma.wa.us>
Subject: FW: Downtown Tacoma Partnership

[Public Comment on agenda item for tonight's council meeting.](#)

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For details on COVID-19 resources, please visit:
www.makeittacoma.com

From: Jonathan White <Juanblanco@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Bingham, Debbie <dbingham@cityoftacoma.org>
Subject: Re: Downtown Tacoma Partnership

Debbie

I'm the President of the Roberson on Ledger Square, a homeowners association representing 47 condominium owners located at 708 Market Street. We received the notice regarding the renewal of the DTP and rate increase.

We have several concerns with the DTP and the rate increase that we expressed last year. First of all, we're a nonprofit organization and our only revenue comes from our monthly HOA fees. These fees intended purpose was to cover the cost to operate and maintain our facility. Unlike local businesses that can increase the cost of goods and services, we only have the revenue generated from HOA dues. Our annual fee of \$10,000 places a tremendous burden on our association to meet our financial obligations to operate and maintain our facility. Additional concerns are:

1. The majority of our owners live on a fixed retirement income, annual increases to the DTP also increases their monthly fees which impacts their livable income.
2. Keeping the Roberson HOA fees affordable and marketable to present and future owners.

3. Long term sustainability of DTP annual fees and it's impact on cost of living.
4. Posponing HOA capital improvemnts due to DTP fees.
5. Represents the 2nd largest budget items besides elevator maintenance.

We don't question the niche that the DTP provides business owners but the value that we receive from the DTP doesn't equate to our annual fee of \$10k. If we felt there was value for participating in the DTP and the services they provided, we would be supportive. But we just don't feel we are recieving the value of what we pay in annual fees; it doesn't equate.

Building value and identifying key drivers are for value and satisfaction is important for any organization to determine how well they are addressing the needs of their membership. Key drivers such as rates and fees, quaity of service, We don't see the added value despite the fact the DTP markets the value of their services in their branding efforts.

The question that I've been asked by our members; has the DTP outlived their usefulness? We all know the history on how bad downtown Tacoma was 15 to 20 years ago. With the neighbor improvements in recent years how much longer will the DTP be needed?

What I'm certain of for the future of our organization is the need to invest in an aging facility built in 2006. Capital projections for the next ten years are over a \$1 million, during that period of time the DTP represents 10% of what we'll need. Choosing between capital improvement and the DTP is going to become more difficult over time. Finding a long term solution to keeping pace with the funding of DTP will be just as difficult from a HOA perceptive.

We have taken the steps the last two years to cut through our operating budget to be able to afford the annual DTP dues. We have capture the majority of the low lying fruit and we still need find more cost savings.

Here are a few take aways from our HOA:

1. We don't support the propose rate increase.
2. Would like to see an exemption for HOAs or a reduce annual rate.
3. Base annual fee on services that are elected by owners with a base fee.

We would be open for further dialog on this matter.

Thank you,

Jonathan White
President Roberson HOA
253-549-3053

Jenkins, Jessica

From: Rebecca Stith <rstithlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Beale, Chris; Ushka, Catherine; Hunter, Lillian; Woodards, Victoria; McCarthy, Conor; Hines, John; Blocker, Keith; Walker, Kristina; Thoms, Robert
Cc: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Please vote yes on Tacoma CREATES funding

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Dear Madam Mayor and Councilmembers:

Please affirm the work of Tacoma CREATES and follow the independent citizen panel's recommendation in this first major round of Tacoma CREATES funding pursuant to the expedited timeline and process that the City staff supports.

The cultural sector is a \$75+ million economic engine in our City, employing more than 4,000 individuals — community members who pay rent, shop, and pay taxes. This organizations that make up this sector, like so many for-profit and nonprofit entities, have been tremendously, and adversely, impacted by the COVID 19 coronavirus. Approving the City's recommendations will help stabilize the cultural sector, which is a key deliverable of the Tacoma CREATES ordinance.

As a committee volunteer for Citizens for a Healthy Bay, I have seen the extraordinary and creative community work performed by CHB, which has applied for Tacoma CREATES funding to support its environmental education work in collaboration with Hilltop Artists. Thanks to the dedicated funding stream of Tacoma CREATES, the City Council has the opportunity to provide this emergency support to the City's vital cultural sector including CHB.

Thank you in advance for voting to support this funding and for your tireless dedication to serving our community - especially during this pandemic.

Respectfully,
Rebecca Stith
Tacoma resident
Volunteer, CHB Policy and Technical Advisory Committee

From: wendy wright <wwrightwa@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 4:42 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Supporting young people (and not so young)

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I fully support city funding for skateboarding activities. Two of my grandsons skateboard. I fully support Alchemy Skateboarding. Wendy Wright

From: Alyssa Urish <alyssaurish@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 10:00 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public Comment: Support Tacoma DSA petition

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Dear Tacoma City Council members,

I am calling on you to act swiftly to follow Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America's [petition](#) to create additional shelter options using vacant high school gymnasiums.

The Tacoma School Board has signed on with their support as have other community organizations and advocacy groups.

Please act on behalf of our homeless residents and shelter staff and volunteers -- having more access to safe spaces will allow shelters and housing providers to abide by CDC guidelines and will protect the most vulnerable amongst the unhoused by having spaces designated for those deemed high-risk or needing to quarantine.

Thank you for taking this important step to support this community-led initiative to support the most vulnerable in our community during this unprecedented pandemic.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Urish

District 3 resident

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From: Benjamin Summerour <summerourbenjamin@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 10:04 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Use high school gyms as shelters

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Good evening -

As a Tacoma Public Schools employee, I have been involved over the last several weeks in the Meals on Wheels program based out of our middle schools. It has been so inspiring to see our community step up for our students and families in this extraordinary crisis, and I think it speaks to the public service our schools are supposed to offer in the first place.

I'm writing tonight because I believe the school district has a new opportunity to step up for Tacomans experiencing homelessness, and I'm asking for the city to develop a plan to establish shelter space in our high school gyms. There are approximately 6,000 people experiencing homelessness in Pierce County right now, and this was a known crisis before the days of COVID-19. Recently Tacoma Rescue Mission and Bellarmine High School have successfully partnered to provide shelter space, and this model has also been adapted in Bellingham, WA and Santa Monica, CA. Using high school gyms would also not conflict with the current Meals on Wheels and First Responder Day Camps, since these programs are being based out of elementary and middle schools.

Now that Governor Inslee and Superintendent Reykdal have ordered schools closed through the summer, there is an incredible opportunity for Tacoma to step up in the fight to end homelessness, and we owe it to ourselves to take it. I'm asking for the City of Tacoma leadership to work with Tacoma Public Schools to develop a plan to use high school gyms as night shelters for the duration of the crisis, and for this email to be inserted into the public comment for tomorrow's city council meeting.

Thank you so much for your time, and be safe.

Benjamin Summerour

From: Donovan Wilson <two9seven@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 10:46 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Alchemy Skateboarding

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To whom it may concern,

Alchemy Skateboarding is an oasis of positivity and fun for kids and adults who are into skateboarding. It is a place where people can learn and progress and feel safe and welcome. As a lifelong skateboarder I know the streets are filled with temptation and danger and that's partly the attraction to the sport. But along with that skateboarders need a place find refuge and positive mentorship. Alchemy at it's core exists to provide these important things to our community. Im glad to support them and promote them to everyone I know. Please make sure they get the finding they need to continue to make our city a beautiful, exciting and healthy place to live.

Donovan Wilson

815 N Prospect St, Tacoma, WA 98406

From: Megan Little <megan.c.little@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 1:13 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comments for City Council 4/14

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Mayor Woodards and Councilmembers,

I am writing today to ask you to support the opening of high school gyms in Tacoma Public Schools as temporary shelters. The Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors informed us that they need your support and approval prior to taking this action. High school gyms are ideal temporary shelters because they have ample parking, space for social distancing, access to hand washing and showers. These building are currently sitting empty in the community and our unhoused community members need them.

I understand that staffing and funding are a concern. However, it is my understanding that there is funding coming to the city from the state to address COVID-19 emergency response. This is an emergency. Our existing shelters are overwhelmed. We have had outbreaks in many of our shelters that service the most people. When shelters are crowded, it is impossible to practice adequate social distancing.

We, the public, should look to the leadership of Bellarmine Preparatory School. They have already opened their doors as a temporary shelter. Let's remove the red tape and open a public building for a public need. We are all in this together and the only hope we have in getting through this crisis is treating everyone with dignity.

Sincerely,
Megan Little
Social Studies Teacher

From: Sean Arent <seanarent5@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 12:08 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Community Forum

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The city of Tacoma and Tacoma Public Schools needs to follow Bellarmine's example and open up gyms and other spaces for emergency sheltering during this pandemic. Conventional shelters are already too full and so crowded that they will facilitate the spread of Covid-19, meanwhile schools are sitting empty for the rest of the year.

-Sean Arent

From: Alex Scheel <alexscheel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 12:15 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Use Vacant Tacoma School Gyms to Create Much Needed Temporary Shelters

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Dear Clerk,

I am writing you in support of Tacoma and Pierce County DSA's petition to use vacant Tacoma school gyms to create much needed temporary shelters. Our houseless neighbors are at extra risk during the Covid 19 crisis as they do not have permanent shelter to reside in as ordered by Gov. Inslee's shelter-in-place. We have the opportunity to utilize our empty spaces to keep these Tacomans safe and healthy. I have experienced homelessness and got through it because I had public resources through my college, let's give vulnerable people the same chance. I have faith that you will create a compassionate and effective plan to house them in the school gyms as we promote social distancing and flattening the curve of infection. Thank you for your work, it is appreciated.

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Respectfully,

Alex Scheel

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From: Heidi <batlmaidn3@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; McCarthy, Conor; Hunter, Lillian; Hines, John; Blocker, Keith; Walker, Kristina; Thoms, Robert; Woodards, Victoria; csugal@cityoftacoma.org; Mills, Jason; koskovich@cityoftacoma.org; Sbory, Michael; GTanbara@tpchd.org; City Clerk's Office; vadergan@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Help in Manitou (S Tacoma)

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Hello City Council and CLO'S of S Tacoma,

I am writing to you because of a big public health safety issue. The homeless living on the public right of way and in vehicles of all types have invaded our streets leaving behind feces, urine in bottles, other trash and piles of junk along with a lot more theft in our neighborhood. Not that I am blaming anyone. I know that at this time it crucial for social distancing, but this has become a public safety issue for many more people (children especially) are walking our streets for exercise. The streets that are the worst are as follows:

6801 S Adams all the way to 56th and Adams. Then across the street on Burlington Way all the way to the end of the road. Then on Madison street between 74th and the dead end that runs south to the cemetery property. Also at Manitou Park/Manitou School on the street/parking lot where garbage is being dumped daily and the last real hot spot is S 69th and Proctor Street this is the worst. It is a dead end, does not have any street signs and is the best location that I can give.

Though I know that you all know the TMC and RCW's that pertain to these issues, I just thought I would include just a few, so the laws can be enforced (enforcement is key at this time because many have taken advantage of non-enforcement during this pandemic and stay at home order). I would think that these people are in violation along with vehicles that have expired tabs, missing parts and trash and junk inside the vehicles. Many of these people have not moved out of the 1 mile range when asked to move their vehicles. Some of these vehicles have been hanging around this neighborhood for months with 311 being called and no relief. Several of the neighbors along with myself have put in on the computer or called 311 about these issues, but their has been no relief.

TMC's

11.05.231 Human habitation of vehicles.

F. Emergency Action. Any vehicle being used for human habitation which is resulting in the discharge of human waste or sewage in any location or manner except into an approved public or private sewage disposal system constructed and maintained in accordance with the Tacoma Municipal Code may be summarily removed and impounded notwithstanding any provision of this chapter.

G. Violations.

2. Any violation in any street, park, alley, public parking lot, or other public way which constitutes an obstruction to traffic, or presents a threat to public safety, may subject the vehicle to immediate impoundment in accordance with the provisions contained in RCW Chapter 46.55. If the vehicle is inoperable and cannot be moved under its own power from where it is located, the vehicle may be subject to enforcement and impoundment pursuant to TMC 8.23.050.

8.33.010 Urinating in public.

A person is guilty of urinating in public if he intentionally urinates or defecates in a public place, other than a washroom or toilet room, under circumstances where such act could be observed by any member of the public. "Public place," as used in this section, is defined in Section 8.32.010 of this title.

This is happenings openly and I have seen personally several times along with open drug use

11.05.231 Human habitation of vehicles.

B. It is unlawful for any vehicle to be used for human habitation purposes for a period exceeding 72 hours on a public street or public right-of-way anywhere in the City of Tacoma, unless a permit has been issued in accordance with subsections D and E herein. It shall be unlawful for a vehicle to be moved any distance less than one mile from the position it occupied at the start of the 72-hour period in order to avoid the time limit regulation of this section. Proof that any vehicle was found stopped, parked, or standing in or along any public street or public right-of-way and was unattended by any person but was in violation of this subsection, together with proof that the defendant was at the time of such violation the registered owner of such vehicle, shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of such vehicle was the person who parked or placed such a vehicle at the point where and for the time during which such violation occurred.

I do not want to seem that I am not a compassionate person because I am or I would not be writing you, but I am begging for your help to resolve this critical public safety issue.

Respectfully,

Heidi White, STNC Manitou Rep

From: Mo Lewis <rocketmo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 12:50 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Open Hotel Rooms for Homeless during this time

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Hi City Council,

I would strongly encourage you to help our houseless population Stay Home Stay Safe at this time by opening up hotel rooms for people who need a place to stay. We should put vacant space to use!

If you are unwilling to utilize hotel rooms for this purpose, then I would encourage you to step up and use publicly-owned space to care for most vulnerable people.

COVID-19 closures have made it incredibly difficult for houseless people to meet their basic needs, including: Day and night time shelter space to comply with social distancing guidelines, Bathroom and shower access, & Safe Parking lots.

Thank you,

Mo Lewis

From: Devin Kelly <peopleofearth@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 2:02 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City Council - Please support housing homeless folks in TPS gyms!

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Hello!

My name is Devin Rydel Kelly. I am a Hilltop resident, the Education Officer with Tacoma DSA, the Director Data with the Foundation for Tacoma students, and a regular speaker during city council public comment.

I'm writing to voice my support for the recent petition circulated by the Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America and the Tacoma Education Association calling on the City and Tacoma Public Schools to work out an arrangement for housing homeless people in Tacoma Public Schools high school gyms for the duration of the COVID crisis.

While this is a stopgap solution that doesn't go far enough, it is also a great first step towards addressing the needs of a population acutely feeling the COVID crisis. It falls in the footsteps of actions taken by Bellarmine Prep, and is vital in light of recent outbreaks at several shelter facilities, and the closing of several other existing resources. Additionally, it would help address the needs of Tacoma's McKinney-Vento homeless youth, who are not being adequately addressed in other TPS or city programs.

Since the petition's creation, several other prominent organizations have signed, including the 27th Legislative District Democrats, the Tacoma Mutual Aid Collective, the People's Assembly and others. There is a groundswell of support for this important idea. I hope that the Council and the City Manager's office join in that support, with resources.

Sincerely,

Devin Rydel Kelly

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"If I can't dance, I don't want to be part of your revolution" - Emma Goldman

From: Kit Burns <kburns.wcb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Pauli, Elizabeth; Woodards, Victoria
Cc: Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; McCarthy, Conor; Hines, John; Hunter, Lillian; Thoms, Robert; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public Utility Board - Motion 20-02. Recommend to Reject - Kit

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Dear Ms. Pauli:

Below is a letter I sent to the Public Utility Board. I have requested that the City provide the financial analysis showing that the decision to sell the City asset of Click! Network is in the City's best financial interest.

Although this process has continued for more than 4 years, it is critical to be able to show that having a private firm take the Operational Control of the Network will not cause a financial loss.

TPU will be losing \$26.5 million income and likely more, annually. They will lose anywhere from \$4.9 to \$8 million in net revenue. They will lose a \$202 million investment that they paid for. We will lose the possibility of citywide municipal broadband. There will be an insurmountable digital divide that we can't overcome.

Until the financial analysis is provided, the transfer of Operational Control must be delayed. Providing this is simple due diligence to assure the City this is a wise and financially prudent action.

I would be happy to discuss this with you and the Council in greater detail.

I am available at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Kit Burns

253-820-7392 cell

On Apr 13, 2020, at 11:13 AM, Kit Burns <kburns.wcb@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Chair Larkin,

I recommend that the Public Utility Board reject this motion. Additional information is required in order to make an informed decision.

The board should have a complete financial analysis of the proposed transaction to sell the \$202 million investment made by Citizens of Tacoma.

It must be shown to be “in our best interests” per statements included in relevant Resolutions and Ordinances.

Motion 20-02 causes further harm to the citizens by requiring us to pay an additional sum of \$392,187.22 on top of other financial losses the City will likely suffer.

My brief review shows that TPU and the City will be losing money. The \$2.5 million (which very gradually increases, only slightly) will not cover the actual identifiable losses.

The loss of City Tax Revenue (\$800,000) and General Government funds (\$1,300,000) will quickly be negated.

The remaining \$400,000 of income does not cover the cost of monitoring, auditing, or coordinating network operations and upgrades by Tacoma Power.

We will be financially supporting a private company as they acquire our network assets. Why are we being asked to pay an

additional amount when it appears the operator acquiring the Network should shoulder the cost?

The Transfer of Operational Control is incomplete without a credible financial analysis. Giving the Click Network and ALL THE DARK FIBER to a private operator without adequate compensation to the citizens is unacceptable. What is that value?

The loss of 1,427 miles of 120 strands of fiber without compensation. The loss of the ability to expand in the future. The loss to TPU Power of \$26.5 million average revenue over the past 5 years. The loss of \$4.9 million or more annually of profitable revenue (counted as "depreciation"). (The city of Chattanooga had a net revenue of \$31 million on Sales of \$131 million, 20% net revenue)

I have asked for the financial analysis of this arrangement from the City Manager, the City Council, and the Public Utility Board. We need ensure that the fair market value is achieved for the City's investment which the citizens have paid for. This will help determine if this Motion should or should not be passed.

Also, in the directors statement to the board I note the following:

1. Are the expenditures planned and budgeted? NA. [it seems some commentary would address this]
2. If the expense is not budgeted, please explain how they are covered? [yes, please do explain how they are covered-this has been left blank]
3. Attachments. [None-there should be more back-up for this proposal]

It might be that the private operator should have this as an expense.

I would be happy to discuss this further with you, the Utility Board, and the City Council.

Sincerely,

Kit Burns

Tacoma, WA. 253-820-7392 cell

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Tacoma, WA 98401

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From: Megan Capes <capesmegan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:31 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public Comment
Attachments: Petition Signatures Document (1).pdf; Statement_ Use high school gyms as shelters petition.pdf

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Hi there,

Listed below is my public comment submission for tonight's council meeting as well as two attachment to this email. Thank you for passing it along to Council!

Good evening City Manager, Mayor Woodards, and Council,

My name is Megan Capes and one of the co-chairs from Tacoma DSA's Housing Working Group. We launched a petition calling on the Tacoma School Board and City Leadership to collaborate on using vacant high school gyms and parking lots to immediately support our houseless neighbors. Last week, we reached out for your initial support for this project. We also forwarded an official statement explaining our rationale to pursue this idea as well as explaining how we believe that it could become a reality.

In less than two weeks, we have gotten immense support in the community for this petition. We have garnered endorsements from Tacoma Education Association, Tenants Union of Washington, Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee, Feed 253, Tacoma Mutual Aid Collective, The People's Assembly, and, as of last night, the 27th District Democrats. We have also gathered over 200 signatures of individuals across the community. I have attached a document with the collected signatures and personal comments from your constituents.

Together, we are concerned that the City of Tacoma is not acting quickly enough to step to protect our houseless neighbors. We currently have over 6,000 people experiencing homelessness in Pierce County. We all also know that there was not enough shelter before this crisis to even come close to filling that gap.

Like many others across the country, we are incredibly concerned about the [detrimental impact of a COVID-19 outbreak with the houseless community](#). I'm really fearing what will happen to our neighbors experiencing homelessness if action does not happen immediately to protect them.

Who will step up? I believe that the City can and should take leadership in this crisis.

This requires that the City, particularly Neighborhood & Community Services to be transparent about what is in the works and reaching out to community stakeholders about what the needs are on the ground and offer solutions to support. Service providers, advocates, and concerned community members should be seen as assets, rather than something to be skeptical of or ignored. We all desire to create a community where everyone has access to stable housing and have their basic needs met. I believe that we can problem solve better together, than apart.

This also requires bold risk-taking in taking immediate action to care for all our people. Some of the shelter proposals that I have been hearing proposed -- like expanding LIHI's tiny homes and reopening Tacoma Ave Shelter -- are good in increasing shelter capacity in the future. There is too long of waiting process before these come to fruition. How will houseless people be able to get their basic needs met and remain safe during this waiting time? We must think of that wait time to strategically think through our response. High School Gyms could be opened quickly as they are already fire-coded, have maintained facilities, and have gotten support of the Tacoma School Board.

Finally, with the City's focus on equity, I believe that houseless people's voices must be apart of this decision-making process. We need to hear from folks directly to know what the biggest gap is so that we can take steps together to equitably solve it.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to connecting with you more. Feel free to email me directly at capesmegan@gmail.com for any questions or would like to chat more.

In Solidarity,

Megan Capes

TDSA Housing Working Group co-chair & Educator

capesmegan@gmail.com

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	First Name	Last Name	Email Address	How are you connected to Tacoma Public Schools?	Any additional comments that you'd like to add? Please remember to be brief.
1	Devin	Rydel Kelly	peopleofearth@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
2	Jade	Tambellini	jadetambellini@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member, WA Teacher outside of district	
3	Megan	Capes	capesmegan@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
4	Monique	Patel	maletourneau@gmail.com	Former TPS Educator	
5	Megan	Little	megan.c.little@live.com	Tacoma Community Member	
6	Peggy	Ross	pegthesocialist@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
7	Malakay	Betor	malakay.list@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	Time for action is passed
8	Donna	Seay	seaydonna89@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
9	Joseph	Hann	hann.joey@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
10	Brian	Pitman	bpitman@plu.edu	Tacoma Community Member	
11	James	Murphy	jmurphyjr1968@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
12	Zoe	Grieder	zoe.grieder@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
13	Alex	Roberts-Aldrich	li0nh34r7@hotmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
14	Ian	Schaefer Lorenz	ielorenz96@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
15	Peter	Geyer	peterpmgeyer@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
16	Adam	Mickelson	saltfeet@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
17	Evanie	Parr	evanieparr@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member, Spouse is a current TPS educator	
18	Joel	Ross	Joelwross@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
19	April	Nimick	aprilnimick@live.com	Tacoma Community Member	
20	Nyef	Mohamed	nyefmoh@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
21	Robert	Osborn	osborn1970@yahoo.com	Tacoma Community Member	
22	Derek	Sergent	scout667.9@gmail.com	Former shelter worker in Tacoma.	

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23	Courtney	Love	unluckyclovers@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
24	Evlondo	Cooper	evlocoo@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
25	Jolinda	Stephens	Jolindast@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	This is an urgent need. In Tacoma we do a terrible job of making sure that everyone has basic human needs met. And we are all the poorer for it. Right now we are all endangered by our failure to ensure that all of us are cared for. This is a matter of basic safety for all of us. As Dr King taught us, we are all connected.
26	Brenna	Doyle	bcdoyale86@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	Other states have taken this approach including the State I moved from, Connecticut. It is the humane thing to do. We owe it to our community to come together and support each other right now. No one deserves to be left outside to fend for themselves during this public health crisis.
27	Leah	Coakley	leah.coakley@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
28	erin	nibley	nibleye@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	please take care of your people.
29	Roseanna	Hopper	roseannahopper@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
30	Chelsea "Laine"	Hoggan	pinkshoes81@hotmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	Humanity first
31	Whitney	Faulkner	whitneycecile@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
32	Sami	Horner	Samichorner@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member, Graduate	If we are to make it through this crisis, the government locally must take out all the backstops and protect the people. Failing to do so will lead to the deaths of many.
33	Anne	Fitzpatrick	annefitz@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
34	Tess	Olsson	olssonts@plu.edu	Tacoma Community Member, PLU Student	
35	Brenda	LeMay	brendaklemay@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	

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36	Mercedes	Kim	merkimchi@gmail.com	Bham Community Member, in solidarity	
37	Aja	Irons	ajaleigh.irons@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
38	Chelsea	Coopershear	coopershear@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	This is a time to help our most vulnerable. Our children are looking to us to do the right thing and this is oneway we can show care for our unsheltered community. Please use our public, tax payer funded buildings to help those with no home at this time.
39	Gwynne	Brown	akgwynne@hotmail.com	Tacoma Community Member, Parent of former TPS student	
40	Sara	Nau	sbnu1@yahoo.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	Do it!
41	Magdalena	Stickel	magdalena.stickel@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
42	Alexandria	Alliouagana	lxnickerson73@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
43	Kaitlin	Armstrong	kaitlinjcashman@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
44	James	Jones	jibtexhnka@hotmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student, Tacoma Community Member, Former student	
45	Rebecca	Janning	janning226@q.com	Current TPS Educator, Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
46	Megumi	Azekawa	megmics@hotmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
47	Bee	Ivey	Bivey84@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	It's literally the least you could do
48	Jesse	Bohlin	jlbohlin23@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
49	Lsurie	Burns	ljburns775@yahoo.com	Current TPS Educator	
50	Paul	Irmler	paulirmler@hotmail.com	Former student	
51	Therese	Walz	theresewalz@hotmail.com	Current TPS Educator, Parent/Guardian of TPS Student, Tacoma Community Member	

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52	Shakira	Dorsey	Shakiradorsey@msn.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
53	Haylie	Tulupan	hrwatson21@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
54	Grant	Ruby	grant.ruby@icloud.com	Current TPS Educator, Tacoma Community Member	
55	Jessica	Barker	jlynnbarker@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
56	Shawn	Spencer	shawnspercemylet@yahoo.com	Tacoma Community Member	
57	Marybeth	Boyle	jandmboyle@hotmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	Care for others
58	Barbara	Capes	b_capes@comcast.net	Parent of TPS Educator	
59	Kathryn	Lanzillo	kathryn.lanzillo@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
60	Kerry	Tornay	kc2e321@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
61	Krista	Hitz	k_hitz@hotmail.com	Current TPS Educator, Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
62	Ruby	Russoniello-Damaskos	ruby_russoniello@hotmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
63	Shannon	Ergun	shannon.ergun@hotmail.com	Current TPS Educator, Parent/Guardian of TPS Student, Tacoma Community Member	
64	Wendy	Ivey	larsonwendy@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
65	Elyshau	Wilson	Longview15@hotmail.com	Tacoma DSA Member	Good Luck
66	Therese	Belle	theresehp@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator, Tacoma Community Member	Bellarmino has shown us the compassionate way to go. Part of the whole child is the community, and there has never been more need than now. It's time to show our kids how to be a constructive member of society. They will never forget this time.
67	Joseph	Childers	josephchilders@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student, Tacoma Community Member	
68	Therese	Belle	theresehp@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator, Tacoma	Bellarmino has shown us the

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				Community Member	compassionate way to go. Part of the whole child is the community, and there has never been more need than now. It's time to show our kids how to be a constructive member of society. They will never forget this time.
69	Carinna	Tarvin	carinnatarvin@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator, Tacoma Community Member	
70	Jillian	Gutierrez	Jillybean227@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
71	Heather	Jones	heatherjones253@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
72	Jacob	Cook	jacobwcook0@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
73	Angela	Phillips	ang_ela1028@yahoo.com	Current TPS Educator	
74	Jaclyn	Pittenger	jnpittenger@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
75	Audrey	Ebert	aebert@tacoma.k12.wa.us	Current TPS Educator, Tacoma Community Member	
76	Justin	Gonyea	justin@gonyea.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
77	Kendra	Roberson	kjroberson627@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
78	Rachel	Dehn	rachelelizabethdehn@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
79	Will	Paul	willjpaul@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
80	Caitrin	Millar	caitrinmillar@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
81	Justin	Mckaughan	justinmckaughan@gmail.com	Former TPS Educator	
82	Sean	Arent	Seanarent5@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
83	Marie	Millar	tereillar@hotmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	Be kind
84	Daniel	Millar	daniel1565@comcast.net	Tacoma Community Member	
85	Andrea	Munro	andrea.svac@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student, Tacoma Community Member	There is an incredible need for shelter and food for those most vulnerable in Tacoma.

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					While this should always be a priority, the current pandemic further strains our resources and has a disproportionate impact on those who are homeless or who face housing or food insecurity. Please consider this petition. It is compassionate and serves as a role public health for the city.
86	Holly	Stewart	hollyhock25@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	How are Mckinney Vento students being supported by TPS at this time? Can a high school facility be designated for these students and their families?
87	Hope	Bixby	hope.bixby@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
88	E.M.	Clarke	gammyemc@gmail.com	No connection. Think 😞 to a great idea, would love to see it everywhere.	Thank you
89	Christina	Kindt	cbkindt@hotmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
90	Andrea	Kunkle	akunkle@tacoma.k12.wa.us	Current TPS Educator	
91	Monica	DeHart	mdehart@pugetsound.edu	Tacoma Community Member	This is the time for us to model what it means to be good to each other. Lead by example!
92	Diana	Busch	dianabusch@hotmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student, Tacoma Community Member	
93	Amanda	Swarr	amandaswarr@yahoo.com	Tacoma Community Member	
94	Kimberly	Thomas	hiitskim@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
95	Chloie	Ashe	jandcashe@hotmail.com	Substitute teacher	
96	April	Buckley	amusedapril@ymail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
97	Madison	Severson	mseverson127@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member, Former student	
98	Shannah	Cozad	shawnaco@msn.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
99	Shannon	Lynn	shannonlynndiana@gmail.co	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	

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100	Sarah	Welch	swelch253@hotmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
101	Sam	Bainbridge	sbainbridge159@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
102	Meghan	Murphy	megmurphy799@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	No
103	Tara	Chase	Taramchase@hotmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
104	Skye	McClure	thepaladinskye@gmail.com	Compassionate human being	
105	Sandra	Cox	scox@tacoma.k12.wa.us	Current TPS Educator, Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
106	Shen-yi	Liao	liao.shen.yi@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
107	Katy	Evans	katy.nicoud@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
108	Carol	Lowenstein	knitknot317@comcast.net	Former TPS Educator	Step UP!
109	Elizabeth	Freeman	elizabethfreeman03@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
110	Cheryl	Bockus	cheryl.bockus74@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator, Tacoma Community Member	
111	Jennifer	Schlatter	jenschlatter@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
112	Mo	Lewis	rocketmo@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
113	the people's assembly	*	thepeoplesassembly253@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
114	Karen	McDonald	nerak729@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	This is the moral and ethical choice. Show our children about compassion
115	Aaron	Goings	agoings@stmartin.edu	Tacoma Community Member	
116	Jeremy	Williams	ssj2mysticgohan@yahoo.com	Tacoma Community Member	
117	Heidi	Stoermer	heidistoermer@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
118	Alicia	Price	aliciawprice@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
119	Janie	Lovejoy	janieclovejoy@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
120	Julie	Miller	jumill038@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	

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121	Jenyfer	Ewig	jen.freedomgirl@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	The very most vulnerable of us need to be able to isolate and be clean in order to help stop the spread of COVID-19.
122	Jill	Hess	jhess@tacoma.k12.wa.us	Current TPS Educator	Please help!
123	Brianna	Fenske	brifenske96@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member, Alumni	
124	Hannah	Ronich	hannahronich@yahoo.com	Tacoma Community Member	
125	Shartrice	Peters	sharlanaa88@yahoo.com	Tacoma Community Member	
126	Tanya	Webking	tanya.webking@gmail.com	I'm not but the homeless community needs intervention.	This is a public health emergency & peoples lives are at stake.
127	Nicole	Plastino	plastinonj@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
128	Melissa	Wickstrom	madmommel@yahoo.com	Tacoma Community Member	
129	Tom	Lux	tplux@comcast.net	concerned community member	
130	Nicole	Martin	martinnic@me.com	Tacoma Community Member	
131	Jenny	Lorton	jenny@toadly.com	Tacoma Community Member	
132	Aaron	Lorton	aaron@toadly.com	Tacoma Community Member	
133	Allen	Ratcliffe	alratcliffe@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
134	Jennifer	Barfield	jennbar77@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
135	April	Stout	april_stout75@yahoo.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	Proper sanitation needs to be provided as well.
136	Tina	Taylor	tinasprojects@hotmail.com	Current TPS Educator	We need to help our homeless neighbors. We need to help them from now on as well.
137	Orion	Benedict	o.rose.benedict@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
138	Tanja	Ownbey	tanjakay65@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator, Parent/Guardian of TPS Student, Tacoma Community Member	
139	Paul	Gerbyshak	gerbyshak@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator, Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
140	Taylor	Parton	partont416@yahoo.com	Tacoma Community Member,	

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				Community partner in schools	
141	Matthew	Price	matt.pricew@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member, FPSD Educator	
142	Amanda	Melton	mdrkmelton@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
143	Jamika	Scott	jamikascott@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
144	Marteena	Jones	Marteena.g.jones@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
145	Theresa	Power-Drutis	collaborativeresearch@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
146	Jenna	Frieson	jen.frieson@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
147	Stacy	Kidd	stacyaok@yahoo.com	Current TPS Educator, Parent/Guardian of TPS Student, Tacoma Community Member	We have space and bathrooms. People are in need. Human beings need shelter. This time is like no other we have lived before. Be on the right side of history.
148	Charles	Bowman	chasbow2@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	People need help to keep from dying
149	Janet	Lodie	mjlodie@hargray.com	relative of someone who lives in Tacoma	
150	Gillian	Locascio	simplygillian@hotmail.com	Tacoma Community Member, TPS Substitute educator	
151	Claire	Yuckert	claireyuckert@yahoo.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
152	Michaela	Lewis	lewimica@ohsu.edu	Tacoma Community Member	
153	Holly	Rydel Kelly	t3transcription@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
154	Justine	Eister	justine.eister@gmail.com	TPS Student Teacher	
155	Jaden	Zwick	Jaden.zwick@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
156	Gus	Wimberger	augustbrownw@gmail.com	Former Student	
157	Janeen	Rice	janeenrice@msn.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	We all need to do our part.
158	Erin	Kling	ekling@tacoma.k12.wa.us	Current TPS Educator, Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	

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159	Corrie	Rosasharn	crosasharn@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
160	Jennifer	Long	diegosautie@hotmail.com	Taxpayer	Excellent solution to help!
161	Illyana	Zeski	illyanazeski@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
162	Lydia	Sigo	sigolydia@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	Housing is a human right, please shelter those in need in this desperate time.
163	Anuheia	Daley	anuk93@hotmail.com	Current TPS Educator, Parent/Guardian of TPS Student, Tacoma Community Member	
164	Lauri	Lindquist	lauri.lindquist@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator, Parent/Guardian of TPS Student, Tacoma Community Member	
165	Christine	Lindquist	sashasfiasco@yahoo.com	Tacoma Community Member	
166	Rowan	Carrick	rowancarrick@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	
167	Kevin	Shintaku	kevinshintaku@gmail.com	Educator in a neighboring district, former student teacher in TPS	Many students are also homeless and are impacted by this crisis. Making use of any available spaces is critical at this time while schools are closed. Childcare is being provided to first responders and medical workers through schools but my understanding is that this is only done at a few schools and the response rate has been small as far as sign up. I'm wondering how many schools remain completely vacant and unused at this point - which could help significantly slow this crisis.
168	Justin	Camarata	justincamarata@gmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student, Tacoma Community Member, Former Tacoma Councilmember	
169	Krystle	Amundson	krystle5485@hotmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student, Tacoma Community Member	
170	Nichole	Crockett	niclorax@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	

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171	Jon	Mannella	jmannella@gmail.com	I am a Seattle community member and I am signing this letter in solidarity!	
172	Steven	Ketelsen	steven.ketelsen@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member, Spouse of teacher	
173	James	Williams	jimherbwilliams@yahoo.com	Tacoma Community Member	
174	Amber	Rybnick	arybnick@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
175	Alyssa	Urish	alysaurish@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	Especially now, with schools closed through the 19-20 school year, there is no reason not to open up these spaces to support the most vulnerable in our communities.
176	Amanda	Hubbard	amanda.m.hubbard@gmail.com	SEA member in solidarity	
177	Nicole	Strobel	nikstrokes@me.com	Tacoma Community Member	
178	Micah	Clark	mcc1327@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
179	Benjamin	Summerour	summerourbenjamin@gmail.com	Current TPS Educator	I'd be willing to volunteer/staff a shelter
180	Kyle	Ostermick-Durkee	kwdurkee@gmail.com	Concerned citizen	
181	Terri	Anderson	terria@tenantsunion.org	Supporter	
182	Ian	Funderburk	ianfunderburk@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	This is a great idea!
183	Matthew	Younker	myounger117@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
184	Karen	Wilson	karen_louisa@hotmail.com	Alumni	
185	Jennifer	Paul	jennypaul122@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
186	Mariah	Boutte	boutte.mariah@yahoo.com	Tacoma Community Member	
187	Donna	Wilson	dswilson913@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
188	JIM	SHEA	jhshea@aol.com	Past president TEA	Secondary schools are well equipped buildings to house indigents during this crises.

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189	Carol	Kindt	carolkindt@msn.com	Aunt of former students	
190	Megan	VanDyke	megan.vandyke18@kzoo.edu	Tacoma Community Member	
191	Katie	Hohnstein-Van Etten	kevanetten@gmail.com	Former TPS Educator, Tacoma Community Member, Teacher in nearby district	
192	Beth	Magden	bethmagden@yahoo.com	Tacoma Community Member	
193	darlene	garcia	darlene.garcia@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	I'm concerned about the people I see on the street. Where are they to shelter? As a taxpayer, I believe we should do what we can to take care of the vulnerable members of our community.
194	Maureen	Howard	maureenhowardconsulting@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
195	Christine	Lee	cle03m@yahoo.com	Pierce county parent	
196	Franklin	Wallbrown	fjw@gmx.us	Our Revolution Washington Bernicrats Coalition	
197	Pj	Alexander	pjalexandr@hotmail.com	Parent/Guardian of TPS Student	
198	Lindsay	Walker	walker.lindsay3@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
199	Jaala	Smith	jaalasmith@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	We all must give what we can spare.
200	Jaimie	Turner	jaimielynn82@yahoo.com	Tacoma Community Member, Former TPS student	Please answer the call to help
201	Gabrielle	Hanley	gabi.cicourel.hanley@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
202	Jess	Thompson	jesskthompson@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
203	Tori	Brewster	torian.k.brewster@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
204	David	Lane	clayton.lane17@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	
205	Drew	Carrigan	drew.carrigan@gmail.com	Tacoma Community Member	

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Dear Tacoma School Board and City of Tacoma Leadership,

Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America (TDSA) has drafted a [petition](#) to create additional shelter options using vacant high school gymnasiums. This petition has already been endorsed by six local groups, including TDSA, TEA, Tacoma Mutual Aid Collective, Feed 253, The People's Assembly, Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee, and Tenants Union of Washington, alongside more than 175 community members signatures within less than a week.

We call on your leadership to immediately take action to make this idea become a reality.

As we stated in the petition, homelessness is not a new issue in Tacoma. We have repeatedly asked: Where will our unhoused neighbors go?

This question is even more critical now with the closure of basic needs services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Libraries, YMCAs, community centers, and local park restrooms have all acted as quasi-day shelters, which entails them offering essential resources for the unhoused such as daily spaces to use the bathroom and rest. We all need places to have our hygiene needs met. But what happens if the majority of those spaces are temporarily closed? How will unhoused people get their needs met, especially during a pandemic?

We need additional places where folks can have their sanitation needs met, especially during this unprecedented public health crisis.

Additional shelter beds, which comply with social-distancing guidelines, are another major need for people experiencing homelessness. There are over 6,000 people experiencing homelessness in Pierce County currently. Our current shelter capacity woefully fails to match the need; we need innovative, bold solutions to increase shelter bed capacity in order to care for our unhoused neighbors during this emergency.

We believe that high school gymnasiums are one of the best options to fill both of these service gaps for a variety of reasons. First, using high school gyms will not add additional pressure to the middle schools providing weekly food services. In addition, **high school gyms offer more than enough space to comply with social distancing, while also having desperately needed restroom and shower facilities. Finally, high schools typically have large parking lots that could be used as [Safe Parking Lots](#), which offer secure locations with sanitation and hygiene access for car-campers.**

The emergency shelter at Bellarmine High School, operated in conjunction with the Tacoma Rescue Mission, already provides a local example of how to do this. And the need to increase services for unhoused people during the COVID-19 crisis is not just isolated to Tacoma. Other cities like [Santa Maria, CA](#) and [Bellingham, WA](#) have also set up emergency shelters in public school gyms. These solutions have worked because high school shelters can be established quickly and efficiently to fill additional basic needs and services. With the recent order by the Governor to cancel all in-person education for the remainder of the school year, high school gyms can be used to meet these other pressing needs of the community.

Funding this project should not be a concern as there is currently an abundance of funds being allocated to the County and City from both the state and federal government for the purpose of increasing shelter and sanitation services, which could be tapped to fund this project as well as provide additional funding to support our local schools. **The City can provide leadership on drafting a clear, open RFP process with these allocated funds to support nonprofit service provider partners who are eager to join in on this emergency, temporary work.**

Even in this crisis we can and must care for our unhoused neighbors. **TDSA — and the many others who signed our petition — believe that this is a practical and necessary action for the School District and City of Tacoma to pursue.** As positive cases of COVID-19 increase daily, and the Stay-At-Home order is likely to continue well into the foreseeable future, we must take action now to protect the most vulnerable members of our community. In protecting them, we protect us all.

Join us in this work, and take action today.

In Solidarity,

Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America

From: Tori Brewster <torian.k.brewster@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:30 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comment on petition to use high schools for our houseless neighbors

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Please use high school gyms for our houseless neighbors.

We should put vacant space to use! We as a community can step up and use publicly-owned space to care for most vulnerable people.

COVID-19 closures have made it incredibly difficult for houseless people to meet their basic needs, including:
Day and night time shelter space to comply with social distancing guidelines,
Bathroom and shower access, & Safe Parking lots.

Tacoma could be a fantastic example to the rest of our state about how we go above and beyond to help our neighbors with this action.

Thank you for your time!

From: jaala smith <jaalasmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:28 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Re: Public Comment: Support Tacoma DSA petition

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Dear Tacoma City Council members,

I am calling on you to act swiftly to follow Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America's [petition](#) to create additional shelter options using vacant high school gymnasiums.

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Please act on behalf of our homeless residents and shelter staff and volunteers -- having more access to safe spaces will allow shelters and housing providers to abide by CDC guidelines and will protect the most vulnerable amongst the unhoused by having spaces designated for those deemed high-risk or needing to quarantine.

Thank you for taking this important step to support this community-led initiative to support the most vulnerable in our community during this unprecedented pandemic.

Sincerely,

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On Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 10:00 PM Alyssa Urish <alyssaurish@gmail.com> wrote:

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