

From: luciadill@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 6:18 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Statement for 10/06 City Council Meeting by Lucia Dill

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Dear Tacoma City Council Members (and city staff),

I am Lucia Dill, a citizen of Tacoma, in the zip code 98408.

I am writing to comment in regards to the draft budget. I urge the City Council to honor its statements and wishes regarding anti-racism by starting to take actions in this budget for equity. Most of all, I demand the city council begin police divestment and refresh community investment.

Especially in this uncertain economic time that is the ongoing pandemic, let's support businesses, especially child care. Let's work on listening and responding to the houseless population. Let's put money towards communities of color. Let's fund mental health and general healthcare services.

People are scared right now - scared of the police and scared because of the pandemic. I ask that this budget bolster the community, services, education, and continued support during the ongoing pandemic.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lucia Dill
Tacoma, WA 98408

From: Kayla Quinn <kaylala427@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 10:51 AM
To: City Clerk's Office; City Manager
Subject: 10/6 Council Meeting Public Comment

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Good morning,

I am writing to submit official public comment for the meeting agenda items for the October 6, 2020 council meeting.

I do not approve of Resolution 40666 to increase the City Manager's salary. During a budget crisis, this increase in spending is only going to contribute to the issue. I understand that this is retroactive in that it was supposed to be reviewed prior to the budget issues arising but I still believe it to be an irresponsible use of funds given the budget state we are in. I urge the Council to vote no on this resolution.

Resolution 40668: I am in full support of using the funds listed for the Fossil Fuel Study so the council can see first-hand how detrimental fossil fuels are to communities and our planet and see this as a very responsible use of funds. I also approve using the funds listed to improve language access and translation services to provide greater accessibility to local government to our community.

Additionally, as part of Resolution 40668, I am against utilizing the council contingency fund for body worn cameras. I absolutely support all of Tacoma Police Department wearing and utilizing body worn cameras, but I believe that the funds for this endeavor should be coming out of the existing police budget. Specifically, the police budget should not be increased whatsoever, but the funds taken from their already over-inflated budget to pay for the body worn cameras. The money in the council contingency fund would be better utilized within the community for social and health services, and to help our unhoused neighbors be better protected and resourced with the additional safety and wellbeing concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Tacoma Police Department does not need more money. They have plenty to pay for the body worn cameras.

Resolution 40668 needs to be amended so that the funds for body worn cameras are not being taken from the council contingency fund, but instead taken directly from the existing TPD budget.

~Kayla Quinn

From: Harding, Melanie
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 1:28 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fwd: Comments for the Public Record: TEMS at 6th & Orchard Virtual Community Meeting
Attachments: TPCCEH Letter of Support for TEMS at 6th & Orchard.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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From: Maureen Howard <maureenhowardconsulting@gmail.com>
Date: October 6, 2020 at 1:04:28 PM PDT
To: "Harding, Melanie" <melanie.harding@cityoftacoma.org>
Subject: **Fwd: Comments for the Public Record: TEMS at 6th & Orchard Virtual Community Meeting**

I can't find a copy in my "sent" file that I actually DID send this to the Mayor and Council...sigh...Linda said they would see that it went forward. Could you just double check? Thanks.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Maureen Howard** <maureenhowardconsulting@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Oct 4, 2020 at 9:58 PM
Subject: Comments for the Public Record: TEMS at 6th & Orchard Virtual Community Meeting
To: Pauli, Elizabeth <elizabeth.pauli@cityoftacoma.org>, Linda Stewart <lstewart@ci.tacoma.wa.us>, Melanie Harding <melanie.harding@ci.tacoma.wa.us>, Griffith, Allyson <AGriffith@cityoftacoma.org>, Azcueta, Erica <eazcueta@cityoftacoma.org>, Robinson, Jeff <jrobinson@ci.tacoma.wa.us>, FMedlen@ci.tacoma.wa.us <FMedlen@ci.tacoma.wa.us>
Cc: <mhoward@pchomeless.org>, Gerrit Nyland <gnyland@pchomeless.org>

Mayor and Council Members,

The Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness rarely takes a public position and I wanted to be sure you saw our letter in support of the new TEMS at 6th & Orchard.

Thank you for your work,

Maureen

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I'm with Angela Davis:

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October 4, 2020

To: Neighborhood and Community Services, City of Tacoma

From: Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

Support for TEMS at 6th and Orchard

Who We Are:

The Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness is a loose network of individuals, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and community businesses working together to serve people experiencing homelessness. Each week, 50-100 coalition participants meet and more than 500 people are on the Coalition's email distribution list.

Why This Letter:

We are writing in support of the TEMS project at 6th and Orchard. Pierce County continues to lack adequate shelter, and this project is one of the many types of shelter the Coalition strongly supports, most recently in the May 18th, 2020 COVID-19 funding recommendations (<https://pchomeless.org/Home/COVID19>).

These shelter beds will become available at a critical time. Our Coalition is working hard to ensure that at least 400 Winter Shelter beds are created before the weather sets in. While this shelter will not come on-line until the end of December 2020, the fact that it is funded through July 2023 secures those beds well into the future. Every unit, every bed, every type of safe shelter will help people survive the coming winter. Participants in our Coalition stand ready to help the people experiencing homelessness who will reside in this TEMS end their homelessness and move to permanent housing.

We especially applaud the siting of this shelter. People experiencing homelessness come from all parts of Tacoma. The closer someone stays to their support structure, the easier it is for them to exit homelessness. The neighborhood around 6th and Orchard currently provides no nearby services to people experiencing homelessness. During the past year, over 200 people experiencing homelessness identified their last permanent residence in the 98406 zip code – 100 of them utilizing emergency shelter. This site gives the 98406 neighborhood the opportunity to better serve their neighbors who become homeless.

We want you to know that the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness voted formally to support this new TEMS.

Contacts for the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness:

Gerrit Nyland, gnyland@pchomeless.org 253-304-5105

Maureen Howard, mhoward@pchomeless.org 253-255-2200

From: rebeccastith.lasr <rebeccastith.lasr@protonmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 2:56 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Thoms, Robert; Woodards, Victoria; rstithlaw@gmail.com
Subject: Comment re Resolutions 40667 (addressing systemic racism) and 40668 (body-worn cameras)

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Dear Mayor Woodards and Councilmembers:

As a Tacoma resident (District 2) and member of Lawyers Against Systemic Racism (LASR), I am writing in support of Resolutions 40667 and 40668, items 15 and 16, respectively, on tonight's Council meeting agenda.

As you may be aware, LASR'S mission is to end systemic racial discrimination in the Pierce County legal system and beyond including in both courts and law enforcement. LASR seeks to collaborate with individuals and organizations to identify specific areas of systemic racial discrimination and develop concrete ways to address and eradicate such discrimination. One of those areas includes restructuring the Community's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) as a Community's Police Review Committee with real oversight authority of the Tacoma Police Department (TPD), which CPAC recently recommended to the Council and for which there was strong support expressed by my Councilmember, Robert Thoms and several other Councilmembers.

Resolution 40667 would provide \$75,000 to support the Core Coordinating Team (CCT), which would work in conjunction with its own appointed Transformation Teams (TTs), in order to "address all institutions, systems, policies, practices, and contracts impacted by systemic racism, with initial priority being given to policing in the City of Tacoma," with specific attention given to "priority areas defined by community members of color." This focus aligns fully with the LASR's mission and, as a LASR member, I look forward to supporting and collaborating in this vital effort.

I also write in support of Resolution 40668, which would provide \$282,000 to, among other things, purchase body-worn cameras (BWC) for TPD personnel. While there are arguments for and against BWC, on balance, when properly maintained, used, and activated, they serve as an extraordinarily valuable tool in uncovering and uprooting systemic racism within policing and in fostering a path toward racial equity and fairness justice in our criminal justice system.

Thank you for your commitment to addressing and eradicating systemic racism in Tacoma.

Rebecca Stith

Member, Lawyers Against Systemic Racism

From: Jan F. Brazzell <Brazzell@harbornet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 2:57 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Harding, Melanie
Subject: Support for Resolution 40667

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Dear Doris,

Please share with Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Blocker, Council Members Hines, Thoms, Ushka, Beale, Hunter, McCarthy, and Walker, and City Manager Pauli my wholehearted support for Resolution #40667 authorizing the one-time use of \$75,000 to stand-up a community-led, multi-sector, antiracist systems transformation effort in our community. I deeply appreciate the creative, comprehensive, and visionary thinking that's behind this resolution, as well as the dedicated efforts of City leaders to get us to this point and beyond.

Gratefully,

Jan F. Brazzell
98407

From: Sherry Martin <sherry.grosvenor@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:13 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless Micro Housing on 6th and Orchard

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To Whom it May Concern,

I live just off of 6th and Orchard with my children. I would not feel safe with a homeless encampment as a neighbor. These type of camps or micro housing units bring crime. I do not want to send my kids out to ride their bikes or play basketball with neighbors if the city puts a junkie camp at the head of our street. I won't even feel safe walking our dog to the park. This is a good neighborhood and bringing in homelessness and the ailments associated with the homeless population will jeopardize the safety of the neighborhood and all of its occupants. I am fearful for our property and our children's safety if you ignore the complaints of the constituents and place a homeless micro housing unit on 6th and Orchard.

As a local citizen, I strongly object to having homeless micro housing placed in Central Tacoma.

If this area starts to get overrun with homeless, we will move rather than raise our children here.

Thank you,

Sherry Grosvenor
206.251.3052

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ben Grosvenor <omak.eighty@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:18 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless Camp on 6th & Orchard

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For the City Council's information:

I stopped at the 7-11 on 6th and Orchard earlier this evening and was approached by a homeless young man in his late teens/early 20s in the parking lot on my way into the store. He propositioned me to buy him a pack of Swisher Sweet cigars. When I declined, he accused me of ignoring him and threatened to knock me out. I told him no again. When I told the nice gentleman that runs the 7-11 what just took place, he went outside and asked him to please leave. The young man refused. The owner explained to me that things like this have been happening all day everyday since the homeless started congregating nearby and that the police currently aren't able to do enough about these incidents - often taking 40 minutes to respond.

The young man did not appear to be intoxicated Or behaving in a disoriented manner. He was just very angry that I wouldn't buckle to his request and illegally purchase him cigars.

My family will no longer be frequenting the businesses at 6th and orchard as it is no longer safe especially with a newborn baby, and we now consider it a part of the city not worth going to.

Threats of violence from a homeless person are just as real as a threat of violence from anyone else. Letting such things go unpoliced does not help anyone, hurts businesses, and diminishes the people that live in this city's overall sense of safety.

Ben Grosvenor, Tacoma resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: James McCue <jmikemccue@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 12:11 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Proposed Homeless Shelter at 6th and Orchard, North Tacoma

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Residents of North Tacoma and this neighborhood are adamantly AGAINST this proposed shelter. This will bring untold numbers of the mentally ill, drug abusers, and many other wandering vagrants to the area. In college I interviewed homeless individuals who specifically stated they made their way to Tacoma because of word of mouth that it is homeless friendly here. I work w/ homeless people now in my current job. I know what these shelters bring into areas where they are established. This will significantly devalue an area that has slowly been improving for decades. North Tacoma has become one of the most desired real estate markets in the country. The proposed homeless shelter will not contribute positively to the area, esp w/ regards to the behaviors this population exhibits. A significant % of homeless people are mentally ill, engage in drug use, and some are even sexual predators. Another location for a shelter of this type is imperative for the above reasons already mentioned.

J. Mike McCue, RN
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From: Andrew Strobel <Andrew.Strobel@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 9:30 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Atkinson, Stephen
Subject: Interim Regs Letter
Attachments: PTOI-COT Interim Regs Letter.pdf

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Thanks you for allowing the Puyallup Tribe to comment on the Interim Regs.

Andrew Strobel
Director of Planning and Land Use
Puyallup Tribe of Indians
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253-573-7879



Puyallup Tribe of Indians



The Honorable Mayor Victoria Woodards and City Council
City of Tacoma
747 Market Street, Suite 1200
Tacoma, WA 98402

RE: Tacoma Tideflats Interim Regulations

Honorable Mayor Woodards and Tacoma City Council Members,

The recent fires and smoke across our State have impacted our communities greatly and are a constant reminder that we must adapt to the climate crisis before us. Only through our collective actions can we rise to the challenge of addressing climate change and avoid its catastrophic impacts. We continue to work with your staff on these issues and look forward to attending the City's first Climate Adaptation Strategy meeting next month where we can reaffirm our commitment to working together on the Climate Emergency that we both declared last year. Additionally, we are hopeful as we continue to work on regional planning issues like the Tideflats Subarea Plan so we can identify how we can take steps to not exacerbate this crisis further.

Today, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians again urge the City of Tacoma to address high-risk facilities by adopting regulations to limit new facilities and existing facilities from expanding. After discussing this issue at length through the Tideflats Subarea Steering Committee, Mayor Woodards suggested the City of Tacoma may take action on this issue sooner than the planning efforts occurring in the Tideflats Subarea Plan. The Tribe applauded this decision as concerns for the expansion of existing high-risk facilities during the Subarea Planning process remained an upmost concern of the Tribe.

Unfortunately, the fears of a facility possibly expanding were realized this summer when we were notified that SeaPort Sound Terminal applied for permits for expansion of bulk storage fuels along the Hylebos Waterway near Marine View Drive. While we cannot ignore applying a climate lens to these projects, we also cannot ignore safety and surrounding land use compatibility issues related with their siting. The mere designation of calling facilities "high-risk" should warrant an analysis of how they are permitted near population centers and critical natural resources in the Tacoma Tideflats.

With safety being a preeminent concern, it is important to note that the Tacoma Tideflats are predominantly composed of soils that are liquefaction prone. Expansion of these facilities compounds the risk that any of these facilities could fail under a large seismic event and expose waterways, fish, and orca to irreparable harm. High-risk facilities remain to have gaps

in how they are regulated federally and we urge the City of Tacoma to look at communities like Whatcom County that have instituted insurance and bonding provisions to protect their community and to prevent operators of these facilities from walking away from their cleanup responsibilities. We urge the City of Tacoma to analyze safety and precautionary measures as part of any exercise to adopt permanent regulations.

Additionally, under NOAA Sea Level Rise probability scenarios, the expected level of rise of the median high-high water mark (MHHW) is expected to be 13 inches in 2050. It is at this point of sea level rise that we begin to see high-risk facilities inundated at king tide cycles exposing Commencement Bay to increased spill risk and shoreline erosion. Large investments in shoreline armoring will need to be made or decommissioning sites will need to take place in order to avoid contamination. We have the foresight to limit the risk of these developments now by incorporating sea level rise modelling analysis that is already available.

Finally, the unrestrained expansion of existing high-risk facilities challenges our regional planning efforts for affordable housing like in the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHAP) group. High-risk facilities can restrict areas where affordable housing can be funded by Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Any HUD funded project without proper mitigating measures will be prohibited from funding within the Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD) of existing and planned above ground storage tanks that contain explosive or hazardous liquids identified under 24 CFR § 51. We believe several HUD funding projects are within ASD distances throughout the City of Tacoma including the Puyallup Tribe's "Place of Circling Waters" housing development. We urge the City of Tacoma to conduct a compatibility analysis on high-risk facilities so we can avoid impacting funding opportunities for affordable housing.

We thank you Mayor and Tacoma City Council for another opportunity to comment on high-risk facilities and Interim Regulations. We remain committed to working with the City of Tacoma in adopting a comprehensive regulatory scheme to address high-risk facilities permanently.

Sincerely,



Chairman Bill Sterud
Puyallup Tribe of Indians

From: Paul Landry <landrylaw@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 12:16 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless 6th Avenue & Orchard

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The City indicates that the vast majority of homeless are mentally ill and / or chemically addicted. The proposed housing at 6th and Orchard is within 1000 feet of Wilson High and within 1000 feet of Remann Hall. What could possibly go wrong?

Paul Landry

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