City Council Meeting for October 13, 2020
RES40669 submittal of a grant application through the US Department of Interior
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I recommend that this resolution be pulled and removed from tonight’s agenda
As an alternate I recommend that it be voted down and rejected.

The Council is in the process of reviewing rate increases which is related to this.
Specifically this document must be reviewed further for accuracy before submitting to the City Council.

On page 1 and page 5 it states that the meter program “will lead to a number of efficiency improvements resulting in estimated water savings of 2,049.5 Acre Feet per year (AFY) . . .
This is astonishing and absurd. It conflicts with other TPU documents showing in annual water loss.
2,049.5 AFY = 667,831,508 gallons per year. (TPU claims a loss of 71,192,396 gallons, considerably less)

Thank you.
Kit Burns
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"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure
domestic tranquility, . . . promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and
our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America . . ."
Mayor and city council,

You are all once again faced with the decision to act on the tideflats subarea interim regulations. Will you renew the regulations as you have before, in light of the Seaport Sound oil refinery expansion, in light of the city's declaration of climate emergency? Or will you take the necessary action to strengthen these regulations, and bar existing heavy industry from expanding? I fear that you will choose the former, but I'd like to offer a compromise. Instead of all heavy industry, choose instead to ban the expansion of the fossil fuel industry in the tideflats subarea. This would stop Seaport Sound while still appeasing most industry in the port. This would reflect the state of the Climate Emergency and keep you all true to your words. This would halt a toxic industry from expanding its work of acidifying the oceans, poisoning the air, and fueling the greenhouse effect in our atmosphere. If the council refuses to act, we will have to assume that words no longer sway you, and move into action.

Do the right thing.

Sean Arent
Tacoma City,

As a concerned community member, I am writing to demand that the City of Tacoma do its job to protect our health and wellness by curbing the expansions of polluting industries that threaten the health of our communities and our emissions reduction targets.

We cannot allow Tacoma to continue to be a vital link in the global fossil fuel chain. Allowing the fossil fuel industry in Tacoma to expand only locks us into exacerbating the climate crisis.

With our health more at risk now than ever, we need to do what is right.

Strengthen the Interim Regulations to include existing facilities.

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As a Washington resident, I am concerned that current interim regulations on the fossil fuel industry in Tacoma aren't strong enough to prevent existing facilities from expanding or converting without additional oversight or protections. For instance, the Seaport Sound Expansion Proposal is worrisome since it is not taking seriously the city's declaration that there is a climate emergency.

Please do what you can to strengthen the interim regulations so that we can truly say we are taking climate change seriously. We have an opportunity in the Pacific Northwest to be leaders for the rest of the country. Let's keep doing the next right thing.

Thank you so much for your time.

Cristin Mattione
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rick sempel
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301 Puyallup ave
tacoma, Washington 98421
Greetings,

I was shocked to just learn about Puget Sound Energy's Tacoma LNG project. Normally, I consider PSE a neutral utility, but this new project is a horrible infringement on the Puyallup Tribe.

I also just learned that PSE is wasting my utility payment money on a PR campaign with Partnership for Energy Progress. But natural gas isn't renewable, so it's not "energy progress." Energy progress would focus on renewable energy, with a gradual phase-out of gas.

It's also unacceptable that, during this pandemic, PSE is threatening to shut off utilities as winter approaches. That is just heartless and will affect my friends and neighbors.

Learning about these unacceptable actions has motivated me to research PSE further, and has reminded me of recent 2019 gas leaks in Seattle. PSE should focus more on safety of current services, and cease the Tacoma LNG -- as well as all PR designed to mislead the public. PSE should also cease donating to political candidates, since rate-payer money should also be directed solely to service and safety.

Please use your office to refocus PSE on its responsibilities to Washington's citizens.

Thank you,
Roxanne Ray, Ph.D.
To Whom It May Concern-

In a Democracy, the people's voices are a vital part of public education and public awareness. So with that in mind, I am writing to you today.

We have regulations today because of the past history of unregulated ventures, that have manifested in environmental health land, soil and air hazards for people and animals. Regulations create transparency. Regulations are the key to safety and health for its inhabitants.

Unlimited and unregulated fossil fuel expansions are detrimental to the planet and its inhabitants.

No one wants to drink water that is poisoned. No one wants to get cancer and other diseases!

We must INVEST in SUSTAINABLE ENERGY!!

We simply cannot be locked into decades of more hazardous fossil fuel projects!

NO MORE FOSSIL FUEL EXPANSIONS!

NO MORE UNLIMITED FOSSIL FUEL EXPANSIONS!

REGULATIONS YESTERDAY!

REGULATIONS TODAY!
REGULATIONS TOMORROW!

Let the people's voices be heard!!

Yours Truly,

A Concerned Citizen

Lauren Tozzi
Hello,

I support the continuation of infilling the city with DADU units and Attached ADU units.

I much prefer this housing option over what the city has been doing in the Proctor area with highrise apartments and NO parking!

Thank you!

Traci Drake
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Tacoma 98407
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Sent from my iPhone
One more question:

Did you consider shorter a shorter contract period and is there a possibility that the three year agreement with the Church will be extended beyond three years or is the time period limited by code?

Bob Anda

----- Forwarded Message ----- 
From: robert anda <bandainsurance@yahoo.com>
To:  
Cc: helen sellari <h_sellari@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 04:41:22 PM PDT
Subject: Community Forum - Tuesday - Questions

Hello

Regarding the proposed tiny home encampment here are a few additional questions.

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Sincerely

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Bob & Helen Anda
The proposed homeless encampment for 6th and Orchard is something I completely disagree with. This neighborhood is a working class neighborhood with virtually no vacant houses. In other words, we whom live in this neighborhood like it the way it is. Put these housing units somewhere on city property rather than pay a non-profit a huge amount of money supplied from us, the local taxpayers. Do NOT bring homeless into our quiet and safe neighborhood. Instead, house them in whatever locations they currently gather.

Lynn Riser
Dear Council Member Ushka and City Clerk,

My name is Lucia Dill and I live in zip code 98408. I wrote a statement of public comment for the city council meeting on October 7, 2020. It did not reference any specific resolutions, but I would have addressed my issues under the section including resolutions 40664-40668. Under that section in the minutes, it stated that there were no public comments. I am disappointed that my statement seems to have been disregarded.

To address a resolution more specifically, while body cameras may feel like an answer to accountability; they will continue to show footage that has already been shared by the public. Two folks shared footage from the death of Manuel Ellis and there has been no justice five months later. There appears to be no progress on the investigation, in what seems a clear case based on footage, accounts, and the official cause of death that reporters have shared. I am disappointed that RES40668 will help pay for body cameras. There does need to be accountability and hopefully by some miracle these expensive body cameras will lend some type of transparency in the Tacoma area, though I have my doubts based on their efficacy across this country.

I demand that next time police spending is on the table, as my representative in the City Council, you advocate on spending LESS money on the police and work on investing in building up Tacoma's community through services and efforts in line with mutual aid values.

Sincerely,
Lucia Dill
Hello, I would like to voice my support of the tiny homes project happening on 6th and Pine I have just heard about, with the increasing houseless population and ban on evictions ending it is important for the city and its religious organizations to protect those in need. The one on the south end across from earthwise architectural is very neat and I recommend anyone against this proposal to see the positive impact these projects have. To city council, please fund more low income housing and continue the moratorium on evictions to protect at risk populations. This is a public health crisis with winter incoming.

Thank you,

Nolan Hibbard-Pelly
I want to submit my comment for the micro housing plan on 6th and Orchard. I live in the area and I think it is a great idea. Please follow through with this. Houseless people need shelter especially since winter will be here before we know it.
To: City Clerk, Tacoma

Please forward the attached document to the City Council for today's meeting.

Thank you,

Callista Brown

The Conversation, Tacoma
Petition to Tacoma City Council in Response to Resolution No. 40622

Executive Summary: Petition to Tacoma City Council in Response to Resolution No. 40622

In response to Resolution No. 40622, The Conversation, a Tacoma-based volunteer group focused on racial equity, petitions the Tacoma City Council to prioritize the following dimensions of Tacoma Police Department transformation:

I. Continue strengthening The Community Police Advisory Committee and Project Peace by identifying assessment metrics and timelines for gathering data on their progress: what is working, what is not working, and why.

II. In the spirit of Project Peace, establish interactive, on-going community participation at each stage of police reform through a more inclusive and sustained outreach to two groups:

A. Include people impacted by police intervention or behavior in each area of reform.

B. Invite the Puyallup Tribe and other local native tribes to participate in each stage of the police reform process that they identify as important to their communities.

III. Establish alternatives to police actions whenever viable in order to reduce the potential for violence or crisis escalation:

A. Remove from police jurisdiction situations best served by mental health practitioners or substance abuse experts and assess current Diversion programs.

B. Implement policies that assist police when they must be present at situations when diversion to social services is possible.

C. Establish a Community Trauma Response Team.

IV. Transform the culture of policing

A. Review police union contracts so that future contracts promote justice for all.

B. Revise the four "Eight Can’t Wait" recommendations that do not as yet call for policy review and increased police training (#1 ban chokeholds and strangleholds; #4 Exhaust all other means before shooting; #6 Ban shooting at moving vehicles; #7 Require use of force continuum).

C. Improve hiring processes with the goals of further diversifying the TPD and avoiding hires with a history of violence or the advocacy of violence.

D. Reward officers for community engagement.

E. Assess progress to date in training police as required in I-940, Part IV., Section 5 and Part V. Section 6.

F. Track Tacoma’s overall compliance with I-940.

G. Coordinate TPD reform with city, county and state criminal justice system entities, beginning with mapping these connections to help the public understand them.
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As members of The Conversation, a Tacoma-based group engaged in the work of racial equity and healing, we applaud Mayor Woodards and the Tacoma City Council for adopting Tacoma Resolution No. 40622. We share your commitment to prioritize anti-racism in transforming Tacoma’s institutions, policies, and practices. In particular, we commend your focus on transforming the Tacoma Police Department. Encouraged by the city’s inclusion of community voices in earlier police reform efforts, we want to partner with you in achieving racial equity in policing.

As Resolution 40622 affirms, this historical moment in the trajectory toward racial justice calls all of us to come forward – the Mayor, the Council, local government and non-government institutions, and all Tacoma and South Sound residents. In alignment with this call and on behalf of The Conversation, we, the undersigned, petition the Council to prioritize the following dimensions of police reform.

I. Strengthen existing lines of communication between community residents and police

We appreciate that the Mayor and Council have established organizations for furthering communication between the public and the police. The Community Police Advisory Committee [CPAC], established in 2007, and Project Peace, established in 2015, continue in 2020.

As a next step, we need to build on these accomplishments by asking what success looks like for each organization, identifying the metrics and timelines that will be used to measure progress toward success, and then gathering the relevant data to find out what works, what doesn’t work, and why.

A. What progress has CPAC made toward aligning police policy with anti-racist goals? For example, is the community aware of their right to bring complaints about police policy to CPAC for review and the right to bring individual complaints directly to the TPD by calling 311 or going to the TPD website? Are residents reluctant to come forward out of fear and if so, could there be alternative mechanisms for policy or individual complaints? Given what we know about the less than healthy relationships prevailing between the police and communities, especially communities of color, in so many locales, we recommend that there be alternative modes of reporting to the ones now in place. Also, the city should undertake a campaign to make these options part of our shared everyday knowledge.

B. What impact has Project Peace had on the community’s experience of racial equity and inequity in policing? Their 2016 report identifies multiple action items (pages 37-43) and 20 recommendations selected from Black Lives Matter’s comprehensive police reform movement, Campaign Zero. Thus, Project Peace has created a framework for assessing progress that can be a resource for much of what we recommend in the rest of our petition. Given the breadth of issues identified in their report, Project Peace by itself cannot undertake the depth of assessment we are calling for. But after 5 years of work, Project Peace is in a good position to assess its own progress toward its core mission: integrating community voices into the police reform movement.

II. Create new partnerships between community residents and police

We are pleased to see that the 2016 Project Peace report called for continued outreach to specific communities including “youth and young adults of Color, Native Americans, Latinos, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community, immigrant communities undocumented residents, and high crime/high poverty neighborhoods” (44). Our next two priorities call for effective approaches to outreach – they are in the spirit of Project Peace.
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A. The Council has provided a schedule of weekly “systems transformation updates” at the City Council Study Sessions, which the public can access in real time and download within 24 hours. This action provides an important level of transparency and keeps the public informed. We remain concerned that the policing reform issue needs additional forums, since study sessions have to address so many different dimensions of transformation and are not interactive.

Establish an interactive process for ongoing, sustained community participation in each area of police reform identified in this petition and in additional areas of police reform that the Mayor and Council deem important. Participants should include people impacted by police intervention or behavior in each area as well as residents in or near Tacoma who have expertise in assessment. An interactive process will include forums for the City to hear from residents and for residents to receive feedback and reviews on progress and obstacles. A crucial next step is to develop a timeline for community residents to provide substantive input and for the community to be informed through reviews, action steps, and reporting out from the Mayor, Council, and TPD. Embedding police reform updates within the packed agenda of one-time monthly City Council meetings is important, as are the City Council study sessions, but they are not enough.

B. Invite the Puyallup Tribe and other native tribes in this region to directly participate in every stage of the police reform process that tribal communities deem important. In addition to securing a more stable reform movement by working together, a partnership on police reform might include opportunities for Tacoma to learn from the restorative justice practices of the Puyallup Tribe and of other native tribes.

Tacoma will thereby comply with the requirement in I-940 Part VII, Sec 9 that requires consultation with tribal members when a police officer has been involved in the use of deadly force against one of their community. While such compliance is crucial, it brings in tribal counsel and information-sharing after use of deadly force has occurred. We envision a level of involvement throughout the process of police reform to lessen the possibility of deadly force being used at all.

III. Establish alternatives to police actions whenever viable in order to reduce the potential for violence or crisis escalation

Because Pierce County has received a Healthcare action grant and funds from the Federal Bureau of Justice to support Law Enforcement diversion programs, Tacoma is well-positioned to receive assistance from the County to implement effective alternatives to police action. Especially encouraging is Tacoma’s own Behavioral Health Tax, since a city budget reflects a city’s values and priorities. Given these resources, the following priorities are within reach.

A. Take out of police jurisdiction those situations requiring skills and training outside of police officers’ core training by funding alternatives that prioritize care for the underserved:

- Implement new and innovative ways to enhance safety, including social service programs that are both preventative and responsive to acute situations and needs
- Reallocate funds from police or obtain funding elsewhere to support mental health practitioners
- Divert individuals with mental health or substance use disorders to the Diversion Program
- Publicize the importance of making calls to 211 (mental health/substance use) when 911 calls would bring police into a situation unnecessarily
B. Establish a clear model for implementation of law enforcement-assisted diversion when police are called to a scene where diversion to social services is needed; individuals might be experiencing homelessness, mental health crises, and substance abuse crises.

C. Establish a Community Trauma Response Team. We are pleased to see this approach included as an action item in the Project Peace 2016 (p.42). We remain committed to The Conversation’s 2015 Petition, which proposes such a team.

IV. Transform the Culture of Policing

A. Review police union contracts. Are these contracts aligned with the transformation of policing or do they preclude the implementation of police reform? If there are areas of the contracts that are not so aligned, the city must negotiate new terms. To increase public confidence in the police reform process, make these contracts, in their current and revised versions, easily available for public review to the extent possible under the law. A justice-based policing system can only be founded on union contracts that promote justice for all.

B. Review the “Eight Can’t Wait” Recommendations posted on The City’s “Transforming Tacoma” website. We applaud Chief Ramsdell’s call for a revision of policies not in alignment with “Eight Can’t Wait,” and are encouraged by the attention to policy review and increased training in 4 of the measures (#2 Require De-escalation; #3 Require warning before shooting; #5 Duty to intervene); and #8 Require Comprehensive reporting).

For the other four recommendations, we are concerned because the language used implies that current policies are sufficient and don’t require revisiting. Two of the recommendations are followed by a description of limits on how fully the measure can be limited (#1 Ban chokeholds and strangleholds; and #6 Ban shooting at moving vehicles) and two are described as already being current policy (#4 Exhaust all other means before shooting and #7 require use of force continuum). Given the importance of these four recommendations to securing safety for residents and for police officers, we hope to see these four included in TPD’s review of policy and training.

C. Review and improve hiring policies

1) “Hire for Diversity
   • Make it a top priority to hire and promote the highest-quality people that represent the diversity of the community, across the board including more women, Asian Americans, Latinos/as, Native Americans, and African Americans.
   • Also hire for diversity in life experiences, such as being connected to neighborhoods, growing up either in Tacoma or cities like Tacoma.
   • Hire people who can show empathy with victims of crime, who are not afraid to smile, to get out of the police car and interact in a positive way with people, who can demonstrate emotional intelligence, who are good listeners, who have patience, who don’t feel that it takes away from their authority to demonstrate kindness” (from “My Comments on Race in Tacoma: A Response to Ferguson” by Dexter Gordon, delivered at a community conversation at the Tacoma Grand Theatre, Dec 2, 2014.)
2) Screen applicants for viability
Individuals with a history of engaging in forms of violence, domestic or public, or affiliated with organizations advocating violence of any kind, should be ineligible for police work. That includes new applicants and also transfers from other jurisdictions.

D. Reward police for community engagement

1) Reward Officers for Connecting with the Community
   - Promote senior officers who treat all communities with respect, including communities of color.
   - Tie officers’ job evaluations to their success in community engagement.
   - Give patrol officers more regular beats and direct them to spend more time on foot, rather than in squad cars.
   - Assign officers for longer periods to specific geographic areas with the expectation that they get to know and become known by residents.
   - Engage the TPD with businesses, nonprofits, places of worship, and a wide variety of community organizations; all these should come to be seen as partners in crime reduction. [Adapted from Gordon, “A Response to Ferguson.”]

2) Reward Officers for Partnering with Activists and Community Groups
   - Work closely with groups across the city to connect with a network of street-smart youth mentors to identify teenagers most at risk of joining gangs or engaging in gun violence.
   - Work with those who design opportunities to connect job training, counseling, and financial support for young people who agree to abandon a life of crime.
   - Work with community organizers to ensure fair treatment of all. [Adapted from Gordon, “A Response to Ferguson.”]

E. Train police, adhering to principles and requirements established in I-940, part IV, Section 5 and in part V, Section 6. To move forward in these training areas, we must identify what progress has been made to date and where we have fallen short in the following areas:
   - de-escalation, including alternatives to physical or deadly force
   - mental health crisis response
   - implicit and explicit bias
   - rendering first aid
   - alternatives to jail, arrest, or citation
   - cultural competency

F. Track Tacoma’s compliance with I-940

Verifying that Tacoma is in compliance with I-940 training rules will require:
   - identification of benchmarks regarding how officers will grow in their abilities through new forms of learning and training
   - Development of metrics to assess how much progress has been achieved and what steps must be taken next to achieve transformation
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• Clarification from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission regarding issuing a rule-making order for I-940 that was due by mid-2019. The last entry was 9-17-2018. Did the commission complete the process in advance of the due date?

G. Coordinate with the many offices and entities whose work impacts the success of transforming policing in Tacoma

The TPD functions in concert with city, county, and state criminal justice systems. The complexity is daunting. We suggest mapping these relationships and sharing that map with the public.

We also recommend that the Mayor and Council track two relevant on-going Pierce County projects: The Trueblood Diversion Committee and the Data-Driven Justice work group. Much of their work could be adapted to the TPD and the other city-level agencies and units charged with transforming policing. The relevant information is included in the July 10, 2020 letter from Eve Bowen and Sally Perkins to County Executive Dammeyer and County Council Chair Richardson and its attached “Report of the Data Driven Justice Recommendations to the County Executive, 2-27-2020.” Included with that report is “The Sequential Intercept Model Map for Pierce County, WA,” and “The Cascade of Disproportionality in Criminal Justice.” These documents include rich insights on how data collection can further criminal justice reform, including police reform. These projects also remind us of the complex eco-system within which police departments operate. Coordination across different segments of this system is essential.

Conclusion:

The city has contracted with 21st Century Policing Solutions for an outside review of the TPD’s practices. We’ve reviewed 21CP Solutions’ completed reports for other police departments, and we are encouraged. However, our voice and other local voices are also needed for a comprehensive and enduring transformation of policing in Tacoma. We bring complementary forms of expertise to the process – and we will be here long after 21CP Solutions moves on to other communities.

Our goal with this petition includes an “ask,” which is all of the priorities discussed in this petition, and also an offer to partner with the City and the Council in anti-racism work. Our calls for assessment are numerous and detailed – and to be clear, by “assessment,” we mean both quantitative and qualitative assessment – a “metric” is not always a number. Given the range and depth of responsibilities of the Mayor and Council, we acknowledge that our “ask” is a heavy one.

We want to support this effort by identifying individuals with lived experience with racism-infected policing as well as individuals with the requisite expertise in criminal justice, policing, mental health, and assessment and then providing the Council, with the permission of those individuals, of course, with their names, qualifications, and contact information. Such a volunteer activity aligns with our mission and with our experience – over our 14 years of existence, we have been privileged to learn from a wide range of local individuals willing to share with us their voices, experiences, and expertise on these topics. And we are fortunate to live in an education-rich environment, with multiple community and four-year colleges in Tacoma and a renowned research institution as well as the acclaimed Race and Pedagogy Institute nearby: thus, The Conversation is in touch with a network of local people who are or know national experts and are active in or deeply versed in research and program innovations in the areas relevant to this petition.
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We look forward to hearing from you regarding our petition.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

The Conversation, Tacoma
Oneida Arnold
Eve Bowen
Callista Brown
Luke Byram
Barbara Church
Nancy Lee Farrell
Dexter Gordon
Tom Hathorn
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Cathy Carruthers
Sunrise Tacoma
Kit Burns
Dana Coggon
Kristin Ang
Good evening Mayor Woodard, City Manager Pauli, and Council Members, I am here tonight to garner your support for restoring/repairing/improving S.70th St., between Pacific and D St., D St., between 72nd and 70th. I am also asking that the speed bumps on S. 70th be repaired/replaced to match the parameters of the speed bumps located on S. Park. The speed bump that is not yet installed on D St. needs to be installed with these parameters.

ADA access on the SE corner of S.70th And D St. is an unsafe and flawed design. This corner needs the sidewalk and ADA ramp remediated immediately.

For CMs who do not know, our neighborhood had been under siege by the Grand Pacific development. There has been asbestos, silica, unsafe working conditions, noise, contempt, disrespect, and more.

Our roadway on 70th St. has been called a temporary roadway by city officials. Why is commercial traffic and parking being encouraged on an inadequate roadway without adequate curbing and sidewalk?

I urge all knowledgeable CMs to share my last email to you with colleagues. Please help me stop this situation from becoming a bigger mess. The neighborhood needs to be made whole and neighbors deserve safe passage whether by car or on foot. Please do not punish this neighborhood because someone somewhere made mistakes engineering and/or executing this task.

Thank you for your time,
Andrea Haug

Sent from my iPhone
Subject: Large gathering and events in Tacoma Parks - Photos July 5th, July 25th, August 2, 8, 22, Sept. 12, 19 2020 events at Manitou Park and Wapato Hills Park. 9.19.2020- 100+ people at Manitou Park and large party at Wapato Hills Park.

Tacoma City Clerk(s),

Please add to the City public comments record the addition to my comments regarding continued large gatherings in Tacoma public parks. This is a WA state COVID 19 violation.

Another set of large gatherings in two parks in South Tacoma.

Below are photos of a large gathering Saturday evening in Manitou Park.

100 + people, 50 + cars gathered for an impromptu memorial event. I was at the park and observed a Metro Parks Ambassador who observed and documented, and who educated the group that no large gatherings are currently allowed in parks. The group ignored the ambassador. The Metro Parks Ambassador advised me she had just previously addressed a large party at Wapato Hills Park where she also educated of no large gatherings but she was also ignored. The ambassador advised me she has instructions only to educate violators of no large gatherings, no enforcement of the Pandemic Proclamation.

I called 911. I received a call back from a sergeant advising me per instruction from leadership that TPD are only to educate and not enforce the WA Pandemic Proclamation. It is not a priority and an officer would not be showing up unless it was a safety issue. I asked him if infecting others with irresponsible behavior of gatherings (with no mask or no social distancing) is not a safety issue? Infecting others with a virus that can kill is not a safety issue?

I was advised to I take my questions up with leadership.

My question to you; who is instructing our police officers and MPT staff not to enforce the state COVID-19 violations?

Other cities are addressing this behavior but not in Tacoma parks.

The irresponsible behavior has continued for months and yet enforcement is not allowed.

What is it considered when other’s actions can infect others with this deadly virus which can cause illness and death?

A response is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Venus Dergan