

January 17, 2021,

To: Tacoma City Council

Cc: Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer

From: Peggy Birley, Co-owner of 225 Fish Hatchery Rd, Mossyrock, WA. 98532

Hello,

In response to your Notice of Public Hearing I guess I will just tell you how I feel. In our bid we explained how we wanted to divide the property. But according to Greg we didn't supply a legal document stating this. No where in your letter did it say we had to supply one. Even though 3 of the 4 joining land owners submitted letters supporting us.

If we or Thorsens had got it we would have divided evenly. Even Jensens would have gotten 100 feet. And everyone would have worked towards him getting a well. But instead we heard they didn't want "Birleys" to get anything. We heard this from a number of people.

Your letter said you didn't have to sell to highest bidder but reserved the right to sell to "whoever was best for the community". Well, that didn't work for any of us!

If you had an open bid you would have made a lot more money. Want to try again?

Also, Greg said that all three bidders made statements that they would work with our community. If Mike made that statement I would like to see if he put it in writing. Cause we did.

In your Resolution #U-11227 you said people complained about people using the property. Well, our family has been there since the early 1930's and we have never heard anyone complain. And we would have. Also, you called it mowed. Yes, we mowed it because it was a fire hazard to everyone around it.

If I sound sour, I'm not. We would have been happy for Thorsens to win as they would have split the property. We would have been happy for Cheryl and Mike also if they were willing to sell to everyone like we all would have. It would just be nice if they would just tell us their intentions.

Then we find out Jensens are moving all their trailers, boats, fire pit, maybe porta potty between Halls, McHenry and us till their home is built. They didn't have to tell us but it would have helped.

We have nothing against Mike and Cheryl and in fact we even like them and wish them well. Just wish they would be more open and up front with everyone so things wouldn't be such a shock.

Don't get me wrong, Mike and Cheryl have been good to us so far. They let us drive on their soon to be property. They let us park on it when we have campouts or need to park our trailer and play on it. We are thankful and appreciate it.

I talked to Cheryl today. It was a good talk. They plan on selling to neighbors after home is built. It might not be right away because Cheryl would like to live in their new home for awhile before working with neighbors. I believe they will sale to all of us. We should all talk more often.

We all just wished it could be kept as a nice lawn for all to use. Maybe it will be in the future.

Now for the big question. Why have a public hearing? What good does it do for any of us? Is it just to make us feel better?

Sincerely,

Peggy Birley

From: Jinene Erickson <pgejfe@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 11:16 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Notice of Public Hearing 1/26/2021

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City Council of Tacoma,

The owners of Lots 14 and 15 on Kris Kay Drive received your Notice in the mail. Our names are Patrick & Jinene Erickson, and Arne & Paula Thompson.

We don't know any details regarding this sale. But, we believe that the fair thing to do regarding the sale of that parcel of land would be to first offer it to the adjacent property owners, which would be Lots 1-4, and the lot owned by the Birley's before any one person should be able to buy all of the parcel. If one person owns all of it, that would block access to the lake. When these people bought their lots, they were told that they did have lake access properties. It isn't right to take that away from them.

Please consider this in your decision. Thank you.

Ericksons and Thompsons

From: Jinene Erickson <pgejfe@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 4:12 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fwd: Kris Kay Drive

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Tacoma Power,

Please see the attached comment from co-owners of lots 14 & 15 of Kris Kay Addition regarding the Notice of Public Hearing to be held next Tuesday, on January 26th.

They also agree that the other lots adjacent should be able to buy the property behind their lots, before anyone else can buy all of that parcel.

Thanks,

The Ericksons

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From: **Paula Thompson** <paulat503@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 3:25 PM
Subject: Kris Kay Drive
To: Jinene Erickson <pgejfe@gmail.com>

Hello! Arne and I (Paula) think the fair thing to do, under the circumstances, is to make sure that lots 1,2, and 4 get the first option to purchase the excess Tacoma Power property.

Arne and Paula Thompson

From: Cheryl Jensen <jensen.cheryl@ymail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 4:09 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Muller, Gregory
Subject: Resolution 40720

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank Tacoma Power for the chance to make our original 95x100 ft lot on Kris Kay Drive one on which we can build our dream home. Without the additional property we would be unable to drill a well as three sides of our property have either a septic tank or a drain field on them so we cannot make the 100 ft requirement apart to drill a well. We can't get a septic tank without water.

It will be so worth the the many many phone calls and the countless hours on emails it truly has been an arduous process getting things done during the pandemic. Never in our wildest dreams did we think it would take this long. We have tried to be patient and hope our neighbors can be also. We fully intend to sell to all adjacent property owners that express an interest once the dust settles.

We're so excited to finally be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel!

Thanks again!
Mike and Cheryl Jensen

Sent from my iPhone

From: Nathan Schumer <nss2108@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:58 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: End Police Violence in Tacoma

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To the Mayor and Members of the Council,

I am writing to ask that there be accountability for the acts of the officer who ran over community members on the 23rd. I was disturbed to hear how much of the meeting on the 25th was given over to issues of street racing, and I think the core problem is that members of the police force need to be held accountable for their actions in no case should a police officer assume that running over a bunch of people is a good idea. Likewise with the arrests of the organizers and the broken windows accountability first and foremost needs to be focused on the police, and look at how this set of decisions even came to be made. This officer should be investigated, the hospital bills of those who were harmed should be covered, and those involved in the coverup of Manuel Ellis' murder should face accountability. Is the Tacoma Police Department deserving of the funding it gets, when it cannot do its day to day work in a way that doesn't endanger the community?

Nathan Schumer

From: John Adams <john.adams7@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:11 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: RE: police violence on 1/23

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Dear Council,

The actions of the officer driving the vehicle on Saturday night demonstrated a horrific disregard for human life. The officer was in the superior position and could have taken other actions. He was either poorly trained or deeply disturbed to believe that he had no other option. If he acted out of fear than he has no place in law enforcement, but it is more likely that he acted out of a lack of care. The officer must be dismissed immediately and held criminally liable for his actions.

Sincerely

John W Adams

Tacoma DSA

From: Kayla Quinn <kaylala427@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:59 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: 1/26 Public Comment

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Good afternoon,

I am not able to attend the virtual forum or weekly Council meeting on January 26, 2021 so I am writing to submit my comment on record instead.

Specifically, I want to voice my concern about the January 23rd downtown Tacoma violence that occurred when a Tacoma Police officer used excessive deadly force and ran into and over several citizens. The police officer and the Tacoma Police Department need to be held accountable to this horrible act. Why did an officer without a dash or body camera respond to this incident? Why did an officer without a dash or body camera decide to approach the crowd in their vehicle alone? Why didn't the officer back-up? There are so many questions needing answers, and so much of this incident is very suspect. But it comes down to a member of the police department using extremely poor judgement and committing a deadly act against citizens. There needs to be consequences for the officer and that choice immediately. The Tacoma Police Department needs to have ALL officers equipped with body cameras TODAY. Additionally, while we work to root out and overhaul this racist system, we need a full investigation into the police department as a whole. We need external, independent entities paired with members of the community (like CPAC) to be able to conduct and complete transparent reviews and investigation into the police department. One suggestion I heard during the CPAC meeting was having those members be present for officer trainings so they have a firsthand look at exactly what is being trained and how we can fix the training because clearly officers are not ready to be in the streets if they can't handle having citizens close to their vehicle and think the only option is deadly force.

Furthermore, the Council's decision during the Monday night Special Meeting to spend half of it talking about street racing and the laws surrounding that is completely unacceptable and embarrassing. This incident has become National news. The world is watching to see how you will respond and the action you will take. What I witnessed in that meeting was the Council deflecting the real problem and trying to create criminals out of citizens instead of shining a light on the real issue of the police officer, the police department, policing as an institution, and the victims and families being affected by this violent act. One Council member even described that they were uncomfortable with the kind of discussion that was being had because it was so far removed from the reason the meeting was called in the first place. I was uncomfortable too. I was angry. I'm still angry and disappointed. I expect so much more out of my City Council. I'm watching closely to see what will be done about this and will be following up. The investigation needs to be expedited and they need to allow eyewitness testimony and citizen video footage.

~Kayla Quinn

From: oakschiller2 <oakschiller2@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:30 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: City Council Comment

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Dear City Council

The incident that happened this Saturday is more evidence that the police too often escalate a situation, instead of helping it. We need to find solutions to our problems that don't involve the police, and we need to defund TPD.

Jay Oak-Schiller, South End

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Megan Capes <capesmegan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:03 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Woodards, Victoria; Blocker, Keith; Thoms, Robert; Walker, Kristina; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; McCarthy, Conor; Hines, John; Hunter, Lillian
Subject: Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America Condemn Tacoma PD's Brutality

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Good morning y'all,

Listed below is a statement by Tacoma - Pierce County Democratic Socialists of America released yesterday via social media and sent to press contacts. I would like this submitted to the record for tonight's Community Forum. Thank you for your time in reading it. Feel free to reach out to me and my co-chair Rebecca Parson if you have any questions or would like to line up a meeting at chair@tacomadsa.org.

Community is reeling from the violent acts by Tacoma PD this weekend. As elected leaders of our community, I stand with Abolitionists of Pierce County in demanding justice and accountability which include:

1. Firing the officer who ran over our people
2. Firing Elizabeth Pauli as City Manager and moving to a strong-council model that is accountable to the people.
3. Justice for Manuel Ellis
4. Defund Tacoma Police Dept

In solidarity,

Megan Capes (she/her/hers)

Tacoma DSA co-chair



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 25, 2021

Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America Condemn Tacoma PD's Brutality

TACOMA, WA - Tacoma-Pierce County Democratic Socialists of America (TDSA) strongly condemns the actions of the Tacoma Police Department officer who ran down pedestrians late Saturday night in yet another act of police brutality carried out upon our neighbors. This was not a random act, but the result of continued refusals by City Manager Elizabeth Pauli to bring violent officers to justice, including those who murdered Manuel Ellis in March last year.

City Manager Pauli was not elected to her position, and has proven that she does not represent the people of Tacoma or their best interests. For this reason, we strongly urge Mayor Woodards and the City Council to fire City Manager Elizabeth Pauli, and commit to meaningful city charter reform to eliminate this unelected position and empower the council to act.

We further condemn the arrest of local community organizers with Tacoma Action Collective and Tacoma Protest Daily at Saturday night's protest. Additionally, Tacoma PD officers stood by and watched as a far-right agitator maced and threw punches at the crowd gathered to protest TPD's violence.

In the almost one year since Tacoma Police Officers murdered Manuel Ellis, there has still been no serious attempt by the city to curb TPD's brutality. We condemn in the strongest terms all police violence against the people of our city, and again call on the City Council to defund and disband this department which sucks up our city's resources while brutalizing our people.

Tacoma DSA is a socialist organization whose members live and work in Tacoma and Pierce County. We envision a humane social order based on popular control of resources and production, economic planning, equitable distribution, and total social equality for all people.

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From: Leslie Makue <misslesliemakue@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 12:46 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Saturdays incident * street racing

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Its unfortunate that people were ran over by the police, that should have been handled better by Tacoma PD. However, all of those people are old enough to know that what they were doing was not only unsafe, but illegal! If people choose to take part in doing donuts in the middle of an intersection...be a bystander and watch...then you should know those types of engagements can get out of hand quickly! Just like this incident.

Again, if people weren't breaking the law...then there wouldn't have been such a large gathering.

The police wouldn't have come, no one would have gotten ran over. Don't cry over spilled milk..that comes with the territory.

The police officer handled that poorly and should be retrained for sure.

ON ANOTHER NOTE: there will be more street racing, donuts and car shows to come...City leaders should understand this! This is what the kids do..youll need to be able to tap in and get their perspective...or you can have riots, protests and destruction of property. Just like Seattle.

Summer is approaching...IT COULD POTENTIALLY GET OUT OF HAND QUICKLY and City leaders NEED YOUNGER COMMUNITY Members and LEADERS TO HELP BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS AND THE CITIES Future EXPECTATIONS..

My suggestion .provide them a designated area..

Away from traffic, intersections, people...businesses. If you want to street race, do donuts...etc.. This is space to do it at...but they assume liability at their own risk, the city

is not legally responsible for any mishaps that may occur.

If not, theyll continue to keep doing what their doing...and it will continue to be a problem...we'll be on here next year saying the same thing! You can fine them, arrest them, put more patrols out...but you won't stop them! There are too many of them...who do this for fun...theyre everywhere...traveling city to city...in just one night...Ive witnessed it personally! Impossible to stop.

Sincerely,

Leslie Makue

Tacoma home owner

Lincoln/Eastside area

From: Rob Rainwater <rcrainwater1@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 7:24 AM

To: City Clerk's Office

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Police officer mobbed by street racers.

I am totally in support of our police dept., and absolutely am disappointed in the disrespectful mob confronting the police. Our community must stand in support of our police officers, and fight the only legacy left behind by the trump administration. "Stupid people in large number rules the situation". Dont let these idiots define one officers career by their stupidity. Thankyou.

Rob Rainwater

From: Debra James <Debra8234930@mail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 5:44 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: ! ongoing road condition issues 1/14/21

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Hello!

Can the City of Tacoma please somehow do something about the horrible road condition right at the intersection of North Orchard and North 46th street? (Particularly if driving westbound on 46th right at that intersection.) This is the shoddiest construction finish work I have ever driven my car over, and on a daily basis I have to slow down to about 5-mph as I creep over this section of road repair, for fear there will be damage to my car's suspension.

Furthermore, I can't believe there are no road signs warning motorcyclists to use extreme caution at that area. I realize the speed limit is under 30-mph here but unfortunately people constantly drive way too fast on this street.

I just feel that the subcontractor (hired by the city) to perform this road work needs to be responsible for completing the repair correctly so the road is flat and safe.

And on another note - Ruston Way is falling apart as a result of all the rain. Pothole after pothole after pothole. I fear that one day some 25 foot pothole will form (or sinkhole) that someone will drive right into (just like it already happened there back in 2016) and this will be a disaster. Maybe it's time to completely re-surface this whole road.

Thanks

Debra
Tacoma, WA

From: Chris Moore <cdmoore207@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Pauli, Elizabeth; Pauli, Elizabeth; City Manager; TPD IA; Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; Hunter, Lillian; McCarthy, Conor; Walker, Kristina; City Clerk's Office
Subject: URGENT

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Hello,

I am calling on you all as city employees to abolish the Tacoma Pol*ce Department for their gross misconduct in the hit and run last night and for the ongoing disrespect they have given to the family of **MANU3L 3LLIS**.

This has gone on long enough, the people of Tacoma need better leadership that will dissolve the pol*ce department and redistribute funds back to the community. You can no longer sit in silence, we have never stopped listening, your silence is deafening. Please do something for the love of all that is good. **It is abhorrent that the city has not fired the occifers involved in the m*rder of MANU3L 3LLIS and the occifer who drove through the crowd last night.**

Be better. Do something. What are we paying you for.

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Chris Moore

(253) 592-9294

From: luciadill@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Ushka, Catherine; Woodards, Victoria
Cc: City Manager; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Response to January 23, 2021

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Dear Mayor Woodards and Council Member Ushka,

I am a constituent of Tacoma, zip code 98408, District 4. I am writing again with concern about the Tacoma Police Department after a police officer was filmed accelerating into a crowd on 9th and Pacific on January 23rd. In response, I demand that the city government to take 4 main actions as quickly as possible:

1. Fire Tacoma Police Officer Khanh Phan, the officer responsible, immediately
2. There needs to be an independent investigation of the officer and these violent actions
3. City council needs to defund the TPD by 50%
4. Use these funds to bolster current and new services and programs that support: housing, food, education and other community security needs. It's time to serve the whole community and its safety, particularly by listening to BIPOC leadership and demands.

The violent response of January 23rd is a clear indication of violence of the Tacoma Police Department. Instead of upholding public safety, the actions of last night continue to reveal a lack of safety when the police officer put a number of people in jeopardy and injured at least one person.

This act comes after many others, in particular the 5 officers who are still under investigation for the murder of Manuel Ellis (which even with video proof is still in question almost a year later).

We demand accountability and an end to police violence. Please support me and the many Tacoma community members who have been demanding to defund the police in order to begin to build a better Tacoma.

Sincerely,
Lucia Dill

S Sheridan Ave
Tacoma, WA 98408

From: Robb Krehbiel <robb.krehbiel@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Woodards, Victoria; Beale, Chris; Walker, Kristina; McCarthy, Conor; Hunter, Lillian; City Clerk's Office; Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine
Subject: Tacoma Police Reform and Accountability

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Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Blocker, and City Councilmembers,

Like many Tacomans, I woke up feeling angry and hopeless. Last night, when responding to reports of street racing, Tacoma Police officers ran over a crowd of protesters. The videos that appeared last night highlighted three main things for me.

First, the Tacoma Police are not trusted by the community. Whenever I see police, I fear that they are bringing violence, harassment, and death to my neighborhood. Tacoma Police murdered Manny Ellis not too far from my house. When cops arrive on the scene they escalate problems they do not solve them.

Second, the Tacoma Police have little to no regard for human life and they are not capable of responding to situations calmly or peacefully. The few interactions I have had with police in Tacoma have been with hot-headed men who act like military officers, not community resources.

Lastly, last night highlighted the lack of action being taken by my city government. What is being done to hold police accountable in this city? What is being done to reform policing in our city? I've heard heartfelt speeches from many of you, and have even seen some of you at protests for racial justice and policing reform. What I haven't seen is any action. I haven't seen leadership. I haven't seen the police officers who murdered Tacomans fired. I haven't seen any accountability for Tacoma City Manager Elizabeth Pauli, who is obstructing justice and reform.

What is the city council doing for policing in Tacoma? You approved a raise for Ms. Pauli, despite the fact that she did not fire any of the cops who murdered Manny Ellis (as requested by Mayor Woodards). I have seen the city budget for police increase despite consistent calls from the community to reduce Tacoma's policing budget. I have also seen the city council kick the can of reform down the road, planning to study reforms for several years, which will likely be followed by several more years of policy debate around the recommendations from the study, and ultimately resulting in only partial implementation of a handful of the recommended reforms. All the while, police in Tacoma will continue killing, injuring, and harassing people.

I don't see any urgency. I don't see any boldness. I don't see any action.

I feel beyond frustrated to see the name of my city, once again, making national headlines because of the horrendous actions of a police department I unwillingly fund with my tax dollars. I am also beyond disappointed that my city council is failing to act as police continue to terrorize our communities.

Please let me know what actions are being taken to hold the specific police officers involved with excessive and deadly use of force incidences. Also let me know what specific actions the city plans to take to reform policing in Tacoma, including the timeline for these actions.

Thank you.

Robb Krehbiel

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