Hello, my name is Ji. I'm an ICU nurse working in Tacoma. I'm calling in because I'm concerned about the expansion of oil companies here in Tacoma and its effect on the community's health. As a nurse, I work regularly with people who are the sickest of the sick. Allowing this expansion would negatively affect our community's health and put us at a higher risk of disease in the future. Oil extraction impacts the local soil, water, and air, and in turn, our health. Current evidence repeatedly points to health impacts of living in these conditions, such as cancer, immunodeficiency, neurological, and respiratory disease. Numerous studies show that people living near oil and gas facilities are at a higher risk of exposure to hazardous air pollutants.

Even if we are not working at the fossil fuel facilities or living near them, allowing this expansion will affect us for generations. In order to protect the community's health, we need to halt the expansion of existing fossil fuel facilities NOW. If we don't act now, we are looking at an expansion that can affect the health of not only ourselves, but our parents, children, grandchildren, and so on. My priority is the health of the community, and allowing this expansion would most definitely negatively impact our health.

Best,

Ji Kim, RN BSN
Tacoma City,

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Thank you,

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Best regards,

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From: Steve <storms123@aol.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 6:11 PM  
To: City Manager <CityManager@cityoftacoma.org>  
Subject: Interim Regulation

Dear City Manager  

I prepared testimony for the amendment of the Interim Regulations. I thought I had 2 minutes but had to shorten it to meet the 90 second limit.  

Please share my complete comments with the City Council.  

Thanks  

Steven Storms
There are so many reasons that there should be no more expansions of fossil fuel in the Port of Tacoma. Tribal issues, social justice issues, race inequities, etc. could all be brought up, but I am a Chemical Engineer and will let others expound on those areas. I will stick to the scientific facts.

We are in the beginning of a global warming climate disaster. In many ways, it appears to be a possible extinction event, that will impact the whole planet. We can not afford to turn a blind eye to the problem and continue to do business as usual. As environmentalists, we are sometimes ignored and thought of as extremists. This is no longer the case. Starting with the Paris Climate Accord, the global warming issue has been promoted to front of the list.

I would like to tell you of more recent information that can not be ignored.

1. Yesterday, May 18, the International Energy Agency (IEA), which is probably the most prestigious agency in the world issued a report that said the world must stop approving new fossil fuel projects and phase out gasoline powered vehicles, “if they want to avert the most catastrophic effects of climate change”. This is not an environmental group, it is the agency that advises world capitals on energy policy. https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/18/climate/climate-change-emissions-IEA.html?fbclid=IwAR3BUAk5serp7DkDrSD5fwCHZScabbund7NQ0RJBMi_MzVm8n7gVOmhLv9M

2. The “Social Cost” of continued use of fossil fuel was calculated by the Federal Interagency Working Group in 2017. Trump disbanded the group, but President Biden just restored it. He now is using the “social cost” of $51 per ton of carbon dioxide for all evaluations, but expects a revised number of over $100 per ton next year. In case you are interested, the social cost of the LNG plant in Tacoma would be over $1 billion. https://www.cbsnews.com/news/carbon-social-cost-raised-by-biden/?fbclid=IwAR1jYI_XI-A-9HPpR0snVh34wYm2Rxnce2OQiRRW2QQE7oq-TAmuQGgbAzDo

3. The cost of solar power has dropped to the point that it cheaper than fossil fuel generation. Not only is it cheaper, but it also reduces carbon emissions. The planet is on a carbon budget that will surely exceed the maximum allowed to prevent global warming. Besides reducing new emissions, it is very probable that some of the existing carbon emissions will have to be captured. Simply speaking to prevent the climate catastrophe, some of the excess CO2 will need to be captured at a very high cost. A recent study found that using coal (about the same for natural gas, LNG or oil). When the cost of carbon capture is included, generating electricity from fossil fuel is about 4 times more costly than solar. This does not include any health or environmental damage (see Social Costs listed above), just the additional cost of carbon capture. https://www.dw.com/en/how-many-solar-panels-do-we-need-to-save-the-climate/a-56020809?fbclid=IwAR2L27QFvmPJVvt3j1d-nQT4TL9l8jXxmBGcntXnrXg6QCGSW76nDTKQ

Tacoma is part of the problem. The hesitancy to eliminate new fossil fuel projects is almost sinful. Allowing expansions of existing fossil fuel facilities is intolerable. Tacoma should be ashamed of it’s reputation for encouraging and attracting these types of facilities. It must stop.

Steven Storms
Tacoma City,

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

Please take action to ban all expansions for industry in the Tacoma Tideflats, even if you cannot pass the recommended Non-Interim Regulations, at this time. You will be taking a big step to halt longterm climate pollution for the city and the planet and short term chemical pollution for people who live and work nearby and the health of the waters.

Please do not give an advantage also to one industry over another, as new business is not allowed to build while old businesses are. This is not a fair policy and certainly not fair to everyone who depends on their work at these businesses, to be strung along, year after year, wondering when the regulations will be determined.

We need you to be brave, and take final action - our future depends on it.

Thank you,

Anne Kroeker
City of Des Moines resident

Anne Kroeker
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From: Brooke Harrison <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 4:05 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tacoma Deserves A Low Carbon Tideflats

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Respect the Puyallup tribe, stand with the Puyallup tribe! Be an example to cities across the nation of what it means to be in good relationship with all of your citizens and the planet!

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Thank you,
Brooke Harrison

Brooke Harrison
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Tacoma, Washington 98405
I have been a Tacoma/Fircrest resident for 40 years, I’m a voter and I’m concerned about the climate crisis. I support CM Chris Beal’s amendment to prohibit an expansion of existing fossil fuel, chemical or mining uses. Protect our Tideflats! Thanks for this consideration.

Mary Forman
Tacoma City,

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

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Thank you,

Melissa Roberts
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Dear City Council,

I understand that at tonight's council meeting you will be voting on the renewal of the interim regulations which have been voted on several times before. Since you have now delayed consideration of the non-interim regulations for several more months, I have a particular concern re: an amendment introduced by Councilmember Chris Beale which will ban the expansion of existing fossil fuel facilities. As a local United Methodist pastor who has followed this issue for some time, I want to express my full support for his amendment. The climate crisis demands that we get serious about cleaning up the air we breathe, and that means we must find ways to prohibit rather than expand the use of fossil fuels. No one says it will be easy, but it is essential if our children and our planet are to have any hope for a brighter, cleaner future. We are counting on you for the leadership you can provide on this issue. Thank you for doing the right thing.

Gratefully,

Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark
Dear Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Blocker, Councilmember Beale, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, and Walker,

Thank you for your service on so many fronts, including today’s resolutions 40784 and 40785 protecting our Puget Sound waters and moving forward on increasing EV charging stations.

I can’t attend tonight’s meeting, and am writing to urge you to vote yes on the amendment to Ordinance 28759.

We need the council to do more on climate. Last week’s vote to send the Non-Interim Tideflats Regulations over to IPS was yet another delay in doing that work that needs to happen quickly for us to be successful in combatting climate change. Councilmember Beale’s amendment to Ordinance 28759 is a stopgap measure that needs your vote. While IPS carries out the work of introducing the proposed amendments, that we did not get to see, to the public, inviting comment and deliberating, we need a total stop on expansions for existing fossil fuel companies, dangerous chemical manufacturing, and surface mining at the Tideflats. The definition of what that means is in the Non-Interim Regulations. The code language has been carefully thought out.

The whole purpose of the Interim Regulations was to preserve the status quo at the Tideflats until the subarea plan was complete. That work has been unexpectedly slow for a variety of reasons, and yet the status quo was not maintained because of loopholes in the language of the Interim Regulation allowing for existing companies to expand. The Non-Interim Regulations were to put a stop to that last week. The amendment must be passed; that intention must be maintained with no loopholes for another bunch of months with no certainty of what comes next.

Climate change is hammering at our door, each year with some new unhappy news. Our kelp beds that feed the salmon are disappearing off our shores because of the changing ocean climate in temperature and acidity. Fire season is getting longer, serious flooding more frequent, and we all know this. The community has been vocal on many occasions. Waiting makes things worse, as every bit of emissions adds to what is already up there thickening the heat retaining blanket around our earth with its temperature raising consequences. I would like us to stay green, healthy, and able to meet all of our needs for a livable future for all. It requires intention, planning and leadership. Vote yes on the amendment. It’s ok for the fossil fuel companies to be patient for a few months and maintain their status quo.

Thank you.

Elly Claus-McGahan

Elly Claus-McGahan, PhD
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Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:59 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Tacoma Deserves A Low Carbon Tideflats

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Thank you,

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Tacoma, Washington 98406
Hello. My name is Dylan Ruggeri and I am a 21-year-old student at Pacific Lutheran University and a member of Sunrise Tacoma. Currently, I am serving as Sunrise’s Good Green Jobs Fellow because I know that good jobs and stopping climate change can only happen together, not apart. Longshoremen deserve to work in safe, renewable energy systems that provide clean water and clean air, not polluted unhealthy environments. That’s why I’m urging you to support a ban on all fossil fuel expansion until the non-interim regulations can be passed.

The U.N. has made it clear that we have less than 9 years to stop using fossil fuels before the worst of climate change impacts are unstoppable. We do not have time to wait. Fossil fuel expansion must stop now, for the sake of workers who deserve good clean jobs, the Puyallup tribe who deserves healthy salmon, and my generation who deserves a livable future.

It’s time to put a pin in it: support a ban on all fossil fuel expansion until the non-interim regulations can be passed.

I also want to use this time to state my fierce opposition to Ordinance 28756. This cruel effort to criminalize houselessness is awful for all residents of Tacoma. Not only would it make it even harder for houseless people to find shelter and the community that they need, but it would put Tacoma on the map as an inhumane and classist city that only supports our wealthy residents. We deserve a Tacoma that is good for everyone. If you want houseless people off the streets, invest in the adequate shelter for them and de-invest in the cruel prison system which we all know is extremely racist and classist.

Tacoma deserves better. Support a ban on all fossil fuel expansion until the non-interim regulations have been passed and oppose Ordinance 28756. It is your duty to represent all of Tacoma.

Thank you,
Dylan Ruggeri (they/he)
From: Barbara Menne <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:50 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
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Tacoma City,

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

I live in the 6th Ave area of Tacoma and attended last week’s meeting where the decision of postponement was announced. I was disappointed with the decision, but there is a way to hold onto citizens’ trust in our political process. I urge you to pass Councilmember Beale’s amendment that halts any expansion of existing high-risk fossil fuel, chemical and mining facilities. Any expansion in this interim period would lock Tacoma into long term fossil fuel infrastructure that is counter to Tacoma’s climate action plan and could set Tacoma up for the possibility of stranded assets. Our communities and planet have suffered enough pollution at the hands of big oil and fossil fuel industries.

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Thank you,

Barbara Menne
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Tacoma City,

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Thank you,

Kimberly Keith
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Tacoma City,

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Thank you,

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Please accept the attached comments on the Interim Regulations for the Tacoma Tideflats from the Sierra Club Tatoosh Group of Pierce County.

Thank you,

Brett Johnson, Co-Chair
Dorothy Walker, Co-Chair
Sierra Club Tatoosh Group of Pierce County
May 18, 2021

Mayor Victoria Woodards  
Council Member John Hines  
Council Member Robert Thoms  
Deputy Mayor Keith Blocker  
Council Member Catherine Ushka  
Council Member Chris Beale  
Council Member Lillian Hunter  
Council Member Connor McCarthy  
Council Member Kristina Walker  

Tacoma Municipal Building  
747 Market Street  
Tacoma, WA  98402

Dear Mayor Woodards and Council Members:

Thank you for accepting these comments made on behalf of the members of the Sierra Club Tatoosh Group of Pierce County. We urge you to amend the Interim Regulations to prohibit the expansion of fossil fuel facilities on the Tideflats.

The Tacoma community and the Puyallup Tribe are looking forward to the Subarea Plan which will hopefully describe, regulate and ensure the kind of development which will protect the health and safety of the citizens, provide green employment opportunities and protect the environment from polluting fossil fuel industries.

In an attempt to prevent further compromising development during this process the City Council wisely enacted Interim Regulations. We have seen the flaws in these regulations in the more than three years of their existence. Fossil fuel industries have been able to expand their existing facilities unchecked. This loophole needs to be closed.
We supported the Planning Commission’s plan for Non-Interim Regulations to fix problems recognized in the Interim Regulations and eliminate the necessity of renewing the Interim Regulations every six months. However, Instead of passing the Non-Interim regulations, the Council chose to delay action yet again.

We believe delaying the process to adopt Non-Interim Regulations and allowing existing facilities to continue expanding--after over four years of residents calling to close this huge loophole--is really not acceptable. Failing to strengthen the Interim Regulations would allow unchecked expansions while Non-Interim regulations and the Subarea Plan are finalized. We will lose the opportunity for the type of economic development we want and need and solidify the hold of the fossil fuel industry on the Tideflats for years.

Please, use this renewal period to strengthen the Interim Regulations and expeditiously finalize the Non-Interim Regulations to finally protect Tacoma from new and expanded fossil fuel developments. Delay is the fossil fuel industry's favorite tactic, please do not let further delay give them any more time to expand.

Sincerely,

Brett Johnson, Co-Chair
Dorothy Walker, Co-Chair
Sierra Club Tatoosh Group of Pierce County
Attn City Clerk

I want to express my opposition to the draft motion that will prohibit expansion of existing fossil fuel, chemical and mining uses. Passage of this motion will short circuit the planning process. As previously discussed at length, this will put the economic engine of the Tideflats at risk. We CAN find a viable path forward that supports all stakeholders, but we cannot do it if we take away the time to discuss these complex issues.

We were working toward reaching a workable consensus, but now that is being circumvented. We need precise and transparent regulations that meet the needs of all stakeholders. We do NOT need to impose a false deadline that will prevent the time needed to negotiate.

I sincerely request that you do not pass this motion.

Regards
Chance Rewolinski
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Tacoma City,

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

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Thank you,

Lindsay Walker
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tacoma, Washington 98407
Tacoma City,

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

Having grown up in the south end of Tacoma just 4 blocks from Lincoln High School, I experienced pollution being brought our way with the wind. Doctors tell us respiratory issues have increased dramatically in the last several decades. Our communities and planet have suffered enough pollution at the hands of big oil and fossil fuel industries.

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Thank you,

Carol Colleran  
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Lakewood, Washington 98498
Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

I read this while holding my new six week old baby. I sincerely hope that we can keep his future safe.

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Anna Markee
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Thank you,

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Please see the attached written public comments submitted for the May 18 City Council meeting regarding ORD28759.

Sean Eagan
Government Affairs Director
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May 18, 2021

Tacoma City Council
747 Market Street
Tacoma, WA 98402

RE: Public Comment on ORD28759- Beale Amendment

Dear Mayor Woodards and Members of the Tacoma City Council:

On behalf of the Port of Tacoma, I would like to thank you for recognizing the concerns and inconsistencies in the Planning Commission’s recommendation for industrial land use regulations. Please know this is not a criticism of the Planning Commission as they too voiced their concerns with the tight timeframe and the challenge of producing a cohesive and thoughtful work product. Like many in the community, we want resolution of the development regulations and to move forward on the Subarea Plan process. These are complex issues and deserve your thoughtful consideration.

With that in mind, we would like to share our concerns with the proposed amendment offered up by Councilmember Beale. Our concerns relate to vagueness and lack of transparency.

1. The proposed amendment fails to identify specific changes to City codes. Further, the terms used in the amendment are vague and do not inform the public as to the scope of activity subject to the new prohibition. For example, the term “expansion” is not defined, and conflicts with non-conforming use provisions of the City’s land use code which would be otherwise applicable to legally existing uses at the time of a land use code amendment. See, e.g., TMC 13.06.010(L). Similarly, the “fossil fuel”, “chemical”, and “mining” do not align with existing codes or the “interim industrial land use restrictions” provisions found in the interim regulations.

2. The proposed amendment excepts out those uses which have previously undergone SEPA review where associated mitigation “has been identified and fully funded or completed.” It is unclear what types of applications this would exempt from the prohibition. Moreover, under state law, vested rights generally attach at the time of complete application, and not at time of later SEPA review or implementation of mitigation. See, e.g., RCW 58.17.033 (subdivisions), RCW 19.27.095 (building permits).

3. The proposed amendment expands the scope of the interim zoning controls as previously enacted in 2017 and subsequently renewed. Therefore, if the proposed amendment is adopted, the City Council must also hold a public hearing within sixty days and adopt supporting findings of fact justifying the need for additional controls. See RCW 36.70A.390 and TMC 13.05.030(E)(2).
Given the complexity of the issues involved, the vagueness, and the lack of transparency associated with the proposed amendment, we ask you to reject the proposed amendment and instead renew the Interim Regulations as is and refer the Planning Commission’s recommendation to the Infrastructure Planning and Sustainability committee for additional review.

Sincerely,

Sean Eagan
Government Affairs Director

cc: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
    Steve Victor, Dep
    Port of Tacoma Commission
    Eric Johnson, Port of Tacoma Executive Director
    Heather Burgess, Port of Tacoma Legal Counsel
Tacoma ,

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

I have to be honest with you. It is hard for me to understand why we are still having this discussion. Why are we not choosing to protect our environment, our children and living spaces? How many more oil tankers are we going to allow to roll through our city, how long are we going to choose to be the armpit of Washington State???????? What will it take for you all to grasp the realities of the damage that is being done? Please stop further expansion by fossil fuel companies whether they be already present or new to the tide flats.

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Thank you, Linda

Linda Fortune
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Tacoma City,

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Thank you,

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Dear members of the Tacoma City Council,

Attached to this email please find a petition circulated by Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility calling for the strengthening of the interim regulations and adoption of non-interim regulations. Thank you for your service.

Warm regards,

Nick Manning
Climate Program Manager
Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility

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Dear Tacoma City Council,

The Staff, Board Members, Volunteers, & Members of Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility (WPSR), and the Undersigned strongly urge Tacoma City Council to adopt Non-Interim Regulations on fossil fuel project development proposed by the Planning Commission and halt all projects under consideration.

For years, we have borne witness to the development of one fossil fuel project after another on the Tacoma Tideflats, a vulnerable ecosystem vital to the Salish Sea and sacred to the Puyallup Nation.

This unchecked and egregious series of developments and projects have happened while Interim Regulations have been in place and loosely enforced. After years of public comment and engagement from those calling to close this matter dangerous loophole enough is enough.

Delaying the process to adopt Non-Interim Regulations and allowing existing facilities to continue expanding is simply unacceptable. Industrial fossil fuel activity has created a harmful decrease in air quality in the Tacoma Tideflats that disproportionately harms those living in closest proximity, a majority of whom are People of Color or low/middle-income.

Action to protect the health of Tacoma residents is long overdue: the Tacoma City Council cannot continue to prioritize industry over human wellbeing.

We have engaged in years of work to repair flawed Interim Regulations. We have seen the City Council fail to act to prevent expanded fossil fuel projects in the region despite overwhelming public action and two separate Planning Commission processes.

The draft code the Planning Commission has developed, and we would most like to underscore our support for these Non-Interim Regulations. We urge you to adopt the Planning Commission’s recommendation to ban all new fossil fuel facilities within the City of Tacoma.

For years, this Council seems to have placed the fossil fuel industry’s bottom line ahead of public health. We ask that you reverse course, invest in public health, adopt Non-Interim Regulations, and consider amendments that prohibit the expansion of existing fossil fuel facilities.

WPSR is a 501(c)3 organization working to create a healthy, just, peaceful, and sustainable world by taking on the gravest current threats to human health and survival.

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Failing to strengthen the Interim Regulations leaves the door open to expansions while Non-Interim Regulations and the Subarea Plan are finalized, locking in new fossil fuels, and taking options off the table for the type of sustainable economic development we want to invest in. Further delay in adopting strong Non-Interim Regulations would only serve to allow fossil fuel companies to lock in greater expansions that will continue to threaten our communities and waterways for decades to come.

Please act in the interests of the people of Tacoma, Pierce County, and all those whose lives will be impacted by future fossil fuel project development. Act now to adopt Non-Interim Regulations to protect and preserve public health and our environment.

Thank you,

Max Savishinsky (Executive Director, WPSR) and the Undersigned:

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Mr. John Alder | Spokane, WA 99207
Bhante Nuntiya Bhikkhu | Ravensdale, WA 98051
Mrs. Lue Ellen Budinick | Lakewood, WA 98499
Ms. Connie Campbell | Olympia, WA 98512
Mr. Roland Carette-Meyers | Seattle, WA 98106
Dr. Linda Carroll | Spokane, WA 99205
Dr. Sara Cate | Yakima, WA 98902
Rev. Catharine Cline | Lacey, WA 98503
Ms. Judith Cohen | Seattle, WA 98112
Mx. Kelly Connelly | Seattle, WA 98112
Dr. Stephanie Develle | Kirkland, WA 98034
Ms. E Ellis | Aberdeen, WA 98520
Mr. Gill Fahrenwald | Olympia, WA 98507
Ms. Nancy Farrell | Tacoma, WA 98406
Ms. Natalie Franz | Tacoma, WA 98405
Mr. Steven Gary | Seattle, WA 98118
Ms. Mary Hanson | Seattle, WA 98105
Ms. Elizabeth Heath | Seattle, WA 98106

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Mr. Jared Howe | Seattle, WA 98108
Ms. Lura Irish | Lakebay, WA 98349
Ms. Lorrain Johnon | Seattle, WA 98125
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Mr. Christopher Lawrence | Spokane, WA 99203
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Dr. Virgene Link-New | Anacortes, WA 98221
Dr. James Little | Seattle, WA 98105
Mr. Mike Lyman | Colville, WA 99114
Ms. Millie Magner | Seattle, WA 98199
Ms. Shannon Markley | Shoreline, WA 98177
Mr. Roger Martin | University Place, WA 98466
Mrs. Niousha Mashayekh | Seattle, WA 98199
Ms. Brenda Michaels | Port Townsend, WA 98368
Mr. James Mulcare | Clarkston, WA 99403
Mr. Ralph Myer | Seattle, WA 98146
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Mr. Kaveh Shoorideh | Seattle, WA 98199
Dr. Michael Soman | Bainbridge Is, WA 98110
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Thank you.

Respectfully,
Arthur Levine

Arthur Levine
soundhypno@gmail.com
26231 188th Ave. SE
Covington, Washington 98042
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We need you to be brave, our future depends on it, because no one likes passing gas.

Thank you,

Stan Shaw
drawstanley@me.com
3818 South 9th Street
Tacoma, Washington 98405-2118
From: Kirsten Randall <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 4:48 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Tacoma Deserves A Low Carbon Tideflats

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Thank you,

Kirsten Randall
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5921 S J ST
Tacoma, Washington 98408
Tacoma City,

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

We are in a climate emergency because CO2 just passed 420 PPM in our atmosphere! Fracked gas or methane is extremely harmful to our environment and must be banned. New construction must be electric only with heat pumps, etc. We must also ban the fracked gas LNG project in Tacoma. It is vital that we get this done now!

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Thank you,

Joel Carlson
fox7799@gmail.com
3634 Loren St NE
Lacey, Washington 98516
From: Steve Williams <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 4:25 PM
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Thank you,

Steve Williams
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Tacoma, Washington 98406
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Thank you,

Joy Vartanian
dressagejoy@gmail.com
PO Box 537
Fox Island, Washington 98333
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Thank you,

Dylan Ruggeri
sunrisemovement.tacoma@gmail.com
Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma, Washington 98447
Tacoma City,

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

I live on Dock Street at the edge of the tideflats and am totally opposed to adding or expanding fossil fuel facilities in the area. Our communities and planet have suffered enough pollution at the hands of big oil and fossil fuel industries. It seems that the City Council is caving in to pressure from big polluters. We all need clean air and water, not more dangerous fossil fuel facilities, especially in a highly populated area, although of course the whole planet needs protection from polluters.

We must ensure that our climate future is secured by STOPPING the expansions of corporate polluters in the Tacoma Tideflats.

Please, please for the health and welfare of all in Tacoma, pass a ban on expansions while the city deliberates on how to pass Non-Interim Regulations.

Thank you,

Carolyn Blasdel
blasdelc@comcast.net
1515 Dock St Unit 319
Tacoma, Washington 98402-3255
Tacoma City,

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Thank you,

Cathleen McConnell
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7001, Clement ave
Tacoma, Washington 98409
Tacoma City,

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Thank you,

Christine Hickey
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Tacoma, Washington 98407
From: SUNNY THOMPSON <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 1:52 PM
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Thank you,

SUNNY THOMPSON
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From: Joann Varnell <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 4:05 PM
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Thank you,

Joann Varnell
joann.varnell@gmail.com
1726 N. Steele St
Tacoma, Washington 98406
Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

Please Stop the expansion of existing fossil fuel facilities in the Tideflats of Tacoma. Every day I see so many trains carrying oil and coal passing through Tacoma and causing air and noise pollution and global warming that worsens the climate crisis.

Our communities and planet have suffered enough pollution at the hands of big oil and fossil fuel industries.

I respectfully ask you to pass a ban on expansions fossil fuel facilities, while the city deliberates on how to pass Non-Interim Regulations.

Thank you,

Kenneth Zirinsky
ellenkenab@yahoo.com
3612 N 33rd St.
Tacoma, Washington 98407
Tacoma City,

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Thank you,

Joan James
mikejoanjames2@gmail.com
2710 N Puget Sound Ave
Tacoma, Washington 98407
Tacoma City,

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I am writing to ask you to please pass a ban on fossil fuel expansions for existing companies in the tideflats while the city deliberates on how to pass Non-Interim Regulations.

It is critical for City Council to vote to get the expansions under control and to not let our city be controlled and guided by fossil fuel interests.

Fossil fuels are not where the city needs to invest for the future. It takes guts to stand up to the existing fossil fuel companies but please do it, for the sake of our communities and the environment we value so much.

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Thank you,
Vladimir Shakov

Vladimir Shakov
vladshakov@gmail.com
507 LE-LOU-WA Place NE
BROWNS POINT, Washington 98422-1705
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Thank you,
Chris Wooten

Chris Wooten
chriswooten@earthlink.net
507 LE-LOU-WA Place NE
BROWNS POINT, Washington 98422-1705
Tacoma City,

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

I'm disappointed in your "responses" thus far.

You've heard from people expressing heartfelt objections to expansion of high-risk fossil fuel facilities. PLEASE listen and stop the expansions.

PLEASE don't allow the building of new infrastructure that would allow moving fossil fuels through Tacoma.

Tacoma can get a jump on President Biden's plans (which are healthy for EVERYONE), and be an example for good, not an example of what shouldn't be (and shouldn't have been) done. PLEASE don't allow Tacoma to become the center for a polluting industry.

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Thank you,

Jan Taylor
jant10@juno.com
909 N I St, Unit 206
Tacoma, Washington 98403
Tacoma City,

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Thank you,

Sarah Gray
sarah@sarahgray.co
616 N Anderson #20
Tacoma, Washington 98406
Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

After listening to the most recent Council Meeting it is clear Tacoma Council members are coming up with more excuses to allow fossil fuels to continue to operate and even expand in Tacoma. Our communities and planet have suffered enough pollution at the hands of big oil and fossil fuel industries.

If we are to live up to the City of Destiny’s greatness we must ensure that our climate future is secured by STOPPING the expansions of corporate polluters in the Tacoma Tideflats. Clean water and clean air should not be sacrificed for a quick buck. If you really want to do what is right then help secure a clean energy future with good jobs. Don’t let fossil fuels ruin our future.

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We need you to be brave, our future depends on it. People most negatively impacted by fossil fuels are not reaping the financial rewards, polluters are trying to keep their gains while foisting the external costs, like pollution, on minority and lower income communities.

Thank you,

K Anderson
anderskn@plu.edu
P. O. Box 1934
Milton, Washington 98354
Tacoma City,

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Angelica Kong
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Tacoma, Washington 98403
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