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To: Planning; Hines, John; City Clerk's Office
Subject: 911 responses slow; City government failing to control crime post-2020 will get worse with higher density

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Hi City Planning, City Council -

As you know, City government is failing at crime control right now; Home in Tacoma will make this worse because the City lacks resources to manage the population. 911 call responses are too slow so that will cause loss of life and suffering.

Cases in point on your crime problem - (1) see below article, by KOMO news, "Tacoma has some disturbing trends when comparing last year's crime totals with 2020 . . . aggravated assaults are up 49.9 percent. In terms of property crimes, arson rose 79.9 percent year to year. Break-ins increase 10.2 percent and vandalism is up 15 percent," (2) Tacoma had an arsonist commit several offenses until FBI got involved; (3) Tacoma has frequent street rallies where gangs of cars race with impunity in daylight on major thoroughfares; (4) anecdotally my family has been the victim of a family business break in and a car break in all in the span of a few weeks last year. I left a voicemail with the mayor's office on Easter Sunday after my mom got stuck on the Jackson Highway 16 overpass due to a gang of cars blocking the intersection for an extended period before the sirens came.

What you are creating here is an environment that will breed vigilantism. By abdicating police power you are encouraging Tacomans to take matters into their own hands. You have tipped the balance from concerns about violence in police custody to just violence because of lack of police period.

The Home in Tacoma initiative pours fuel on the fire, because it exacerbates the problem that the City lacks proper policing, wide roads, city lights, stoplights, traffic cameras, etc. etc. **Your 911 call response time is too long. Enough said - no 911 response on time = more suffering and crime, period. Home and Tacoma will make this worse.**

Make no mistake that your inaction on public safety combined with Home in Tacoma will cost lives - not only due to crime with slow police and fire response time - but also due to practical everyday scenarios like when kids' balls roll into the street or runners cross the intersection. Due to street parking and road congestion, drivers won't see us - we will get hit - AND we won't get fast ambulance response times due to congestion.

Elizabeth

[Tacoma grappling with rising crime, community concerns \(msn.com\)](#)

[Density and Crime - The Atlantic](#)

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Homeless camp and boarded up houses 15 and Yakima Av

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From: Pete Porietis [mailto:porietisp@harbornet.com]
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Cc: Pete Porietis <porietisp@harbornet.com>; 'ANGELIA PORIETIS' <angie@alpineiv.com>
Subject: Homeless Camp on Yakima Av and So. 15th St.

Kindly present this item to the City Council and let me know when, so that I can view it. Also, I've sent pictures of the Homeless camp and the boarded up houses.

I have two boarded up rental houses at So. 15th St and Yakima Av. My previous tenants at 1512 and 1518 So. Yakima Av felt unsafe with the presence of the Homeless Camp in front of their houses. The Homeless Campers even started a fire on the sidewalk next to the hose at 1518 So. Yakima Av.

Thus, these two tenants have moved out and I have not been able to attract any new tenants to these two affordable rental houses.

Further, a month ago, the Homeless broke into the house at 1518 So. Yakima Av. Because of these threats and breakins, I had no choice but to board up 1512 and 1518 So. Yakima Av.

Council members, kindly find a means to relocate these Homeless people from this camp at 15th and Yakima, in order that I can provide two, badly needed, affordable houses to the community.

Sincerely,
Pete Porietis