

**From:** Jen Y <jenyorke75@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 6, 2022 10:57 AM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Cc:** Pete Lindgren  
**Subject:** NEWCOLD – LAND USE DESIGNATION CHANGE

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Hello,

We are writing to formally submit our residential concerns in regards to the above matter at tonight's Tacoma City Council Hearing agenda. As of tomorrow, we will be the happy and proud owners of 134 Regents Blvd in Fircrest, located one block west of the Orchard intersection. While we are brand new to this area, we believe that the proposed "Land Use Designation change" will directly impact our livelihood. Prior to acquiring our property, by far the biggest concern for us was the traffic and noise coming from the Orchard-Center street intersection, in particular the frequency of large truck traffic. In the end, we loved the neighborhood so much that we thoughtfully decided to overlook this drawback. We understood that population growth would continue to make the intersection increasingly busy but we only considered that more normal residential and commercial traffic would result. However, with this proposed change to "Heavy Industrial" (read: MORE semi trucks) traffic, we foresee a major deterioration of our overall living experience (loudness, unsafe driving walking and overall street congestion), and ultimately to our property investment. We are expressly requesting that this likely impact be heavily considered in this decision, and, barring the installation of an alternate eastern route for heavy industrial traffic, the Powers that be please maintain NewCold's "LIGHT Industrial" designated use.

Regards,  
Jennifer Yorke and Pete Lindgren

**From:** Venus Dergan <vadergan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 9, 2022 4:30 PM  
**To:** Woodards, Victoria; Ushka, Catherine; McCarthy, Conor; Bushnell, Joe; Hines, John; Blocker, Keith; Daniels, Kiara; Walker, Kristina; Rumbaugh, Sarah; City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Public Hearing June 7, 2022 - Annual amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and land use regulatory code

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Tacoma Mayor and City Council members,

It is my concern having only 90 seconds for public comment at the public hearing Tuesday June 7th 2022 is not adequate to hear complete, thoughtful comments from your constituents.

As a courtesy please revise the time you are providing to your constituents. There is not an adequate number of comments offered at City Council meetings or Public Hearings to warrant 90 seconds.

Regarding the amendments that are under consideration:

***Application of the Newcold land use designation:***

Please oppose the application to change the land use designation from light industrial to heavy industrial. It is not necessary to change the designation for Newcold to expand.

This property is adjacent to our STGPD aquifer system and the proposed development of the Burlington property above our aquifer system. There should be no more heavy industrial zoning near residential areas in South Tacoma!

The land use designation of heavy industrial needs to be **removed** when possible and no more applications allowed for Heavy Industrial.

Question- What if Newcold sells the property? We will have the situation we have currently at the Burlington Northern property at South 56th street as it is already zoned heavy industrial. This is not a benefit but detriment to the residents of South Tacoma and the bordering city's of University place and Fircrest.

I contacted the University Place mayor's office (Steven Worthington) regarding the Newcold application and I received a call call back from City Manager Steven Sugg. When I asked questions about the application and if the residents of University Place across Orchard Street were notified of the impacts of the land use change, he stated it's not in his jurisdiction. I responded we are all neighbors regardless of borders and this impacts us all.

He agreed and it is now on their radar. It did not seem like notification of the residents concerns was a priority. It was not clear to me if he received any notification from the City of Tacoma.

***The WA State Growth Management act RCW 36.70A.020 Planning goals segment 11 states:***

**"Citizen participation and coordination. Encourage the involvement of citizens in the planning process and ensure coordination between communities and jurisdictions to reconcile conflicts. "**

I believe this did not happen with University Place or Fircrest residents who live across the street and near the Newcold storage property.

Please ask our planning department for notification to our bordering cities residents.

Also please review **RCW 36.70A.035 Public Participation - Notice provisions.**

***Application: the South Sound Christian land use designation:***

Please oppose the designation and leave as is.

***Application : South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District:***

Please approve the application for the phased work plan to preserve our residents quality of life and the aquifer system. Water is life.

***Application: Minor Plan and Code Amendments. Manitou Annexation:***

Please oppose the modifications to the land use designation. Manitou residents near and in the annexation area were promised minimal modifications in the first revision as many residents in the annexation area do not want to annex into the city of Tacoma.

Developers are not keeping the character of the neighborhood as promised and many property owners are being contacted and harassed by developers to purchase their property pending the changes.

Residents in the annexation area are also concerned of Tacoma police and fire response times, justifiably so as Tacoma Police and Fire are not responding efficiently to 911 calls.

***RCW 36.708.020 of the WA Growth Management act under planning goals - Segment 1 Urban growth:***

***"Encourage development in urban areas where adequate public facilities and services exist or or can be provided in an efficient manner."***

***Segment 4 Housing:***

***"Plan and accommodate housing affordable to all economic segments of the population of this state, promote a variety of residential densities and housing types and encourage preservation of existing housing stock."***

This is not happening in Tacoma and this is the concern of Manitou residents near and in the annexation area. Please oppose the revisions.

Respectfully,

Venus Dergan

Manitou Resident





**From:** Francia Melot <penafrancia1766@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 7, 2022 11:43 AM

**To:** City Clerk's Office

**Subject:** Robbery and homeless encampment

**Attachments:** letter2.docx

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**May 10, 2022**

**To the City Council of Tacoma, Mayor Woodards**

**To whom it may concern,**

*"I write you today with a very sincere concern on the increasingly obvious problem that Tacoma seems to be having with the homeless residents. We purchased our shop in Tacoma with excitement on having our own business and owning the property in a district with promising growth. We are a hard-working family that has been in business in this state for 30 years. We get up at 4 am every morning and work until 8 pm every day. The homeless encampment that's been building next to the shop has tripled in the last 2 mos. Our shop has been broken into so many times; thousands of dollars' worth of tools had been taken. Our insurance has double since we had to replace the tools that was taken. Not to mention the materials that was taken. I believe that they are in need, but do we the hard-working people that works from sunup to sundown be punished for it?"*

*This week as I walked the area and counted over 15 homeless made-up tents are residing long-term in this area. There are at least 5 couches, multiple dismantled vehicles, make-shift fire pits, and an unsightly amount of other trash and debris there. Human feces draining from RVs down to our storm drains making us sick. I would like for the city council to investigate this. I want this on the record so I can show you that this has been ongoing and needs to be investigated. Police officer has been called there for many disturbances.*

*All of this in a public area, within a square block, in the middle of a major thoroughfare in/out of downtown, completely taking over our tax-funded sidewalks and underpass to a point where I don't feel safe., Every morning on my way to work I pass by this encampment and see the same faces. Every evening on my way home I pass them again. It's sad and it's an obvious insult to the quality of life and opportunity that Tacoma has to offer. More than once I have witnessed fornication on the side of the road. More than once I have been exposed to urination and defecation taking place for the public to witness, on the sidewalk. More than once I have seen narcotics and needles being actively used. More than once I have risked my own safety not the say the decline of the property value of the business. We have been robbed almost every week, losing thousands of dollars of materials and tools that we need to survive in this hard times. We need your help...Our business is located 2202 Center St. Tacoma WA. 98409. The encampment is next door. Please we need your help.*

*WE are begging you to please look into this matter!!!*

*Very Truly yours,  
Steve Melot  
Boilermasters Inc.*

**From:** Dena Jones <visitdena@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 2, 2022 11:13 AM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office; Ushka, Catherine; Woodards, Victoria; Walker, Kristina; Brett Johnson; Ali, Mohamud; Moore, Avery  
**Cc:** Nathan Jones; Bethany Jones; Martha Jones; Kristina Maritzczak; Steve Jones; Angela Connelly  
**Subject:** STOP THE SPEEDERS! McKinley Hill Speeder Dead! 28 years old! Screams in the Night! MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, SISTERS, family and friends!

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Victoria, Catherine, Chief Avery! Tell me what you are going to do!

I have not written since our team did the Lamey event, but I am devastated for this young man and his family.

On May 27th around 8pm I heard a loud and terrifying crash on the Tacoma Dome Hill. As I ran out the door to the wreckage, I saw a SUV planted inside the front of a bus. I could not bear to look as the police officer said the words "non responsive."

At 11pm as I laid down to go to sleep, I was startled by women wailing and screaming as they learned of the news that their loved one, Tavita Siliga was dead. All I could do was weep and pray for them as they wailed through the night.

I don't know them. But I know, Tavita Siliga was deeply loved, and his loss will forever be felt by friends and family.

Below you will find the link to his story, but equally important please note the post from a friend who tried to stop Tavita from getting into the car. What I want to address the most is the statement from a firsthand friend who said **"it was a normal thing for him (Tavita) to go as fast as he could up that hill"**

**I have reported to 911, 311, written to the city, and anyone else who would listen that we have had several near accidents on McKinley Hill due to reckless and relentless speeders. This speeding goes on all day and through the night. They are even speeding down Wright Ave, which runs in front of my house.**

**WE HAVE CHILDREN crossing to their school bus stops and elderly walking to their senior housing.**

**What is it going to take to Stop the Speeding!**

**We need:**

**Speed bumps or traffic circles on Wright and McKinley**

**Radar Speed Signs**

**Anything that will stop the speeders!**

**See post below.**

<https://www.nationwidereport.com/28-year-old-tavita-siliga-killed-after-a-head-on-collision-in-tacoma-tacoma-wa/>



Waiting and watching!

Dena Jones