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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 12:43 PM  
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City council, Mayor , City Manager,

Please sign Prosecutors letter and make this your top priority by directing Tacoma's lobbyist to work with legislature to make Drug possession a felony again. Please do this so we don't wind up like Seattle with NO PLACE to stack the bodies. We need your help now!

Respectfully,

Judith Martin  
515 North M St  
Tacoma, WA

**From:** Megan Lum <veggiegirl68@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 4:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Cc:** Rumbaugh, Sarah; Woodards, Victoria  
**Subject:** Please sign the Prosecutor's letter

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Dear members of Tacoma City Council,

I urge you to sign the Prosecutor's letter to request making drug possession a felony again. Her expertise and experience fighting crime every day makes her a qualified authority on this issue, and we should believe her and support her.

Drug abuse is not a victimless crime. Since it was decriminalized, we've seen a huge increase in public drug dealing, overdoses and deaths, vandalism and violence by intoxicated people, theft to support the addicts' habits. We must get these folks into treatment for their own sake, and also for the rest of us. Our crime rate is out of control, and most of us are afraid. Please take action now.

- Megan

**From:** brian borgelt <bborgelt@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 11:54 AM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Prosecutor's letter

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As a business and property owner in Tacoma who has suffered enormous loss to the criminal elements, I strongly urge the mayor to sign the prosecutor's letter addressing this drug-fueled state of affairs.

Brian Borgelt

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**From:** Katherine Raz <katherine@thefernseed.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 10:39 AM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Drug decriminalization and prosecution

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Tacoma Business Council is active in attempting to influence business owners in our community to request that we ask the Mayor to consider signing the County Prosecutor's letter asking the state legislator to reverse the decision on decriminalizing drug possession.

I am sure you will hear from other business owners in Tacoma on this issue as influenced by the TBC, so I wanted to write in to offer a contrary voice. I am a business owner in Tacoma also, I own a shop with two locations in the city. While I understand crime is an issue, I do not support the idea that criminalizing drug possession is the only way to help vulnerable populations the treatment they need. Instead, I believe we should be focusing on supporting housing for people with addiction, medically assisted treatment options, and monitored injection sites.

I hope you understand that not all business owners in Tacoma are in support of the agenda of the Tacoma Business Council.

Katherine Raz, owner  
she/her  
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**From:** Beth Barker <BethB@JGKMW.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 10:34 AM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** RECRIMINALIZE DRUG POSSESSION

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I am writing to request that Mayor Woodward's sign Pierce County Prosecutor Mary Robnett's letter to the State to recriminalize drug possession as a step to make drug possession a felony again.

Thank you, Beth Barker

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**From:** Linda Miley <adnil@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 10:03 AM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Support the City Prosecutor & City Attorney Request for Changes in the Law on Crime

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This is an urgent request that the Mayor of Tacoma and the City Council consider the deteriorating health and economy impacts of not addressing the key recommended solutions in changing the law by the City Prosecutor and City Attorney. It is about the consequences on quality of life for the residents of Tacoma and also the consequences to the future survival of the city. Who are you going to draw to live in Tacoma and who wants to visit a city known for its out of control crime. I moved away from Tacoma and a big part of that was the crime. I had hoped when I moved to Tacoma in 2010 that downtown Tacoma would be revitalized commercially and culturally and the reverse has happened. Now it is an unsafe wasteland and soon will have little to draw anyone to visit.

Linda Miley  
Gig Harbor Resident

**From:** Sean Williams <sean.farmer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 7:37 AM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Cc:** Rumbaugh, Sarah  
**Subject:** PLEASE RECRIMINALIZE DRUG POSSESSION

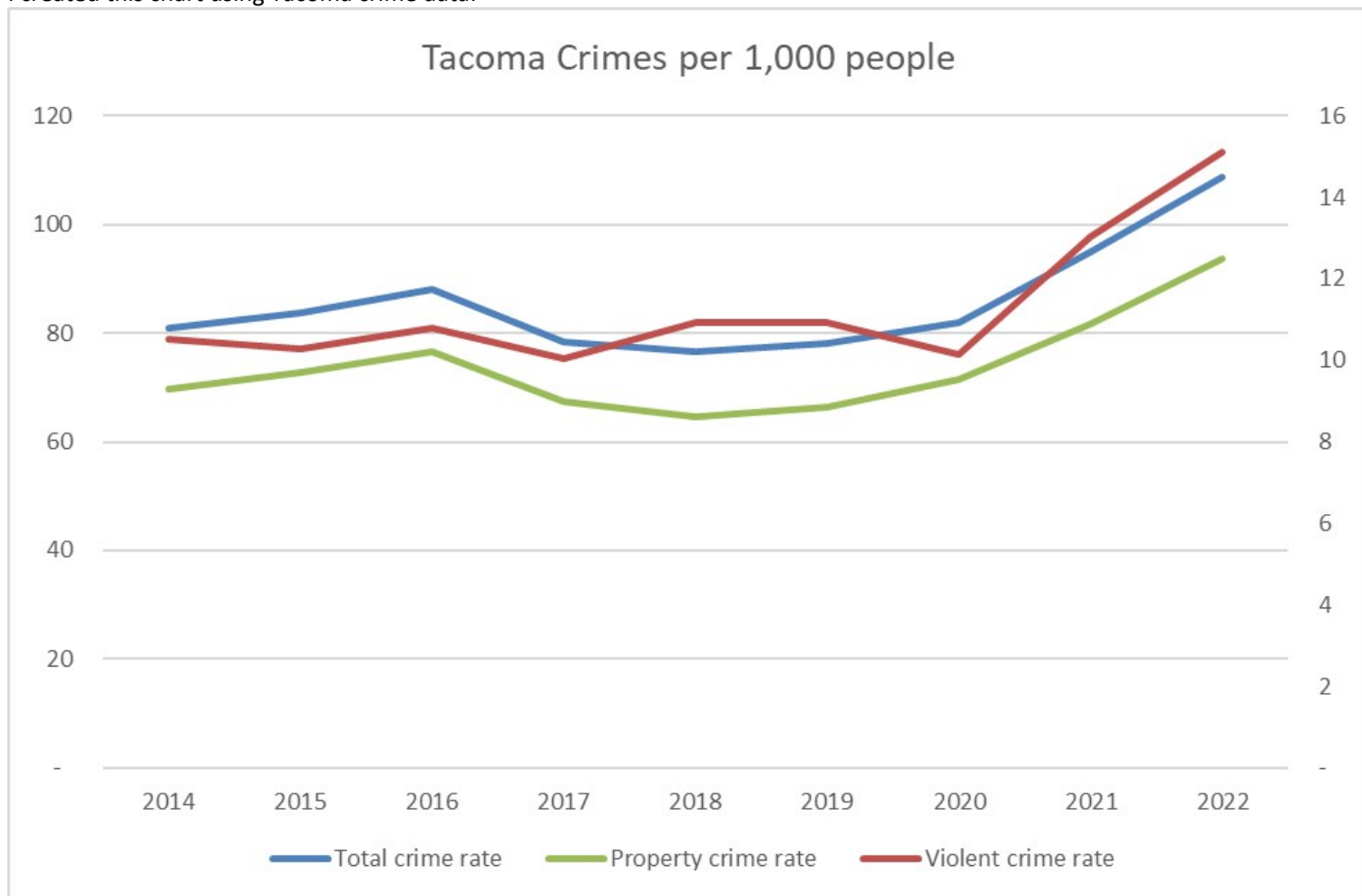
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I was sent the 7 point statement below and agree with it 100%.

In my family I have 3 recovered alcoholics. I love each of them and feel blessed every day that they are alive, sober, and not in prison. Each of them got to very dark places in their lives before they were ready and able to do the incredibly hard work of getting sober. Alcoholics Anonymous refers to this as hitting "rock bottom"; a place where the pain your addiction causes you is large enough to drive you to get sober. We thought drug decriminalization would help make the lives of people struggling with addiction easier, but I believe we have made it harder because we have ended up enabling their addictions. The pleading of family, friends, and government officials is not enough for many addicts, they also need the fear of facing jail or prison time. Every day they remain in addiction is a day they may die of an overdose, a day they are not really there for their loved ones, a day lost out of their lives. Please support our prosecutor, give her the tools she needs to help these people reclaim their lives!

If the plight of people with addiction does not persuade you, surely 2022's **50%** increase in violent crime rate and **30%** increase in property crime rate vs 2020 is enough reason to act?

I created this chart using Tacoma crime data:



Violent crime is on the 2nd (right side) y axis, property and total crime rates are on the left side Y axis.

Data sourced from at <https://geohub.cityoftacoma.org/datasets/tacoma-crime-extract-ss911/explore?location=47.242872%2C-122.455500%2C13.00&showTable=true>

1. Please sign the Prosecutor's letter and make this your top priority by directing Tacoma's lobbyist to work with the legislature to make drug possession a felony again.
2. We must listen to our elected County Prosecutor on this issue. Her experience fighting crime every day makes her the most qualified to address this issue.
3. In fact, both the Prosecutor and Tacoma's City Attorney have stated that the legislature's changes to the law in 2021 have made prosecution of drug possession impossible as a practical matter.
4. As a direct result, drug dealing and drug intoxication are rampant. Overdoses are at a shocking and tragic all time high. And property crimes have skyrocketed because users steal to support their habits.
5. Treatment is vital to restoring individuals to a healthier state, but treatment and prosecution can go hand in hand. In fact, treatment is often part of the criminal justice system.
6. Pierce County is a leader in successful therapeutic courts including the Felony Drug Court, Veterans Treatment Court, and the drug Addiction Reduction Team. Those programs work and offer treatment, but by decriminalization, the Legislature had reduced the opportunities to obtain treatment and have reduced the intent to stay in treatment.
7. We must reverse this dangerous course immediately to get treatment for those in need and to address the skyrocketing crime rate.

Sean Williams



**From:** Sorum, Doris (Legal)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2023 2:20 PM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** FW: Ground water protection

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Community Forum?

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**From:** Dianna H <dihemmi44@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Sorum, Doris (Legal) <DSORUM@cityoftacoma.org>  
**Cc:** Atkinson, Stephen <satkinson@cityoftacoma.org>  
**Subject:** Ground water protection

Please put the moratorium permanently on the south Tacoma site. We must protect our natural resources at all costs. There already has been disastrous mistakes ie. The 74th natural well, Ft Lewis pollution and storm run off into the bay, industrial pollution at the port and more.

We don't need to intentionally destroy more environments resources by allowing the building over our known aquifers in So Tacoma. Shame on you if you do.

Thank you

Concerned citizens of Tacoma

Dianna n Ron Hemmi

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Tacoma WA 98408

**From:** meegan anderson <meegananneanderson@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 15, 2023 3:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Help our town

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I've lived in Washington state my entire life. Raised my children here and worked at the same company for over 24 years. I use to love to bring my family from out of state to see our beautiful town, now I'm embarrassed to even live here.

The streets are disgusting and the people living in tents, sidewalks are like walking zombies. I am so very sad seeing humans in this physical state of being, I am then angered seeing all the garbage, trash, and drugs that go along with it.

I don't have all the answers but something HAS to be done. Please, please help our town, our state, our communities.

Meegan Anderson

**From:** Debbie Kinney <ap@addisonsupply.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 10:44 AM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** 56th - 64th S Adams

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To Whom It May Concern,

There have been a series of dangerous incidents on this street. Numerous calls and emails have been sent for help and protection and there has been nothing done. I work on this street and am afraid morning and night going to and from work. I'm so nervous going to work and I need my job, I can't quit. The homeless are moving in rapidly and we are harassed by them. Also, the trash that is scattered and these people walk in the street naked.

Please, something needs to be done. Please help us.

**From:** marcikn@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 5:10 PM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Drugs and crime related

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Dear sir/madam,

Number one close the borders so that the cartel and traffickers of these drugs can be halted. Then prosecute these criminals severely and not just catch and release.

Number two: Refund and recruit police with no restrictions on arresting, chasing them, touching them, and allow force as they are killing our citizens and young people.

Number three: make it known that these perpetrators and traffickers will be incarcerated and deported or sentence to the death penalty if found guilty! Like in other countries and this shit will stop !

City Clerk  
733 Market Street, Room 345  
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**Re: “Home in Tacoma Phase 2 is Underway”**

I am a homeowner in a single-family home and have lived in Tacoma my whole life!

I live in this where this type of housing is because I do not want to live by or next to a fourplex, multifamily, rowhouses, or medium multifamily home.

I invested in the property.

My neighborhood is comfortable, pleasant and peaceful. If I wanted, I could choose to live in an apartment or multifamily home.

There are many dwellings of this sort available for me to select from in the city. They truly are readily available and pretty much everywhere!

It is my belief that you are approaching this situation without considering the landowners in the area and their needs and interests.

I do not want a large building next door! And along with this type of growth comes, congestion, clogged roads, and ugliness. I already see too many people, cars, stuff that obstructs the area. In addition, where would you suppose these additional residents’ shop? How will they get around? What does that mean to those of us already here? The roads are inadequate, the space will not accommodate more structures without affecting the existing structures.

You already ruined the Procter District with several high-rise apartment buildings! The area has been altered forever and that’s not all, the parking, post office, grocery store and streets are horrible! It is a disgrace, this was such a nice area to shop, have a meal and visit the farmers market. So awful to see this happen to what was such a nice area. Enough is enough!

All you really want is more money. If its housing that is needed - find it elsewhere! Move to the undeveloped areas of the city and county. Build it correctly with the right infrastructure to support the multifamily homes. Leave the areas already developed as single-family homes alone to live in peace as this is what my neighbors and I want and we have rights too! You represent all of us ... we vote, we pay taxes and we are already here – do not discount nor dismiss our needs in this process.

Ron Elson  
Tacoma, WA 98407

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Re: Housing Growth in Tacoma "Help Shape the future housing in Tacoma"

We are very upset on how you have already destroyed neighborhoods in Tacoma and you continue to create an illusion that you want our input, but fail to listen or adjust with this our opinion.

We want it known that we have **NO INTEREST** in supporting the ideas proposed regarding fourplex, multifamily, rowhouses, or medium multifamily structures. It is already demonstrated that the roads, parking, and grocery establishments cannot accommodate your plan. The Proctor District has been ruined. The one post office in the north end, you cannot even park your car and safely enter and exit the building. The street itself is dangerous as there are more cars than roads.

As lifelong residents and homeowners of a single-family home in the City of Tacoma, we wish to inform you of our thoughts on this topic. We would be remiss in our responsibility if we remained silent. We own a single-family home. We were born and raised in Tacoma. We have been homeowners for some time now and we also have rights! We live in this environment because we do not want to live by or next to a multifamily home. We invested in the property and work hard at two jobs to pay the mortgage. We wish to feel safe and secure knowing that our neighbors and we are enjoying our single-family homes. The whole beauty of a single-family home is just that, you have atmosphere to feel safe, create, cultivate your property and enjoy the scenery. We wish to maintain the current quality of life and living the life in our home that we enjoy today. The neighborhood is comfortable, pleasant and peaceful. If we wanted, we could choose to live in a multifamily home or apartment. There are many places of this sort available to us to select from in the city. They truly are everywhere already!

There are many, many locations for interested homeowners to find housing. Why do the single-family home-owners have to sacrifice for this need. If more housing is required, go outside the city limits and build your complexes there.

In addition, we do not want the environment that we have chosen to be spoiled by a towering building next door! And along with this it is already demonstrated that there is an increase of congestion, clogged roads, and ugliness. We at times can't get out of our driveway because of the traffic. We are already locked in their homes as *our neighborhood is filled too many people, cars, stuff that obstructs* the area. And where would you suppose these additional residents' shop? How will they travel? What does that mean to those of us already in place and waiting in line for our food, supplies, needs? The lines get longer, the roads are congested and poorly maintained, power grids and airwaves are full.

Currently because of all of the existing multifamily dwelling spaces already approved and built, we can't even enjoy the waterway we have loved! It is a shame what has happened to the Proctor District! This was such a nice area to shop and see a movie, have a meal and visit the farmer's market. So very sad to see this happen to what was such a nice area. Enough is enough!

We vote! We Pay our Taxes! We should have a say in what happens in our neighborhood! Please do not discount, nor dismiss or needs in this process.

Tom & Laura Grubb  
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TO: Mayor Woodwell, City Manager Pauli,  
City Attorney Siosore, and members of Tacoma  
City Council:

Subject: NEED FOR "NATIVE AMERICAN GENOCIDE RESOLUTION"

Why? Why does the City Council have a  
preamble to the "flag salute" every City Council  
meeting? To recognize a wrong? And obviously,  
Tacoma is trying to fashion itself as a "anti-  
racist city"? The first step in any change - is  
getting to the root of a problem; and for the  
issue of "American racism" - it began with the  
"systematic GENOCIDE" against indigenous Americans  
for the purpose of expropriation of their land  
(95%+ gone). Extreme racism was part and  
parcel against these "savages". Slavery was  
introduced later. Britain, France, and Spain began  
this process through colonization.

It was American Presidents and the U.S. Congress  
that codified this systematic genocide by enacting  
acts (such as the INDIAN REMOVAL ACT), resolutions and  
executive orders against Native Americans. And the  
<sup>WAR DEPARTMENT</sup> U.S. Army conducted 397 wars or campaigns that  
at times ended in complete extermination of  
Indian tribes - their job was to clear the West  
of Indian and confine them to reservations for  
the purpose of colonization of "white settlers".  
One hundred and twenty-five tribes were  
extinguished! Genocide!!!

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Carbines and pistols blazing, the 3rd Colorado Cavalry drives frantic Cheyennes from their village at Sand Creek, Colorado, on November 29, 1864, heedless of an American and a white flag the Indians had raised in a gesture of friendship. Six hours

later, the entire length of the creek bed for which the camp was named was littered with bodies. "All sexes and ages were killed," wrote a witness to the carnage, "women and children and warriors, all ages from one week to 80 years."





FOR: MAYOR VICTORIA WOODARDS

(NATIVE AMERICAN)

"GEN-O-CIDE" 1. EXTERMINATION  
OF A RACE OR NATION. ONE OF THOUSANDS  
OF ENCOUNTERS!