

7/25/23  
Community Forum

Mark Slater 2501 S. 12., Tacoma, WA 98405  
My proposal for the number of containers/lot for  
the City Council.

# of containers per parcel

- .14 acres = 1 container
- .3 acres = 2 containers
- .9 acres = 6 containers

I also suggest a \$200. package  
for permits to make each container  
into a tiny house.

Jacoma Council Meeting  
Community Farm  
July 25, 2023

Raines Connect has stated to me personally  
~~that~~ Raines Connect will be requiring  
all users to have internet not just  
cable because all users require Wi-Fi.  
People must purchase ~~the~~ computers,  
new monitors, fire sticks. The city attorney  
was incorrect.

~~The City~~ ~~at~~ ~~new~~ The <sup>Puget Sound Energy Squeezed</sup> <sup>Natural Gas Facility LNG</sup> setback zone ~~for~~  
fencing for the 3 mile thermal radiation  
explosion heat ~~by~~ ~~from~~ aphyxiation zone, has not  
been done. The Jacoma Fire Dept Map was not  
included in the Environmental Impact  
Statement the map was a catastrophic  
Failure scenario as require by law not  
just a 200 scenario. ~~The company city~~ None  
of which were catastrophic Failure <sup>map</sup>.  
I am ask The Jacoma Council to  
have National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
NOAA to run a free catastrophic  
failure scenario for the PSE LNG ~~at~~  
that

Carol Sue Braaten - Five

**From:** Cathie Raine <cjrRD@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2023 2:36 PM  
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**Subject:** COMMUNITY SAFETY: Comments for 'Community Forum' section of 7/25/2023 City Council meeting

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing with concerns with the current approaches being used by the City of Tacoma government to address and provide strategies for Community Safety. A 'Community Safety Office/Program' is needed in Tacoma to comprehensively handle the variety of safety issues in Tacoma.

At the July 11th City Council meeting, the City Manager had a presentation that included several examples of government departments' changes to increase equity measures into their business practices. On the FB City of Tacoma government post, a reference was also provided to share additional information with this presentation: [www.cityoftacoma.org/transform](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/transform). If any of you have not yet read this information, please read this today.

I will share some of this information today from these website pages:

From the "Transforming Tacoma City Council Priority: Community Safety" page:

"Does the City of Tacoma have an office of Community Safety? The short answer is no"

"In alignment with Resolution No. 40622,

start-up funding for an 'Office of Community. Safety' was included as a placeholder in the City's 2021-2022 Budget. This funding was intended to allow the City to be responsive to a broader definition of Community Safety and support the implementation of community-identified transformational initiatives. The City has many of the recommendations within the '21st Century Policing Report' without establishing a new office."

"Going forward the creation of a Community Safety plan is scheduled for 2023. The Community will be invited to provide their feedback and insights as part of the planning process. Once completed, this plan will strategically guide the City's work in this important area and the City Manager will determine what staffing, structures and resources are necessary to support the Community Safety Plan. The Office of Community Safety remains a viable option to be activated as needed in response to the Community and any Administrative needs as we continue to advance transformational efforts within the City of Tacoma."

A coordinated 'Community Safety Plan' development is needed for Tacoma now.

This 'coordinated' effort with developing strategies and plans requires input from other City of Tacoma government offices (Fire, Police Dept, Planning and Development Services, Housing, Mental Health/TPCHD, Transportation, Housing Services, Environmental Services etc) as well as from Community members. A comprehensive approach with planning is needed. To be an effective plan, this planning process should not be viewed as another one-time 'task' to be delegated to one department to handle..or, to be handled by a sub-committee to plan. This 'Office of Community Safety' needs to be transformative with the ability to grow as societal concerns with Community Safety change over time.

It is important that City of Tacoma government dept's planning and decisions need to be made keeping the City's overall goals of equity and safety as priorities for Tacoma residents!

Please devote some time exploring 'Community Safety' approach plans used by other similar-sized Northwestern cities as well. Innovative fresh ideas are needed with 'Transforming Tacoma'. We need an effective process and plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns

Respectfully submitted,  
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**From:** SUSAN VanHorn <vanhorn\_susan@hotmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Tacoma for all ballot measure sucks as much as the changes the city council wants

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When my daughter and I were forced to live on survivors social security our standard of living dropped significantly. We didn't qualify for any food stamps or rent assistance but I was able to get health coverage for my daughter only; couple that with living in Hawaii. For 10 years we couldn't have a pet, the apartment didn't allow it. Doors could be removed if a tenant didn't pay rent or make acceptable arrangements. If the city or state helped out with rent, the money went to the mortgage/home holder, not the tenant.

There is no reason to prevent eviction during the school year. We have a city council that can mandate that under those circumstances a child can stay in the school for the school year. There is no need for the owner of the rental to have to pay a mortgage as well as cover others that 'can't' take care of their own family for any reason. Tacoma for all and city council can work with DPSS and speed help for those that find themselves in a bad way.

Apartments that have been built, ie: 6<sup>th</sup> Ave aprtments, the ones around the Dairy Queen off Mildred, the ones further into business district 6<sup>th</sup> ave., The ones on 6<sup>th</sup> and Roosevelt. Every one of them STILL have vacancies, the owners or shareholders need to be fined monthly for each empty unit and the money going to help those less fortunate.

I agree that the winter months can be horrible and once again, if a family is to be evicted and isn't do the the months in question, the city council should have adequate resources available to pay the mortgage holder the rent. There is no equity in a home owner losing their investment because the city council has decided that some people are deserving of special treatment while people that have worked for years are no longer considered for anything. We have enough good people that where a real attempt is made to maintain a contract, landlords do help out. I am mostly referring to tenants that just don't care. They don't care to work if it isn't remote, if it doesn't pay enough (heck Panda Express has up to close to \$30./per hr jobs if both parents work opposite shifts child care expenses are a moot point, getting kids to the bus etc expecially where there is free transportation for children means kids can still be students in their schools and not have to move. The biggy. Fibromyalgia...I know its real, and it exists, but when we have family we do what we need to do. Gosh, I was out picking orchids the day my first child was delivered! We do what we need to do.

All kids do not need iPhones of designer handbags and yes that would be in some cases a class distinction (nor do parents for that matter) but if parents can pay for those items they can pay rent! I always told my daughter to have a handbag with money in it is always smarter than having a handbag as a status symbol without the money. Now the city council wants the landlord to pay to relocate people that can't pay rent. Where will they be relocated to? Who wants a renter that can't pay rent? Please think about that one. If a tenant can't afford a rent increase they should do what we have all done for years. MOVE.

Any law that lessens an owner from checking into the criminal background of a potential renter should be eliminated. I am less concerned about the homeless encampment than the shrewd person that had somehow evaded the law.

Finally, another negative thing is that now that the city council has authorized rezoning, the owners that have already bought into that greed may at least feel the sting of ruining their neighborhoods. The city council should place people in all the vacant apartments and pay for them, if the resident can't pay and the resident works the calendar the right way, the city can pick up the tabs to pay the landlords involved.

A positive is that with these new 'rights' going into effect perhaps builders will back out of building more eyesores that are sitting empty.

Perhaps the city will move good people that can't work because they have no home, or showers to clean up in, or clothes to wear to interviews..perhaps this would give them a step up.

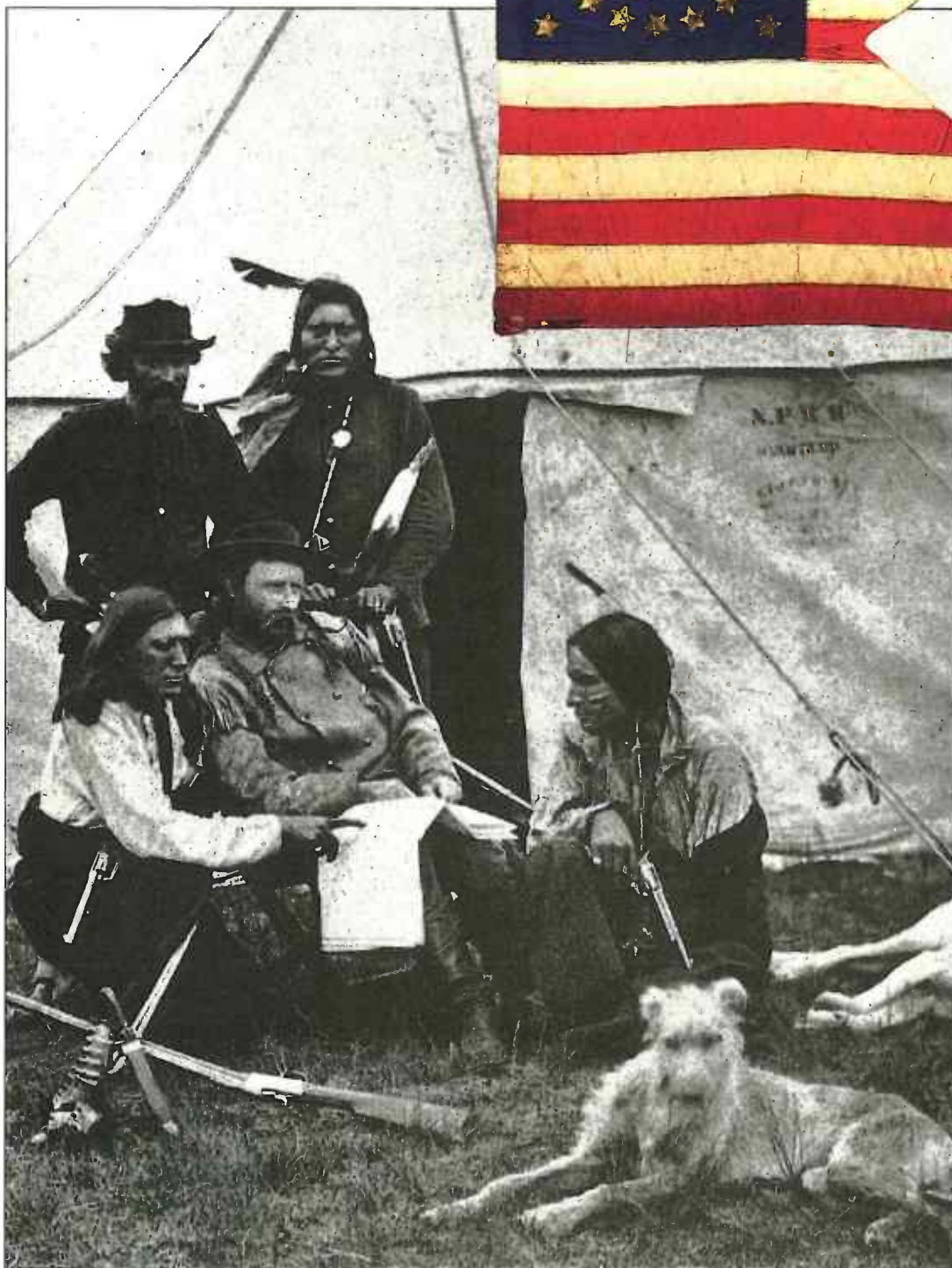
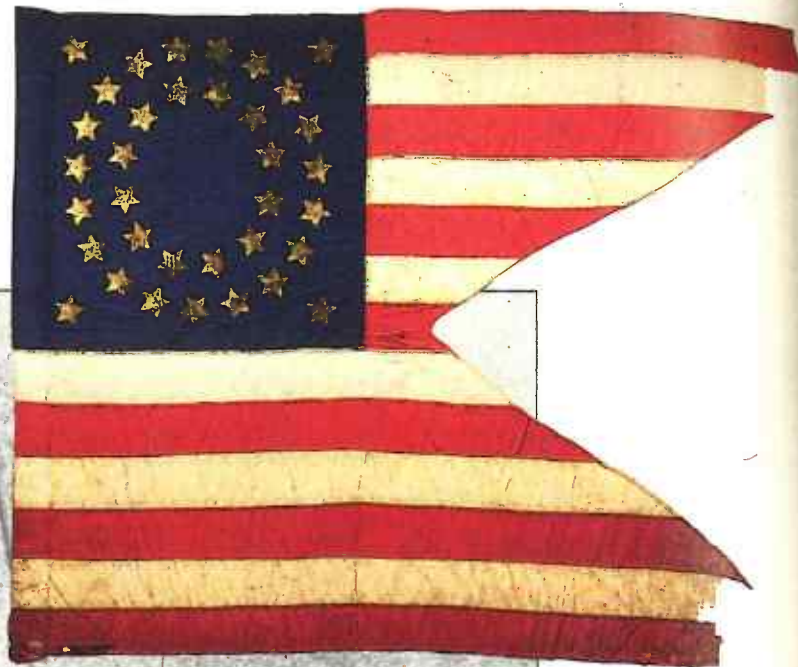
What city council should look at is "stepping up" not having people who have worked forever that maybe chose to rent a room or an adjacent apartment "step down" because the city council says they don't have any rights.

I am so incredibly liberal but have never been stupid. I suppose this should tell you what side I'm on.

Thank You,

Susan

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*A lounging George Armstrong Custer studies a map at an army camp in 1873 with his favorite Indian scout, the Arikara Bloody Knife (to Custer's right), while other scouts look on. Bloody Knife, whom Custer referred to as "my brother," accompanied the colonel during his Black Hills expedition and joined him again for his 1876 campaign. Ignoring Bloody Knife's warnings of trouble ahead, Custer hurried his men into battle at the Little Bighorn with flags flying, including the guidon above.*