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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MARIJUANA CODE AMENDMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 5:00 p.m. City Council Chambers
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, 1st Floor

WHAT IS BEING CONSIDERED?

The Planning Commission is seeking public comment on proposed amendments to Tacoma's land use regulations on the production, processing, and retail uses of recreational marijuana. The proposed amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code, Chapter 13.06 – Zoning, **Section 13.06.565 Marijuana Businesses** (and potentially other sections for consistency) would amend the existing code.

WHAT IS THE PROPOSAL INTENDED TO ACHIEVE?

The proposal is intended to provide regulatory guidance to facilitate the City's review of marijuana license applications from the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB). In November 2012, Washington voters passed Initiative 502, which establishes precedent for the production, processing and retail sale of marijuana for recreational purposes. In April 2015, the state Legislature enacted two new laws that seek to align the medical marijuana system with the existing recreational system. The proposed code amendments would make the regulations consistent with State law and address issues raised through community discussions.

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS?

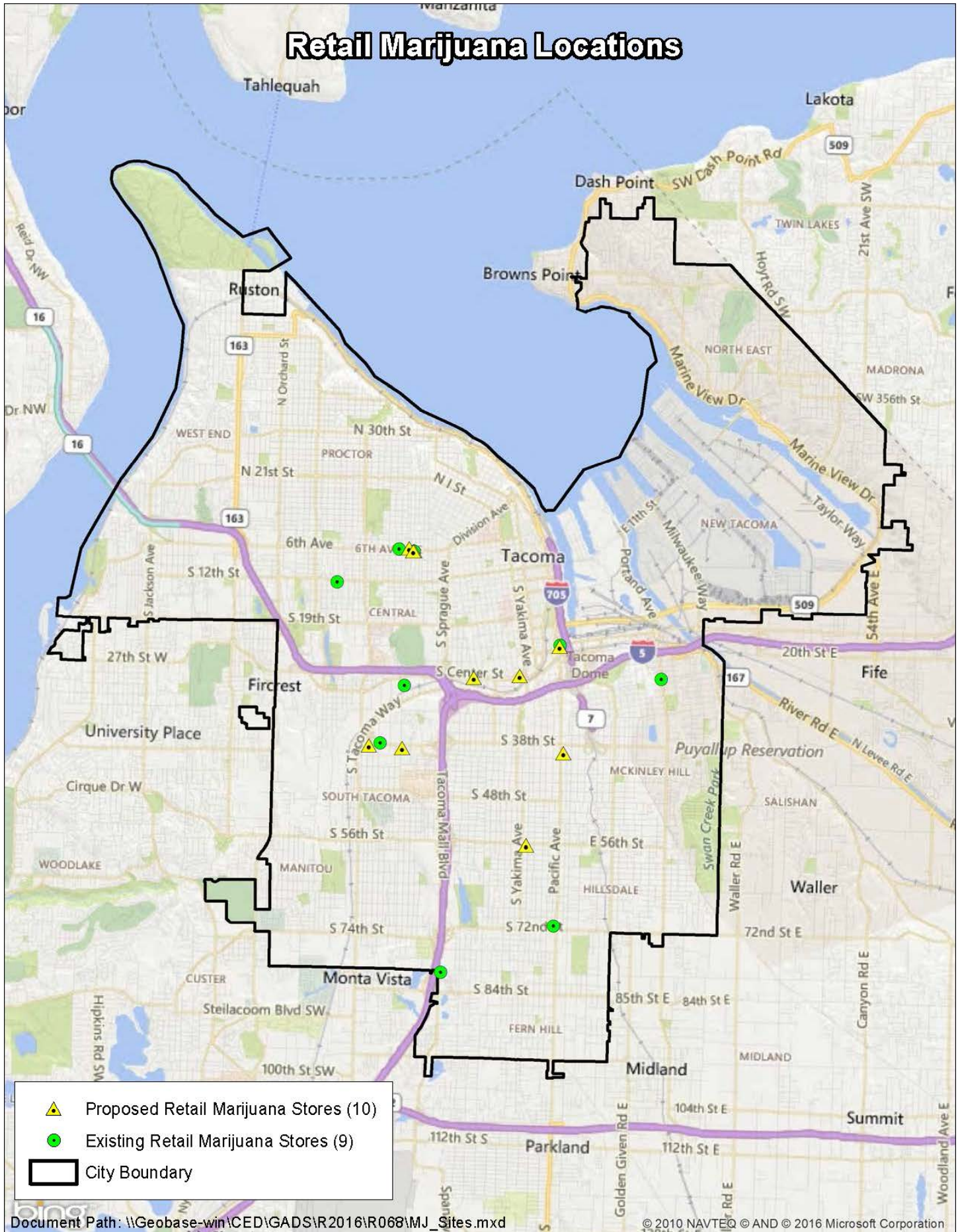
Provide oral testimony at the public hearing on March 2, 2016 or provide written comments using the return address on this notice no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2016, by facsimile at (253) 591-5433 or via e-mail to planning@cityoftacoma.org

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MAP DEPICTS PROPOSED AND EXISTING RETAIL MARIJUANA LOCATIONS



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A Preliminary Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) has been issued based on the completion of an environmental checklist. Comments on the DNS must be submitted by March 7, 2016 at 5:00 pm. Unless modified by the City, the DNS will become final on March 14, 2016. The DNS, the environmental checklist, and additional information associated with the proposal are available at the Planning and Development Services Department, 747 Market Street, Room 345; and on the following website:

www.cityoftacoma.org/Planning
(and click on "Marijuana Regulations")