Acquisition 5401 South Tacoma Way and 5402 South Puget Sound Avenue

City of Tacoma

Public Works/Neighborhood and Community Services

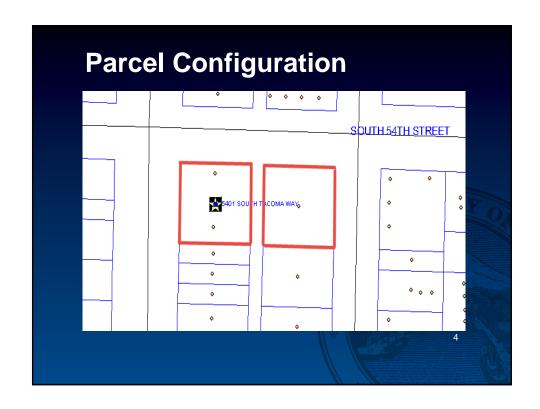
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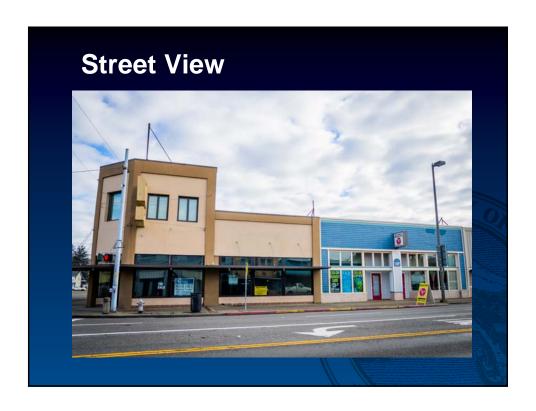
Purpose

- The City intends to acquire property located at 5401 S. Tacoma Way for the purpose of operating a drop-in center for youth and young adult between the ages of 12-24
- Drop-in center will be comprised of the following services
 - Education and social wellness
 - Retail/Social Enterprise
 - Workforce Development
 - Overnight shelter for young adults (18-24)

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Site Selection Criteria

- Located in Tacoma near transit route
- Culturally diverse neighborhood
- Good access to community services
 - Grocery, bank, employment, religious/educational institutions, medical/social services
- No obvious negative environmental influences, which cannot be corrected or acceptable mitigated (i.e. asbestos, contaminated soil)

5401 S. Tacoma Way

- Situated on transit line
- Diverse community
- Proximity to other community resources
 - Asia Pacific Cultural Center
 - Tacoma Public Library (56th St.)
 - Boys and Girls Club of South Puget Sound
 - STAR Center
- Access to workforce opportunities
- Pierce County regional location
- Retail/Social Enterprise Opportunities

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Retail/Social Enterprise Opportunities

- 1,500 2,000 sq ft dedicated to:
 - Retail
 - Art Space
 - Hospitality/ Restaurant



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Youth & Young Adult Homelessness...at a glance

 McKinney-Vento for Tacoma Public Schools (All ages, Sept. 2016 – January 2017)

Area		Student Count
Stadium HS		93
Wilson HS		108
Mt. Tahoma HS		350
Foss HS		351
Lincoln HS		370
	TOTAL	<u>1272</u>

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Youth & Young Adult Homelessness is Unique...

- Developing psychologically, physically, emotionally and socially
- Have little or no work experience
- Often forced into leaving their education
- Experiencing high levels of victimization, including sexual exploitation and trafficking
- Experiencing few life skills, such as money management, work experience, cooking

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