



## WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

October 24, 2024

Members of the City Council  
City of Tacoma, Washington

**Dear Mayor and Council Members:**

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. The Office of Management and Budget, Budget Officer Katie Johnston provides the attached memorandum with **responses to questions received from the Mayor and Council Members regarding the Proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget presentations from the Tacoma Fire Department, Tacoma Police Department and Alternative Response.**
2. City Manager's Office Constituent Relations Analyst Karyssa Mathison provides the attached **Constituent Intake Website weekly data report.**
3. City-funded Temporary and Emergency Shelter Performance: **The City posts weekly information about its Temporary and Emergency Shelter locations including current census, number of available beds, and exits to housing.** Updates are reported weekly, and this information can be found at:  
[mailto:https://cityoftacoma.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_6/File/NCS/weeklydataupdate.pdf](mailto:https://cityoftacoma.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/NCS/weeklydataupdate.pdf)
4. Encampment Outreach: The City's Homeless Engagement and Alternatives Liaison (HEAL) Team (formerly the Homeless Outreach Team) performs encampment outreach throughout the week to provide individuals opportunities to connect to shelter, behavioral health, substance use and employment services. **For the week of October 14 - 18, 2024, staff visited 16 locations. This resulted in 45 contacts by the HEAL Team (22 new, and 23 repeat). Nine individuals were placed in shelter.**
5. Please see the attached City of Tacoma **Weekly Meeting Schedule.**
6. Tacoma Police Chief Avery Moore provides the attached **Weekly Crime Report.**

## **STUDY SESSION / WORK SESSION**

7. **The City Council Study Session of Tuesday, October 29, 2024, will be conducted as a hybrid meeting.** This meeting can be attended in-person at the Tacoma Municipal Building, Council Chambers, located at 747 Market Street on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor or be heard by dialing (253) 215 – 8782 or through Zoom at: [www.zoom.us/j/89496171192](http://www.zoom.us/j/89496171192) and entering the meeting ID 894 9617 1192; passcode 89659 when prompted. This meeting will be broadcast on TV Tacoma and Facebook.

Discussion items will include: (1) **Proposed 2025 – 2026 Biennial Operating Budget Tacoma Venues and Events & Internal Services**; (2) **2025 Legislative Agenda**; (3) **Other Items of Interest: Council Consideration Request – Urban Wood Reuse Program Assessment and Action Strategy**; (4) **Committee Reports**; (5) **Agenda Review and City Manager’s Weekly Report**.

On our first agenda item, staff from **Tacoma Venues and Events and Internal Services** will present on their **Proposed 2025 - 2026 Biennial Operating Budgets**.

On our second agenda item, staff from Government Relations will present on the **2025 strategic plan for the City of Tacoma**.

Under other items of interest, the following item will be discussed:

- Council Consideration Request: **Urban Wood Reuse Program Assessment and Action Strategy**. [Deputy Mayor Hines]

8. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast and Consolidated Standing Committee Calendar** are attached for your information.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

9. You are invited to the below events:

- Scenarios Workshop Session – Cushman and Adams Substations Future Use Study. The community is invited to attend a workshop to see how their ideas and feedback are incorporated into scenarios for the site.
  - **Saturday, October 26, 2024: Wheelock Branch of the Tacoma Public Library**: 3722 North 26th Street, Tacoma, WA 98407, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., or 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- The City is celebrating Arbor Day on Saturday, **October 26, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** This year marks a momentous milestone, as the City received its 30th Tree City USA award and Tacoma Power received their 20th Tree Line USA award from the nationally recognized Arbor Day Foundation. To celebrate, the City, in partnership with the Tacoma Tree Foundation, will be hosting Green Blocks Lincoln; a planting event where an anticipated 250 street trees will be distributed and planted throughout the Lincoln Neighborhood. For more information and to register to volunteer, please visit [tacomatreefoundation.org/green-blocks-lincoln](https://tacomatreefoundation.org/green-blocks-lincoln).
- T-Town City Services Expo & Job Fair: **Friday, November 1, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 2, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Tacoma Dome, 2727 East D Street, Tacoma, WA 98421**. Join us and Tacoma Venues & Events for the T-Town City Services Expo & Job Fair, this event is a free family-friendly community event in partnership with Tacoma Public Utilities and Korsmo Construction. For more details, please click the below link. <https://www.tacomadome.org/events/detail/t-town-2024>

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Pauli



City Manager

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## Memorandum

TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
FROM: Katie Johnston, Budget Officer  
COPY: Mayor and City Council  
SUBJECT: **RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 15 BUDGET PRESENTATION TACOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT, TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE**  
DATE: October 24, 2024

This correspondence provides responses to follow-up questions received by staff from City Council Members during the presentation on the Proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget on October 15<sup>th</sup> for Tacoma Fire Department (TFD), Tacoma Police Department (TPD), and Alternative Response.

### **Tacoma Fire Department (TFD)**

#### **1. Fire Department Hiring**

During the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council Member Hines asked for clarification on statement that TFD had hired 100 firefighters and asked if that number was gross or net hires.

#### **Staff Response**

From January 2023 through October 2024:

- TFD has hired 103 Firefighters and Firefighter-Paramedics.
- 34 commissioned employees retired
- 33 commissioned employees separated for reasons other than retirement
- This leaves a net of 36 commissioned employees added. There are 55 remaining vacancies. Hiring has slowly had an impact on vacancies, which are primarily related to the Basic Life Support (BLS) expansion. As the staffing slide shows in the presentation (slide 4), the Department expects that to be resolved in mid-2027 with their current hiring, retention, and retirement projections.

#### **2. Working with developers to expand fire facilities or service where there are increases calls and development**

During the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mayor Woodards asked if staff could work with developers to see if there were opportunities to expand fire service in conjunction with private development projects where there is increased need for service.

#### **Staff Response**

Developer relationships can be helpful for reaching community goals. In the case of development aligning with Fire service needs, impact fees may be an appropriate tool. The City is currently working on Traffic Impact Fees but is interested in pursuing Fire Impact Fees as well. In addition, the work of the Facility Advisory Committee has helped develop partnerships with Tacoma Public Schools (TPS) and MetroParks so that potential Fire station develop can align with their plans. Of

course, funding the construction of these facilities remains a challenge, but Impact Fees can also be a tool to help with that aspect as well.

### **3. Budgeting for Vacant Positions**

During the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council Member Walker asked if the projected vacant positions are assumed in the budget.

#### **Staff Response**

When developing the budget, staff projects the labor costs for all budgeted positions. In departments that do not have targeted staffing or where the department can provide services while managing vacant positions, staff reviews those projections compared to actual trends and may request to make a vacancy assumption in the budget. In these cases, the department's labor costs are assumed to be less than the original budget projection. In departments with targeted staffing levels to meet calls for services or to provide services during specific periods (such as TFD and TPD), the opposite is true: Vacancies in these departments do not suggest there will be labor cost savings due to filling shifts through overtime. Therefore, the budget does not assume vacancy savings in these cases. The budget for the projected positions, including vacant positions, would be used to cover overtime costs. In some cases, departments may require additional overtime funding (such as in TPD in the current biennium).

## **Tacoma Police Department (TPD)**

### **4. Police Academy slots and waitlist**

During the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mayor Woodards asked if TPD had candidates waiting to attend the State Police Academy in the event that they were given more slots.

#### **Staff Response**

The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) headquarters location is in Burien. CJTC added additional locations in the past few years. The location in the state of the respective agency determines acceptance to a BLEA location. Currently, TPD is only allowed to send recruits to the Burien location.

TPD has two commissioned police officers as full-time instructors at BLEA Burien. Agencies that provide full-time instructors to the BLEA are granted guaranteed academy spots for new recruits. By having two of TPD's officers as full-time instructors, TPD is guaranteed up to 6 academy spots in each class.

The Burien location starts a new academy class approximately every 3-4 weeks. They average around 14 classes a year, while the satellite locations have much fewer classes.

TPD does not have to wait to get new recruits into classes. Often, TPD is not able to fill guaranteed slots that are available in each class. TPD has hired 24 officers compared to 80 guaranteed academy spots.

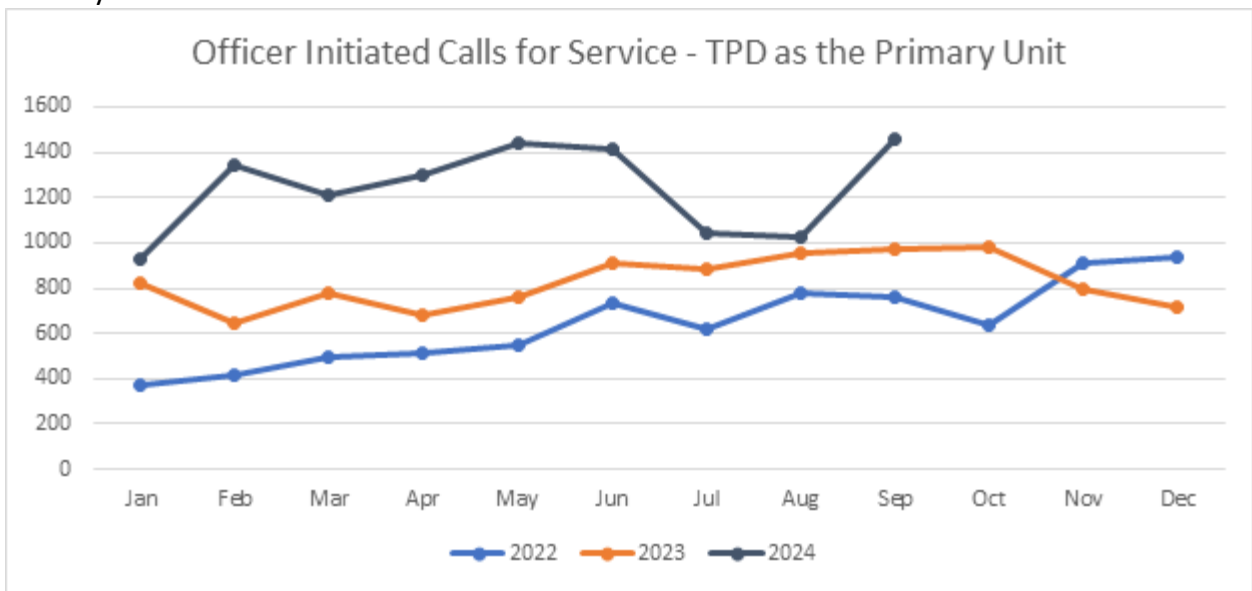
While the hiring process does take time, the process’s timeline is similar to other agencies in the area. Therefore, the primary issue facing TPD hiring is the number of quality candidates who apply. Most applicants apply to multiple police agencies, resulting competition for the same small pool of qualified individuals.

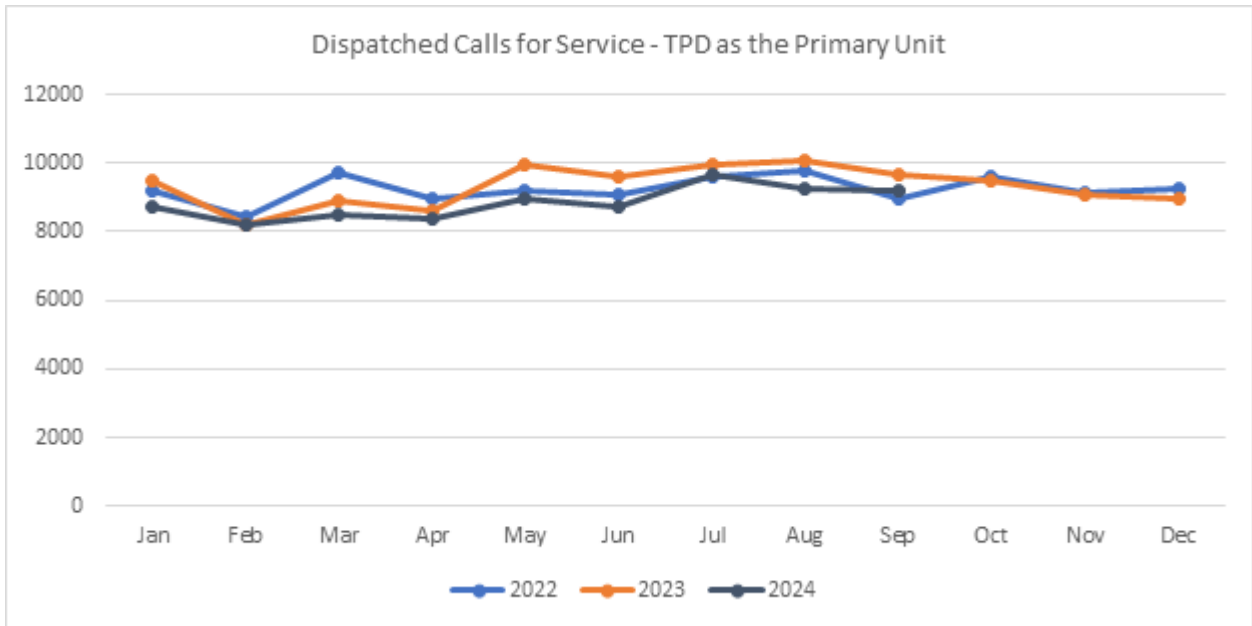
**5. Officer initiated calls and dispatched numbers**

During the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council Member Hines asked for the split between Officer initiated calls and dispatched calls

**Staff Response**

Officer-Initiated Calls for Service (CFS) can see dramatic swings depending on variables such as staffing, call volume, and resource priorities. Officer Initiated Calls shown below are based on Priority 5 calls and excludes Place Oriented Policing work (POP). Dispatched CFS has historical been consistent seasonal fluctuations (increase in summer, decrease in fall). Dispatched Calls is based on dispatched date and excludes Off Duty Calls, Test Calls and Duplicate and Cancelled Calls. Data shown below is for call where the Tacoma Police Department is dispatched as the Primary Unit.





## 6. Minimum Staffing Levels

During the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council Member Walker asked how minimum staffing levels are determined for the Police Department.

### Staff Response

Minimum staffing levels for individual shifts are not in the Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs). There is no specific legal requirement at the local, state, or federal level that mandates a certain number of officers for police staffing within the City. The number of officers who work patrol at any given time is determined by direction of leadership after taking into account call volume, times of calls, and call types.

Additionally, it should be referred to as targeted staffing versus minimum staffing. Historically, department leadership has asserted this terminology over the years. Due to low staffing numbers, there have been occasions in recent years when even after supervisors have sourced as many voluntary and mandatory overtime officers as possible, the number of officers working a shift has still not reached the targeted levels for a shift.

The targeted number of officers has historically been established by call volume, times of calls, and call types. The spread of officers throughout the city takes into account providing equal police services throughout all communities in the city as well as the geographics of the city (such as travel time to northeast Tacoma). The current targeted staffing level is 140 for Patrol and 160 are needed to provided services without overtime. TPD has 173 budgeted patrol positions. In 2020, the City commissioned Matrix Consulting to conduct a staffing study for police services in Tacoma. The report recommended that patrol be assigned 187 officers.

## **Alternative Response**

### **7. Coordination between alternative response groups in different City Departments**

During the October 15th meeting, Council Member Walker asked if alternative response units (HOPE, HEAL, Community Liaison Officers) were coordinating with one another.

#### **Staff Response**

As the City develops its Alternate Response programming, they are also developing the mechanisms for regular interaction and collaboration. HEAL, TPDs Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and HOPE represent the longest standing programming in this area. These teams and the Directors hold regular meetings and have established patterns of communication outside of those standing meetings. These workgroups track the number of referrals they make between one another. Staff is working to further integrate the work of the Community Safety Officers and Tacoma Public Library's Social Worker and Safety Coordinator.



# Tacoma City Council Constituent Intake Website Data Report

## Project Overview

The new Constituent intake Website went live on October 2nd, 2024. The objective of this tool is to aid Council Members when answering constituent inquiries. Specifically, when more than one Council Member is included on the inquiry.

The Constituent Intake Website helps to identify a primary Council Member and the address/district of the constituent or concern. Our objectives are to increase belief and trust with the community and provide Council Members with data analysis of constituent inquiries.

Currently, the Constituent Intake Website will provide data on the total number of submissions, submissions by district (identified by the address entered), and the topic of inquiries. Currently, there are not enough submissions to show meaningful data in all these categories. Additionally, we are only able to capture data from inquiries submitted through the intake form and not if they contact the Council Member directly. The data we can provide is included below.

## Data Information

The data below is an accumulation of all data received since the launch of the website on October 2, 2024.

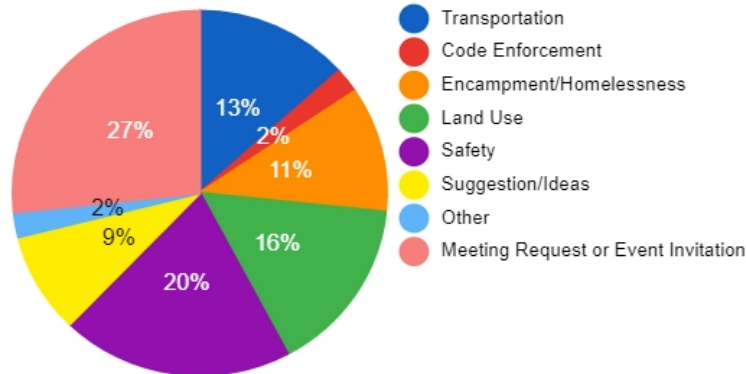
**Total by District:** This data is based on the address submitted by the constituent.

**Topic Categories:** These are overarching categories based on the topic and information provided by the constituent.

**Total Submissions:** The total number of submissions received since the launch on October 2, 2024.

**Submissions that include more than one Council Member:** If one or more additional Council Members are selected in a request are included in this data.

## Category Codes



### Request Submissions

**64**

Total

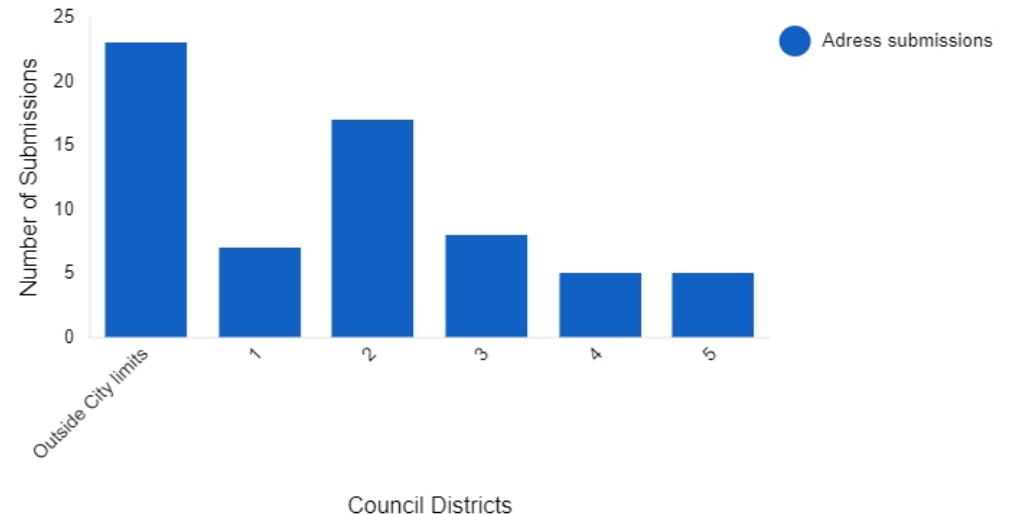
### Request Submissions

**51**

Includes more than one  
Council Member

## Total by District

### Submissions by Council District



**Contact:** Karyssa Mathison, Constituent Relations Analyst  
kmathison@cityoftacoma.org





# Citywide Weekly Briefing for 14 October 2024 to 20 October 2024

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	20-Oct-2023	20-Oct-2024	20-Oct-2023	20-Oct-2024	20-Oct-2023	20-Oct-2024			
<b>Persons</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>3594</b>	<b>3541</b>	7.3% ▼	0.8% ▼	1.5% ▼
Assault	77	72	329	331	3261	3226	6.5% ▼	0.6% ▲	1.1% ▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	0	0	1	2	23	18	0.0%	100.0% ▲	21.7% ▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	1	7	10	78	85	50.0% ▼	42.9% ▲	9.0% ▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	3	3	22	13	230	210	0.0%	40.9% ▼	8.7% ▼
<b>Property</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1470</b>	<b>20127</b>	<b>16006</b>	34.3% ▼	26.4% ▼	20.5% ▼
Arson	1	2	7	4	102	95	100.0% ▲	42.9% ▼	6.9% ▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	23	32	104	121	1292	1236	39.1% ▲	16.3% ▲	4.3% ▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	1	2	2	36	48	NC	0.0%	33.3% ▲
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	149	101	551	411	5185	4396	32.2% ▼	25.4% ▼	15.2% ▼
Fraud	10	7	44	45	492	486	30.0% ▼	2.3% ▲	1.2% ▼
Larceny/Theft	199	142	731	637	6969	6540	28.6% ▼	12.9% ▼	6.2% ▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	112	41	452	200	5067	2557	63.4% ▼	55.8% ▼	49.5% ▼
Robbery	13	8	51	26	500	343	38.5% ▼	49.0% ▼	31.4% ▼
Stolen Property	11	4	50	17	411	248	63.6% ▼	66.0% ▼	39.7% ▼
<b>Society</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>558</b>	120.0% ▲	35.6% ▲	42.0% ▲
Drug/Narcotic	6	17	24	41	131	324	183.3% ▲	70.8% ▲	147.3% ▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	0	1	0	13	11	100.0% ▼	100.0% ▼	15.4% ▼
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	5	4	0.0%	0.0%	20.0% ▼
Weapon Law Violations	3	5	20	20	244	219	66.7% ▲	0.0%	10.2% ▼
<b>Citywide Totals</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>2402</b>	<b>1887</b>	<b>24114</b>	<b>20105</b>	28.2% ▼	21.4% ▼	16.6% ▼

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## Last 7 Days

### Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 65.3% (47/72) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 66 DV-related offenses.
- 69.7% (46/66) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 59.7% (43/72) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 48 ↗ 66
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 82 ↘ 61

### Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 4502 S Steele St: 22 ↘ 13
- 7050 Tacoma Mall Blvd: 6 ↗ 7
- 3320 S 23rd St: 7 ↘ 6
- 6208 Tacoma Mall Blvd: 0 ↗ 5
- 5849 Tacoma Mall Blvd: 0 ↗ 4
- 820 A St: 0 ↗ 4
- 1019 Pacific Ave: 0 ↗ 4
- There were 3 additional locations with 4.

### Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Parking Lot: 148 ↘ 95
- Single Family Residence: 84 ↘ 70
- Street/Right Of Way: 88 ↘ 64
- Apartment: 73 ↘ 44
- Garage (Non-Residential): 2 ↗ 16



# Sector 1 Weekly Briefing for 14 October 2024 to 20 October 2024

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<b>Persons</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>906</b>	66.7%▲	5.6%▼	0.2%▼
Assault	6	14	79	79	816	815	133.3%▲	0.0%	0.1%▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	0	0	0	1	5	6	0.0%	NC	20.0%▲
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	4	1	19	25	100.0%▼	75.0%▼	31.6%▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	2	1	7	4	67	60	50.0%▼	42.9%▼	10.4%▼
<b>Property</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>4654</b>	<b>4403</b>	34.3%▼	30.3%▼	5.4%▼
Arson	1	0	3	0	41	45	100.0%▼	100.0%▼	9.8%▲
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	6	2	29	27	316	339	66.7%▼	6.9%▼	7.3%▲
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0	0	8	3	0.0%	0.0%	62.5%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	41	34	166	119	1400	1520	17.1%▼	28.3%▼	8.6%▲
Fraud	4	1	15	7	87	68	75.0%▼	53.3%▼	21.8%▼
Larceny/Theft	52	38	203	151	1511	1661	26.9%▼	25.6%▼	9.9%▲
Motor Vehicle Theft	23	8	90	49	1077	617	65.2%▼	45.6%▼	42.7%▼
Robbery	4	1	14	10	102	92	75.0%▼	28.6%▼	9.8%▼
Stolen Property	3	1	12	4	96	42	66.7%▼	66.7%▼	56.3%▼
<b>Society</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>120</b>	300.0%▲	23.1%▲	1.7%▲
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Weapon Law Violations	0	0	6	4	63	44	0.0%	33.3%▼	30.2%▼
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>5680</b>	<b>5429</b>	23.4%▼	25.7%▼	4.4%▼

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## Last 7 Days

<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.</li> <li>28.6% (4/14) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.</li> <li>There were 8 DV-related offenses.</li> <li>62.5% (5/8) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.</li> <li>35.7% (5/14) of the Assaults were DV-related.</li> <li>DV-related Offenses: 7 ↗ 8</li> <li>There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.</li> <li>Theft from Motor Vehicle: 31 ↘ 25</li> </ul>	<p><b>Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1019 Pacific Ave: 0 ↗ 4</li> <li>610 Puyallup Ave: 1 ↗ 4</li> <li>820 A St: 0 ↗ 4</li> <li>565 Broadway: 0 ↗ 3</li> <li>1111 S 9th St: 0 ↗ 3</li> </ul>	<p><b>Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parking Lot: 42 ↘ 25</li> <li>Street/Right Of Way: 35 ↘ 25</li> <li>Single Family Residence: 8 ↗ 15</li> <li>Garage (Non-Residential): 2 ↗ 14</li> <li>Apartment: 14 ↘ 7</li> </ul>
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# Sector 2 Weekly Briefing for 14 October 2024 to 20 October 2024

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Assault	16	14	65	87	686	797	12.5%▼	33.8%▲	16.2%▲
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Sex Offenses, Forcible	1	1	6	4	66	65	0.0%	33.3%▼	1.5%▼
<b>Property</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>5601</b>	<b>4318</b>	48.9%▼	24.9%▼	22.9%▼
Arson	0	1	3	3	21	18	NC	0.0%	14.3%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	4	9	23	31	322	281	125.0%▲	34.8%▲	12.7%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	1	1	1	12	17	NC	0.0%	41.7%▲
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	33	13	146	111	1501	1181	60.6%▼	24.0%▼	21.3%▼
Fraud	2	0	8	7	138	162	100.0%▼	12.5%▼	17.4%▲
Larceny/Theft	58	34	198	178	2057	1843	41.4%▼	10.1%▼	10.4%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	33	8	112	48	1363	710	75.8%▼	57.1%▼	47.9%▼
Robbery	2	3	8	3	117	66	50.0%▲	62.5%▼	43.6%▼
Stolen Property	3	0	7	1	47	27	100.0%▼	85.7%▼	42.6%▼
<b>Society</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>72</b>	100.0%▼	50.0%▼	71.4%▲
Drug/Narcotic	2	0	4	1	11	40	100.0%▼	75.0%▼	263.6%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	4	1	0.0%	0.0%	75.0%▼
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Weapon Law Violations	0	0	0	1	27	31	0.0%	NC	14.8%▲
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>6412</b>	<b>5277</b>	45.5%▼	18.5%▼	17.7%▼

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## Last 7 Days

### Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 78.6% (11/14) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 16 DV-related offenses.
- 75.0% (12/16) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 78.6% (11/14) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 8 ↗ 16
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 20 ↘ 11

### Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 3320 S 23rd St: 7 ↘ 6
- 5975 S 12th St: 0 ↗ 2
- 1965 S Union Ave: 2 ↔ 2
- N 11th St & N Highland St: 0 ↗ 2
- 906 N Union Ave: 0 ↗ 2
- 618 N 1st St: 0 ↗ 2
- 3001 Ruston Way: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 7 additional locations with 2

### Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Single Family Residence: 31 ↘ 17
- Parking Lot: 31 ↘ 14
- Apartment: 17 ↘ 12
- Street/Right Of Way: 13 ↘ 9
- Department Store: 9 ↘ 6



# Sector 3 Weekly Briefing for 14 October 2024 to 20 October 2024

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Offense Breakdown	7 Days		28 Days		Year to Date		7 Days	28 Days	YTD
	14-Oct-2023	14-Oct-2024	23-Sep-2023	23-Sep-2024	01-Jan-2023	01-Jan-2024			
	20-Oct-2023	20-Oct-2024	20-Oct-2023	20-Oct-2024	20-Oct-2023	20-Oct-2024			
<b>Persons</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>791</b>	24.0% ▼	13.2% ▼	0.8% ▼
Assault	24	17	82	70	725	730	29.2% ▼	14.6% ▼	0.7% ▲
Homicide <i>(doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)</i>	0	0	1	0	6	1	0.0%	100.0% ▼	83.3% ▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	3	5	24	18	0.0%	66.7% ▲	25.0% ▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	0	1	5	4	41	41	NC	20.0% ▼	0.0%
<b>Property</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>5215</b>	<b>3957</b>	28.4% ▼	25.6% ▼	24.1% ▼
Arson	0	0	0	0	15	15	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	6	6	25	30	321	317	0.0%	20.0% ▲	1.2% ▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	1	1	11	15	0.0%	0.0%	36.4% ▲
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	41	29	138	103	1204	911	29.3% ▼	25.4% ▼	24.3% ▼
Fraud	3	3	9	19	139	138	0.0%	111.1% ▲	0.7% ▼
Larceny/Theft	52	51	178	193	1907	1781	1.9% ▼	8.4% ▲	6.6% ▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	35	11	158	51	1366	604	68.6% ▼	67.7% ▼	55.8% ▼
Robbery	3	0	14	2	120	82	100.0% ▼	85.7% ▼	31.7% ▼
Stolen Property	0	1	18	4	118	81	NC	77.8% ▼	31.4% ▼
<b>Society</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>166</b>	500.0% ▲	6.3% ▲	49.5% ▲
Drug/Narcotic	0	3	6	10	39	100	NC	66.7% ▲	156.4% ▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	4	4	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0%	0.0%	100.0% ▼
Weapon Law Violations	1	3	10	7	67	62	200.0% ▲	30.0% ▼	7.5% ▼
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>6123</b>	<b>4914</b>	24.6% ▼	23.1% ▼	19.7% ▼

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## Last 7 Days

<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.</li> <li>58.8% (10/17) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.</li> <li>There were 15 DV-related offenses.</li> <li>60.0% (9/15) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.</li> <li>41.2% (7/17) of the Assaults were DV-related.</li> <li>DV-related Offenses: 12 ↗ 15</li> <li>There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.</li> <li>Theft from Motor Vehicle: 23 ↘ 18</li> </ul>	<p><b>Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4502 S Steele St: 22 ↘ 13</li> <li>7050 Tacoma Mall Blvd: 6 ↗ 7</li> <li>6208 Tacoma Mall Blvd: 0 ↗ 5</li> <li>2120 S 48th St: 1 ↗ 4</li> <li>8025 S Hosmer St: 0 ↗ 4</li> <li>5849 Tacoma Mall Blvd: 0 ↗ 4</li> </ul>	<p><b>Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parking Lot: 54 ↘ 43</li> <li>Street/Right Of Way: 18 ↘ 14</li> <li>Clothing Store: 4 ↗ 10</li> <li>Apartment: 19 ↘ 9</li> <li>Single Family Residence: 9 ↘ 7</li> </ul>
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# Sector 4 Weekly Briefing for 14 October 2024 to 20 October 2024

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Offense Breakdown	7 Days		28 Days		Year to Date		7 Days	28 Days	YTD
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	20-Oct-2023	20-Oct-2024	20-Oct-2023	20-Oct-2024	20-Oct-2023	20-Oct-2024			
<b>Persons</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>955</b>	12.9% ▼	6.5% ▼	14.7% ▼
Assault	31	27	103	95	1034	882	12.9% ▼	7.8% ▼	14.7% ▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	0	0	0	1	5	9	0.0%	NC	80.0% ▲
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	0	3	25	20	0.0%	NC	20.0% ▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	0	0	4	1	56	44	0.0%	75.0% ▼	21.4% ▼
<b>Property</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>4657</b>	<b>3327</b>	23.9% ▼	24.4% ▼	28.6% ▼
Arson	0	1	1	1	25	17	NC	0.0%	32.0% ▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	7	15	27	33	333	299	114.3% ▲	22.2% ▲	10.2% ▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0	0	5	13	0.0%	0.0%	160.0% ▲
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	34	25	101	78	1080	784	26.5% ▼	22.8% ▼	27.4% ▼
Fraud	1	3	12	12	128	118	200.0% ▲	0.0%	7.8% ▼
Larceny/Theft	37	19	152	115	1494	1254	48.6% ▼	24.3% ▼	16.1% ▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	21	14	92	52	1261	626	33.3% ▼	43.5% ▼	50.4% ▼
Robbery	4	4	15	11	161	103	0.0%	26.7% ▼	36.0% ▼
Stolen Property	5	2	13	8	150	98	60.0% ▼	38.5% ▼	34.7% ▼
<b>Society</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>200</b>	60.0% ▲	116.7% ▲	63.9% ▲
Drug/Narcotic	2	6	7	18	31	112	200.0% ▲	157.1% ▲	261.3% ▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	0	1	0	4	3	100.0% ▼	100.0% ▼	25.0% ▼
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Weapon Law Violations	2	2	4	8	87	82	0.0%	100.0% ▲	5.7% ▼
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>5899</b>	<b>4482</b>	18.6% ▼	17.6% ▼	24.0% ▼

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## Last 7 Days

### Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 81.5% (22/27) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 27 DV-related offenses.
- 74.1% (20/27) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 74.1% (20/27) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 21 ↔ 27
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 8 ↘ 7

### Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 8819 S Asotin St: 0 ↗ 3
- 1430 E 72nd St: 0 ↗ 3
- 9241 S D St: 0 ↗ 3
- 1302 S 38th St: 3 ↔ 3
- Pacific Ave & S 72nd St: 0 ↗ 3
- 713 E 55th St: 0 ↗ 2
- 6424 Tacoma Ave S: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 18 additional locations with 2.

### Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Single Family Residence: 36 ↘ 31
- Apartment: 23 ↘ 16
- Street/Right Of Way: 22 ↘ 16
- Parking Lot: 21 ↘ 13
- Restaurant/Fast Food Establishment: 0 ↗ 6





## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 28, 2024 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2024

TIME	MEETING	LOCATION
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024</b>		
5:00 PM	Local Improvement District (LID) Hearings*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit <a href="http://www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer">www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer</a>
5:30 PM	Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99545896138">https://zoom.us/j/99545896138</a> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 995 4589 6138 Passcode: 762319
5:30 PM	Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243 Contact Vicky McLarin at <a href="mailto:HRCandCIRA@cityoftacoma.org">HRCandCIRA@cityoftacoma.org</a>
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024</b>		
9:00 AM	Hearing Examiner's Hearing*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit <a href="http://www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer">www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer</a>
10:00 AM	Economic Development Committee	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/88227539908">https://zoom.us/j/88227539908</a> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 882 2753 9908 Passcode: 614650
11:15 AM	Bid Opening**	Visit <a href="http://www.tacomapurchasing.org">www.tacomapurchasing.org</a>
NOON	City Council Study Session	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/89496171192">https://zoom.us/j/89496171192</a> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 894 9617 1192 Passcode: 896569
5:00 PM	City Council Meeting	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/84834233126">https://zoom.us/j/84834233126</a> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126 Passcode: 349099
5:30 PM	<b>Transportation Benefit District Governing Board – SPECIAL MEETING</b>	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/84834233126">https://zoom.us/j/84834233126</a> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126 Passcode: 349099
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024</b>		
3:30 PM	Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee – <b>SPECIAL MEETING</b>	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/87829056704">https://zoom.us/j/87829056704</a> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 878 2905 6704 Passcode: 614650
5:00 PM	Committees, Boards, and Commissions – Equity Index Workshop – <b>SPECIAL MEETING</b>	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243 Contact Chelsea Talbert at <a href="mailto:ctalbert@cityoftacoma.org">ctalbert@cityoftacoma.org</a>
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024</b>		
9:00 AM	Hearing Examiner's Hearing*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit <a href="http://www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer">www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer</a>
<b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024</b>		
NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED		

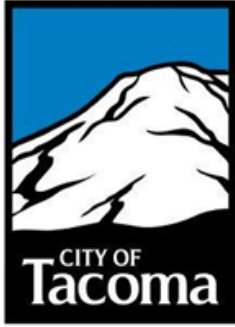


Meeting sites are accessible to people with disabilities. People with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the appropriate department(s) 48 hours prior to the meeting time.

\* Hearing Examiner's Hearings and Local Improvement District Meetings meet on an as-needed basis. Contact the Hearing Examiner's Office at (253) 591-5195 to confirm whether a meeting will be held this week. Hearings may be held at various times throughout the day.

\*\* Bid Opening will be held on an as-needed basis. Contact the Finance Procurement and Payables Office at (253) 502-8468 or [www.tacomapurchasing.org](http://www.tacomapurchasing.org) to confirm whether Bid Opening will be held.





# City of Tacoma

## General Government

### 2025 State Legislative Policy Positions

The City of Tacoma has identified strategic priorities for the City based on a community designed vision developed by Tacoma residents in the [Tacoma 2025, the Strategic Plan for the City of Tacoma](#). Based on these community priorities, the Tacoma City Council has identified the City's [current priority areas](#) of focus.<sup>1</sup>

Integral to these priorities is the City's commitment to equity. The City Council adopted [Resolution 40622](#) affirming the City Council's dedication and commitment to comprehensive and sustained transformation of all of the institutions, systems, policies, practices, and contracts impacted by systemic racism and directing the City Manager to work with the Mayor and City Council to build a legislative platform at the local, state, and federal levels that works to transform institutions impacted by systemic racism for the greater equity and wellbeing of all residents of Tacoma.

In addition to the City priorities, the City will continue to collaborate and coordinate with community partners, organizations, educational institutions, nonprofits, local businesses, service providers, and other local governments on issues of importance to our city and region. The City will support legislative efforts and partner initiatives that are consistent with the City policy positions.<sup>2</sup>

Consistent with the current City Council priority areas, the following are the City of Tacoma positions on state legislative issues and concerns.

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<sup>1</sup> The City has prioritized increasing belief and trust within the community. Focus on increasing belief and trust is a core part of all of the City priorities. Because it is integral to the plans in every area it cannot be divided out into a separate section and is incorporated into priorities of every section. A few examples of efforts to increase belief and trust include participatory budgeting, neighborhood planning with community input, improving the clarity and frequency of communication, providing increased transparency, reducing use of force incidents, and improving community survey results.

<sup>2</sup> Members of the Joint Municipal Action Committee, serving the Tacoma/Pierce County region, align common community initiatives under three strategic themes: 1) Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI); 2) public health and safety; and 3) community wealth building. Areas of legislative interest include, but are not limited to, leveraging the collective impact of local purchasing, removing barriers to government contracts, connecting youth pipelines to careers, ending homelessness, and dismantling systems that perpetuate systemic racism.

## Safety

Public safety is a priority for the City. The City objectives related to safety include reducing the number of crimes occurring, particularly firearm related offenses, and increasing effectiveness of our response by enhancing coordination with appropriate behavioral health services. The City objectives also include increasing the percentage of residents who feel safe and decreasing response times for 911 calls for assistance.

In furtherance of these objectives, the following are specific policy positions related to safety:

### Law Enforcement

- **Recruitment and Retention:** The City, like most jurisdictions in the country, faces a critical shortage of officers in our law enforcement agency, the Tacoma Police Department (TPD). While the TPD is making progress in hiring officers and is using data-driven strategies along with creative alternatives such as creating a unit of non-commissioned civilian officers, there remains a gap in staffing that is detrimental to public safety. The City requests the state support recruitment and retention efforts through increased funding and local revenue options, and to ensure there is sufficient capacity at the state Criminal Justice Training Commission to provide the necessary training for all officers in the state. The City also supports efforts to expand the pool of potential officers such as modifying eligibility requirements to allow those in Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status to serve as police officers and changes that allow for part-time positions to be covered in the LEOFF 2 pension system.
- **Independent Prosecutions of Police Use of Force:** The City actively supported the establishment of the Office of Independent Investigations (OII) to conduct transparent, unbiased, and thorough investigations of police use of force cases. While this is an important step, the work is not complete. The state must establish an Office of Independent Prosecutions to review the OII investigations and make transparent, unbiased decisions in these cases. This is critical to the credibility of these investigations and to our community.
- **Automated Enforcement:** The City encourages the state to support, retain, and expand local automated enforcement programs to improve traffic safety. Additionally, the City supports efforts to increase the portion of automated enforcement proceeds collected through these programs that can be retained by the City to implement additional traffic safety measures.
- **Public Defense Funding:** Criminal indigent defense is a constitutional right. While the state has provided some funding to cities to improve public defense, additional funding is needed to provide appropriate public defense services, particularly given the increased demand anticipated following the changes to the possession of controlled substances laws, and potential implementation of new caseload standards.

- **Business Support:** The City supports efforts to support businesses including prevention of organized retail crime, and state funding to provide security enhancements such as shatterproof windows.

### Alternative Response

- **Alternatives to Traditional Law Enforcement Response:** Programs providing responses that are alternatives to traditional law enforcement are critical to improving public safety. In situations involving individuals experiencing behavioral health issues, programs such as behavioral health co-responders, diversion, and other alternative programs improve outcomes for the community and law enforcement. It is important to ensure there are services available to people experiencing behavioral health issues when they are in need. The City also supports programs that provide supportive services for individuals experiencing cognitive decline. Additionally, programs that allow appointed unarmed officers with a limited scope of responsibilities and authority to respond to certain low-risk calls will improve community safety, increase feelings of security with community members, and improve relationships between the community and law enforcement. The City encourages the state to expand support of local government efforts to increase alternative response programs.
- **Problem-Solving Courts:** Problem-solving courts differ from traditional courts in that they focus on a type of offense or the person committing the offense. They offer therapeutic and interdisciplinary approaches to addressing the issues underlying the criminal behavior. Therapeutic and community courts are types of problem-solving courts. The City supports increased funding for problem-solving courts, particularly as the need for alternatives to the traditional court system is increasing as a result of the City responsibility for possession of controlled substance and public use of controlled substance cases.
- **Community Violence Reduction Programs:** The City has implemented, or is in the process of implementing, programs and services focused on reducing community firearm violence. The City requests the state to continue and increase funding opportunities to allow the implementation of community and law enforcement intervention programs to address firearm violence and to provide programs for young people with the goal of violence prevention. The City encourages the state to support, and provide funding for, prevention programs such as the Summer Teen Late Nights program funded by the City and other partners, to provide young people a safe place to engage in activities.
- **Community Safety:** The City is developing a community safety action strategy that will include city actions to support public safety, including actions beyond traditional police and fire responses, and will identify opportunities to support additional community and state actions that further enhance community safety. The City supports state efforts to address the root causes of poverty which will increase community safety, consistent with the City plans.

- **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design:** Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) programs help reduce the chance of criminal activity by providing guidelines for property owners to use to lower or prevent environmental factors from creating opportunity for crime. The City supports state funding efforts to augment CPTED efforts

### Drug Possession

- **Adequate Funding for implementing Drug Laws:** The legislative changes to the controlled substance possession offenses require the cities to be responsible for enforcement of these statutes. The City supported the legislation making the possession offenses gross misdemeanors in most cases based on the emphasis on treatment. The City encourages the state to ensure there are adequate services for behavioral health needs, including access to a continuum of services. The City also encourages the state to direct funding to help offset the cost of implementing the drug possession laws, including funding for staffing; law enforcement assisted diversion; alternative response programs, including co-responder teams; problem-solving courts; and diversion programs.
- **Funding and Assistance to Address Substance Abuse Crisis:** Opioid-related overdoses are the most [common cause of accidental death](#) in Pierce County, taking more lives than traffic or firearm fatalities,<sup>3</sup> due largely to increased use of fentanyl. Opioid deaths in Washington are growing most quickly among people ages 18-24. The City supports additional resources and technical assistance from the state to help local, state, and federal law enforcement address the substance addiction crisis in cities.

### Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention:

- **Surrender of Weapons:** The City supports state legislation requiring the surrender of firearms in cases involving domestic violence and sexual assault, including following conviction and related to orders for protection and no-contact orders.
- **Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Programs and Services:** The City supports funding for programs and services to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and encourages the state to ensure there is ongoing funding for these services. The City also supports funding for domestic violence and sexual assault prevention educational programs, such as teach-the-teacher programs.

### Fire

- **Support for Tacoma Fire Department (TFD), including the TFD Medical Services:** TFD personnel provide essential services in dangerous and crisis situations. The City supports policies, programming and resources that assist municipal fire departments to provide services and training, purchase technology and equipment, and address the mental health needs of first responders.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.tpchd.org/i-want-to/public-health-data/overdose-data>.

- **Battery Fires:** Electric battery fires pose unique risks to first responders and those responsible for the disposal of the burnt battery material. The City supports a study of fires related to electric batteries to inform policies and practices to reduce risk and improve opportunities for safer disposal.

## Housing and Homelessness

Housing and homelessness are issues impacting cities across the state and nation. Homelessness is a complex situation that will require short-term and long-range efforts to address immediate needs such as shelter, while also addressing housing availability and affordability in our community. The City of Tacoma has been operating under a Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency since 2017 to address the health and safety concerns caused by growing encampments and has subsequently extended the ordinance several times.

The City has prioritized focusing on addressing housing and homelessness issues within the City and recognizes that affordable and diverse housing types are the long-term solution to the homelessness crisis. The City priorities include providing diverse shelter options to meet the needs of our unhoused community; reducing unsanctioned encampments and issues associated with these encampments; increasing units of permanent supportive housing; creating new units of affordable housing through production of new units of affordable housing; preserving existing affordable housing; and preventing the displacement of longtime Tacoma residents.

In furtherance of these objectives, the following are specific policy positions related to housing and homelessness:

### Housing

- **Housing Development and Land Use Regulations, Codes, and Policies:** Housing issues within the state are not uniform across cities; therefore, there must be flexibility in legislation adopted to ensure cities are able to implement policies in ways that meet the local constraints and needs, as well as minimize displacement. Consistent with this policy, the City supports the state's efforts to increase density.
- **Transit-Oriented Development:** The City has been a leader in planning for housing development and welcomes transit-oriented development. As the state engages in a policy discussion on transit-oriented development, the City encourages the state to look at those strategies the City has utilized as a resource, including partnerships with transit agencies and collaboration with a broad range of stakeholders. Any statewide policy should strive for the highest densities to occur nearest transit stops, with tiered reducing densities further out from the stop. Additionally, the City encourages the state to keep equity central to the discussion and to

consider robust anti-displacement measures, including financial support for local programs meant to reduce displacement of longtime residents.

- **Reducing Displacement:** Many of the efforts to increase the housing supply impact the ability of individuals on limited incomes to remain housed, including seniors, renters, BIPOC residents, people with a disability, and those on fixed incomes. The City has adopted an Anti-Displacement Strategy which includes 21 policy and program actions to prevent and mitigate displacement of Tacoma residents from their homes and communities. The City supports policies to reduce displacement and provide opportunities for those on limited incomes to remain housed. The City supports increased state funding for programs such as rental and housing assistance, home repairs for low-income homeowners, down payment assistance, mortgage assistance, relocation assistance, tenant legal counsel, and acquisition of land or multifamily buildings in high-displacement areas will allow low-income Tacoma residents to stay in their homes and in their communities.
- **Implementation Support:** The legislature made significant changes to housing requirements during the past session. The City is also implementing housing policy adopted by the City Council, much of which is consistent with the state efforts. The City requests the state allow time to implement the recently adopted planning and zoning changes consistent with comprehensive plan update schedules. Additionally, the City requests the state provide adequate time, and technical and financial support for land use and planning requirements.
- **Local Decision-Making:** Housing issues within the state are not uniform across cities; therefore, there must be flexibility in legislation adopted to ensure cities are able to implement policies in ways that meet the local constraints and needs, as well as minimizes displacement.
- **Extreme Weather Response:** Climate change is creating greater demand on public resources. Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent with climate change and are putting our most vulnerable at risk. The City supports grant programs and other funding to support response to extreme weather conditions, including to prepare and modify our buildings to keep residents safe during extreme weather events.
- **State Funding for Affordable Housing:** The City of Tacoma lacks affordable housing. Nearly 33,000 households in Tacoma pay at least 30 percent of their income on housing costs each month, reducing their ability to pay for other necessities. Since 2015, average rent in Tacoma has increased by 85 percent and home values increased by 148%. In response to this urgent need, the City adopted the [Affordable Housing Action Strategy](#) to guide its efforts to dramatically increase investments in new rental and homeownership opportunities and establish broader anti-displacement measures. While this effort has resulted in an increase in affordable housing units, there is a significant demand that will continue to increase. To further the City efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing the City supports increasing state funding for programs supporting the acquisition, construction, and operation of shelters, permanent supportive housing, and affordable housing, such as the Housing Trust Fund, rapid acquisition funding, establishing Housing Benefit Districts (HBDs), funding mechanisms that can

assist with land banking for future affordable development, [efforts to enhance home ownership opportunities](#), and the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP). The City also supports efforts to provide incentives to developers to build affordable housing, including utility infrastructure incentives and other tools. The City supports incentives to convert market-rate residential and commercial buildings into affordable housing units. The City supports efforts to incentivize options for affordable housing by allowing property tax exemption for ADUs rented to low-income households.

- **BIPOC Homeownership:** Homeownership is the primary tool for building wealth, and for Black families it plays a bigger role in creating wealth than for white families; however, as shown in the City's 2021 Homeownership Disparity Study, homeownership has failed to benefit Black homeowners as much as white homeowners. The City supports state efforts to enhance homeownership opportunities among Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities through assistance to homebuyers, including down payment assistance, and modifications to existing programs to support homeownership.
- **Area Median Income Calculation:** Many of the state's housing programs utilize a percentage of area median income (AMI) to calculate eligibility. AMI is generally calculated using county data. However, the AMI for the City is significantly different from Pierce County as a whole. The City supports statutory changes, clarifications, and other state and federal efforts to allow AMI to be calculated by city, or metropolitan statistical area rather than by county.

### **Homelessness Services**

- **Funding for Shelters:** With over 1600 people experiencing homelessness in Tacoma, the City has implemented a [Homelessness Strategy](#) to respond to this crisis. The strategy includes implementation and operation of temporary shelters to address immediate needs while also encouraging development of affordable housing in our community as a long-term strategy to mitigate incidences of homelessness. The City's strategy to transition from our current investment in shelter beds to deeper support of permanent and supportive housing as well as the intervention and stabilization services described in the strategy. Even with this shift in funding, the City will need to explore revenue options to support services that are currently supported with one-time funds.
  - The City supports state funding that can be utilized to maintain operations and to continue implementation of the strategy to move towards more permanent solutions for people experiencing homelessness. The state funds should be equitably distributed to ensure that temporary and emergency shelters operated by the City receive funding to allow continued operations.
  - The City supports funding for programs and services to assist people experiencing homelessness, including mental health and substance use disorder treatment services.
- **Rights-of-Way :**



- The City has adopted [an ordinance](#) regulating encampments on public property near shelter locations. Any legislation adopted by the state should ensure this regulatory authority is maintained.
  - The City supports ongoing funding for the partnership between the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the City of Tacoma to remove homeless encampments from rights-of-way, offer shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness, and undertake reclamation activities which includes graffiti abatement.
- **Recreational Vehicles:** A growing issue is the number of people experiencing homelessness who are living in recreational vehicles (RVs) and, in some cases, individuals are renting the RVs from third parties. There are many health and safety concerns associated with the RVs; however, there are unique challenges addressing RVs. The City supports a statewide response to homelessness issues related to RVs given their potential impacts to the environment and transient nature that allows them to move between local jurisdictions making local enforcement more challenging. The City supports a statewide response that leads with compassion, prioritizes siting and services, and is consistent with the position and priorities of the Council. Additionally, the City supports review and modification of state laws and policies related to the disposal of abandoned or unused RVs that are not being used for habitation and are posing an environmental risk to reduce the barriers to disposal of these RVs.

### Rental Housing

- **Rental Assistance and Tenant Protections:** The City supports rental assistance and tenant protections to keep rents affordable and individuals housed. The City supports state efforts to enact rent stabilization policies.
- **Professional Civil Legal Assistance:** The City supports funding for civil legal aid services for low-income clients to prevent or mitigate risks of eviction.
- **Prior Criminal History:** The City supports legislation that would ban discrimination against renters based on a prior criminal record.

### Infrastructure

- **Infrastructure Investments:** The City supports state infrastructure investments aimed at reducing housing construction costs and accommodating growth. The City has embraced growth and increased density throughout its planning code. To successfully accommodate this growth, the City supports increased state resources for infrastructure such as sidewalks, street lighting, green spaces, electric vehicle charging stations, and other infrastructure integral to urban living. Additionally, investing funding in water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure necessary to the development can help offset rising housing constructions costs to make housing more affordable. The City supports programs such as the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure grant



program that direct state funding to these infrastructure needs, and expanded and reliable funding for the Public Works Assistance Account allowing low interest financing for local infrastructure projects.

- **Sidewalks:** The City’s sidewalks are part of its transportation system and therefore it is important they are maintained in a safe usable condition. The City supports state policy and budget efforts that would assist the funding of construction and repair of sidewalks city-wide, including allowing for a sidewalk service charge.

## Jobs

A City goal is that Tacoma be a growing economy where residents can find livable wage jobs in key industry sectors and for Tacoma to be a place of choice for employers, professionals, and new graduates. To achieve these goals the City has prioritized workforce development and increasing the number of livable wage jobs in Tacoma. The City also prioritizes increasing the number of small and medium-sized businesses surviving and thriving in the City, including increasing the number of BIPOC owned businesses and the diversity of small businesses.

In furtherance of these objectives, the following are specific policy positions related to jobs:

**Livable Wage Jobs:** Tacoma has established alignment between the City and the local workforce development board, allowing us to braid funding across initiatives to increase impact while leveraging the expertise of the private sector, labor, and technical colleges that make up the workforce board, with the goal of increasing the pool of skilled workers who can compete for high wage jobs. The state should encourage and support similar programs. The City supports additional assistance for local workforce efforts including, but not limited to:

- **Skills Training:** Support for upskilling/reskilling workers to meet the evolving demands of emerging industries and workforce gaps, including training for veterinary students to address workforce shortages restricting the delivery of veterinary medical services. The City supports efforts to expand skills training access to underserved areas, such as the Eastside Skills and Training Center.
- **Apprenticeship Programs:** Support for apprentice, pre-apprentice programs, and other workforce development programs.
- **Cross-Sector Partnerships:** Support for cross-sector initiatives involving labor, business, workforce providers, governments, education, and training entities to develop strategies prepare workers for high-wage jobs.
- **Barriers to Employment:** Support for programs that remove barriers to employment for vulnerable populations, including barriers to employment for refugees and immigrants.

**Economic Development Tools and Supports:** To achieve the City goals for the economy and workforce, there must be support for large and small businesses, and increased economic development tools and supports. The City supports strategies and partnerships that advance these areas including, but not limited to, the following:

- ***Small and Medium-Sized Businesses:*** Funding and policies that support small and medium-sized businesses, including subsidies and incubators to support disadvantaged businesses struggling with rising market-rate rents and workforce challenges.
- ***Small Business Technical Assistance:*** Funding and policies that provide technical assistance and financial literacy programs to assist small businesses access capital and available grants.
- ***Economic Development Tools:*** Expanding and creating economic development tools, including expanding commercial and industrial development tools.
- ***Advanced manufacturing and jobs in the Green Economy:*** With the adoption of the City's Green Economic Development Strategy, the City supports the expansion of the Strategic Reserve Fund to help support the siting and expansion of manufacturing, research and development activities that support the creation of tradable sectors jobs in the emerging Green Economy. The City supports the creation and expansion of manufacturing tax incentives to assist with these efforts.
- ***Green Jobs:*** In alignment with the City's Green Economic Development Strategy, the City supports developing green jobs including in clean energy, green building products, industrial symbiosis and maritime, making sure that these jobs are promoted within highly vulnerable communities. The City supports utilizing a greater portion of the Climate Commitment Act funding to support green jobs development, as well as training needed for these jobs.
- ***Career Pathways:*** Establishing career pathways to livable wage jobs in the community, including identifying apprenticeship opportunities to support the public sector.
- ***Interstate Licensure Compacts:*** Adopting additional interstate licensure compacts and policy changes to expedite and ease the occupational licensing process for military spouses.

**Equity and Diversity:** It is important to ensure there is an emphasis on equity and diversity in efforts to support, expand, and strengthen workforce development activities, including retraining for emerging industry sectors.

- ***Hiring and Contracting:*** The City supports measures that improve equity in hiring and contracting.
- ***Cannabis Industry:*** The state has made efforts to establish greater equity within the cannabis industry. The City supports ensuring that these efforts continue and include assistance such as providing technical and financial assistance to social equity applicants to reduce barriers to entry in the industry and help these new businesses thrive.

## Access

The City has prioritized using data to make decisions, direct funding, and develop strategies to address disparate outcomes. The data-driven [City Equity Index](#) is utilized to identify, track, and close disparities, as well as to prioritize investments based on access to opportunity. Utilizing an equity lens to inform investments will increase access including language access, and access to transportation and mobility.

In furtherance of these objectives, the following are specific policy positions related to access:

**Equity and Empowerment**: The City would like to work in partnership with the legislature to advance reforms that address the disparate impacts of systems and institutions on communities of color. The City supports statewide policies that bolster gender and racial equity including, but not limited to the following:

- ***Washington Future Fund***: The City supports programs and funding that will help to close generational wealth gaps.
- ***Guaranteed Income***: Many Tacoma families struggle with financial instability. Tacoma launched a guaranteed income pilot program in 2021, Growing Resilience in Tacoma (GRIT), which granted 100 needy families a monthly, no-strings attached payment. The City supports a state guaranteed income program to stabilize needy families and interrupt cycles of poverty, including funding to extend the local GRIT program for an additional biennium. It is important that the guaranteed income policy proposals include specific language that mitigates any impact the additional income may have on the recipient's eligibility for other public assistance programs.
- ***Reparations***: The City supports efforts to acknowledge and address the impacts of discriminatory laws and policies on formerly enslaved people and their descendants.
- ***Election Reform***: The City supports legislation that increases voter participation, including supporting the option for jurisdictions to choose whether local elections are conducted on odd or even years, and the option to choose whether to utilize ranked choice voting.
- ***People with Disabilities***: The City encourages policies to support individuals with disabilities, including non-apparent disabilities, to ensure access to services and opportunities and to provide equal opportunities, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion. The City also supports policy options to enhance and incentivize employment options for people with disabilities.

- **College Promise:** The City supports efforts to create a college promise program that links already existing state-level financial aid and guaranteed admissions programs, and that addresses non-tuition cost barriers and incentivizes postsecondary enrollment and persistence through direct cash assistance, as well as investing in student navigation assistance.
- **Community Reinvestment:** The legislature previously set aside funding into the Community Reinvestment Account to invest in communities disproportionately harmed by the historical design and enforcement of state and federal criminal laws and penalties. This initial investment represents the first steps to begin addressing racial, economic, and social disparities within communities, but continued investments are needed to broaden the reach and to impact the long-term economic benefits of the program. The City supports continued funding into the Community Reinvestment Account to promote long-term benefits in the form of community healing, new jobs, home ownership, job retention, increased personal wealth, and higher incomes.

**Transportation and Infrastructure:** The City is strategically guiding investment to develop a safe, accessible, and multimodal transportation system that prioritizes safety, equity, sustainability, and public health. The City has prioritized safety including through committing to Vision Zero and the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries in the City of Tacoma by 2035. The City is working to improve access and proximity by residents of diverse income levels, abilities, and race or ethnicity to community facilities, services, and infrastructure.

- **Transportation Network:** The City is dedicated to building out a local transportation network that supports all modes and is well maintained and safe. As such, the City supports:
  - Increased funding and local revenue options to maintain and preserve local bridges, roadways, ferries, sidewalks, parks, and trails.
  - Policies and investments that facilitate accessible transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure and access.
  - Timely delivery of projects funded in the 2015 Connecting Washington and 2022 Move Ahead Washington transportation packages, including the Puget Sound Gateway, Puyallup Avenue Complete Streets Project, HOV lanes on I-5 from 38<sup>th</sup> to Joint Base Lewis McChord, the Tacoma to Puyallup Trail, and Schuster Parkway Promenade.
  - The City requests state partnership to respond to the worsening conditions of the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge. The City is seeking state funding to assist the replacement of the bridge.

- **Access:** The City supports efforts to ensure access to transportation, including wheelchair accessible rideshare opportunities, and increased funding to make Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements such as sidewalk ramps.
- **City Authority:** The City opposes legislation that infringes on the city's ability to manage and maintain the right-of-way, such as proposals mandating telecommunications infrastructure or micro-trenching.
- **Transportation System Revenue Source:** The City supports efforts to replace the fuel tax with a new revenue source, such as a road usage charge, to support the maintenance and operation of the state and local transportation network. In recognition that the transportation system is a state and local responsibility, funds from a new revenue source should be shared between state and local governments.
- **Transportation and Infrastructure Funding:** The City supports ongoing and increased funding for transportation and freight mobility grant opportunities including grants that have historically been offered through the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB), WSDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, and the Safe Routes to Schools Program, and the Climate Commitment Act.

### **Telecommunications**

- **Digital Access:** The City supports and encourages efforts to increase digital access including access to low-cost internet service, affordable computers, and digital literacy training resources.
- **High Speed Broadband:** The City supports the extension of pandemic-era initiatives including the Affordable Connectivity Program to promote broadband access in qualified low-income households, including 38,000 eligible households in Tacoma.

**Childcare:** Access to childcare is important to Tacoma residents. The City supports funding and policies to expand access to affordable, quality childcare and preschool, including Universal Pre-Kindergarten, as well as early childhood mental health services. The City also supports state efforts to expand quality childcare in underserved areas and for people in the building and construction trades.

**Arts and Cultural:** Tacoma Creates is a voter-approved initiative to increase access to arts, culture, heritage, and science experiences throughout Tacoma by reducing barriers to access and expanding offerings, particularly for underserved youth.

- **Cultural Access Washington:** The City supports advocating for Cultural Access Washington legislation adoption and expansion beyond Tacoma Creates. The City supports funding and policies to increase access to arts, culture, heritage, and science experiences.

- **Arts and Creative Economy:** The City supports state funding and policies that support growth of the arts and creative economy.

## Health

Health of Tacoma residents includes physical and behavioral health, including both mental health and substance use disorders; however, it also includes other factors that impact the health and well-being of residents including environmental and safety issues. The Council prioritizes improving health outcomes in these various areas and reducing disparities.

In furtherance of these objectives, the following are specific policy positions related to health that impact the physical and behavioral health of residents, as well as the health of the environment:

### Physical and Behavioral Health

- **Access to Community-Based Behavioral Health Services:** The City supports creating greater access to community-based behavioral health services to include substance use disorder, mental health, and dual diagnosis treatment facilities.
  - **Opioid Crisis:** Given the significant impacts of opioid and fentanyl use, the City supports additional funding for services and supports to address opioid use, including fentanyl.
  - **Effective Behavioral Health Treatment.** The City supports efforts to significantly enhance treatment efficacy and patient outcomes by extending Medicaid coverage to at least 10 days for withdrawal management.
- **988:** The City supports the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and the need to develop a robust system to triage, provide rapid response, follow-up services, as well as to coordinate 911, law enforcement, and behavioral health.
- **Behavioral Health Workforce:** The City encourages the legislature to advance policies and funding that support a behavioral health workforce: This includes reducing the barriers posed by regulations and certifications on workforce entry into behavioral and medical health fields without improperly impacting quality of care, and investing in local workforce development systems to directly support upskilling and reskilling workers on behalf of behavioral healthcare providers.
- **Programs to Support Vulnerable Populations:** The City supports funding for programs that serve our most vulnerable populations, including Housing & Essential Needs (HEN) and Aged, Blind, and Disabled (ABD) Cash Assistance Program. The City also supports state efforts to provide services, including street medicine for vulnerable populations.

## Environment

Tacoma has [declared a climate emergency](#) and adopted a [Tacoma Climate Action Plan](#) and Green Economic Development Strategy. The City supports continuing efforts to take bold steps to advance transformative climate policies and support of those emerging industries that further the goals of the City's policies. As the state leads the nation in making this transition, the City encourages the state to recognize that historically underrepresented, underserved, and vulnerable communities are expected to experience the first and worst impacts of climate change. The state should equitably support these communities.

The City supports efforts that will improve the health of our environment and align with the City climate action goals including, but not limited to, the following:

- **State Funding for Local Climate Efforts:** The City supports continuation of the Climate Commitment Act. The City requests the state to support local strategies toward decarbonization and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The City encourages the state to allocate a portion of the funding generated through the Climate Commitment Act to cities for activities and projects identified in locally developed Climate Action Plans. The City also supports continuing, and increasing, investments into accounts that support local efforts to address environmental justice, equity, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, including the Carbon Emissions Reduction Act (CERA), the Climate Investment Account (CIA), and the Air Quality & Health Disparities Improvement Account (AQHDIA). The City supports efforts to assist tree canopy programs consistent with the policies implemented by the City. The City also supports state grants related to tree inventories, tree canopy assessments, urban forestry plans, and funding for tree maintenance efforts.
- **Environmental Justice:** The City encourages the state to implement policies and provide funding to advance environmental justice and to ensure environmental justice considerations factor into policy decision-making.
- **Electric Vehicles:** The City encourages the state to support funding for vehicle and bicycle electrification, including continuing to offer the e-bike incentive program with additional funding. The City supports efforts to support zero emissions truck program to provide equitable access to heavy duty electric trucks and high speed truck charging to ensure highly impacted communities in Tacoma benefit from the Climate Commitment Act.
- **Climate Adaptation:** The City encourages policies and investments that support the City in preparing for the changes occurring due to climate change, including intensifying rainfall events, extreme heat and wildfire smoke such as heat pump installation and development of resilience centers. Additionally, sea level rise is a significant concern for our shoreline habitat and vulnerable infrastructure and will need investments to protect these assets.
- **Carbon:** The City encourages policies and investments that reduce the carbon intensity of new and existing buildings, including expanding energy efficiency, electrification through heat pumps, green building standards, upgrades to public buildings, and other measures. The City

supports utilizing a greater portion of the Climate Commitment Act funding to support decarbonization efforts.

- ***Investments to Improve Fish Passage and Water Quality:*** The City encourages investments in local culvert and stormwater projects to improve fish passage and water quality.
- ***Reuse and Recycling:*** The City encourages policies and investments that prevent waste and create opportunities for reuse and recycling markets, including extended producer responsibility and product stewardship models.
- ***Tree Impact Fees:*** The City supports efforts to provide incentives to developers for tree preservation and planting, such as tree impact fees or reductions to impact fees related to trees.
- ***Asarco Smelter Plume and Soil Contaminants:*** The City encourages continuing to fund the Department of Ecology's program to address legacy contamination from the Asarco smelter plume in Tacoma, as well as increased notification to homebuyers purchasing a property within the area impacted by the smelter plume, as well as notification to homebuyers for other soil contaminants such as pesticide residue from former apple orchards.
- ***Parks Rx:*** The City supports efforts to incentivize access to nature and wellness programs by creating partnerships among health providers and park systems to improve physical and mental health outcomes such as Parks Rx, legislation supported by Metro Parks Tacoma and The Tacoma Pierce County Health Department.
- ***Reducing Air Pollution from Local Production Facilities.*** The City supports legislative efforts to provide cities with more authority to address nuisances or complaints regarding perceived nuisances from production facilities in their jurisdiction. The City also supports efforts to place restrictions on certain types of facilities, such as based on their location and the population of the jurisdiction.
- ***Environmental Support for Businesses:*** The City supports state efforts to provide protections and assistance for business lessees and owners related to grease interceptor systems, including requirements to share information, lease supports, and environmental facilities upgrade grants.

It is also important that the work to address environmental impacts are based on science and data, including, but not limited to the following issues:

- ***Nutrients:*** Ensure that policies and requirements that are intended to protect the health of the Puget Sound, such as with the Department of Ecology's nutrient general permit, are based in science and that the state works with, and supports, the City to improve practices based on science.



- **Biosolids:** Ensure that environmentally friendly programs, such as the City’s TAGRO “Tacoma Grow” products, are supported and preserved.

## Additional Policy Positions

### Fiscal Issues

- **State-Shared Revenue:** Cities provide many services residents rely upon including transportation, affordable housing, and public safety. These services need to expand each year due to population growth, aging infrastructure, and changing community needs. Cities rely on state-shared revenue funds to assist in continuing to provide these critical public services. The City supports efforts to protect and enhance state-shared revenues, including but not limited to liquor taxes, cannabis excise taxes, and the Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Account.
- **Capital Improvements:** The City requests the state to support City efforts to achieve capital improvements to City property aligned with the Facility Advisory Committee report. The City also supports an increase in the Library Capital Improvement Program.
- **Fiscal Sustainability:** In addition to the increase in service needs, revenues are fluctuating and the City is anticipating a reduction in revenue. To assist with providing critical public service needs, the City supports legislation that protect or increase the City’s authority and ability to raise revenue, including but not limited to increasing the 1% property tax limit and ensuring there are not restrictions on the City’s authority to impose a local business and occupation (B&O) tax and business license requirements. Additionally, the City supports legislation that clarifies that the city can collect B&O tax on royalties.

The City supports efforts to review and revise both state and local tax structures such that they rely less on regressive revenue options. Changes to the state tax structure should not negatively impact cities’ revenue authority and should allow cities revenue flexibility to address their community’s needs.

- **Retirement Investments:** The City operates its own retirement program for city employees, as well as the city’s LEOFF 1 retirement program. The City is opposed to any proposal that requires the City to cede these operations to the Washington State Investment Board, that transfers reserves out of the programs or otherwise negatively impacts the operations.
- **State Infrastructure Bank:** The City supports the creation of a state-sponsored financing cooperative option that provides low interest (less than market rate) public infrastructure financing specifically targeting urban areas to support the creation and retention of livable wage jobs.

- **Participatory Budgeting:** The City of Tacoma has piloted Participatory Budgeting and achieved great success in engaging thousands of community members. The City supports state efforts to increase participation in civic and community building through direct budget decision-making.

## Planning

- **Local Control:** The City prioritizes public input and community engagement in local decision-making. The state should honor local decision-making authority and the public processes that support the local decision-making. The City opposes preemption, particularly in areas the City currently has ordinances in place such as in the area of adult entertainment establishments.
- **Growth Management Act (GMA) Reform:** The City supports the objective of the Growth Management Act (GMA) to focus growth in urban centers. The City recognizes that additional changes are needed to the Act to ensure its effectiveness in spurring growth near infrastructure and avoiding unintended consequences. The City supports proposals that further facilitate annexations, growth within urban centers, and provides dedicated planning funding to local jurisdictions to implement any new policies or responsibilities.
- **Annexation:** The City encourages the state to consider policies that address the financial challenges involved with annexations, including the funding needed to upgrade infrastructure in newly annexed areas.
- **Transfer of State Obligations:** The City supports statutes and practices that provide sufficient input and controls over the obligations and responsibilities created for the City with the transfer of property from the state. This includes when the state transfers obligations to the City, such as the transfer of portions of state highway to City responsibility.
- **Local Planning:** The City supports state efforts to assist local planning processes including but not limited to the Tideflats Subarea Planning Project. The Tideflats subarea planning process is intended to create a shared long-term vision and more coordinated approach to development, environmental review, and strategic capital investments in the Tideflats.

## General Government

- **Public Disclosure, Participation, and Transparency:**
  - The City support providing protections for municipal employees to the same extent as those provided to state employees.
  - The City supports exploring ways to reduce the impact of abusive public records requests and litigation while maintaining transparency.
  - The City supports expanded opportunities for public comment and participation in public meetings when done in a manner that the city can implement efficiently and cost-effectively.

- **Protecting Library Workers:** Tacoma Public Libraries supports protecting library employees in the same manner as all public sector employees.
- **Challenges to Intellectual Freedom:** Tacoma Public Libraries opposes legislation that restricts intellectual freedom. The City support ensuring access to a wide range of materials, free of charge, through our public library system.
- **Liability:** The City supports protecting against liability expansion and new policies that would drive additional claims and litigation increasing costs especially in the area of law enforcement and public safety. The City opposes legislation that would negatively impact the City's self-insurance program.
- **Public Works Contract Thresholds:** The City supports state modifications to public works contract thresholds that provide the City with flexibility.
- **Surplus State Property:** The City supports offsetting economic rent for the lease of state surplus property by a public agency or community-based non-profit organization when the property is used for community purposes such as for housing; parks; enhanced public spaces; or public recreation.

### **Immigration and Detention**

- **Limit Transfers to NWIPC:** The City supports policies that limit transfers into the Northwest ICE Processing Center (NWIPC) and any other proposals to further regulate the facility.
- **Support for Health, Safety, and Welfare of Individuals Detained at the NWIPC:** The City supports ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of individuals in the NWIPC are protected, as well as legislation that impacts sharing of information or individuals being placed in the facility consistent with the position of the City Council.

### **Other Issues:**

- **City Codes and Policies:** Ensure that state laws and policies are consistent with, or allow for the continuation of, policies adopted by the Council in areas that impact residents of the City of Tacoma including, but not limited to, electric fences, control of rights-of-way, clean energy sites, and animals.
- **Events and Venues:** The City operates venues, including the Tacoma Dome, and hosts events that attract tourism and economic benefits to Tacoma and Pierce County that are important to the region. The City supports efforts to improve transparency but opposes additional state regulations that will negatively impact the venues' operations.

- **Youth School Enrollment:** Many young people did not return to school when in-person learning resumed following COVID. The City supports efforts to obtain and review the data on the youth who did not return to school and implement programs to re-engage these youth and provide appropriate services.
- **Psilocybin Substances:** The City encourages the legislature to consider decriminalizing psilocybin substances in light of the growing research indicating potential medical uses for the substances and the number of local jurisdictions and states that are decriminalizing the substance.
- **Litter and Graffiti:** Litter, trash, and graffiti are concerns that exist beyond the issues related to homelessness.
  - Yearly litter accumulation rates per acre are highest on urban freeway on-ramps and off-ramps. The City supports the state increasing its efforts to address litter, trash, and graffiti in areas that are its responsibility including, but not limited to, freeway on-ramps and off-ramps, and in rights-of-way areas. The City also supports funding for City cleanup efforts in these areas.
  - The City encourages the state to provide additional resources for abatement of unsolicited graffiti, particularly on rights-of way inside city jurisdictions, including review of and expanding the state litter tax. Additionally, City supports state efforts to create murals and local art on blank walls along the freeway and rights-of-way to discourage graffiti.
- **Civil Asset Forfeiture:** The City supports state efforts to expand the uses of civil forfeitures to include prevention programs and behavioral health treatment.

# 2024 State Policy Positions

Safety	Housing and Homelessness	Jobs	Access	Health	Additional Policy Positions
<p><b>Law Enforcement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruitment and Retention</li> <li>Independent Prosecutions of Police Use of Force</li> <li>Automated Enforcement</li> <li>Public Defense Funding</li> <li>Business Support</li> </ul>	<p><b>Housing and Affordable Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Development and Land Use Regulations, Codes, and Policies</li> <li>Transit-oriented development</li> <li>Reducing Displacement</li> <li>Implementation Support</li> <li>Local Decision-Making</li> <li>Extreme Weather Response</li> <li>State Funding for Affordable Housing</li> <li>BIPOC Homeownership</li> <li>Area Median Income Calculation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Livable Wage Jobs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills Training</li> <li>Apprenticeship Programs</li> <li>Cross-Sector Partnerships</li> <li>Barriers to Employment</li> </ul>	<p><b>Equity and Empowerment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Washington Future Fund</li> <li>Guaranteed Income</li> <li>Reparations</li> <li>Election Reform</li> <li>People with Disabilities</li> <li>College Promise</li> <li>Community Reinvestment</li> </ul>	<p><b>Physical and Behavioral Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to Community-Based Behavioral Health Services</li> <li>Opioid Crisis</li> <li>Effective Behavioral Health Treatment</li> <li>988</li> <li>Behavioral Health Workforce</li> <li>Programs to Support Vulnerable Populations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fiscal Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State-Shared Revenue</li> <li>Capital Improvements</li> <li>Fiscal Sustainability</li> <li>Retirement Investments</li> <li>State Infrastructure Bank</li> <li>Participatory Budgeting</li> </ul>

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Safety	Housing and Homelessness	Jobs	Access	Health	Additional Policy Positions
<b>Alternative Response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative Response to Traditional Law Enforcement Response</li> <li>Problem-Solving Courts</li> <li>Community Violence Reduction Programs</li> <li>Community Safety</li> <li>Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design</li> </ul>	<b>Homelessness Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding for Shelters</li> <li>Rights-of-Way</li> <li>Recreational Vehicles</li> </ul>	<b>Economic Development Tools and Supports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small &amp; Medium-Sized Businesses;</li> <li>Small Business Technical Assistance</li> <li>Economic Development Tools</li> <li>Advanced Manufacturing/jobs</li> <li>Green Jobs</li> <li>Career Pathways</li> <li>Interstate Licensure Compacts</li> </ul>	<b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transportation Network</li> <li>Access</li> <li>City Authority</li> <li>Transportation System Revenue Source</li> <li>Transportation and Infrastructure Funding</li> </ul>	<b>Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Funding for Local Climate Efforts</li> <li>Environmental Justice</li> <li>Electric Vehicles</li> <li>Carbon</li> <li>Investments to Improve Fish Passage and Water Quality</li> <li>Reuse and Recycling</li> <li>Parks RX</li> <li>Tree Impact Fees</li> <li>Asarco Smelter Plume and Soil Contamination</li> <li>Reducing Air Pollution from Local Production Facilities</li> <li>Environmental Support for Businesses</li> <li>Nutrients</li> <li>Biosolids</li> </ul>	<b>Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Control</li> <li>GMA Reform</li> <li>Annexation</li> <li>Transfer of State Obligations</li> <li>Local Planning</li> </ul>
<b>Drug Possession</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate Funding for Implementing Drug Laws</li> </ul>	<b>Rental Housing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rental Assistance and Tenant Protections</li> </ul>	<b>Equity and Diversity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hiring and Contracting</li> <li>Cannabis Industry</li> </ul>	<b>Telecommunications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital Access</li> <li>High Speed Broadband</li> </ul>		<b>General Government</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Disclosure, Participation, and Transparency</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding and Assistance to Address Substance Addiction Crisis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional Civil Legal Aid</li> <li>Prior Criminal History</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protecting Library Workers</li> <li>Challenges to Intellectual Freedom</li> <li>Liability</li> <li>Public Works Contract Thresholds</li> <li>Surplus State Property</li> </ul>
<b>Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surrender of firearms and Other Weapons</li> <li>Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs and Services</li> </ul>	<b>Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure Investments</li> <li>Sidewalks</li> </ul>		<b>Childcare</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to Affordable, Quality Childcare</li> </ul>		<b>Immigration and Detention</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit Transfers to NWIPC</li> <li>Support for Health, Safety, and Welfare of Individuals Detained at the NWIPC</li> </ul>
<b>Fire</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for TFD Medical Services</li> <li>Battery Fires</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>		<b>Arts and Culture</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural Access Washington</li> <li>Arts and Creative Economy</li> </ul>		<b>Other Issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City Codes and Policies</li> <li>Events and Venues</li> <li>Youth School Enrollment</li> <li>Psilocybin Substances</li> </ul>

Safety	Housing and Homelessness	Jobs	Access	Health	Additional Policy Positions
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter &amp; Graffiti</li> <li>• Civil Asset Forfeiture</li> </ul>

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# 2025 State Policy Positions



## Safety

### Law Enforcement

- Recruitment and Retention
- *Independent Prosecutions of Police Use of Force\*\**
- Automated Enforcement
- *Public Defense Funding\*\**
- *Business Support\*\**

### Alternative Response

- *Alternatives to Traditional Law Enforcement Response\*\**
- *Problem-Solving Courts\*\**
- *Community Violence Reduction Programs\*\**
- *Community Safety\*\**
- *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design\*\**

### Drug Possession

- Adequate Funding for Implementing Drug Laws
- *Funding and Assistance to Address Substance Addiction Crisis\*\**

### Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

- Surrender of Weapons
- *Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Programs and Services\*\**

### Fire

- Support for TFD and TFD Medical Services
- Battery Fires

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# 2025 State Policy Positions

## Housing and Homelessness

### Housing

- Housing Development and Land Use
- *Transit-Oriented Development\*\**
- *Reducing Displacement\*\**
- Implementation Support
- Local Decision-Making

- Extreme Weather Response
- *State Funding for Affordable Housing\**
- BIPOC Homeownership
- *Area Median Income Calculation\*\**

### Homelessness Services

- *Funding for Shelters\*\**
- Rights-of-Way
- Recreational Vehicles

### Rental Housing

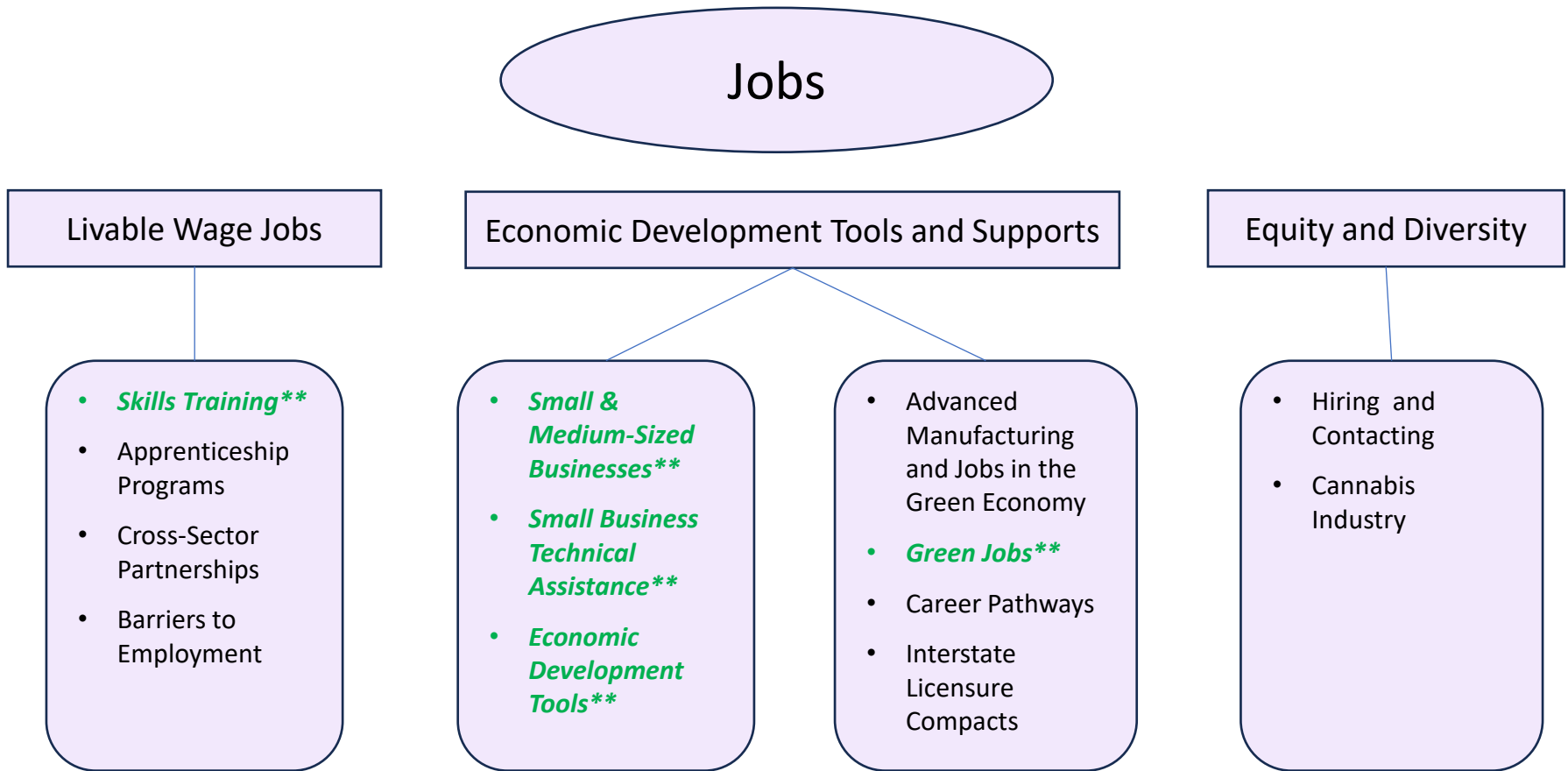
- *Rental Assistance and Tenant Protections\*\**
- Professional Civil Legal Assistance
- Prior Criminal History

### Infrastructure

- *Infrastructure Investments\*\**
- *Sidewalks\*\**

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# 2025 State Policy Positions



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# 2025 State Policy Positions

## Access

### Equity and Empowerment

- Washington Future Fund
- **Guaranteed Income\*\***
- Reparations
- Election Reform
- People with Disabilities
- **College Promise\*\***
- **Community Reinvestment\***

### Transportation and Infrastructure

- **Transportation Network\*\***
- **Access\*\***
- City Authority
- Transportation System Revenue Source
- Transportation and infrastructure Funding

### Telecommunications

- Digital Access
- High Speed Broadband

### Childcare

- **Access to Affordable, Quality Childcare\*\***

### Arts and Culture

- **Cultural Access Washington\*\***
- **Arts and Creative Economy\*\***

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# 2025 State Policy Positions



## Health

### Physical and Behavioral Health

- **Access to Community-Based Behavioral Health Services\*\***
  - **Opioid Crisis\*\***
  - **Effective Behavioral Health Treatment\*\***
- 988

- Behavioral Health Workforce
- **Programs to Support Vulnerable Populations\*\***

### Environment

- **State Funding for Local Climate Efforts\*\***
- Environmental Justice
- Electric Vehicles
- Climate Adaptation
- Carbon
- Investments to Improve Fish Passage and Water Quality
- Reuse and Recycling
- **Tree Impact Fees\*\***

- **Asarco Smelter Plume and Soil Contamination\*\***
- Parks RX
- **Reducing Air Pollution from Local Production Facilities\*\***
- **Environmental Support for Businesses\***
- Nutrients
- Biosolids

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# 2025 State Policy Positions



## Additional Policy Positions

### Fiscal Issues

- **State-Shared Revenue\*\***
- Capital Improvements
- **Fiscal Sustainability\*\***
- Retirement Investments
- State Infrastructure Bank
- Participatory Budgeting

### Planning

- Local Control
- Growth Management Act Reform
- Annexation
- **Transfer of State Obligations\*\***
- **Local Planning\***

### General Government

- Public Disclosure, Participation, and Transparency
- Protecting Library Workers
- Challenges to Intellectual Freedom
- Liability
- **Public Works Contract Thresholds\*\***
- **Surplus State Property\***

### Immigration and Detention

- Limit Transfers to NWIPC
- **Support for Health, Safety, and Welfare of Individuals Detained at the NWIPC\*\***

### Other Issues

- **City Codes and Policies\*\***
- Events and Venues
- **Youth School Enrollment\*\***
- Psilocybin Substances
- **Litter & Graffiti\*\***
- **Civil Asset Forfeiture\*\***

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# 2025 General Government State Suggested Policy

## ● ● ● Priorities



### Policy

- Fiscal Sustainability (1% Property Tax Cap)

### Funding

- Emergency Shelter Operations
- Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge

# Potential 2025 General Government Policy Priorities



Potential Additions  
to 2025 General  
Government Policy  
Priorities for  
Consideration

- Transfer of State Obligations
- Sidewalk Utility
- Property Tax Exemption for ADUs Rented to Low-Income Households



# 2025 General Government Suggested Capital

## • Priorities



### Priority Capital Requests

- Pedestrian Sidewalk Connectivity and Missing Sidewalk Links
- Pavement Preservation on Active Transportation Improvement Projects

### Additional Capital Requests

- Puyallup Avenue Sewer Utility Replacement Project
- Leach Creek Stormwater Holding Basin Modifications
- Northshore Golf Course Stormwater Pond Rehabilitation
- Tacoma Municipal Building Exterior Preservation
- Tacoma Public Works Maintenance Facility

### CCA Capital Requests

- Tacoma Police Headquarters Decarbonization
- Tacoma Main Library Decarbonization
- Tacoma Municipal Building North Energy Efficiency



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

**TO:** Mayor & City Council  
**FROM:** Deputy Mayor John Hines, Council Member Kristina Walker, and Policy Analyst Christina Caan  
**COPIES TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney  
**SUBJECT:** **Resolution – Council contingency fund request to support an urban wood reuse program assessment and action strategy**  
**DATE:** October 23, 2024

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**We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$20,000 to support an urban wood reuse program assessment and action strategy.**

**LEGISLATIVE INTENT**

**Council Contingency Fund Request:** We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$20,000 to support the development of an urban wood reuse program assessment and action strategy. This work would help enable the City of Tacoma’s Urban Forestry Team to set up the first formal urban wood reuse program within the city. The City would contract the work with Cambium Carbon, a unique and innovative company that evaluates and assists in the creation of local regenerative wood supply chains. With assistance from Cambium Carbon, the City would be able to design a program that diverts wood from the landfill for its highest and best use, as well as integrating wood reuse into a holistic urban forestry management strategy.

In early 2023, the City began a small pilot program that enabled the diversion of waste from hazardous trees within historically underserved communities by coordinating a partnership between the City’s on-call tree work contractor and a hyper-local mill. This program has shown a great deal of promise, but expansion requires a more robust understanding of the wood waste stream and biomass processing solutions. With a better understanding of how to expand this work, Tacoma would be well-positioned to navigate tree removal in a way that helps ensure removed trees are kept out of our waste stream.

- The specific objectives of the study are designed to evaluate the wood waste stream, engagement with key stakeholders, development of an ecosystem map, a complete economic and market analysis of biomass processing solutions, and a proposed collective action strategy. This work will take an estimated 18 weeks from the official start date to be completed and Environmental Services staff have confirmed capacity to manage the contract.
- The City’s Solid Waste Management Division intends to match the Council contingency fund with an additional \$20,000 to cover the full cost of the work, as it aligns with their goals for waste reduction.

This work would help advance key components of the City's Climate Action Plan, Urban Forest Management Plan, and Green Economic Development Strategy.

- The Climate Action Plan notes the need to develop and enhance Tacoma's local circular economy and foster the reuse of materials.<sup>1</sup> Establishing a wood reuse program is also in alignment with Climate Action Plan goals to reduce carbon emissions and increase deconstruction and salvage efforts.
- The Urban Forest Management Plan, adopted by the City Council in 2019, includes several targets and actions related to urban wood reuse, such as: establishing protocols for tree debris management, wood utilization, and wood waste diversion for routine tree maintenance, removals, and storm response, as well as reusing wood waste from high-risk tree removals as biomass, woodworking, firewood, and other uses.<sup>2</sup>
- Tacoma's Green Economic Development Strategy calls for increasing efforts to create new jobs and tap new markets for work that has environmental benefits.<sup>3</sup> The development of an urban wood reuse program assessment and action strategy would help contribute to laying the groundwork for action that helps to advance this strategy.

FUNDING REQUESTED: \$20,000

DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: November 5, 2024

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

During the two-year public engagement process (2017 through 2019) to develop the City's Urban Forest Management Plan, community members shared a robust concern for trees and climate related goals. While their primary concerns were supporting mature tree protection, there was a recognition that trees, like all living things, one day reach the end of their productive life. When trees need to be removed for public safety or to allow for construction, the community called for the City to put trees to their highest and best use, to continue to hold their embodied carbon and remove downed trees from the wood stream. Deputy Mayor Hines and Council Member Walker have also been in contact with local wood companies regarding their desire to expand programs that support the reuse of wood.

### **2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

**Equity and Accessibility:** This study will be vital for creating the design and partnerships that are needed to launch a wood waste reuse program, which will contribute to improving Tacoma's circular economy, decreasing the wood waste stream, and addressing carbon emissions reductions. In addition, such a program would help expand business opportunities across the city, potentially creating new sources of revenue and jobs for the local economy.

**Economy/Workforce:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of infrastructure projects and improvements that support existing and new business developments.

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<sup>1</sup> [Tacoma Climate Action Plan Sections.pdf \(cityoftacoma.org\)](https://cityoftacoma.org/ClimateActionPlanSections.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [City of Tacoma - File #: RES40492 Urban Forest Management Plan \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com/View/@@id/RES40492)

<sup>3</sup> [From Climate Emergency to Shared Prosperity: Tacoma's Green Economic Development Strategy \(cityoftacoma.org\)](https://cityoftacoma.org/FromClimateEmergencytoSharedProsperity.pdf)

**Livability: Equity Index Score:** Moderate Opportunity

How does your policy, program, or service help or harm the health of the natural environment?<sup>2</sup> (e.g. reduction in carbon emissions, open space conditions, sustainability, clean air, water and soil, and noise and light pollution).

**ALTERNATIVES**

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Provide less funding	Preserve some additional contingency funds for other Council priorities.	The City would not be able to assess and design an effective urban wood reuse program.
Provide more funding	Cambium Carbon could provide additional services to help launch a citywide urban wood reuse program.	The Council would not have additional funds for other Council priorities.

**EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP**

The Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee will receive an update on the findings of this study and next steps on how implementation will move forward when it is completed.

**SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION**

Sponsors recommend providing \$20,000 to support an urban wood reuse program assessment and action strategy.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

\$20,000 from Council contingency funds.

**If you have a question related to the Council contingency fund request, please contact Christina Caan, Policy Analyst, at (253) 219-0679 (phone) or [ccaan@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:ccaan@cityoftacoma.org).**




**SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deputy Mayor John Hines**

**SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ POS# 2

Mayor's initials \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

## Contingency Commitments

<b>2024 - 2025</b>	\$	<b>225,000.00</b>
(Remaining balance that will be carried over in March / April 2024 )	\$	19,450.00

**Resolution 41354**

<b>Council Requested - Raising Girls Sponsorship</b>	\$	<b>10,000.00</b>
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A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor 500 Raising Girls winter care bags with personal hygiene and menstrual products, as well as warm winter items, for low-income Tacoma students.

**Resolution 41372**

<b>Council Requested - Moroccan Sister City Committee Cultural and Economic Exchange</b>	\$	<b>5,000.00</b>
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A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$5,000 request to sponsor the Moroccan Sister City Committee Cultural and Economic Exchange.

**Resolution 41373**

<b>Council Requested - Metro Park's Mosaic Arts and Culture Festival</b>	\$	<b>5,500.00</b>
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A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$5,500 to sponsor Metro Park's Mosaic Arts and Cultural Festival.

**Resolution 41378**

<b>Council Requested - Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest</b>	\$	<b>10,000.00</b>
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Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$10,000 to Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest (AIDNW) for their Phone Call Fund to support access to phone services for detainees in the Northwest Ice Processing Center

**Resolution 41386**

<b>Council Requested - Tacoma Refugee Choir's First Annual Symposium Sponsorship</b>	\$	<b>10,000.00</b>
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A Council contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor the Tacoma Refugee Choir's first annual symposium, "From Welcoming to Cooperation."

**Resolution 41442**

<b>Council Requested - Facilitation of Pierce County Climate Conversation Meetings</b>	\$	<b>20,000.00</b>
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Resolution authorizing \$20,000 in Council Contingency Funds to support the Pierce County Climate Conversation

**Resolution 41449**

<b>Council Requested - Broadway Street Broken Window Repairs</b>	\$	<b>25,000.00</b>
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A \$25,000 Council Contingency Request for matching funds to support broken window replacement for businesses affected along Broadway

**Resolution 41448**

<b>Council Requested - Youth Sponsorship to Fuzhou, China</b>	\$	<b>12,500.00</b>
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A Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$12,500 to support youth attendance at the Fuzhou Youth Week Convening in late June

**Resolution 41471**

<b>Council Requested - South End Neighborhood Council (SENCo) Block Party &amp; Resource Fair</b>	\$	<b>10,000.00</b>
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A resolution authorizing the \$10,000 in Council Contingency Funds to support the South End Neighborhood Council's 2024 Block Party & Resource Fair for the purpose of sharing information about public resources offered by the City of Tacoma and other organizations, and to build community connections and increase participation in SENCo meetings and activities.

**Resolution 41526**

<b>Council Requested - Historic Cushman Street Fair Support</b>	\$	<b>5,000.00</b>
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A Resolution for support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$4,000 to support the Historic Cushman Street Fair

**Resolution 41539**

<b>Council Requested - Pride-themed Decorative Crosswalk</b>	\$	<b>35,000.00</b>
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A Resolution for a Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$35,000 for a Pride-themed decorative crosswalk on Broadway in downtown Tacoma.

**Resolution 41533**

<b>Council Requested - Alchemy Skateboarding Expansion and Youth Access Fund</b>	\$	<b>10,000.00</b>
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A Resolution for a Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor the Alchemy skateboarding expansion project and youth access fund.

**Resolution 41534**

<b>Council Requested - Historic McKinley District Halloween Parade</b>	\$	<b>5,000.00</b>
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A Resolution for a Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$5,000 to sponsor the Historic McKinley District Halloween Parade .

**To Council October 29, 2024**

<b>Council Requested - Urban Reuse Program Assessment and Action Strategy</b>	\$	<b>20,000.00</b>
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A Resolution for a Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$20,000 to support an urban wood reuse program assessment and action strategy.

<b>Starting Balance</b>	\$	<b>244,450.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Allocated</b>	\$	<b>183,000.00</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	\$	<b>61,450.00</b>

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
October 29, 2024	Study Session (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 12:00 pm)	Proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget - Tacoma Venues & Events and Internal Services	Tacoma Venues and Events	
		2025 Legislative Agenda	City Manager's Office Sonja Hallum & Alex MacBain	
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)	*Budget First Public Hearing		
November 5, 2024	City Council Study Session (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 12:00 pm)	Streets Initiative II	Public Works - Ramiro Chavez & Joseph Franco	The Public Works Department will provide an information briefing on the next Streets Initiative funding package, timeline, and scope of work.
		TMC Ch 1.06 Personnel and Administration Update	City Attorney's Office & Department of Finance	The City Attorney's Office in collaboration with the Department of Finance are recommending amendments be made to TMC Ch. 1.06 (Personnel and Administration) to update and consolidate code provisions related to collection of debts owed to the City, settlement of claims, and filing of claims. The purpose of this presentation and discussion would be to provide an overview of the proposed changes and discuss with the council the proposed adjustments to settlement authority reserved to the City Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities Director, City Attorney and Finance Director. Reserved settlement authority is capped at \$30,000 and the proposed amendments would increase this amount.
		Executive Session - Potential and Pending Litigation		
November 8, 2024	(HOLD) City Council Special Meeting	*Post-Election Budget Development Update		
		*Executive Session - Review the Performance of a Public Employee		
November 12, 2024	<b>City Council Study Session - Cancelled</b>			
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
November 19, 2024	Joint City Council / TPU Study Session ( hybrid Council Chambers / dial-in 12:00pm)	Post Issuance Compliance Training	Finance Michael San Soucie & Pacifica Law Group - Stacey Crawshaw - Lewis Deanne Gregory -	Staff from the Finance Department and Pacifica Law Group will provide the Post Issuance Compliance Training presented by bond counsel. This training is required on an annual basis for both City Council and TPU Board in relation to bond issuances
		2025 State Legislative Update	City Manager's Office Sonja Hallum & Alex MacBain	
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)	*Budget Second Public Hearing		
November 26, 2024	<b>Cancelled</b>			
December 3, 2024	City Council Study Session (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 12:00 pm)	Pierce Transit Destination 2045 Long Range Plan	Pierce Transit - Lauren Adler	
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)	*Budget Final Reading		
December 10, 2024	Study Session (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 12:00 pm)	Homeless Strategy Update		
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
December 17, 2024	Study Session (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 12:00 pm)	Alternative Response	TFP, TPD, NCS	Quarterly update on the status of the three Alternative Response projects being led by Fire, Police, and Neighborhood and Community Services: Behavioral Health Response Team, Community Safety Officers, Homelessness Outreach expansion
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in, 5:00 PM)			
December 24, 2024	<b>Cancelled</b>			
December 31, 2024	<b>Cancelled</b>			

**Economic Development Committee (EDC)**

<b>Committee Members:</b> (Chair) Daniels, (Vice-Chair) Diaz, Bushnell, Scott <b>Alternate:</b> Rumbaugh <b>Executive Liaison:</b> Pat Beard <b>Coordinator:</b> Anna Le		<b>2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Hybrid: In-Person &amp; Virtual meeting</b>	<b>CBC Assignments:</b> • City Events and Recognition Committee • Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee • Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District • Tacoma Arts Commission • Tacoma Creates Advisory Board
	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenters</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>October 29, 2024</b>	Tacoma Creates Advisory Board Annual Report	Lisa Jaret, Tacoma Creates Program Manager; Clarissa Gines, Tacoma Creates Coordinator; Elm McCrummen, Tacoma Creates Program Assistant, Community and Economic Development; Katie Mattran, Vice Chair, Tacoma Creates Advisory Board	This presentation will provide updates to the Economic Development Committee regarding the 2023-24 program year for Tacoma Creates, and the positive impacts of this funding in the community. We will share highlights from our annual report, including details about more than \$5M distributed to over 60 local non-profit cultural organizations, and examples of programming happening downtown and in neighborhoods across the City.
<b>November 12, 2024</b>	Canceled	--	--
<b>November 21, 2024</b> <b>Special Meeting</b>	Tacoma Arts Commission Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill four vacancies on the Commission.
<b>December 10, 2024</b>	Economic Development Strategic Plan Work Session	Pat Beard, Interim Director; Carol Wolfe, Business Services Division Manager, Community and Economic Development	The third strategic plan work session will focus on objective 4 of the Economic Development Strategic Plan: Build Increasingly Vibrant Neighborhoods.
<b>December 24, 2024</b>	Canceled	--	--
<b>December 31, 2024</b>	Canceled	--	--

**Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (IPS)**

<b>Committee Members:</b> Walker (Chair), Diaz (Vice Chair), Sadalge, and Hines <b>Alternate:</b> Bushnell <b>Executive Liaison:</b> Ramiro Chavez <b>Coordinator:</b> Anna Le		<b>2nd and 4th Wednesdays</b> <b>4:30pm</b> <b>Hybrid: In-Person &amp; Virtual Meeting</b>	<b>CBC Assignments:</b> • Board of Building Appeals • Landmarks Preservation Commission • Planning Commission • Sustainable Tacoma Commission • Transportation Commission • Urban Design Board
	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenters</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>October 23, 2024</b>	Impact Fee Scope of Work Update	Ramiro Chavez, City Engineer and Director; Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Transportation Division Manager; Joseph Franco, Special Assistant to the Director, Public Works Department	Public Works staff will provide a presentation on the scope and schedule of the Impact Fees Rate Study. Impact fees are one-time fees jurisdictions can use to help pay for cost of capital improvements needed to accommodate new growth.
	Right-of-Way Design Manual Update	Brennan Kidd, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works Transportation, Traffic Safety, and Review	Public Works staff will update the Committee on Department efforts to review and update certain chapters and sections within the City's Right-of-Way Design Manual. The purpose of the Manual is inform, instruct, and guide capital and private improvement project efforts to properly design and implement infrastructure and other elements within the City's various rights-of-way.
<b>October 30, 2024</b> <b>Special Meeting</b>	Urban Design Board interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to appoint members to the inaugural Urban Design Board.
<b>November 13, 2024</b>	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled
<b>November 20, 2024</b> <b>Special Meeting</b>	Landmarks Preservation Commission Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill three vacancies on the Landmarks Preservation Commission.
	Planning Commission Annual Report and Work Program	Brian Boudet, Division Manager, Planning and Development Services	Staff from Planning and Development Services will deliver an update on the Planning Commission Work Program and the Annual Report.
	South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Update	Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services; Glen George, Principal Civil Engineer, Tacoma Water; Dana Deleon, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services; Jeff Hansen, Principal Engineer, HDR, Inc.	A progress report on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District code review and update, including: Summary of recent engagement activities; preliminary recommendations for code amendments, and; next steps and schedule for the code development process.
<b>November 27, 2024</b>	Canceled	--	--
<b>December 11, 2024</b>	Vision Zero Annual Report	Grayson Reim, Vision Zero Coordinator; Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner, Public Works	Public Works staff will present an update of the City's Vision Zero Program. The presentation will provide an overview of crash trends and progress on the implementation of the 2022 Vision Zero Action Plan.
<b>December 25, 2024</b>	Canceled	--	--



**Government Performance and Finance Committee**

<b>Committee Members: Hines (Chair), Bushnell (Vice Chair), Rumbaugh, and Daniels                      Alternate - Walker</b>			
<b>Executive Liaison: Andy Cherullo; Coordinator: D'Angelo Baker</b>		<b>1st and 3rd Tuesdays                      10 a.m.                      Room 248</b>	<b>CBC Assignments: •Public Utility Board •Board of Ethics •Audit                      Advisory Board •Civil Service Board</b>
	Topic	Presenter	Description
<b>November 5, 2024</b>	MFTE Update (Place Last on Agenda)	Debbie Bingham	DM Hines requested update.
	Board of Ethics Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The committee will perform interviews of candidates for a position (1 vacancy) on the Board of Ethics.
	Audit Advisory Board Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The committee will perform interviews of candidates for the community representative position (1 vacancy) on the Audit Advisory Board
	ES/Solid Waste Management Division Special Permits Recycling Incentive TMC Changes	Lewis Griffith, Division Manager, Environmental Services; Danielle Larson, Tax & License Division Manager	Staff from Environmental Services and Tax & License will present on TMC changes necessary for the new program for special permits related to recycling.
	Port of Tacoma Telecommunications Franchise Agreement	Jeff Leuders	
<b>November 19, 2024</b>	Audit Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting	Staff from the State Auditor's Office (SAO)	Staff from the State Auditor's Office will hold an exit conference on the City's 2023 Financials.
	Cybersecurity Update	Daniel Key, IT Director; Paul Federghi, IT Assistant Director-Chief Security Officer	Staff from IT will provide a briefing on the City's cybersecurity efforts.
	Commercial Call-to-Haul Fees	Lewis Griffin, Diviosn Manager, Enmvrnmental Serivces, Hayley Falk, BusinessSerivces Manager, Environmental Serivces	Staff from Environmental Services will be providing an informational briefing on updating Commercial Call-to-Haul rates.
	Charter Review - Citizen Referendum	City Attorney's Office	Staff from the City Attorney's Office will provide background on the legal requirements related to Citizen Referendums.
	Charter Review - Fiscal Notes	Office of Management & Budget (OMB)	Staff from OMB will present on the drafting of Fiscal Notes.
<b>December 3, 2024</b>			
	Charter Review - Ranked Choice Voting	Pierce County Auditor's Office	Staff from the Pierce County Auditor's Office will present background information on ranked choice voting.
	Charter Review - Campaign Finance	City Attorney's Office	Staff from the City Attorney's Office will provide background on the legal requirements related to Campaign Finance.
<b>December 17, 2024</b>	Short-Term Rental Update	Danielle Larson, Tax & License Manager, Finance; Shirley Schultz Division Manager, Planning & Development Services (PDS)	Staff from Tax & License and PDS will provide an update on the short term rental market.
	Charter Review - TPU Board Stipends	City Attorney's Office	Staff from the City Attorney's Office will provide background on the legal requirements related to laws regulating stipends for public committees, boards and commissions.

**Community Vitality and Safety**

<b>Committee Members: Rumbaugh (Chair), Walker (Vice-Chair), Scott, Sadalge Alternate - Diaz</b>		<b>2nd and 4th Thursdays 4:30pm TMB 248</b>	CBC Assignments: Community's Police Advisory Committee • Human Services Commission • Human Rights Commission • Housing Authority • Commission on Disabilities • Library Board • Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority • Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
<b>Executive Liaison: Allyson Griffith; Coordinator: D'Angelo Baker</b>			
	Topic	Presenter	Description
<b>October 24, 2024</b>	Code Compliance Code Review (TMC 8.30) - Recommended Revisions		Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) presents 'Code Compliance Code Review (TMC 8.30) - Recommended Revisions' to the Community Vitality and Safety (CVS) committee, outlining proposed updates and improvements to the municipal code to enhance compliance and ensure community well-being.
<b>November 7, 2024</b>	Agenda Being Finalized		
<b>November 14, 2024</b>	Cancelled		
<b>November 28, 2024</b>	Cancelled		
<b>December 12, 2024</b>	Final Recommendations for TMC 1.45 revisions for Committee Review	Keegan Buckley, Neighborhood & Community Services	
	Participatory Budgeting Update	Office of Management & Budget (OMB)	
<b>December 26, 2024</b>	Cancelled		