

# PROTECT TACOMA'S TIDEFLATS

Talking Points for the Tideflats Interim Regulations Public Hearing on October 23

**WHAT** Public Hearing on Tideflats Interim Regulations at Tacoma City Council ([#TacCouncil](#))

**WHEN** Tuesday, October 23, 2018, 5:00PM (sign-up starts at 4:30PM)

**WHERE** Rialto Theater (310 South 9th Street, Tacoma, WA 98402)

## BACKGROUND

The City of Tacoma, with its partners the Puyallup Tribe and the Port of Tacoma, are working on a Subarea Plan for Tacoma's Tideflats, which will establish rules for strategic capital investments and environmental review in our city's manufacturing/industrial center. On November 21, 2017, in part because of environmental advocates like you, City Council passed interim regulations **pausing new fossil fuel development** during the Tideflats Subarea Planning Process. However, interim regulations must be renewed every six months and we need your help to tell the Tacoma City Council why we need to **renew and strengthen** interim regulations until the Subarea Plan is complete.

## TALKING POINTS

- ★ **I am commenting in solidarity with the Protect Tacoma's Tideflats Coalition.**
- ★ **Thank you for pausing new fossil fuel infrastructure through interim regulations.** Fossil fuels threaten our health, our waterways, and our economy. I support protecting the economy, environment, and public health while we work out a long-term solution through the Subarea Planning Process.
- ★ **Interim regulations expire in November. They must be renewed now and throughout the duration of the Subarea Planning Process.** The need for these interim regulations to maintain the status quo until the Subarea Plan is complete remains the same today as when they were passed.
- ★ **Interim regulations should be strengthened to include limits on the expansion of existing fossil fuel infrastructure, as originally recommended by the Planning Commission.** I support requiring an additional review process for any existing fossil fuel projects seeking expansion. This type of review is common and ensures that companies can invest in a cleaner future and that there is a transparent process for considering new development while we work out the long-term vision for the Tideflats.

## TIPS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- ★ Introduce yourself and the personal stake you have in this issue. *[e.g. Are you a Tacoma resident concerned about health impacts? A local business owner? A paddler or recreationist? Let's show our diversity of perspectives!]*
- ★ Thank the City Council for their work.
- ★ Write your comment in advance and practice with a timer.
- ★ Comments are usually limited to three minutes, but be prepared for Tacoma City Council to shorten the time limit to two minutes. If your comment is longer, choose just a few of these points to shorten it.

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