

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY CHAMBER

# Economic Development Committee

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*Introduction*




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## Agenda

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Current Initiatives and Programs
- 3) Possible Future Collaborations
- 4) Q and A



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## Andrea

- 1) Native PNW
- 2) Economic Development Since 2013
  - Discover Burien
  - Southside Chamber
- 3) Community Outreach and Engagement
- 4) Project Management



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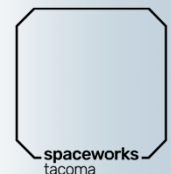
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## Current Initiatives and Programs

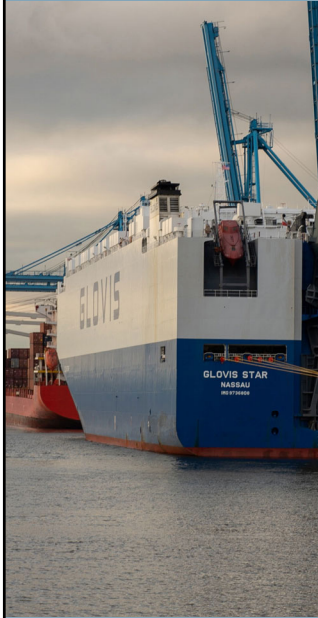
- 1) **Spaceworks:** *makes Tacoma culturally vibrant and economically strong through training and support for artists and creative entrepreneurs*
  - Black Business Accelerator
  - Artscapes
  - Coworking
  - Business Foundations
  - Business Launch



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## Current Initiatives and Programs

### 2) Manufacturing and Industrial Council:

*promote and enhance a positive business climate for manufacturing and related industries. We are dedicated to safeguarding and improving people's lives, creating a sustainable environment, and providing the jobs that anchor Washington's economy.*

- Engagement
- Outreach
- Communication



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## Current Initiatives and Programs

### 3) Capital Access-KIVA Loan Program

- Two Dedicated Support Specialists
- Helped borrowers (PC wide) raise over \$350k – funding microbusiness expansion, equipment, and growth
- Average loan of about 8K


**kiva**



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## Possible Future Collaborations

- 1) Education/Workforce Development
- 2) Language Access-outreach, communications
- 3) Emergency Preparedness
- 4) Business Retention and Expansion
  - Technical Assistance
  - Relocation Assistance
  - Small Business Support



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## Things I'm Hearing People Talk About

- 1) Questions about whether business has a seat at the table in decision making
- 2) An aspiration to secure good jobs for everyone
- 3) Concerns about housing supply constraints driving up costs
- 4) Perception of safety, or lack there of, in downtown
- 5) Wanting to position Tacoma as a supporter for green industry
- 6) Lots of deep love of the city
- 7) An eagerness for equitable economic development
- 8) The need for encouraging more outside investment



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# Questions?



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