



# State of the Court

City of Tacoma | Tacoma Municipal Court

July 16, 2024



## Agenda



- Introductions
- Highlights of Achievements over the past year
  - Data
  - Therapeutic Courts
  - Access to Justice Progress
- Vision for the court in the future
- Q&A

## ●●● Our Team



- Judge Dee Sonntag, Department 1
- Presiding Judge Drew Henke, Department 2
- Judge Steve Krupa, Department 3
- Commissioner Randall Hansen, Courtroom 135

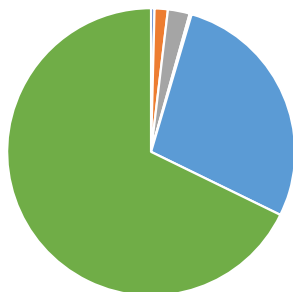


- Michelle Petrich, Court Administrator
- Daina Trainer, Court Operations Supervisor
- Andrea Currin, Court Operations Supervisor
- Mary Currin, Business System Analyst
- Emily Splinter Felton, Therapeutic Court Coordinator
- Elidia Colmenares, Community Justice Counselor
- 19 Court Clerks

## ●●● Highlights of Achievements Over The Past Year



Data 2023



- Criminal Traffic
- Criminal Non-Traffic
- Traffic Infractions
- Non-Traffic Infractions
- Parking
- Camera

	2023 Filings
Criminal Traffic	323
Criminal Non-Traffic	1247
Traffic Infractions	2036
Non-Traffic Infractions	44
Parking	22997
Camera	56311

## ● ● ● Highlights of Achievements Over The Past Year



### • Enterprise Justice

- Pilot Court – 1<sup>st</sup> Court in Washington to go live – October 23, 2023
  - ✓ Advantages – 1<sup>st</sup> in line, hands-on support and ongoing training, costs savings identified and expected to grow.
  - ✓ Pave the way for the entire state; completely implemented, our court will continue to work with Administrative Office of the Courts to fine tune procedures and processes.
  - ✓ We have had other courts visiting and expect more to come.



Moving to a modern case management system for today's CLJ courts

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## ● ● ● Highlights of Achievements Over The Past Year



### Tacoma Municipal Therapeutic Courts



#### Mental Health Court

- Mental Health Calendar has operated since 2015
- Formal Mental Health Court launched June 2023
- Designed for individuals with serious and persistent mental health diagnoses
  - 3 Active Participants
  - 1 Graduate
  - 6 Pending Referrals



#### Community Court


- Soft-Launch October 2023
- Designed for individuals facing significant life challenges such as housing needs, substance use disorder, minor mental health concerns, unemployment, and more
- Held outside of the courthouse in a neutral, approachable setting
  - 6 Active Participants
  - 8 Graduates
  - 30 Pending Referrals
- Grant Approval Updates (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 – \$342,500)

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## ● ● ● Highlights of Achievements Over The Past Year



### ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRESS

- Offer Zoom hearings  zoom
- Online live stream of Zoom hearings - [Virtual Hearings Information - City of Tacoma](#)
- Continue outreach efforts

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## ● ● ● Vision for The Court In the Future



- Recovery Navigators
- Court Services and Supervision Unit
- Continue Community Connections
- Text notifications of upcoming court dates/Amnesty day
- Safety Education
- Weekly Staff Meeting
  - ✓ Good of the Order
  - ✓ Team Building
  - ✓ Did You Know
  - ✓ What to Expect

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