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SUBJECT: Green Jobs & Pathways Summit Update
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PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

The Community & Economic Development Department will provide information related to the May 8, 2024 Green Jobs & Pathways Summit.

BACKGROUND:

The Green Jobs & Pathways Summit was the result of the City of Tacoma's efforts and partners in workforce development, labor, community colleges, and employers, through the Good Jobs, Great Cities initiative convened by the National League of Cities and the Federal Department of Labor.

The summit focused on building foundations of understanding across "Green Jobs" sector stakeholders to intentionally grow and bridge pathways. Panelists shared research and information on top skills, local training pathways and opportunities for advancement in green jobs/careers. Additionally, topics covered equity in quality green jobs as well as information to assist in understanding trends in labor market demands to inform Pierce County stakeholders. Participants gained a greater understanding of the future of green jobs in the region and opportunities for stronger alignment to ensure robust systems are in place for the continued growth of the green economy in Tacoma and beyond.

ISSUE:

The Green Economic Development Strategy lists six strategic initiatives, guided by a hub comprised of leaders from Tacoma's most important economic institutions. These six initiatives are designed to address three key imperatives: helping existing businesses and industries evolve to take advantage of green economy opportunities, preparing workers with the skills they need to secure high wage jobs in the green economy, and creating new businesses and industries in Tacoma. The information shared during the Green Jobs & Pathways Summit addresses the strategic initiatives of the Green Economic Development Strategy and informs the future development of a green workforce development strategy, to be facilitated by Workforce Central.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:



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