



WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

November 30, 2023

Members of the City Council
City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Council Member Bushnell provides the attached **Council Action memorandum** for a resolution directing the Planning Commission to identify appropriate zoning and development standards for siting **Enhanced Service Facilities**.
2. City Manager's Office Government Affairs Officer Sonja Hallum provides the attached **Council Action Memorandum** for a resolution to adopt the **citywide state and federal 2024 legislative agenda for the Washington State Legislature and U.S. congress**.
3. The Office of Management and Budget, Budget Officer Reid Bennion provides the attached response memorandum relating to the **November 14, 2023, mid-biennium budget modification study session presentation**.
4. The Human Resources Department provides the attached **November 2023, Tacoma Police Department staffing update**.
5. Police Chief Avery Moore provides the attached **Weekly Crime Report**.
6. Please see the attached City of Tacoma **Weekly Meeting Schedule**.
7. City Manager's Office Management Fellow D'Angelo Baker provides the attached **October 2023, Neighborhood Council Liaison report**.
8. 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. This information can be found at: https://cityoftacoma.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/NCS/weeklydataupdate.pdf.
9. Encampment Outreach: The City's Homeless Engagement and Alternatives Liaison 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 November 20 - 22, 2023, staff visited five locations. This resulted in eleven (two new, nine repeat) individuals being contacted and referred to community services, and one individual accepting shelter.**

10. Aspen Court Transition: **Aspen Court (8620 South Hosmer), operated by Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI), began the process of transitioning from shelter to permanent supportive housing August 1, 2023.** LIHI is working with the current residents to transition out of the Aspen Court and into permanent housing or other temporary solutions by December 31, 2023. After this date, LIHI will begin renovation work on the building to convert the building from use as an Emergency Shelter to Permanent Supportive Housing. Since opening in December 2021, LIHI has served 253 individuals, with 85 of the clients having been connected to permanent housing.

In August 2023, there were 95 residents at the site, and **as of this week there are 60 residents on-site; this is a decrease of three residents since the last report on November 22, 2023.** LIHI has increased case management and temporary financial assistance (deposits, transportation, storage costs, etc.) during this period and will bring in additional supportive services to help with the transition. Neighborhood and Community Services continues to meet with LIHI weekly to assess operational needs and will continue to support LIHI during this transition. **The City is committed to ensuring that every resident has access to an alternative shelter location should they wish, and the shelter system has capacity to accommodate any resident who does not transition to housing options by December 31, 2023.**

11. Inclement Weather Response Plan: For the 2023-2024 winter weather season, the City of Tacoma has partnered with funded shelter providers to ensure that unsheltered individuals have access to indoor shelter options. These efforts have expanded the City's shelter capacity by 170 beds. For the seasonal beds, **Tacoma Rescue Mission** is operating a shelter at Holy Rosary Church starting on November 15 2023, until the end of March 2024, this shelter will provide 50 beds; anyone wishing to access these beds should go to the main **Rescue Mission** campus. For acute inclement weather event (when the forecast is for 35 degrees with wind/rain or 32 degrees and colder):

Tacoma Rescue Mission will expand Holy Rosary with an additional 20 beds

Catholic Community Services' Nativity House (702 South 14th Street) will be providing overflow shelter beds for an additional 80 beds

Valeo Vocation (415 South 13th Street) will be providing 20 overflow beds for young adults 18-24 years of age at the Beacon Young Adult Shelter.

This in total will increase capacity during inclement weather events with an additional 120 beds. For more information and to find additional updates on inclement weather response, please visit www.cityoftacoma.org/inclementresources

STUDY SESSION / WORK SESSION

12. **The Joint City Council / Tacoma Public Utility Board Study Session of Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 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 1st floor or be heard by dialing (253) 215 – 8782 or through Zoom at: 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.

The Joint City Council / Tacoma Public Utility Board discussion items will include: (1) **Tacoma Public Utilities Ten-Year Management Review Study Update.** Immediately following the Joint City Council / Tacoma Public Utility board Study Session, there will be a regular City Council Study Session, discussion items will include: (2) **Final Review of the State and Federal Legislative Priorities;** (3) **Equity in Contracting Program Regulations and Related Code Revisions;** (4) **Other Items of Interest: Council Action Memorandum – 2024 Proposed Cancelled Study Sessions and Council Meetings, Council Consideration Request - Proposed Support for Proposition No.1, Council Action Memorandum – Amending Section 6A.30 of the Municipal Code and A Motion to Amend Ordinance No. 28922 Relating to Animal Control and Public Safety;** (5) **Agenda Review and City Manager’s Weekly Report;** (6) **Executive Session – Potential Litigation.**

On our first agenda item, staff from consulting firm Baker Tilly will be providing an update on **Tacoma Public Utilities Ten-Year Management Review Study.** This will be a wide-lens review that assesses many aspects of the management and operations of TPU, including personnel needs, organizational structure, policies, practices, and more.

On our second agenda item, staff will review the **state and federal legislative policy positions** added per Council feedback and TPU’s state and federal agenda overview.

On our third agenda item, staff will be providing the **proposed updated language to TMC 1.07 relating to the Equity in Contracting Program.**

- **Council Action Memorandum – 2024 Proposed Cancelled Study Sessions and Council Meetings**
- **Council Consideration Request - Proposed Support for Proposition No.1 Supporting the Tacoma Public School District’s Bond Issuance**
- **Council Action Memorandum - Amending Section 6A.30 of the Municipal Code Relating to Business and Occupation Tax**
- **A Motion Amend Ordinance No.28922 Relating to Animal Control and Public Safety**

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

14. You are invited to the below events:

- 10th Annual Tacoma Santa Parade - Sunday, December 3, 2023, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., between 50th and 56th on South Tacoma Way.
- Council Member Diaz would like to invite the residents of Tacoma to a town hall meeting. The Town Hall is scheduled for Saturday, December 16, 2023, from 11:00 a.m., - to 12 PM at the University of Washington Tacoma, Milgard Hall 110 (1900 Commerce Street, Tacoma). CM Diaz seeks community input to create a collective action plan for the four years ahead. We'll have refreshments and child activities will be provided for event attendees. Community is encouraged to [register in advance](#) and let us know if you need specific accommodations. We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals, including individuals with disabilities, to engage fully. If you have questions about this event, please contact Lynda Foster at lynda.foster@cityoftacoma.org.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Pauli
City Manager

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TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Council Member Joe Bushnell and Senior Council Policy Analyst Lynda Foster
COPY: City Council and Clerk
SUBJECT: **Resolution – Directing the Planning Commission to identify appropriate zoning and development standards for siting Enhanced Service Facilities – December 5, 2023**
DATE: November 29, 2023

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A Resolution directing the Planning Commission to identify appropriate zoning and development standards for siting Enhanced Service Facilities.
[Council Member Bushnell]

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Members Joe Bushnell, Kiara Daniels, and Catherine Ushka

BACKGROUND:

The Council Member’s Recommendation is Based On:

RCW 70.97.010 defines Enhanced Service Facilities (ESF) as a facility that provides treatment and services to persons for whom acute in-patient treatment is not medically necessary and who have been determined by the department to be inappropriate for placement in other licensed facilities due to the patients’ complex needs. RCW 70.97.030 provides admission criteria for persons utilizing ESFs. Admission criteria include persons having a behavioral health disorder, an organic or traumatic brain injury, or a cognitive impairment that results in symptoms or behaviors requiring supervision and support services, and a history of or likelihood of unsuccessful placements in other licensed long-term care facilities or a history of rejected applications for admission to other licensed facilities based on the person's behaviors. Additionally, patients must be currently residing in a state mental hospital or psychiatric unit of a hospital and the hospital has found the person to be ready for discharge.

Title 13 – Land Use Regulatory Code, does not provide a specific description of an ESF use type and does not clearly indicate where and how such facilities should be allowed. In lieu of ESF-specific regulations, applications for ESFs would be permitted as Special Needs Housing, as defined in TMC 13.06.080.N. Specifically, they would be permitted similar to an Intermediate Care Facility.

This resolution directs the Planning Commission to identify appropriate zoning and development standards for ESFs to address the needs of the individuals living in these facilities. Specific considerations include:

- Residents of ESFs have access to opportunity, specifically by ensuring these facilities are not concentrated in low opportunity areas.
- These facilities are near amenities that offer a positive quality of life for residents,

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The state legislature updated laws regarding ESFs in 2019. At that time, Pierce County adopted an emergency moratorium for ESFs to provide time to review and propose zoning and development standards. This resolution provides direction for a similar review to happen at the City of Tacoma.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: (Mandatory)

Public facilities refer to those essential facilities that need to be provided to everyone. ESFs include those facilities that “are typically difficult to site”, often due to competing community and political interests. In this instance, there is a need to promote



health equity to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities, without further perpetuating inequities in zoning. Planning practices have historically created and perpetuated discrimination through overt discriminatory practices, such as redlining, restrictive covenants, and urban renewal. On the other hand, planning and investments can also play key roles in making communities healthier and more equitable.

Livability: Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity

Improve health outcomes and reduce disparities, in alignment with the community health needs assessment and CHIP, for all Tacoma residents

Improve access and proximity by residents to diverse income levels and race/ethnicity to community facilities, services, infrastructure, and employment.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

Examining the City’s regulation of ESFs through an equity lens will allow us to promote health equity while minimizing the negative impact of zoning decisions on marginalized communities.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Take no action	Preserve Planning Commission efforts for other Council priorities.	Specific needs of ESFs are not considered in our zoning regulations.
2. Emergency moratorium	Limit siting of ESFs until ESF-specific zoning regulations are adopted	Could prevent needed essential public facilities from being built; would displace other Council priorities on the Planning Commission workplan
2. Direct review of ESFs without an emergency moratorium	Preserve resources for other Council priorities, ensure eventual proposal for ESF specific regulations.	ESFs could be permitted before an ESF-specific analysis of regulations is complete.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

The Planning Commission shall add to their work plan identifying appropriate zoning and development standards for siting Enhanced Service Facilities. The Planning Commission should return its findings and recommendations to Council when the work is complete.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Sponsors recommend adoption of the resolution, and directing the Planning Commission to add to their work plan identifying appropriate zoning and development standards for siting Enhanced Service Facilities

FISCAL IMPACT:

This policy will require staff time to support the work of the Planning Commission. Impacts will be incorporated into ongoing workload. Any policy or code changes recommended by the Planning Commission will be evaluated for their fiscal impact when they are brought to Council for consideration.



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Sonja Hallum, Government Relations Officer
Clark Mather, Community and Government Relations Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities
COPY: City Council; City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution—State and Federal Priorities for 2024
DATE: December 5, 2023

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A Resolution adopting the citywide state and federal 2024 legislative agenda for the Washington State Legislature and U.S. Congress.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Victoria Woodards

BACKGROUND:

The City of Tacoma’s State and Federal legislative agendas are developed through engagement with operational departments and divisions, policymakers, and other stakeholders to determine policy positions and priority issues to which City advocacy resources will be devoted for the coming year.

Each year, the Tacoma Public Utility (TPU) Board and Tacoma City Council adopt a slate of priority issues that the City of Tacoma would like to see addressed by the Legislature and Congress. Identifying this set of issues fosters efficient and effective communication to State and Federal policymakers and provides transparency to the public about State and Federal issues that are most important to the City Council.

A briefing on proposed General Government policy positions and priorities was provided to the City Council on October 3, 2023. The Public Utility Board received a briefing on TPU priorities on October 11, 2023. The proposed citywide legislative agenda was presented to a Joint Study Session of the Public Utility Board and City Council on November 7, 2023. On November 15th, the Public Utility Board approved U-11419 adopting the State and Federal Legislative Agendas for Tacoma Public Utilities. The requested Resolution provides the City Council with the opportunity to adopt the citywide legislative agenda for 2024.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Given the broad range of topics discussed in the City’s State and Federal Agendas, the Government Affairs team received input from many stakeholder groups. Some of these groups included non-governmental organizations, low-income housing advocates, transportation and transit advocates, and local economic development organizations. Community outreach data collected as part of the 2024 capital and community facilities assessment and recent biennial budget development process was informative for the state and federal priorities. Input and feedback from state legislators and state agencies was also considered in the development of the agendas.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: *(Mandatory)*

As directed by Resolution 40622 as enacted by the City Council, the 2024 State and Federal Legislative Agendas are



developed with the lens of anti-racist systems transformation to achieve a greater level of equity in our community.

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score:* Select Index Score.

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

Increase the percentage of people relocating to the city and affordability of housing compared to neighboring jurisdictions.

Education: *Equity Index Score:* Select Index Score.

Increase the availability and accessibility of early childhood education programs.

Increase digital access and equity across the city.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Select Index Score.

Improve access and proximity by residents to diverse income levels and race/ethnicity to community facilities, services, infrastructure, and employment.

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

See attached state and federal agendas for details on the priorities.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. The City Council does not adopt the state and federal agendas.		Lack of policy direction for staff on how to engage at the state and federal policy levels to achieve the City’s objectives. State and federal policymakers would lack awareness of City legislative needs, which could result in fewer funding opportunities and other state/federal assistance.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Performance on state and federal advocacy is evaluated based on the progress in achieving the goals stated on the State and Federal Legislative Agendas. This includes meaningful progress or passage of policy bills, modification of federal rules needed to help the City achieve its objectives, and funding requests fulfilled.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Government Relations team recommends City Council adoption of the State and Federal Legislative Agendas. Once approved, staff can solidify the City’s position on issues with the appropriate policymakers and actively lobby



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City Council Action Memorandum

for those priorities. Such action is needed prior to the start of the second year of the 118th Congress and the 2024 Legislative Session, which begins on January 8, 2024.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Please provide a short summary of the fiscal impacts associated with the grant, agreement, policy action, or other action.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1.			
2.			
TOTAL			

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

Choose an item.

Please enter Explanation.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

Choose an item.

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

Choose an item.

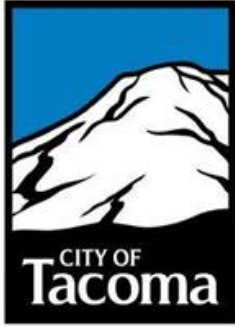
Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

Choose an item.

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ATTACHMENTS:

List attachments using bullet points.



City of Tacoma

General Government

2024 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.¹

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.²

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

¹ 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.

² 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 of Tacoma, 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.

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. 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.

Courts

- ***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.
- ***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.

Community Violence

- ***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.

Drug Possession

- ***Funding:*** 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.

- **Opioid Use:** Opioid-related overdoses are the most [common cause of accidental death](#) in Pierce County, taking more lives than traffic or firearm fatalities,³ 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:

- **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.

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.
- **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.

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

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 welcomed transit-oriented development in many areas of the Tacoma community. 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. 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 supports policies to reduce displacement and provide opportunities for those on limited incomes to remain housed. 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:*** 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.

Affordable Housing

- **State Funding:** 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, 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.
- **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.

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 envisions transitioning 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 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.
 - The City encourages the state to provide additional resources for litter and abatement of unsolicited graffiti, particularly on rights-of way inside city jurisdictions, including review of and expanding the state litter tax.
- ***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.

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.
- **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;
- ***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. 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.

Transportation and Infrastructure: 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, 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 38th to Joint Base Lewis McChord, the Tacoma to Puyallup Trail, and Schuster Parkway Promenade.

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.
- ***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.
- ***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 policies to expand access to affordable, quality childcare and preschool, including Universal Pre-Kindergarten, as well as early childhood mental health services.

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. The City supports advocating for Cultural Access Washington legislation adoption and expansion beyond Tacoma Creates.

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.
- **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.

- **Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault:** 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.

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).
- **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.
- **Asarco Smelter Plume:** 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.
- **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.

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 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.
- **Revenue:** 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.

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.

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 increase in local jurisdictions and states to decriminalize the substance.
- **Rights-of-Way:** The City supports state efforts to create murals and local art on blank walls along the freeway to discourage graffiti.
- **Litter and Graffiti:** Litter, trash, and graffiti are concerns that exist beyond the issues related to homelessness. The City requests the state support City efforts to address litter, trash, and graffiti including, but not limited to, in rights-of-way areas.



City of Tacoma

General Government

2024 Federal Legislative Policy Priorities

Federal Priorities

1. Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge Replacement Phase II

Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge is an important commercial arterial linking Tacoma to the City's industrial area, Port of Tacoma facilities, the City of Fife and Puyallup Tribe of Indians. This bridge is meant to provide freight mobility, emergency response and system resiliency for the Port, and is a bypass route when Interstate 5 is blocked. Built in 1925, Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge requires now extensive maintenance and will eventually need to be replaced. The City successfully completed construction of Phase I in 2019 and will now seek federal support to complete Phase II. The City appreciates the historic, once in a generation infrastructure investments available to local governments in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and will pursue grants, including but not limited to the RAISE program, as well as other funding opportunities to complete the 2nd phase of bridge replacement.

2. Housing & Homelessness

The City has been facing a homelessness crisis with the number of people experiencing homelessness in Pierce County rising 40% from 2017 to 2022, an impact that is felt acutely in Tacoma where 80% of the shelter services for the county are provided. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the City invested American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in shelters to house the region's most vulnerable as part of a long-term Homelessness Strategy. This investment saved lives. The City's strategy is to transition those living in shelters to permanent supportive housing; however, the demand for shelter beds has continued and sufficient permanent housing units are not yet available. With the ARPA funds ending next year, the City requests the state's partnership to prevent the closure of 300 shelter beds. The City also strongly supports legislation that encourage affordable housing development, as well as policies that promote homeownership, affordable rental housing, and provide special needs housing and transitional housing for the homeless.

3. Community Violence Reduction

The City is in the process of implementing programs and services focused on reducing community violence. In situations involving individuals experiencing behavioral health issues, programs such as behavioral health co-responder, diversion, and other alternative programs improve outcomes for the community and law enforcement. Additionally, programs that allow non-commissioned, civilian officers 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 supports federal funding opportunities

that support implementation of programs, which provide responses that are alternatives to traditional law enforcement.

The City has implemented, or is in the process of implementing, programs and services focused on reducing community firearm violence. The City supports funding opportunities to allow the implementation of community and law enforcement programs to address firearm violence and to provide programs for young people with the goal of violence prevention.

4. Climate Mitigation and Adaptation

Tacoma declared a [climate emergency](#) in 2017 and adopted a [local climate action plan](#). The City is appreciative of the Inflation Reduction Act's historic level of environmental funding ever enacted by an American government. The City supports continuing efforts to take bold steps to advance transformative climate policies and will seek federal support for local climate, mitigation, and green initiatives.

Tacoma Public Utilities 2024 Legislative Agenda

TPU-Wide

- **Actively pursue available funding:** TPU will actively monitor federal and state funding opportunities and apply for funding consistent with current and emerging capital and operating needs.
- **Infrastructure financing tools:** TPU supports legislation that promotes the availability of tax-exempt municipal bonds and will support proposals that revoke changes made in 2017 relating to advance refunding. TPU supports providing comparable tax incentives to consumer-owned utilities. TPU also supports restoring direct-pay bond payments back to their originally-enacted levels.
- **TPU supports programs to assist limited-income residents:** TPU supports policies and additional funding for programs that provide assistance to limited-income residents.
- **Support policies that address supply chain impacts:** TPU supports policies that adequately address supply chain issues that affect service to customers and utility operations.

Tacoma Power – Federal

- **Support proposals that maintain and improve BPA’s competitiveness:** TPU will continue to support federal proposals to maintain and improve BPA’s cost competitiveness.
- **Carbon reduction policies:** TPU will actively engage in and seek to support proposals that decarbonize the economy at reasonable costs to customers and that appropriately acknowledge and credit hydropower as a carbon-free generating resource.
- **Support investment in zero-emission transportation infrastructure:** TPU will support additional funding for zero-emission transportation infrastructure.
- **Support equal treatment of hydropower:** Tacoma Power customers have invested in renewable, carbon-free hydroelectric generating facilities for decades. These facilities will continue to require significant reinvestment to ensure their future safe and reliable operation. TPU will continue to advocate for consistent tax treatment or alternative approaches that support equal treatment of all renewable, carbon-free resources.

- **Support legislation to maintain municipal utility control over poles and pole attachment rate setting:** TPU supports legislation that would ensure that municipally-owned utilities maintain their historic authority to safely manage pole attachments on utility poles.

Tacoma Water – Federal

- **Support implementation of the Howard Hanson Dam – Additional Water Storage Project:** Tacoma Water continues to support federal authorization, appropriations, and actions necessary to complete the Howard Hanson Dam – Additional Water Storage Project. Any federal action must respect federal/non-federal cost share agreements already in place. TPU believes Howard Hanson Dam fish passage and the Additional Water Storage Project are critical to salmon and orca recovery as a construction-ready project with broad impact.
- **Support funding of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA):** Tacoma Water supports appropriations to fully fund the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA).
- **Support funding of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:** Tacoma Water supports adequate appropriations for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.
- **Protecting Tacoma Water from PFAS treatment liability:** Tacoma Water supports legislation that clearly and explicitly exempts drinking water systems from CERCLA liability related to PFAS, in situations when the water system has disposed of the contaminants in accordance with all applicable laws.

Tacoma Rail – Federal

- **Explore opportunities for infrastructure funding:** Tacoma Rail intends to pursue funding opportunities for investments in locomotive modernization, track upgrades, decarbonization projects, and other infrastructure improvements.

Tacoma Power -- State

- **Carbon reduction policies:** Washington lawmakers have indicated that they will continue to focus on legislative solutions aimed at decarbonizing Washington State’s economy. TPU will actively engage in and seek to support proposals that decarbonize the economy at reasonable costs to customers and that appropriately acknowledge and credit hydropower as a carbon-free generating resource and align with existing and emerging regional organized markets.
- **Building decarbonization policies:** TPU will support reasonable policies to decarbonize the state’s residential and commercial building sector, including

proposals to provide state funding for limited-income customer fuel conversion and proposals for municipal electric utilities to adopt beneficial electrification plans. Any comprehensive building decarbonization policy must be based on sound cost/benefit analysis to understand the impacts on energy capacity and reliability.

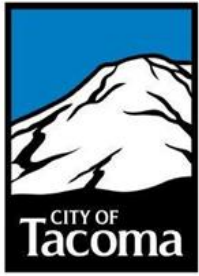
- **Support investment in zero-emission transportation infrastructure:** TPU will support additional funding for zero-emission transportation infrastructure.
- **Support equal treatment of hydropower:** Tacoma Power customers have invested in renewable, carbon-free hydroelectric generating facilities for decades. These facilities will continue to require significant reinvestment to ensure their future safe and reliable operation. TPU will continue to advocate for consistent tax treatment or alternative approaches that support equal treatment of all renewable, carbon-free resources.

Tacoma Water – State

- **Support for infrastructure funding:** Tacoma Water supports funding for maintaining and preserving critical water system infrastructure. This includes funding for the Public Works Trust Fund, state revolving loan funds, grant funding, and other state resources. Low-interest loans and grants are vital for the long-term protection of many public water systems.

Tacoma Rail – State

- **Explore opportunities for infrastructure funding:** Tacoma Rail intends to pursue funding opportunities for investments in locomotive modernization, track upgrades, decarbonization projects, and other infrastructure improvements.



City of Tacoma

General Government

2024 Federal 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 [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.¹

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 City policy positions.²

Consistent with these priorities, the following are the City of Tacoma positions on federal legislative issues and concerns.

Safety

Public safety is a priority for the City. The City objectives 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

¹ 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.

² 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.

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

- ***Alternatives to Traditional Law Enforcement Response:*** Programs that provide 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-responder, diversion, and other alternative programs improve outcomes for the community and law enforcement. The City supports funding and programs to assist local jurisdictions with the establishment, expansion, and operation of alternative response programs, such as co-responder, diversion and other models that provide options beyond law enforcement for responding to situations involving individuals experiencing from behavioral health issues.
- ***Recruitment and Retention:*** The City of Tacoma, 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 supports adequate funding levels for programs that help cities recruit and retain local law enforcement personnel.

Court Alternatives

- ***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 issues underlying the criminal behavior. The City supports maintaining funding and programs, such as the Bureau of Justice Assistance Adult Treatment Court Program, that provide assistance to local governments to plan, implement, and enhance the operations of adult treatment courts.

Community Violence

- ***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 supports funding opportunities to allow the implementation of community and law enforcement programs to address firearm violence and to provide programs for young people with the goal of violence prevention.

Specific Criminal Offenses

- ***Hate Crimes:*** In light of the recent surge in hate crimes against specific communities in Tacoma and across the country, including the Asian American community following the COVID-19 pandemic, the City supports federal initiatives that address and prevent hate crimes and hate incidents.

- **Fentanyl Use:** Opioid-related overdoses are the most [common cause of accidental death](#) in Pierce County, taking more lives than traffic or firearm fatalities,³ 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 federal government to help federal, state, and local law enforcement address the substance addiction crisis in cities.

Fire

- **Support Tacoma Fire Department:** The Tacoma Fire Department’s (TFD) call volume has increased by approximately 42% since 2006; of these, 80% have been for Emergency 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. These include, but are not limited to, protecting public safety grant programs, FirstNet reauthorization, and legislation similar to the HERO Act.

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

- **Federal Flexibility:** Cities are on the frontlines of addressing the affordable housing crisis and as such, are best suited to determine how to best deploy federal assistance to serve the neediest communities. The City urges the Administration and lawmakers to maintain increased flexibility in the administration of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant programs, including the extension of the use of HOME Community Housing Development

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

Organization funds and increased administrative allowance for HOME funds, to most effectively respond to project and program oversight requirements.

- **Reducing Displacement:** Many of the efforts to increase the housing supply impact the ability of individuals on limited incomes to remain housed, including senior residents. The City supports policies to reduce displacement and provide opportunities for those on limited incomes to remain housed, including allowing senior residents to age in place.

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. The cost of rental homes increased by nearly 40 percent and home values nearly doubled since 1990, and within the last few years, these costs have begun to accelerate. In response to this urgent need, the City developed 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.

- **Federal Funding:** The City supports robust annual appropriations in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (T-HUD) spending bill to fully fund housing programs, including tenant- and project-based rental assistance, public housing operating and capital funds, the HOME Investment Partnerships program, and the Section 202 Aging in Place program.

Housing Financing

- **Low Income Housing Tax Credit [LIHTC]:** LIHTC is the primary tool for building low and moderate-income rental units in the United States. The City supports legislation that will expand this tool to promote housing development, such as the [Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act](#).

Access to Housing

- **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, homeownership has failed to benefit Black homeowners as much as white homeowners. The City supports federal efforts to enhance homeownership opportunities among Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities by providing assistance to homebuyers, modifying existing federal programs to support homeownership or fair housing practices, addressing bias in the market, and expanding access to credit and counseling for disadvantaged home buyers. The City also supports federal policies that incentivize local governments to eliminate or reform exclusionary housing policies, including bills like the [Yes in My Backyard Act](#).

Federal Funding

- **Community Investment:** Community development investments build stronger and more resilient communities. The City supports robust funding for programs that support economic development at the local level, such as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program that provides significant financial

resources to local governments working to address a variety of needs such as infrastructure, economic development, public facilities, community centers, housing rehabilitation, small business assistance, homeowner assistance, and more.

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. This 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 envisions transitioning 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.

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 federal 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.

Jobs

A City goal is that Tacoma be a growing economy where residents can find livable wage jobs in key industry areas 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 businesses surviving and thriving in the City, including increasing the number of BIBOC owned businesses and the diversity of types 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 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 federal government should encourage and support similar programs. The City supports additional federal 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.
- **Apprenticeship Programs:** Fully funding apprentice, pre-apprentice programs and other workforce development programs, and reauthorizing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
- **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.
- **Anchor Networks:** Tacoma has invested in developing increased community impact through the development of the Tacoma Anchor Network (TAN), where the City plays the role of the Backbone organization. Anchor institutions are Anchor institutions are public, non-profit, and private organizations that are rooted in place and wield significant economic influence, including purchasing power, hiring and workforce development, and place-based investments. The City supports federal programs and funding in support of public-private partnerships with the goal of increasing positive community impacts.

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.
- **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 support for the siting and expansion of manufacturing, research and development activities that support the creation of tradable sectors jobs in the emerging Green Economy and expansion of manufacturing tax incentives to assist with these efforts.
- **Green Jobs:** Developing green jobs including in urban forestry growth, renewable energy growth, natural storm water infrastructure, urban farming, and green technology development, making sure that these jobs are promoted within highly vulnerable communities.
- **Career Pathways:** Establishing career pathways to livable wage jobs in the community, including identifying apprenticeship opportunities to support the public sector.

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.

Access

A City goal is to ensure that all residents are treated equitably and have access to services, facilities, and financial stability. 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 increasing access to transportation and mobility.

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

Equity and Empowerment: The City supports federal initiatives that address the disparate impacts of systems and institutions on communities of color. The City supports policies that bolster gender and racial equity including, but not limited to the following:

- **Tax Credits:** Federal tools such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, which support low and moderate-income earners. The City supports continuing and expanding these tools.
- **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 national guaranteed income program to stabilize needy families and interrupt cycles of poverty. It is important that the guaranteed income policy proposals include specific language that mitigates any impact additional income may have on the recipient’s eligibility for other public assistance programs.
- **Reparations:** The City supports federal efforts to acknowledge and address the impacts of discriminatory laws and policies on formerly enslaved people and their descendants.
- **Voting Rights:** Voting is fundamental to democracy. The City supports legislation to protect and expand access to voting.

Transportation and Infrastructure: The City is working to improve access and proximity by residents of diverse income levels and race or ethnicity to community facilities, services, and infrastructure. The City appreciates the historic, once in a generation investments available to local governments in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The City will seek federal support for projects of importance to the City, such as Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge Phase II.

- **Public Transit:** Fund public transportation programs as authorized levels in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in the annual T-HUD appropriations bill.

- **Safety:** The City supports funding increases for existing transportation safety programs, including but not limited to the Highway Safety Improvement Program, Safe Routes to School, Safe Streets and Roads for All, and the Transportation Alternatives Program.
- **Funding:** While infrastructure financing programs provide flexible funding for major transportation projects and help local governments to leverage private and other nonfederal investments, the City recognizes that limited budget capacity, authorities, and delays in the federal approval process limit the effectiveness of these programs, particularly in disadvantaged communities. The City supports greater technical support at the USDOT Build America Bureau and flexibility for their approving multimodal and jurisdictional projects that can take advantage of favorable federal financing. The City also recommends raising the federal population cap for communities accessing the best available borrowing rates to ensure growing communities can appropriately utilize financing options.
- **Pedestrian and Bike Accessibility:** The City supports maintaining and expanding sustainable funding sources for bicycle and pedestrian trails and facilities, such as the Transportation Alternatives set asides in the Surface Transportation Block Grant program.
- **Bridges:** The City supports maintaining the Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation program with sufficient funding to repair bridges that are structurally or operationally deficient. Off-system bridges should continue to be eligible for federal bridge funds, and the discretionary bridge program should be preserved. The City will seek federal funding for design and construction of the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge Phase II project.
- **Harbor Maintenance and Dredging:** The Port of Tacoma is an economic driver for the City and the South Sound, with over 42,000 jobs and \$2.84 billion in income across the Washington state economy. The City supports policies and appropriations that will maintain the competitiveness of the Port of Tacoma, such as legislation to allow Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund dollars to be spent on port infrastructure uses beyond dredging.

Telecommunications

- **Preserving City Right of Way:** The City supports policies that retain local government authority to manage rights-of-way to ensure the siting of cell towers and small cells is safe and appropriate. The City opposes legislation that seeks to preempt local land use and zoning authorities on broadband deployment projects, such as [H.R. 3557](#).
- **Franchise Fees:** The City supports reversal of an FCC order to allow franchise fees and EG Fees to be calculated as they have been for over 35 years as monetary-only fees.
- **Digital Access:** Access to the Internet is essential for education and employment opportunities, business development, healthcare, government services, and community involvement. The City supports action by the federal government to provide matching grants, technology grants, tax credits, subsidies and other types of aid that would increase broadband deployment and affordability. The City also supports sustained funding of programs such as E-Rate, ReConnect, and other programs that support the buildout of broadband infrastructure. The City urges the federal government to ensure that these and other broadband grant programs are accessible to

all communities, whether large or small, rural or urban, as well as municipal broadband network owners and operators.

- **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:** Access to childcare is important to Tacoma residents. The City supports policies to expand access to affordable, quality childcare and preschool, including Universal Pre-Kindergarten and early childhood mental health services.

Health

Health of Tacoma residents includes physical and behavioral health, which includes both mental health and substance use disorder; however, it also includes 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:

Health

- **Healthcare:** The City supports the right to access reproductive and gender affirming care.
- **Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault:** The City supports policies, programs, and funding to assist people impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault. We urge Congress to fully fund programs authorized by the Violence Against Women Act as reauthorized in 2022.

Behavioral Health

- **Access to Services:** The City supports programs that provide funding to increase access to mental health and substance abuse services.
- **Community Health Centers:** Adequately fund community health centers, which play a critical role in providing uninsured and underinsured people with health care services, including mental health and substance abuse treatment.
- **Programs to Support Vulnerable Populations:** The City supports funding for programs that serve our most vulnerable populations.

- **988 Suicide Crisis Lifeline** The City supports increased federal coordination with state, county, and local officials on 988 mental health line implementation to ensure coordinated access to service providers
- **Behavioral Health Workforce:** The City supports policies and funding that assist local efforts to build out a behavioral health work force. This includes reducing the barriers posed by regulations/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.

Environment The City is appreciative of the Inflation Reduction Act’s historic level of environmental funding ever enacted by an American government. The City will seek federal support for local climate and green initiatives. Tacoma declared a [climate emergency](#) in 2017 and adopted a [local climate action plan](#). The City applauded the Administration’s rejoining the Paris Agreement, as well as passage of President Biden’s signature climate legislation, the Inflation Reduction Act. The City supports continuing efforts to take bold steps to advance transformative climate policies.

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:

- **Climate Mitigation and Adaptation:** The City supports federal financial and technical assistance to support local government vulnerability assessments and climate change mitigation and adaptation implementation efforts to ensure that cities have the information, resources and tools to adequately plan for and respond to climate change effects.
- **Environmental Justice:** The City encourages the federal government to recognize that historically underrepresented, underserved, and vulnerable communities are expected to experience the first and worst impacts of climate change. The City supports programs and funding that equitably support these communities by ensuring parity in accessing new technologies.
- **Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities:** The City supports the Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities formed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to coordinate housing, community development, transportation, energy, and environmental policies that will help local communities create better and more affordable places to live, work and raise families. The City urges Congress to pass legislation to officially authorize the partnership and to continue funding.
- **Superfund Sites:** The City supports federal actions to assist local governments in Superfund site identification and remediation, such as reauthorization of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA, also known as Superfund) to ensure that existing hazardous waste disposal sites can continue to be identified, evaluated and cleaned up. Congress should increase the size of the Hazardous Substance Response Trust Fund that supports the Superfund program so it will be adequate to clean up sites already on the National Priority List (NPL) as well as any additional sites added to the list.

- **Brownfields:** The City calls on Congress to reauthorize and fully fund the EPA Brownfields program, which supports the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of sites that are contaminated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. The economic redevelopment and environmental restoration of these properties is essential to revitalizing communities and protecting public health.
- **Reuse and Recycling:** The City supports investments in domestic infrastructure, support for local and regional recycling programs and education efforts, and policy changes will ensure recycling remains environmentally and economically sustainable.
- **Landfills:** The City requests that any new federal mandates that retroactively reclassify specific segments of waste, thus requiring new and more costly disposal methods and/or retrofitting of existing and closed disposal facilities be accompanied by financing to assist local government with compliance.
- **PFAS Contamination:** The City supports federal policies that ensure that the parties responsible for PFAS contamination, including the federal government but excluding local governments, are held fully liable for costs of cleanup and mitigation and to ensure that sites are cleaned up in a timely manner. The City supports PFAS clean up standards that are sufficiently stringent to permit reuse of the site and to obviate the need for additional cleanup and mitigation costs by affected local governments.

Additional Policy Positions

Civil Rights

- **Discrimination:** The City supports federal legislation to expand protections to include discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, such as the Equality Act.
- **Equal Pay:** The City encourages the federal government to enact legislation to close gender pay gaps, such as the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Other

- **Immigration** Tacoma supports comprehensive immigration reform legislation and other policy reforms that better protect human dignity and promote a welcoming environment in our community including, but not limited to:
 - Limiting transfers to the Northwest ICE Processing Center
 - Adequate health and safety in detention
 - Limiting local cooperation with federal immigration agencies
 - Banning private detention facilities
 - Ending mandatory detention
 - Policies to provide DREAMERS with a path to citizenship
 - Policies that support refugee and asylum seekers

- **Joint Base Lewis McChord:** Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) is one of twelve joint bases in the United States and the largest DOD installation west of the Mississippi River, with over 52,000 service members and their families. The installation accounts for \$5 billion in local payroll and a total of \$9.2 billion in regional economic activity. Any downsizing at JBLM would have serious economic consequences for Tacoma and the Puget Sound region. The City opposes any Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) considerations for JBLM. The City supports federal initiatives that support the health and well-being of our service members and their families.
- **Reconciling Federal and State Cannabis Policy:** Retail cannabis is a multi-million dollar industry in Pierce County, which drives wealth building, economic opportunity, and entrepreneurship. However, local cannabis retailers are not able to access traditional banking services as cannabis remains classified as a controlled substance at the federal level. The City supports legislation that will facilitate local retailers' access to federal financial institutions and business products, including the SAFE Banking Act.
- **Trade Act Assistance:** The City supports direct federal aid to workers whose employment is impacted as a result of global trade agreements.
- **Community Project Funding/Community Directed Spending:** The City supports Congressionally Directed Spending and Community Project Funding that provides a singular influx of federal funds for important local projects and requests our Congressional delegation's continued support of these requests and their participation in this process.
- **Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP):** The City supports continued appropriations for the LIHWAP program to aid low-income water utility ratepayers.
- **Local control:** The City prioritizes public input and community engagement in local decision-making. The federal government should honor local decision-making authority and the public processes that support local decision-making.
- **Daylight Savings:** The City supports legislation that would make U.S. Daylight Saving Time permanent.



City of Tacoma
Finance Department

TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Reid Bennion, Acting Budget Officer
COPY: Mayor and City Council; Executive Leadership Team; Allyson Griffith, Neighborhood and Community Services Director,
SUBJECT: **RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 14 MID BIENNIUM BUDGET MODIFICATION PRESENTATION**
DATE: November 21, 2023

This correspondence provides responses to follow-up questions received by staff from City Council Members during the presentation on the November 14th Study Session on Mid Biennium Budget Modification.

1. **2024 Sheltering**

During Study Session, Council Member Hines asked for confirmation that the mid-biennium shelter request would support all locations that are currently operating through 2024

Staff Response: The mid-biennium modification will provide funding to support all currently operating temporary and emergency shelter units through 2024; however, the geographic location of those units may shift based on site needs and contract negotiations. Specifically, the units currently located at S. 69th and Proctor will be relocated to another site to allow for the property at S. 69th and Proctor to be developed.

2. **Safe Parking Sites**

During Study Session, Council Member Diaz asked whether the current budget allows for expansion of the safe parking site to include RVs.

Staff Response Neighborhood and Community Service’s budget can accommodate an expansion of the current safe parking site to include RVs. Staff is in constant communication with the provider about a desire to provide that service, but have not yet arrived at an agreed upon timeline to add that service. Neither NCS’ current budget, nor the mid-biennium modification, include resources to support a new safe parking location.

3. **ADU Accelerator**

During Study Session, Council Member Hines asked what was included in the ADU Accelerator proposal.

Staff Response The ADU accelerator proposal would allow the Planning and Development Service Department (PDS) to license a complete DADU housing plan set for use by the community for free. During 2023-2024 Budget Development process, PDS did add a staff member to support ADU permitting.

4. **Reductions at Modification**

During Study Session, Council Member Diaz asked for a full list of proposals to understand what reductions were being made at modification.

Staff Response There were no proposed reductions accepted during modification, the only spending reductions were to bring the jail contract budget in line with expense trends and removing fund transfers which are no longer needed.



TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Current Staffing 11/20/2023

TPD Budgeted Positions – Commissioned

*As of 11.20.2023

Budgeted Positions By Rank	Filled Funded Positions	Vacant Funded Positions	Total Funded Positions
Chief	1	0	1
Deputy Chief	1	0	1
Assistant Chief	3	0	3
Captain	5	0	5
Lieutenant	15	0	15
Sergeant	42	1	43
Detective	58	1	59
Patrol Officer	202	17	219
Total	327	19	346

TPD Budgeted Positions – Non-Commissioned

*As of 11.20.2023

Budgeted Positions By Classification	Filled Funded Positions	Vacant Funded Positions	Total Funded Positions
Animal Control Compliance Supervisor	1	0	1
Animal Control Compliance Officer	3	0	3
Administrative Assistant	1	0	1
Communications & Marketing Analyst, Sr	0	1	1
Community Service Officer	0	10	10
Crime Analyst, Sr	1	1	2
Crime Analyst	2	0	2
Crime Program Technician	2	0	2
Crime Scene Technician	10	1	11
Financial Assistant	2	1	3
Financial Manager	1	0	1
Forensics Manager	1	0	1
Forensic Services Supervisor	3	0	3
Forensic Specialist	1	0	1
Latent Print Examiner	3	0	3
Office Manager	1	0	1
Police Admin Support Specialist	10	2	12
Police Chief of Staff	0	1	1
Police Officer Recruit	11	10	21
RIM Administrator	1	0	1
Total	54	27	81

Vacancy and Offer Count

Current Vacancy Count*	
Commissioned:	19
Non-Commissioned:	27

*Current vacancy count does not account for offers extended

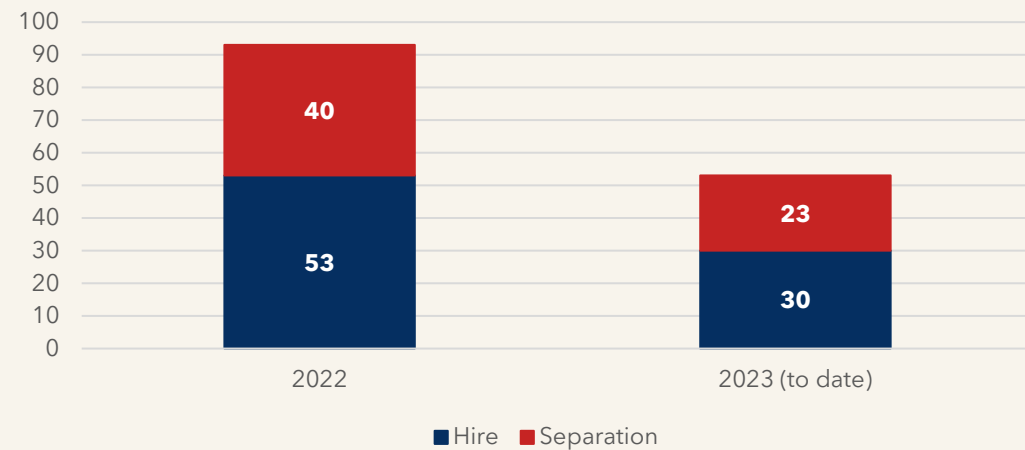
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Start Date	Lateral	Recruit	Non-Commissioned
12/4/2023			1

YTD 2023 Separations & Hires (1/1/2023 – 11/20/2023)

YTD Separations as of 11/20/2023 (Commission Only and Recruits)	
Probation Failure - Recruit	2
Resignation No Reason Given	3
Resignation in Lieu of Term	1
Resignation Personal	2
Retirement-Service	11
Retirement - Deferred	3
Dismissal	1
Total	23

YTD Hires as of 11/20/2023 (Commission Only and Recruit)	
Police Officer	5
Police Officer Recruit	25
Total	30

Hires & Separations 2022 and 2023 to date (11.20.2023) - Comissioned/Recruit



Tacoma Police Department Training Averages

*As of 10/20/2023

Police Officer Recruit	Avg. time from hire to street
Start – Academy	30 days
Academy	22-24 weeks
Post Academy Training	5 weeks
Police Training Officer	4 months

In-state Lateral	Avg. Time from hire to street
Start – On the street	2-3 weeks

Out-of-state Lateral	Avg. time from hire to street
Academy	2 weeks
Tacoma Specific Training	2-3 weeks

Tacoma Police Department - Current Staffing Report

Data as of November 20th, 2023

Tacoma Police Department Budgeted Positions:

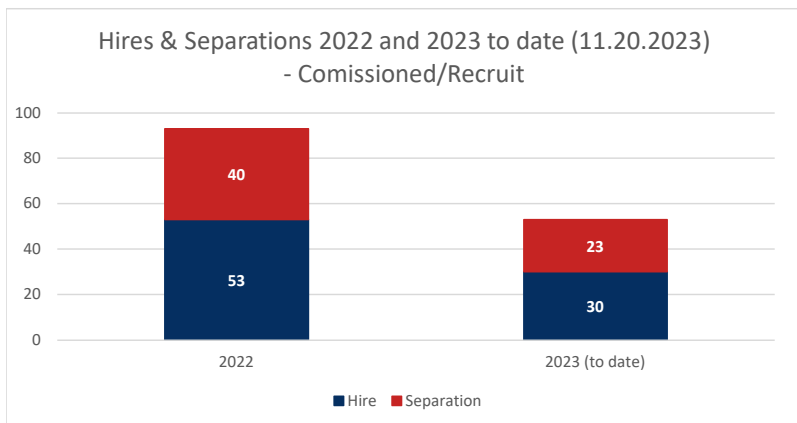
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12/4/2023			1



YTD Separations 2022 (Commission Only and Recruits)	
Death	2
Deferred Retirement	1
Dismissal	1
Other Position	6
Probation Failure - Recruit	1
Resignation No Reason Given	2
Resignation Personal	7
Retirement - Service	20
Total	40

YTD Hires 2022 (Commission Only and Recruit)	
Police Chief	1
Police Chief Asst	2
Police Chief, Deputy	1
Police Officer	16
Police Officer Recruit	33
Total	53

YTD Separations as of 11/20/2023 (Commission Only and Recruits)	
Probation Failure - Recruit	2
Resignation No Reason Given	3
Resignation in Lieu of Term	1
Resignation Personal	2
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Academy	2 weeks
Tacoma Specific Training	2 weeks



Citywide Weekly Briefing for 20 November 2023 to 26 November 2023

The data is not National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) compliant. Do not compare the results with any report using that standard. The data is dynamic and is subject to change and/or revision. The number of distinct offenses listed on a report are counted. This does not represent reports or individuals. All data is compared to last year for the same number of days or date range. Small numbers may cause large percent increases and decreases. Beginning 1 October 2022, there was a change in how TPD reports certain Aggravated Assaults and Destruction offenses.

Offense Breakdown	7 Days		28 Days		Year to Date		7 Days	28 Days	YTD
	21-Nov-2022	20-Nov-2023	31-Oct-2022	30-Oct-2023	01-Jan-2022	01-Jan-2023			
	27-Nov-2022	26-Nov-2023	27-Nov-2022	26-Nov-2023	26-Nov-2022	26-Nov-2023			
Persons	86	84	330	298	4463	4005	2.3% ▼	9.7% ▼	10.3% ▼
Assault	75	77	300	276	4049	3650	2.7% ▲	8.0% ▼	9.9% ▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	2	0	4	2	40	26	100.0% ▼	50.0% ▼	35.0% ▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	4	2	5	5	74	82	50.0% ▼	0.0%	10.8% ▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	5	5	20	15	299	245	0.0%	25.0% ▼	18.1% ▼
Property	546	397	2079	1686	26292	22361	27.3% ▼	18.9% ▼	15.0% ▼
Arson	4	2	11	10	232	114	50.0% ▼	9.1% ▼	50.9% ▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	38	32	160	93	2262	1425	15.8% ▼	41.9% ▼	37.0% ▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	5	1	71	39	0.0%	80.0% ▼	45.1% ▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	142	120	478	500	6823	5888	15.5% ▼	4.6% ▲	13.7% ▼
Fraud	10	7	73	33	610	519	30.0% ▼	54.8% ▼	14.9% ▼
Larceny/Theft	192	114	712	566	10229	7663	40.6% ▼	20.5% ▼	25.1% ▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	132	98	535	407	4752	5627	25.8% ▼	23.9% ▼	18.4% ▲
Robbery	12	17	44	54	689	572	41.7% ▲	22.7% ▲	17.0% ▼
Stolen Property	16	6	57	17	566	436	62.5% ▼	70.2% ▼	23.0% ▼
Society	6	10	33	40	413	460	66.7% ▲	21.2% ▲	11.4% ▲
Drug/Narcotic	4	4	10	21	113	172	0.0%	110.0% ▲	52.2% ▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	3	0	34	13	0.0%	100.0% ▼	61.8% ▼
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	4	5	0.0%	0.0%	25.0% ▲
Weapon Law Violations	2	6	20	19	262	270	200.0% ▲	5.0% ▼	3.1% ▲
Citywide Totals	638	491	2442	2024	31168	26826	23.0% ▼	17.1% ▼	13.9% ▼

Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 62.3% (48/77) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 70 DV-related offenses.
- 72.9% (51/70) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 63.6% (49/77) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 54 ↗ 70
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 53 ↘ 48

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 4502 S Steele St: 21 ↘ 18
- 812 N K St: 0 ↗ 6
- 1601 S Union Ave: 0 ↗ 5
- 1531 S 56th St: 0 ↗ 4
- There were 7 other locations with 4.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Parking Lot: 106 ↗ 119
- Single Family Residence: 103 ↘ 85
- Street/Right Of Way: 133 ↘ 73
- Apartment: 69 ↘ 65
- Other Business: 14 ↗ 20



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	27-Nov-2022	26-Nov-2023	27-Nov-2022	26-Nov-2023	26-Nov-2022	26-Nov-2023			
Persons	17	17	76	60	1069	999	0.0%	21.1%▼	6.5%▼
Assault	13	16	66	56	957	905	23.1%▲	15.2%▼	5.4%▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	1	0	1	1	9	6	100.0%▼	0.0%	33.3%▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	2	0	22	19	100.0%▼	100.0%▼	13.6%▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	2	1	7	3	81	68	50.0%▼	57.1%▼	16.0%▼
Property	118	87	443	383	6129	5170	26.3%▼	13.5%▼	15.6%▼
Arson	1	1	4	3	65	45	0.0%	25.0%▼	30.8%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	15	7	51	22	589	348	53.3%▼	56.9%▼	40.9%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	1	0	19	10	0.0%	100.0%▼	47.4%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	35	25	111	124	1833	1578	28.6%▼	11.7%▲	13.9%▼
Fraud	2	2	12	7	109	93	0.0%	41.7%▼	14.7%▼
Larceny/Theft	35	29	144	138	2170	1695	17.1%▼	4.2%▼	21.9%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	24	21	100	81	1078	1177	12.5%▼	19.0%▼	9.2%▲
Robbery	4	1	8	6	122	110	75.0%▼	25.0%▼	9.8%▼
Stolen Property	2	1	11	1	132	97	50.0%▼	90.9%▼	26.5%▼
Society	0	4	7	6	102	133	NC	14.3%▼	30.4%▲
Drug/Narcotic	0	1	2	2	28	59	NC	0.0%	110.7%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	1	0	6	2	0.0%	100.0%▼	66.7%▼
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Weapon Law Violations	0	3	4	4	68	68	NC	0.0%	0.0%
Sector Totals	135	108	526	449	7300	6302	20.0%▼	14.6%▼	13.7%▼

Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 81.3% (13/16) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 16 DV-related offenses.
- 68.8% (11/16) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 68.8% (11/16) 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: 11 ↗ 17

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 1801 S 15th St: 0 ↗ 4
- 518 S 7th St: 0 ↗ 4
- 2611 E E St: 0 ↗ 3
- 1320 Broadway: 0 ↗ 3
- 4901 Fairwood Blvd Ne: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 13 other locations with 2.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Parking Lot: 17 ↗ 23
- Street/Right Of Way: 32 ↘ 21
- Apartment: 13 ↗ 20
- Single Family Residence: 22 ↘ 11
- Other Business: 3 ↗ 7



Sector 2 Weekly Briefing for 20 November 2023 to 26 November 2023

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	27-Nov-2022	26-Nov-2023	27-Nov-2022	26-Nov-2023	26-Nov-2022	26-Nov-2023			
Persons	13	19	63	75	907	863	46.2%▲	19.0%▲	4.9%▼
Assault	11	17	56	68	807	773	54.5%▲	21.4%▲	4.2%▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	0	0	1	1	2	10	0.0%	0.0%	400.0%▲
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	1	2	13	12	0.0%	100.0%▲	7.7%▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	1	1	5	4	85	68	0.0%	20.0%▼	20.0%▼
Property	110	124	476	510	6640	6298	12.7%▲	7.1%▲	5.2%▼
Arson	1	1	2	5	71	26	0.0%	150.0%▲	63.4%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	5	6	24	22	468	351	20.0%▲	8.3%▼	25.0%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	1	0	15	13	0.0%	100.0%▼	13.3%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	27	49	112	163	1759	1732	81.5%▲	45.5%▲	1.5%▼
Fraud	2	1	17	9	164	149	50.0%▼	47.1%▼	9.1%▼
Larceny/Theft	47	27	182	155	2734	2258	42.6%▼	14.8%▼	17.4%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	33	127	136	1163	1555	32.0%▲	7.1%▲	33.7%▲
Robbery	1	6	5	16	175	136	500.0%▲	220.0%▲	22.3%▼
Stolen Property	2	1	4	3	75	54	50.0%▼	25.0%▼	28.0%▼
Society	2	1	7	5	51	50	50.0%▼	28.6%▼	2.0%▼
Drug/Narcotic	2	0	2	4	13	18	100.0%▼	100.0%▲	38.5%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	1	0	6	3	0.0%	100.0%▼	50.0%▼
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%▼
Weapon Law Violations	0	1	4	1	31	29	NC	75.0%▼	6.5%▼
Sector Totals	125	144	546	590	7598	7211	15.2%▲	8.1%▲	5.1%▼

Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 76.5% (13/17) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 10 DV-related offenses.
- 90.0% (9/10) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 52.9% (9/17) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 13 ↘ 10
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 13 ↗ 14

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 812 N K St: 0 ↗ 6
- 1601 S Union Ave: 0 ↗ 5
- 1717 S Union Ave: 0 ↗ 4
- 1500 N Warner St: 2 ↗ 4
- 5401 6th Ave: 3 ↗ 4

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Parking Lot: 20 ↗ 42
- Street/Right Of Way: 24 ↘ 21
- Apartment: 24 ↘ 20
- Single Family Residence: 13 ↗ 19
- Restaurant/Fast Food Establishment: 2 ↗ 5



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	27-Nov-2022	26-Nov-2023	27-Nov-2022	26-Nov-2023	26-Nov-2022	26-Nov-2023			
Persons	26	15	91	63	1084	886	42.3% ▼	30.8% ▼	18.3% ▼
Assault	23	15	84	58	980	806	34.8% ▼	31.0% ▼	17.8% ▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	1	0	1	0	9	6	100.0% ▼	100.0% ▼	33.3% ▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	1	2	20	26	100.0% ▼	100.0% ▲	30.0% ▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	1	0	4	3	74	47	100.0% ▼	25.0% ▼	36.5% ▼
Property	159	112	578	444	7070	5794	29.6% ▼	23.2% ▼	18.0% ▼
Arson	0	0	1	1	37	17	0.0%	0.0%	54.1% ▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	10	11	44	27	600	364	10.0% ▲	38.6% ▼	39.3% ▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	2	0	23	10	0.0%	100.0% ▼	56.5% ▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	43	31	128	125	1657	1376	27.9% ▼	2.3% ▼	17.0% ▼
Fraud	3	3	17	11	162	146	0.0%	35.3% ▼	9.9% ▼
Larceny/Theft	49	36	190	164	2955	2102	26.5% ▼	13.7% ▼	28.9% ▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	47	24	157	96	1260	1503	48.9% ▼	38.9% ▼	19.3% ▲
Robbery	3	5	18	13	183	139	66.7% ▲	27.8% ▼	24.0% ▼
Stolen Property	4	2	20	7	178	123	50.0% ▼	65.0% ▼	30.9% ▼
Society	2	3	14	17	127	130	50.0% ▲	21.4% ▲	2.4% ▲
Drug/Narcotic	1	1	5	8	32	49	0.0%	60.0% ▲	53.1% ▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	1	0	20	4	0.0%	100.0% ▼	80.0% ▼
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Weapon Law Violations	1	2	8	9	74	76	100.0% ▲	12.5% ▲	2.7% ▲
Sector Totals	187	130	683	524	8281	6810	30.5% ▼	23.3% ▼	17.8% ▼

Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 46.7% (7/15) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 18 DV-related offenses.
- 61.1% (11/18) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 73.3% (11/15) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 15 ↗ 18
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 14 ↘ 13

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 4502 S Steele St: 21 ↘ 18
- 2214 S 48th St: 2 ↗ 4
- 1531 S 56th St: 0 ↗ 4
- 2917 S 38th St: 0 ↗ 3
- 4548 South Tacoma Way: 0 ↗ 3
- 2219 S 37th St: 0 ↗ 3
- 5208 S Cushman Ave: 0 ↗ 3

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Parking Lot: 50 ↘ 33
- Single Family Residence: 29 ↘ 21
- Apartment: 16 ↘ 15
- Street/Right Of Way: 33 ↘ 13
- Shopping Mall/Plaza Common Area: 1 ↗ 8
- Other Business: 7 ↗ 8



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Persons	30	33	100	100	1403	1257	10.0%▲	0.0%	10.4%▼
Assault	28	29	94	94	1305	1166	3.6%▲	0.0%	10.7%▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	0	0	1	0	20	4	0.0%	100.0%▼	80.0%▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	1	1	19	25	0.0%	0.0%	31.6%▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	1	3	4	5	59	62	200.0%▲	25.0%▲	5.1%▲
Property	159	74	582	349	6453	5099	53.5%▼	40.0%▼	21.0%▼
Arson	2	0	4	1	59	26	100.0%▼	75.0%▼	55.9%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	8	8	41	22	605	362	0.0%	46.3%▼	40.2%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	1	1	14	6	0.0%	0.0%	57.1%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	37	15	127	88	1574	1202	59.5%▼	30.7%▼	23.6%▼
Fraud	3	1	27	6	175	131	66.7%▼	77.8%▼	25.1%▼
Larceny/Theft	61	22	196	109	2370	1608	63.9%▼	44.4%▼	32.2%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	36	20	151	94	1251	1392	44.4%▼	37.7%▼	11.3%▲
Robbery	4	5	13	19	209	187	25.0%▲	46.2%▲	10.5%▼
Stolen Property	8	2	22	6	181	162	75.0%▼	72.7%▼	10.5%▼
Society	2	2	5	12	133	147	0.0%	140.0%▲	10.5%▲
Drug/Narcotic	1	2	1	7	40	46	100.0%▲	600.0%▲	15.0%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	2	4	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%▲
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%▼
Weapon Law Violations	1	0	4	5	89	97	100.0%▼	25.0%▲	9.0%▲
Sector Totals	191	109	687	461	7989	6503	42.9%▼	32.9%▼	18.6%▼

Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 51.7% (15/29) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 26 DV-related offenses.
- 76.9% (20/26) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 62.1% (18/29) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 18 ↔ 26
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 15 ↘ 4

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 7025 Pacific Ave: 0 ↗ 4
- 2023 E 42nd St: 0 ↗ 3
- 8810 S Hosmer St: 0 ↗ 3
- 8433 S Hosmer St: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 12 other locations with 2.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Single Family Residence: 39 ↘ 34
- Parking Lot: 19 ↗ 21
- Street/Right Of Way: 44 ↘ 18
- Apartment: 16 ↘ 10
- Hotel/Motel: 1 ↗ 6



MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 8, 2023

TIME	MEETING	LOCATION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023		
5:30 PM	Tacoma Creates Advisory Board	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/94324392168 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 943 2439 2168 Passcode: 143397
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023		
8:30 AM	Government Performance and Finance Committee – SPECIAL MEETING	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84416690206 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 844 1669 0206 Passcode: 614650
9:00 AM	Hearing Examiner's Hearing *	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer
9:00 AM	Police Pension/Disability Board	3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., ABN-Ground Floor, Retirement Conf. Rm. Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/86309639383 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 863 0963 9383 Passcode: 521502
11:00 AM	Bid Opening**	Visit www.tacomapurchasing.org
NOON	City Council and Public Utility Board Joint Study Session	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/89496171192 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: https://zoom.us/j/84834233126 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126 Passcode: 349099
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023		
3:00 PM	Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health	4702 S. 19th St. Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/85263832261 Telephonic: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 852 6383 2261 Passcode: 038473
4:30 PM	Mayor's Youth Commission - Leadership Team	919 S. 9th St. Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/81791057813 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 817 9105 7813 Passcode: 786070
5:00 PM	Planning Commission	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/88403846060 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 884 0384 6060
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023		
7:30 AM	Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84447211773 Meeting ID: 844 4721 1773 Passcode: 970091
9:00 AM	Hearing Examiner's Hearing *	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer

- 10:00 AM Fire Pension/Disability Board 3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., ABN-Ground Floor, Retirement Conf. Rm.
Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/88629750418>
Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782
Meeting ID: 886 2975 0418 Passcode: 169592
- 1:00 PM Deferred Compensation Administrative Committee 747 Mart St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243
Contact Cindy Farmer at 253-573-2345
- 1:00 PM WorkForce Central Executive Board 3640 S. Cedar St., Suite E
For Zoom information contact: info@workforce-central.org
- 5:00 PM Civil Service Board Meeting and Study Session -
CANCELLED

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

- 8:00 AM Joint Municipal Action Committee –
SPECIAL MEETING 3873 S. 66th St., STAR Center
Contact Hunter George: hunterg@tacomaparks.org or 253-686-9553
- 4:00 PM Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248
Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/6644868913>
Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782
Meeting ID: 664 486 8913 Passcode: Equity



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 to confirm whether Bid Opening will be held.



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: D'Angelo Baker, Management Fellow
COPY: City Council; City Clerk; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood & Community Services
Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director, Neighborhood & Community Services
DATE: November 29, 2023
SUBJECT: October 2023 Neighborhood Council Liaison Report

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this memo is to provide a summary of topics and concerns discussed at the eight neighborhood councils and the Community Council of Tacoma during the month of April 2023. These items have been identified by the City Manager's Office liaison to each council as important or useful to bring to the City Council and City Manager's attention.

Questions regarding the Neighborhood Councils can be directed to the Program Coordinator at NeighborhoodCouncils@cityoftacoma.org.

TOPICS and CONCERNS:

Central Tacoma Neighborhood Council:

No report was provided.

East Side Neighborhood Council:

No report was provided.

New Tacoma Neighborhood Council:

The New Tacoma Neighborhood Council recessed and did not meet for the month of October.

Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council:

No report was provided.

North End Neighborhood Council:

No report was provided.

South End Neighborhood Council:

The South End Neighborhood Council met virtually on October 2. 15 residents were in attendance. Washington State Speaker of the House, Laurie Jinkins, was the primary presenter at this meeting. She provided a variety of legislative updates. Specifically, she shared how the state legislature is addressing and combating the housing crisis, ways in which the state is working to strengthen the workforce, protections that have been introduced for reproductive rights, investments in healthcare, and implementation of environmental policy to help combat climate change. Speaker Jinkins also shared about policies introduced to strengthen and improve the state's transportation infrastructure. Tacoma Police Department (TPD) liaison Lieutenant Katz plugged an upcoming childhood safety event which included a gun buyback. Councilmember Bushnell shared his support for the HOPE Team, and the Tacoma Tree Foundation as well as answering questions related to crime and criminal pursuits. Allyson Griffith from Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) shared that they are in the middle of transitioning Aspen Court from a shelter to housing. Lastly, a variety of community events were plugged for the month of October.



South Tacoma Neighborhood Council:

No Report Provided.

West End Neighborhood Council:

The West End Neighborhood Council met in-person on October 11. 40 residents attended this meeting. No councilmembers were in attendance, but Councilmember Hines did assist in meeting formation and topics for the agenda. The topics of focus for this meeting were crime and public safety. The first presentation was from the HOPE team. The team shared the objectives and structure of their program as well as their hopes for the future of the program. Following this, they fielded a variety of questions from the attendees. The second presentation was from the Tacoma Police Department (TPD) liaison. The liaison spoke about the approach to homelessness when criminal activity is involved. She also shared about the ways TPD supports the HOPE team, HEAL team, and NCS. Questions from the audience pertained to general safety tips, graffiti, and gang activity.

Community Council of Tacoma:

The Community Council of Tacoma met on October 26. Nine people attended this meeting. At this meeting the council voted to include a Council Member on the agenda and document their attendance at upcoming meetings. Notable discussions involved clarifying the existence of assigned Council Members and initiating plans for a \$1,000 20th Anniversary party, awaiting reimbursement for endorsements from Central Neighborhood Councils. The meeting also addressed community initiatives, including the search for "litter leaders" for Litter253, considerations for advertising in the Volcano at a cost of \$1,200, and updates on diverse projects like the East Tacoma Street mural and grant applications for water barrels. The Council informed attendees about upcoming events, such as the Santa parade, and noted ongoing legal reviews of contracts, with three out of nine contracts still pending signatures.



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Paige Armstrong, Administrative Services Coordinator, City Manager's Office
Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: **2024 Cancelled City Council Meetings - December 12, 2023**
DATE: December 5, 2023

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution approving the cancellation of seven regular City Council meetings in 2024: Tuesday, January 2; Tuesday, January 16; Tuesday, March 12; Tuesday, May 28th; Tuesday, September 3rd; Tuesday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 31.

COUNCIL SPONSOR:

Mayor Woodards

BACKGROUND:

Per Section 2.8 of the City Charter, entitled Procedure of the Council, the City Council shall hold at least forty-six regular meetings each calendar year. Therefore, the City Council, by a majority vote, can cancel up to seven meetings in 2024, and still meet the regular meeting requirements.

At the December 5, 2023, Study Session, the City Council discussed the following dates as proposed options for the seven cancelled meetings in 2024:

- Tuesday, January 2nd;
- Tuesday, January 16;
- Tuesday, March 12th;
- Tuesday, May 28th;
- Tuesday, September 3rd;
- Tuesday, December 24th; and
- Tuesday, December 31st.

Most of the dates selected fall one day before or after a legal holiday.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could determine alternative dates to cancel.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that these seven City Council meetings be cancelled in 2024 and requests City Council consideration at the December 12th Council meeting.



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.



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

TO: Tacoma City Council
FROM: Mayor Victoria Woodards and Chief Policy Analyst Bucoda Warren
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Chris Bacha, Interim City Attorney
SUBJECT: Resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1 submitted by Tacoma Public Schools on the February 13, 2024, ballot, to fund Neighborhood School Improvements and Safety Upgrades; and encouraging residents to vote "Approved" on Proposition No. 1 on the February 13, 2024, ballot. - Requested for December 12, 2023.
DATE: December 5, 2023

I ask for your support for a Resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1 submitted by Tacoma Public Schools on the February 13, 2024, ballot, to fund Neighborhood School Improvements and Safety Upgrades; and encouraging residents to vote "Approved" on Proposition No. 1 on the February 13, 2024, ballot. - Requested for December 12, 2023.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

Resolution/Ordinance Request:

At its meeting of October 26, 2023, the Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors unanimously adopted Resolution 2130 authorizing the submission to District voters, at an election to be held on February 13, 2024, of a proposition for the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide funds for capital improvements to facilities in an amount not to exceed \$650,000,000.

Proposition 1 is a \$650 million Neighborhood School Improvements and Safety Upgrades bond measure, maturing over a maximum of 25 years, that makes needed improvements to nearly every school so they last longer and save money in the long run.

RCW 42.17A.555, according to the state Public Disclosure Commission, allows elected boards, councils and commissions to "express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the legislative body, members of the board, council, or commission of the special purpose district, or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view.

If Proposition 1 is approved by voters, the increased cost to the average Tacoma homeowner would be \$7.53 per month or \$90 a year (comparing the average home values and tax rates of the last 5 years to the next 5 years).

DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: December 12, 2023

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):

Working with Tacoma Public Schools through the Joint Municipal Action Committee and other venues we have worked to align priorities and continue to invest in policies and programs Tacoma residents need. Engaging in various programs, initiatives, and public services often brings us together to increase the impact we have on the community. We also share many goals including Safe Routes to Schools, Vision Zero, livability, health, and safety which are guided by Tacoma 2025 and our Council priorities. Proposition No. 1 will support priorities identified by our community.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

The measure invests in our local economy, creating good paying family wage jobs here in Tacoma, with a District commitment to hiring local companies and women and minority owned businesses.

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

Increase the number of Tacoma households that have livable wage jobs within proximity to the city.

Education: *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Demonstrate community support for education by increasing support for school levies and bonds; volunteering and mentoring youth.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting. Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s)?

This funding will support safety upgrades and infrastructure improvements necessary to ensure our schools will thrive for many years to come. This legislation indicates support for the Proposition and will improve civic engagement by bringing more public support in front of the residents and giving them more reason to trust in the City. Additionally, the project itself creates more jobs close to home and ensures people view their schools and community favorably.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1.Do not pass resolution	There will be no increases in costs to taxpayers	Council would not share public support for school improvements and safety upgrades
2.Pass resolution	would endorse voter support of Proposition 1 Neighborhood School Improvements and Safety Upgrades.	There will be some increase in costs to tax payers

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would indicate success of this resolution. If the Proposition passes, then City staff will have multiple points of contact and coordination with Tacoma Public Schools to understand the impact of the improvements.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend the adoption of this resolution to express support for Tacoma Public Schools proposition No. 1 on the February 13, 2024, ballot.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Tacoma in passing this resolution.

If you have a question related to the Council Contingency Fund Request, please contact Chief Policy Analyst Bucoda Warren at 253-318-0594 or bwarren@cityoftacoma.org.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY Mayor Victoria Woodards.

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES

1.  _____ POS# 3

2.  _____ POS# 8



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Council Member Keith Blocker and Christina Caan, Policy Analyst, City Manager's Office
COPY: City Council and Council Clerk
SUBJECT: Ordinance to amend Chapter 6A.30 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, relating to Business and Occupation Tax - December 5, 2023
DATE: November 29, 2023

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

An ordinance amending the Tacoma Municipal Code, Chapter 6A.30 – Business & Occupation Tax – to create a new job tax credit in the amount of \$1,000 for employers adding a new position and filling the position with an individual with a disability, as identified through the vocational rehabilitation referral in the federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC).

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Member Keith Blocker, Mayor Victoria Woodards, Council Member Kiara Daniels, and Council Member Joe Bushnell

BACKGROUND:

Approximately 24,000 people in Tacoma live with a physical or mental disability. A disability is defined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as a condition of the body or mind that makes it more difficult for the person with the condition to do certain activities and interact with the world around them.¹ Disabilities can take a variety of forms—from visual or hearing impairments to conditions that impact an individual's ability to make decisions or remember information.² Disabilities may be present when a person is born or may develop later in life. In Washington, more than 35 percent of people who are age 65 and older have a disability.³ The disability rate is also greater among non-Hispanic Black adults and veterans.^{4,5}

People with disabilities can face substantial barriers to finding a job, making it more difficult for them to live independently, attain a higher quality of life, and participate fully in their community. The national labor force participation rate for people with disabilities is 32.8 percent, compared to 77.1 percent for those without disabilities.⁶ In 2022, the national unemployment rate for persons with a disability reached 7.6 percent, almost double the 3.5 percent unemployment rate for persons without a disability.⁷

The proposed amendment would create a new Business and Occupation job tax credit of \$1,000 for employers adding a new position and filling the position with an individual with a disability, as identified through the vocational rehabilitation referral in the federal WOTC. The WOTC is a federal tax credit that aims to incentivize workplace diversity and facilitate access to good jobs for American workers. A vocational rehabilitation referral under the WOTC is a person who has a physical or mental disability and has been referred to the employer while receiving or upon completion of rehabilitative services pursuant to a state plan approved under the Rehabilitation

¹ [Disability and Health Overview | CDC](#)

² [Non-Apparent Disabilities: When Your Disability is Not Visible - World Institute on Disability](#)

³ [Disability and Health Data System Explore by Indicator | NCBDDD | CDC](#)

⁴ [Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Disability by Health Condition](#)

⁵ [Disability and Health Data System Explore by Indicator | NCBDDD | CDC](#)

⁶ [About - Disability: IN](#)

⁷ [Persons with a Disability: Labor Force Characteristics Summary - 2022 A01 Results](#)



Act of 1973; an Employment Network Plan under the Ticket to Work program; or a program carried out under the Department of Veteran Affairs.⁸

This proposed tax credit aims to assist with incentivizing the private sector to ensure greater inclusion in the workforce for individuals with disabilities. This credit could also help advance the strategic goals of vocational rehabilitation in Tacoma, including improving employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities, reducing poverty in the disability community, and ensuring successful transitions into the workforce for students with disabilities.⁹

Qualifications for new Jobs Tax Credit:

- A new permanent position added to the business' workforce
- Employee must be a new hire (a current employee who becomes disabled does not qualify)
- Employee must receive minimum wage as calculated by the state of Washington Department of Labor and Industries
- Employee can be employed full or part time
- Employee must be identified through the vocational rehabilitation referral in the federal WOTC.

The Government Performance and Finance Committee voted unanimously on November 21, 2023 to move this proposal forward to the full City Council.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Council Member Keith Blocker, Mayor Victoria Woodards, and staff met with officials from the State Exchange on Employment and Disability (SEED) office to discuss enhancing workforce opportunities for individuals with disabilities. SEED is an initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy and identifies private sector engagement through job tax credits as one of its recognized key pathways for enhancing the employment of people with disabilities.¹⁰ New York City, along with several states, have implemented a tax credit for workers with disabilities.¹¹ Council Member Blocker also met with the Chair of the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities to discuss the tax credit. In addition, City staff from the Office of Tax and License and Council Member Blocker's policy analyst met with the Tacoma Office of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: This jobs tax credit could help reduce employment disparities for the disabled community by enhancing disability inclusion in Tacoma's workforce. This jobs tax credit is especially relevant for assisting communities with disproportionate rates of disabilities, including non-Hispanic Black adults, older residents, and veterans. The jobs tax credit could also help incentivize new jobs, creating opportunities to stem poverty in the disability community. Poverty rates for those with a disability are generally twice as high as rates for those without a disability.¹²

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity
Increase positive public perception related to the Tacoma economy.
Increase the number of diverse livable wage jobs.

⁸ [Work Opportunity Tax Credit | Internal Revenue Service](#)

⁹ [DVR Strategic Plan 2021-2023](#)

¹⁰ [SEED Report by The Council of State Governments](#)

¹¹ [Workers with Disabilities Employment Tax Credit | City of New York \(nyc.gov\)](#)

¹² [Disability poverty rate U.S. 2008-2021](#)



Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Improve access and proximity by residents to diverse income levels and race/ethnicity to community facilities, services, infrastructure, and employment.

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Employment is the most direct and cost-effective means to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve greater independence and economic self-sufficiency. This jobs tax credit could help increase the number of new jobs in the city and expand employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, including students transitioning into the workforce. By expanding employment opportunities for the disabled community, this jobs tax credit would help improve the quality of life and perception of the local economy for individuals with disabilities. In addition, this jobs tax credit could help the City demonstrate that it believes individuals with disabilities have a wealth of valuable skills to bring to the workforce and contribute to their community.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Do not adopt ordinance	No fiscal impact.	No specific City incentive for businesses creating new jobs and filling those jobs with individuals with disabilities.
2. Adopt a higher amount of tax credit	More businesses might create new jobs and fill those jobs with individuals with disabilities.	The fiscal impact of the proposed amendment would increase.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

If approved, Tax and License would monitor the businesses claiming the tax credit to ensure proper implementation. Staff would also monitor the new job tax credits used in 2024 and work with the budget office on projections in the 2025/26 budget for the jobs tax credit.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Sponsors recommend Council pass this ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

While the number of individuals with disabilities hired each year can vary, data provided by the Tacoma office of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation indicates that between 15-30 new positions will be created and filled with individuals with disabilities each year. This would result in a range of \$15,000 - \$30,000 of tax credit available to businesses to use towards their business & occupation tax liability in 2024.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. 0010 General Fund – B&O Tax Job Credit	106500	4316500	(\$15,000 - \$30,000)



	TOTAL		(\$15,000 - \$30,000)
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Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

YES

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

No

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

YES

If passed, this tax credit would be available each year for new positions created and filled with individuals with disabilities in Tacoma. Businesses that qualify for the tax credit will be eligible for five years of tax credit if the position remains filled with qualifying individuals.

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

No

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit A

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CHAPTER 6A.30
BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX

Sections:

- 6A.30.010 Purpose.
- 6A.30.020 *Repealed.*
- 6A.30.028 *Repealed.*
- 6A.30.030 Definitions.
- 6A.30.040 Agency – Sales and services by agent, consignee, bailee, factor, or auctioneer.
- 6A.30.050 Imposition of the tax – Tax levied.
- 6A.30.060 *Repealed.*
- 6A.30.065 Job credits.
- 6A.30.066 Small business phased tax credit.
- 6A.30.067 Job credit – Work Opportunity.
- 6A.30.070 Multiple activities credit when activities take place in one or more cities with eligible gross receipt taxes.
- 6A.30.075 Deductions to prevent multiple taxation of manufacturing transactions occurring prior to January 1, 2008 involving more than one city with an eligible gross receipts tax.
- 6A.30.076 Assignment of gross income derived from intangibles.
- 6A.30.077 Allocation and apportionment of income when activities take place in more than one jurisdiction.
- 6A.30.078 Allocation and apportionment of printing and publishing income when activities take place in more than one jurisdiction.
- 6A.30.090 Exemptions.
- 6A.30.100 Deductions.
- 6A.30.110 Application to City’s business activities.
- 6A.30.120 Tax part of overhead.
- 6A.30.130 Severability clause.

6A.30.067 Job credit – Work Opportunity.

A. Intent.

It is the intent of the City Council to incentivize the private sector to be more inclusive of individuals with disabilities seeking employment. By doing so, the City Council aims to improve employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities, reduce poverty in the disability community, ensure successful transitions into the workforce for students with disabilities, and provide support for older residents and veterans with disabilities who are seeking employment. The incentive in this section is specifically targeted at encouraging employers to add new employment positions to their workforce and hire individuals with a physical or mental disability identified as a vocational rehabilitation referral for the federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit.

B. Definitions for the purposes of this section:

1. “Eligible person” means a person or company who resides in the City and is engaging in a business activity within the City.
2. “Minimum wage” means the current years minimum wage as calculated by the state of Washington Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) or when the person has been issued a special certificate as outlined in WAC 296-126-010, the reduced minimum wage fixed by the L&I director.

3. "Qualified employment position" means a new temporary, permanent, part-time, or full-time position with compensation of at least "minimum wage" assigned to an "eligible person" as defined in this section. If a qualified individual is either voluntarily or involuntarily separated from employment, the employment position is considered filled during a period not to exceed three months if the person is actively recruiting a qualified individual to fill the position.

4. "Qualified individual" means an individual that meets the vocational rehabilitation referral qualifications for a Work Opportunity Tax Credit and their employer was certified by the state of Washington Employment Standards Department to use the WOTC on their federal tax return.

5. "Vocational rehabilitation referral" means an individual who has a physical or mental disability and has been referred to the employer while receiving or upon completion of rehabilitative services pursuant to: 1) a state plan approved under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; 2) an Employment Network Plan under the Ticket to Work program or 3) a program carried out under the Department of Veteran Affairs.

6. "Work Opportunity Tax Credit, or WOTC" is a general business credit provided under section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) that is jointly administered by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Department of Labor (DOL).

C. Credit.

Subject to the limits in this section, an eligible person is allowed a credit against the tax due under this chapter.

1. The credit shall be \$1,000 for each new qualified employment position filled with a qualified individual within the City.

2. No application is necessary for the tax credit; however, information must be submitted for each qualified employment position for which credit is requested and included with the first tax return in which the credit is claimed. The person must keep records necessary for the City to verify eligibility under this section. This information includes:

a. Washington State employment records, including Washington State and federal tax returns, for the years the credit was taken and;

b. WOTC records, including the approval or certification documentation issued by the state of Washington Employment Standards Department for the position the credit was taken.

3. A credit is earned for the calendar year in which the qualified individual is hired to fill the position, plus an additional 4 subsequent consecutive years if the qualified employment position continues to be filled with a qualified individual during the entire period.

a. The credit must be taken within 365 consecutive days after the qualified employment position is filled to be eligible for the credit.

b. If a qualified employment position is filled by a qualified individual before July 1, the position is eligible for the full yearly credit. If filled after June 30, the person is eligible for only a half of the credit for the first calendar year and the full credit for the subsequent four years.

c. Credit may not be accrued and carried forward or back. No refunds may be granted for unused portion of credits under this section. If the qualified employment position is filled during the calendar year, after the filing of a quarterly tax period, an amended 1st or 3rd quarter tax return will be allowed, if appropriate, to qualify for all the credit to which the person is entitled for that year.

d. The purchase of an existing business does not create an allowance of the credit for existing positions.

4. If at any time the Director finds that a person is not eligible or has lost eligibility for a tax credit under this section, the total amount of taxes for which a credit has been claimed for current and prior periods shall be immediately due, provided that if, after the effective date of this section, there exists or existed a

recognized general economic recession or a declared emergency requiring an person to lose eligibility for the tax credit under this section, then an person is not required to pay back the tax credit received for any prior periods under this section. If a person claims that such conditions exist and, as a result, has lost eligibility under this section, the person must certify such facts to the City on a form approved by the Director.

However, if any eligible person moves its principal place of business outside the City then, regardless of any conditions, the total amount of taxes for which a credit has been claimed for current and all prior periods shall immediately become due. The Director shall assess interest on the recapture of the credit for which the person is not eligible or has lost eligibility. The interest shall be assessed as provided in Section 6A.10.090, shall be assessed retroactively to the beginning of the reporting period in which the tax credit was allowed, and shall accrue until the taxes for which a credit has been used are repaid.

MOTION FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 28922

December 5, 2023

I move to amend Exhibit “A” of Ordinance No. 28922, at page 4, lines 23 and 24, Section 17.02.140.B, to add the words “female chickens kept in accordance with TMC 5.30.010”, to read as follows:

B. Exceptions to this subsection are poultry kept in accordance with TMC 5.30.010, commercial pet facilities, animal welfare facilities, veterinary hospitals, or grooming parlors otherwise in compliance with the Tacoma Municipal Code, or those who can substantiate that such animal noise was caused by an injury or illness of the animal(s) or by willful trespass, torment, or abuse of the animal(s) on its property by others.



ORDINANCE NO. 28922

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ, HINES, AND RUMBAUGH
 2 AN ORDINANCE amending Title 17 and Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating
 3 to Animal Control and Public Safety, by amending Section 17.02.140,
 4 entitled "Public disturbance noise and public nuisance noise made by an
 5 animal", and 8.12.060, entitled "Public disturbance noises", to revise
 6 requirements for enforcement of an unlawful action and to remove the
 7 criminal misdemeanor charge for public disturbance and public nuisance
 8 noise made by an animal.

9 WHEREAS currently, Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") Section
 10 17.02.140 states that it is unlawful for "any animal which by its barking,
 11 howling, baying, squealing, crowing, crying, bleating, screeching, whining, or
 12 making any other noise, by its volume or frequency, unreasonably disturbs or
 13 interferes with the peace of any person(s), for more than 15 minutes in any
 14 one-hour period of any day, and is documented by three or more separate
 15 episodes of such noise in a sequential seven-day period," meaning the animal
 16 noise complaint noted can be reported by one person, and

17 WHEREAS Animal Control and Compliance receives an average of 635
 18 individual animal noise complaints per year and around 70 percent of these
 19 complaints are ultimately deemed invalid in part because a large number are
 20 driven by punitive and escalatory behavior among individual neighbors, rather
 21 than genuine unlawful animal noise concerns, and

22 WHEREAS to ensure a more effective use of Animal Control and
 23 Compliance resources, the proposed amendment would increase the number of
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complainants from one person(s) to three or more persons, each residing at
1 separate residences in the same community or neighborhood, and

2 WHEREAS currently, TMC Section 8.12.060 sets the penalty for public
3 disturbance and public nuisance noise made by an animal at a criminal
4 misdemeanor charge, and a criminal misdemeanor penalty can include up to
5 ninety days in jail and is generally aimed at crimes that have a broader impact
6 on the community, such as prostitution and some types of theft, and
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8 WHEREAS the impacts of animal noise issues, especially in situations
9 where the pet owner is unaware the noise is occurring, are not equivalent to
10 these other types of criminal misdemeanor charges, making the criminal penalty
11 an extreme step for managing animal noise issues, and
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13 WHEREAS the proposed amendment to TMC Section 8.12.060 would
14 remove the inclusion of animal noises as a misdemeanor and maintain only the
15 civil penalty, which is not impacted by this ordinance and will continue to remain
16 in place, and
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18 WHEREAS furthermore, the proposed amendments would reduce the
19 potential for an unfair criminal penalty being imposed disproportionately on
20 communities of color related to animal noise¹; Now, Therefore,

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22 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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¹ [Race and Washington's Criminal Justice System: 2021 Report to the Washington Supreme Court \(racism.org\)](https://www.racism.org/2021-report-to-the-washington-supreme-court/)



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Section 1. That Title 17 of the Municipal Code (“TMC”) is hereby amended, by amending Section 17.02.140, entitled “Public disturbance noise and public nuisance noise made by an animal”, as set forth in Exhibit “A.”

Section 2. That Title 8 of the TMC is hereby amended, by amending Section 8.12.060, entitled “Public disturbance noises”, as set forth in Exhibit “B.”

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

Chapter 17.02
ANIMAL CONTROL

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17.02.010 Animals at large on public grounds.
17.02.020 Animals at large on private property.
17.02.030 Stray dog, cat, or animal.
17.02.40 Confinement of female dogs and cats in heat.
17.02.41 Roosters prohibited.
17.02.050 Dogs off premises to be on leash.
17.02.060 Dogs chasing vehicles on public roads.
17.02.70 Confinement of an animal in a motor vehicle.
17.02.71 Removal of animals for feeding - Examination - Notice - Euthanasia - Adoption by reference.
17.02.080 Dogs jumping and/or threatening pedestrians.
17.02.90 Animals injuring humans, domestic animals, or livestock - gross misdemeanor.
17.02.91 Rabies notification.
17.02.100 Directing dog to harass or attack - gross misdemeanor.
17.02.110 Directing dog to harass or attack public officer - gross misdemeanor - minimum mandatory.
17.02.120 Use of dog in illegal activity prohibited - gross misdemeanor.
17.02.130 Animals injuring private or public property - infraction or misdemeanor.
17.02.132 Removal of animal waste.
17.02.140 Public disturbance noise and public nuisance noise made by an animal.
17.02.150 Sale or transfer of animals in public places prohibited.
17.02.160 Violations - Civil infraction.

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17.02.140 Public disturbance noise and public nuisance noise made by an animal.

Any public disturbance noise made by an animal is unlawful and may be enforced under the provisions of TMC Sections

8.12.060 and 8.12.065 or as a civil infraction under this section.

A. When animal noise is prosecuted as a crime, the terms of TMC 8.12.060 and 8.12.065 shall govern.

B. When animal noise is treated as a civil infraction, the following is a violation:

1. Any animal which by its barking, howling, baying, squealing, crowing, crying, bleating, screeching, whining, or making any other noise, by its volume or frequency, unreasonably disturbs or interferes with the peace of any three or more persons, each residing at separate residences in the same community or neighborhood person(s) for more than 15 minutes in any one-hour period of any day, and is documented by three or more separate episodes of such noise in a sequential seven- day period. The burden is upon the owner of such animal(s) to maintain quiet.

2. B. Exceptions to this subsection are poultry kept in accordance with TMC 5.30.010, commercial pet facilities, animal welfare facilities, veterinary hospitals, or grooming parlors otherwise in compliance with the Tacoma Municipal Code, or those who can substantiate that such animal noise was caused by an



injury or illness of the animal(s) or by willful trespass, torment, or abuse of the animal(s) on its property by others.

1 3. C. Enforcement may be undertaken only upon written receipt of a complaint made to either the animal
2 control authority or law enforcement by three or more persons ~~a person(s) residing at or who is~~
3 ~~employed in an area~~ affected by such public noise disturbance as described in subsection 1. Any such
4 animal(s) shall be deemed a nuisance and may be seized and impounded if the disturbance reoccurs
after the owner or custodian of such animal(s) has received two written warnings, two notices of civil
infraction, or a written warning and a notice of civil infraction from either the animal control authority
or law enforcement within a calendar year.

5 4. D. Animal noise violations under this chapter are a Class 1 civil infraction.

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EXHIBIT “B”

**CHAPTER 8.12
DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

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8.12.060 Public disturbance noises.

A. It is unlawful for any person to cause, or for any person in possession of property to allow originating from the property, sound that is:

- 1. an unreasonable noise, as defined in subsection 8.122.010(KK) TMC; or
- 2. any sound that is plainly audible (as that term is defined in Chapter 8.122 TMC) within any dwelling unit; or
- 3. any sound produced by a sound reproduction device (as that term is defined in Section 8.122.010) that is plainly audible (as that term is defined in Section 8.122.010 TMC) 50 feet from the source of the sound; Provided, that this subsection c shall not apply to commercial music under TMC 8.122.100; or
- 4. Commercial music in excess of the limitations set forth in TMC 8.122.100.

B. In addition to the provisions of Section 8.12.060(1), the following sounds are determined to be public disturbance noises:

- 1. The frequent, repetitive, or continuous sounding of any horn or siren attached to a motor vehicle, except as a warning of danger or as specifically permitted or required by law;
- 2. The creation of frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds in connection with the starting, operation, repair, rebuilding or testing of any motor vehicle, motorcycle, off-highway vehicle or internal combustion engine within a residential district, so as to disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort, and repose of a reasonable person of normal sensibilities.

C. Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing on or near the public streets, particularly between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or at any time and place so as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort and repose of owners or possessors of real property;

D. The creation of frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds which emanate from any building, structure, apartment, or condominium, which unreasonably interfere with the peace, comfort, and repose of owners or possessors of real property, such as sounds from audio equipment, musical instruments, band sessions, or social gatherings;

E. Sound from audio equipment, such as tape players, radios, and compact disc players, operated at a volume so as to be audible greater than 50 feet from the source, and if not operated upon the property of the operator.

The foregoing provisions shall not apply to regularly scheduled events at parks, such as public address systems for baseball games or park concerts.

~~F. Noise from an animal that unreasonably disturbs one or more person’s reasonable expectation of peace and quiet. Factors to be considered in making such a determination include, but are not limited to, the nature, duration, volume, frequency, time, and location of the noise.~~



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Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
December 5, 2023	*Joint City Council / TPU Board Meeting Study Session (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 12:00 pm)	Tacoma Public Utilities 10 Year Management Review Study Update	Tacoma Public Utilities & Finance Department <i>(in-person)</i>	
		Final Review of the State and Federal Legislative Agendas	City Managers Office Government Affairs - Sonja Hallum & Rosa McLeod	Staff will review of state and federal legislative policy positions added per Council feedback and TPU state and federal agenda overview.
		Equity in Contracting Program Regulations and Related Code Revisions	Community and Economic Development - Kacee Woods <i>(in-person)</i>	
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
December 12, 2023	Study Session (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 12:00 pm)	Charter Review	City Clerk's Office & Legal <i>(in-person)</i>	
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
December 19, 2023	Study Session (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 12:00 pm)	Alternative Response Quarterly Update	NCS- Allyson Griffith, TFD - Chief Green & TPD - Chief Moore <i>(in-person)</i>	
		Homeless Services and Strategy Update	Neighborhood And Community Services Director - Allyson Griffith <i>virtual</i> , NCS staff <i>(in-person)</i>	
		Tacoma Police Department Crime Dashboard	Tacoma Police Department	This presentation will include an overview, demonstration, and examples of the Tacoma Police Crime Dashboard. The dashboard was developed in conjunction with a consultant and finalized through the collaborative efforts of the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit, Professional Standards Division and the Information Technology Department.
		Community Event In - Kind Support	TVE - Adam Cook <i>(in-person)</i>	TVE staff will provide an update on TVE's planned permitting process improvements and enhanced support for community events in the City of Tacoma
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in, 5:00 PM)			
December 26, 2023	Cancelled			
January 2, 2024	<i>Proposed Cancelled Meeting</i>			

Economic Development Committee (EDC)

Committee Members: Blocker (Chair), Daniels (Vice-Chair), Diaz, Bushnell, Alternate-Rumbaugh
Executive Liaison: Jeff Robinson; Coordinator - Cathy Satava

2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays
10:00 a.m.
Hybrid: In-Person & Virtual meeting

CBC Assignments: •Tacoma Arts Commission •Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District •City Events and Recognition Committee •Tacoma Creates Advisory Board •Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee

	Topic	Presenter	Description
November 28, 2023	Tacoma Creates Update	Lisa Jaret, Program Manager, Tacoma Creates Office of Arts and Cultural Vitality	
December 12, 2023	Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	Commission Interviews
December 26, 2023	Cancelled		

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee (IPS)

Committee Members: Walker (Chair), Diaz (Vice Chair), Hines & Ushka; Alternate-Bushnell Executive Liaison: Mike Slevin; Coordinator: Cathy Satava		2nd and 4th Wednesdays 4:30pm Hybrid: In-Person & Virtual Meeting	CBC Assignments: •Sustainable Tacoma Commission •Planning Commission •Landmarks Preservation Commission •Board of Building Appeals •Transportation Commission
	Topic	Presenters	Description
December 13, 2023	Landmarks Preservation Commission Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	
	Planning Commission Annual Report and Work Program Update		
December 27, 2023	Cancelled		

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Committee Members: Hines (Chair), Bushnell (Vice Chair), Rumbaugh, and Walker Alternate - Daniels Executive Liaison: Andy Cherullo; Coordinator - D'Angelo Baker <input type="checkbox"/>		1st and 3rd Tuesdays 10am Room 248	CBC Assignments: •Public Utility Board •Board of Ethics •Audit Advisory Board •Civil Service Board
	Topic	Presenter	Description
December 5, 2023	Charter Review Committee Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	
December 19, 2023	Monthly Budget Update	Reid Bennion, Acting Budget Officer, OMB	Monthly budget update and/or briefing on budget related items of interest.
	MFTE 2023 Recap	Debbie Bingham	

Community Vitality and Safety			
Committee Members: Ushka (Chair), Blocker (Vice-Chair), Rumbaugh, Daniels, Alternate-Hines		2nd and 4th Thursdays	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
Executive Liaison: Jacques Colon; Staff Support - D'Angelo Baker		4:30 p.m.	
		Room 248	
	Topic	Presenter	Description
December 14, 2023	RHC Research Project	Office of Strategy	
	Amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 8.17 - False Reports of Crime	Keith A. Echterling, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office	
December 28, 2023	Cancelled - Holidays		