

# Neighborhood Council Program 5 Year Program Review

City of Tacoma

Community and Economic Development

**Community and Vitality Committee**  
**August 24, 2017**

# TMC 1.45.090 Review and Revisions

*“The Neighborhood Council Program shall be reviewed and revised if necessary by the City Council at least every five years, with a corresponding presentation to the City Council by Neighborhood Council Program Coordinator or other staff regarding the Program overall”*

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*“It is suggested that the Community Council of Tacoma conduct a review of the Neighborhood Council Program every five years and provide recommendations for updates to the City Council”.*

# Neighborhood Council Program Changes 2012-Present

- March 2012 Dedicated Neighborhood Council Coordinator Position Eliminated
- 2013/2014 Biennium Reset Includes Creation of Planning and Development and Neighborhoods and Community Services Departments, PW Reorganizes and Community Based Services Expands Citywide
- 2015/2016 Biennium Moved Innovative Grant Funding to General Fund

# Neighborhood Council Program Changes 2012-Present

- Neighborhood Council Liaisons are a Function of City Managers Office
- Community Council Liaison and Program Coordinator are a Function of Community and Economic Development
- Standards and Guidelines Document Created for Program Guidance

# Issues & Opportunities for Review Consideration

- Office of Equity and Human Rights Established Since Previous Review
- Vision 2025 Adopted Since Previous Review
- Comprehensive Planning Process Updated Since Previous Review
- Interagency Engagement / Reliance Increase Over Time
- Representation and Advisory Standards Remain Unclear

# TMC 1.45.040 Neighborhood Council Functions and Responsibilities

*“Neighborhood Councils will serve in an advisory capacity to City government on matters concerning the general health, safety, and welfare of their neighborhoods. Neighborhood Council actions shall reflect the needs and wants of the neighborhoods within their boundaries.”*

# TMC 1.45.050 Neighborhood Council Boundaries and Membership

*“B. Neighborhood Council membership. Although the primary purpose of the Neighborhood Council Program is to foster open communication in which residents are afforded an opportunity to participate in government decisions in an advisory role, the ability to participate on a Neighborhood Council Board and/or to vote at general meetings shall not be restricted to neighborhood residents only. It is the objective of the City Council for neighborhood residents, property owners, and business owners to have the opportunity to participate in the Neighborhood Council Program”.*

# Outreach

- ✓ Update to Community Council July 2017
- Survey Existing Neighborhood Council Board Members
- Survey Existing Neighborhood Council Liaisons
- Survey Innovative Grant Applicants
- Survey Independent Neighborhood Groups, Community Engagement Partners
- Participate in Livable Cities Project
- Conduct Online and Social Media Surveys

# Proposed Timeline

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017:      \*Communicate Approach to CCOT  
                                     \*Present to CVS for City Council feedback
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2017:      \*Conduct 360 Review of Program Internally/  
                                     Interagency Liaisons  
                                     \*Include program review in CED retreat  
                                     \*Participate in Livable Cities Project
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018:      \*Prepare Drafts of Findings from Q4 2017 for  
                                     Stakeholder Feedback  
                                     \*Survey Neighborhood Council /Community
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2018:      \*Reconcile with CCOT Recommendations
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2018:      \*Propose Program Update to City Council for  
                                     Consideration

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