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SUBJECT: Using Health Metrics to Achieve Health Equity and Environmental Justice
DATE: September 28, 2023

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Staff will present information about how the City and key partners, such as the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, use health metrics to identify health inequities and track progress in addressing them. This presentation will seek to bring together the work of the Equity Index, the Climate Action Plan, the Community Health Needs Assessment, and the TPCHD Health Equity Assessment to provide a comprehensive look at how health metrics are used to address Council's policy objectives.

BACKGROUND:

On December 12, 2017, the City Council passed Resolution 39893 adopting a "Health and Equity in All Policies" policy, and directing the City Manager to analyze proposed policies using a health and equity lens.

In order to act on Resolution 39893, several steps were taken within the City of Tacoma to ensure a health and equity lens were used in analyzing proposed policies. These steps included the addition of health and equity questions in the Council Action Memorandum and embedding the Tacoma Equity Index into decision-making including and beyond the Council Action Memorandum.

On November 30, 2021, the City Council passed Resolution 40878 adopting the 2030 Climate Action Plan and Climate Adaptation Strategy. This resolution outlines a pathway to reach the City's carbon reduction goals, prepare our City and community for intensifying climate impacts, and prioritize actions that provide co-benefits leading to a better Tacoma for all.

ISSUE:

Staff will be providing information to Council on the following topics to address continued implementation of Resolutions 39893 and 40878:

- Metrics used in the Tacoma Equity Index, including comparison of current data to data from past years
- Metrics used in the Pierce County Equity Index
- Metrics used in Tacoma's Climate Action Plan
- Metrics used in the TPCHD Health Equity Assessment, including comparison of current data to data from past years
- Metrics used in the Community Health Assessment/ Improvement Plan



ALTERNATIVES:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.