



# City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248  
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 823 7010 6303  
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**October 27, 2022**

**4:30 PM**

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Chair Catherine Ushka, Vice Chair Keith Blocker, Kiara Daniels,  
Sarah Rumbaugh, John Hines (alternate)

## Call To Order

Chair Ushka called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Ushka

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Daniels

All Council Members participated virtually.

## Approval of Minutes

1. [22-1180](#) Approval of the minutes of the July 14, 2022, meeting.
2. [22-1181](#) Approval of the minutes of the July 28, 2022, meeting.

**MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to approve the minutes of the July 14 and July 28, 2022, meetings.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Ushka

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Daniels

## Briefing Items

3. [22-1176](#) Anti-Displacement Strategy Priority Setting  
[Jacques Colon, Tacoma 2025 Strategic Manager;  
Ted Richardson, Affordable Housing Action Strategy Coordinator,  
Media and Communications]

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to continue Item No. 3, anti-displacement strategy priority setting, to the next Community Vitality and Safety (CVS) Committee meeting on November 10, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Ushka

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Daniels

4. [22-1177](#) Landlord-Tenant Program Follow-Up  
[ChiQuata Elder, Landlord-Tenant/Crime Free Housing Coordinator,  
Office of Equity and Human Rights;  
Steven Sawada, Human Resources Manager, Human Resources;  
Ted Richardson, Affordable Housing Action Strategy Coordinator,  
Media and Communications]

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Ted Richardson, Affordable Housing Action Strategy Coordinator, Media and Communications Office, presented the Landlord-Tenant Program follow-up, including the four objectives of the Affordable Housing Action Strategy and an agenda. ChiQuata Elder, Landlord-Tenant/Crime Free Housing Coordinator, Office of Equity and Human Rights, reviewed the stakeholder engagement and timeline. Steven Sawada, Manager, Human Resources, reviewed call quantities regarding rent increases and a call detail example. Together, they continued by presenting the rent increases in Tacoma by zip code from January 2019 to August 2022, noting rent amounts and percentage changes during that time; high rent increases reported by community partners; and rent increase notices. They further outlined call quantities, examples of call details, issues, and policy changes related to shared housing, noting standards and screening criteria; late fee standards; and rental business licenses, noting restrictions on filing evictions. They concluded by presenting next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the makeup of stakeholders,

outreach to all types of landlords, ensuring landlords have business licenses, rent increase notices and leases, shared housing issues, having a review system for landlords in the City, eviction rates in Tacoma compared to all of Pierce County, just cause evictions, other jurisdictions' practices, landlord situations with vulnerable tenants, screening requirements, and encouraging landlords to rent to more difficult populations.

### Topics for Upcoming Meetings

- 5. [22-1178](#) November 10, 2022 - Community’s Police Advisory Committee Interviews  
November 24, 2022 - Cancelled  
December 8, 2022 - Community’s Police Advisory Committee Oversight  
Community Outreach and End of Year Report

Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be held on November 10, 2022, and will include interviews for the Community's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) and the continued item, anti-displacement strategy priority setting; that the November 24, 2022, meeting is cancelled; and that the December 8, 2022, meeting will include the CPAC oversight community outreach and end-of-year report.

Discussion ensued regarding the CVS Committee’s calendar.

### Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

### Public Comment

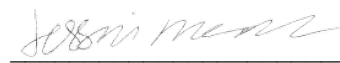
There was no Public Comment.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



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Catherine Ushka, Chair

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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office