From: Kara O'Toole <karalotoole@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 3:52 PM
To: Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official)
Subject: Tacoma Creates

Hello,

I am writing because I do not understand why a Capital component has been added to the funding details. This money will be taken away from programming. There has been no indication offered from the City Council that nonprofits in Tacoma are needing Capital. And the fact that it will be rolled over is even more concerning. Who are we setting this money aside for? Who needs Capital in our sector? Why would that be a permissible use for the voter approved money?

Best,
Kara O'Toole

Open Adult Program and Development Director Tacoma City Ballet

From: Courtenay Chamberlin <cwc@harbornet.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:54 PM
To: Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official)
Cc: Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Scott, Jamika; Sadalge, Sandesh; Bushnell, Joe; Daniels, Kiara; Diaz, Olgy; Walker, Kristina
Subject: Public Comment for City Council September 30 meeting: Ordinance 29057, Tacoma Creates Reauthorization

Dear Tacoma City Council members:

I am writing regarding the City Council September 30, 2025 agenda item addressing Ordinance 29057, Tacoma Creates Reauthorization.

First, thank you for your unanimous intent to reauthorize Tacoma Creates, for voicing your support for cultural arts organizations both individually and collectively, and for recognizing the vital role these programs play in building community connections and contributing to our local economy.

Due to a prior engagement, I may not make the City Council meeting in time for public comment. However, I remain committed to this process and want to publicly share thoughts on your proposed amendments to the Municipal Code that governs Tacoma Creates.

As you noted in our reauthorization conversations, a forecasted decrease in General Funds is shaping your decision-making. While addressing this reality, please keep the legislative intent and voter intent at the forefront:

- **Prioritize public programming.** Fully fund programming at the voter-supported level of 78% of funds collected.
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- **Emphasize public programming in spending plans.** Both ongoing and one-time allocations should reflect the legislative and ordinance intent: "a primary focus on public programming."

I appreciate your leadership in reauthorizing Tacoma Creates and your willingness to consider how the program can be strengthened for the future. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring Tacoma Creates fulfills its promise to our community.

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Courtenay Chamberlin
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From: Andrea Haug <andreahaug33@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 7:31 PM
To: Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official)
Subject: Re: Tacoma Creates ORD29057 & ORD29058

Let the record show a correction….humblest apologies, Deputy Mayor Daniels. I have addressed this email incorrectly.

Wisdom: Proofreading yourself does not guarantee it has indeed been proof read.

Cheers,

Andrea

On Tue, Sep 30, 2025 at 3:22 PM Andrea Haug <andreahaug33@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: Laurie Arnold <tacomalaurie61@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 2:34 PM
To: Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official)
Subject: View Yes on Tacoma Creates Updates

Please support the updates to the Tacoma Creates as specified in exhibit A of 29058. I fully support the update that commits 6% of funds to capital so that funded organizations can acquire or upgrade their spaces. This update is critical to our ability to support and maintain arts and cultural preservation in Tacoma.

Thank you.

Laurie Arnold

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Laurie Arnold, M.Ed. (she/they)
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"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept."
~Angela Davis

From: Jami Crosswhite <2ksixteen1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 7:44 PM
To: Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official)
Subject: Community forum 9/30

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
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Categories: Community Forum

Dear council,
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Thank you,
Jami Cortes

From: Sarah Toole <sarah_toole@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 7:38 PM
To: Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official)
Subject: Comment for community forum 9/30

Categories: Community Forum

My name is Sarah and I'm a member of the Climate Alliance South Sound. Tragically, one of the orcas in our waters has experienced a stillborn, like Tahlequah before her. These unnecessary deaths are caused by poor water quality and land management. We demand a democratic climate commission, and indigenous sovereignty to the fullest extent in order to address issues such as these with the swift manner that they deserve.

Thank you,
Sarah

Please share this at the next community forum.

From: Casey Wing <caseyrwing@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 7:38 PM
To: Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official)
Subject: Climate Commission NOW

Categories: Community Forum

Hello,

The slew of recent news stories about the degrading environment in Tacoma has me worried. I loved growing up here because of the natural beauty of the place but I am worried about the future - not just for the salmon, orcas, and forests, but even for the people who live here.

We need a strong climate commission that is empowered to ACT! on behalf of the people and environment of Tacoma.

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Sincerely,
Casey Wing

From: Cathie Urwin <cjsraine52258@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 3:45 PM
To: Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official)
Cc: STNC Board; Andrea (Andi) Haug
Subject: City Council Meeting (9/30/25): COMMUNITY FORUM comments

Categories: Community Forum

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Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 9:46 AM
To: Cathie Urwin
Cc: Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official); STNC Board
Subject: Re: City Council Meeting (9/30/25): COMMUNITY FORUM comments

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Dear Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Daniels, and Council Members,

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As a South End resident and South Tacoma's neighbor, as well as someone serving on the Picture Pacific Avenue advisory panel, I can affirm that these two issues are top of mind for many community members. The loss of the Fred Meyer store has created immediate gaps in food access, safety, and economic activity that require both short-term stop-gap solutions and a coordinated long-term plan. Meanwhile, the warehouse development is rapidly nearing operational readiness, and residents continue to have unanswered questions about traffic impacts, infrastructure upgrades, and the City's role in ensuring community safety and accountability.

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Thank you for your attention to these critical neighborhood issues.

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SEPT 30, 2025

To: Mayor Woodards, City Manager Kim, City Attorney Bacha & all Members of Tacoma City Council

Re: Crime VRS Tacoma Police Dept. Staffing

My observations by attending Tacoma City Council Meetings for the past several years, on a weekly basis, has given me a informed view that the City has not made "PUBLIC SAFETY" priority #1! The City's actions and "IN ACTIONS" has placed citizens & businesses at risk! The Federal Bureau of Investigation stats has listed Tacoma as the "#1 city of 10K & above in Washington for major violet crime! There is no accident in this designation. City policys that fostered this are as follows:

ACTIONS:

1. Not making public safety JOB #1!

2. Not providing leadership in ANTI-CRIME efforts with a "INAIFFERENT ATTITUDE".

3. Not enforcing City laws on TRESPASSING by unhoused individuals to include, trespassing, damage, sanitation to include littering and defacing of public & private property to name a few

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4. Restructure T.P.D. with a "hands off" policy toward encampments (forget public safety, drugs & firearms) and stolen properties.

5. Provide shelter with a "off limits" (no barriers) to use drugs.

6. Numerous policies & funding that encourage, facilitate, and endorse un-housed encampments and associated criminal activities.

Question? You do not need to be a "rocket scientist" that how, in a modern urban society, un-housed individuals can survive with "NO SOURCE OF INCOME" and are able to ~~pay~~ for drugs, etc? The answer is crime, theft, shoplifting, etc.!

IN-ACTIONS.

1. In the past T.P.D. was understaffed by over 60 officers - the City failed to bring force levels to those authorized. It was not a priority for the City Council. The current SOP incentive is "to little - to late". I provided the City Council with steps to bring up force levels many years ago! Besides cash incentives, they should not be limited to Washington State commissions.

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They should be "nationwide". Additionally, I mentioned there should be RE-LOCATION assistance such as offered by the military, as that would be a powerful incentive - as some experienced officer might not afford to re-locate to Tacoma. We are capable for handing up to 5K - for 1ST. - LAST & DEPOSIT!

During the "COLD WAR", the Secretary of Defense, quietly authorized "The 82 ND Airborne Division" to be manned at "110% strength, so that they will always be a "100% strength" (accounting for leave, medical, transfer & retirement, etc.). If, the City Council acted on this suggesting we would not have a shortage of Tacoma Police Officers!

Being pro-active, I have a new suggestion to bring up force levels of T.P.D. Provide 1K (one thousand dollars) for every full, credible year of "prior police employment" from other depts. This is "priceless" because T.P.D. will gain invaluable experience way beyond the this incentive! This officer shortage is important to note that "the officers per one-thousand residents" is below the national average for a major city.

Sincerely, Michele Reich

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