

**From:** Emily Duffy <emily@dyfis.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 1, 2026 10:00 PM  
**To:** Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official)  
**Subject:** Contracts for encampment cleanup/removal

Hello, My name is Emily and I reside in District 4. I am writing to urge you not to approve the 9 million dollar contract with Clean Slate Solutions, or the contract addition for Green Earthworks. When there are so many good uses for this money to help the residents in our community, why would you instead choose to spend this much money on removing people from the only place they have to live, and to get rid of their belongings? Wouldn't it be better to spend that money on shelters and housing solutions to give people living on the streets better opportunities? Otherwise all we are doing is forcing them to move from place to place thus worsening the core problem not making it better. Throwing away their belongings, thus making the poorest among us even poorer. I urge you to look at this from a long-term perspective, find a way to house people, not just continue to kick this can down the road. These contracts will do nothing to improve the quality of life for Tacoma residents. In fact, it makes it worse.

Where you put our money shows where your priorities lie. I stood before the city council in October to ask for the budget reconciliation process to refrain from taking money away from the HOPE team. The money was taken, causing positions to stay unfilled. Those positions could have done significant good for the city. The fact that a much smaller amount of money had to be taken to balance the budget months ago, but now there is more than nine million dollars to spend on sweeps and cleanups will not be forgotten. These sweeps may sound like a solution, but they harm the community at its core.

The people of this city want better. We want our money to go to meaningful improvements in the lives of those in the city. These contracts will not help with that. It will be more wasted money, that does not help anyone in the long run. Please use the city money, my tax money wisely. Stop throwing it at bad policy.

Thank you for your time,  
Emily Duffy, RN

**From:** Emma W <emmawonsil@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 2, 2026 9:13 AM  
**To:** Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official)  
**Subject:** Written Comment Re: Purchase Resolution on February 3 Contracts w/ Clean Slate Solutions and Green Earthworks

Hello –

My name is Emma Wonsil and I am submitting a written comment regarding the purchase resolution on February 3 (regarding the new contracts with Clean Slate Solutions and Green Earthworks).

I am a social worker working in Hilltop and I primarily provide behavioral health services to adults experiencing homelessness.

I am absolutely horrified to see the amount of money that the city is willing to put into these sweeps of unhoused people while those of us working to serve this population are constantly scrambling for funding and being told “there isn’t money” for it. Meanwhile, I see these contracts and see companies literally making money off of these sweeps. When clients came to meet with me last week, desperate to get out of the cold and rain – I have nowhere to refer them to nearby for just a warming day shelter, let alone a place to stay for the night. If it’s Monday and the library is closed, there is **literally nowhere** to go. Many of my clients are older and have significant medical conditions, and I have nothing to give them. Sometimes I’ll tell them they can stay in our lobby as long as they need just so they can get a break. But then I see how much money we’re willing to put into just shoving people around the city without any solutions and it confounds (and honestly, infuriates me).

I strongly urge you to put city funding into solutions-based interventions, not sweeps.

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Emma Wonsil  
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**From:** Pistol Petero <peter.tauer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 2, 2026 2:40 PM  
**To:** Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official)  
**Subject:** Encampment clean up contract proposal vote comment

Hello, my name is Peter Tauer and I am a resident of Tacoma. I would like to speak in opposition to both proposed encampment clean up contracts. I have been homeless in the past. I have also worked for Seattle Parks and recreation doing encampment clean up. This does not address any of the underlying issues that contribute to homelessness. 9 million dollars could be better spent on transitional housing or at least shelter space. I think it's astonishing that Tacoma city council does not have money to increase shelter capacity or build low-income housing but does have 9 million dollars to award a private contractor for cleanup. It is a waste of public money and I would go as far as to say a grift. How's the graduate of the Seattle conservation corps, I strongly recommend this city council to look at the success it has had in Seattle. They have operated within Seattle Parks and recreation since 1985 helping the homeless to gain experience, employment, and housing. Which matters more to this council? Addressing the problems our community faces? Or making sure the right people get paid? I suppose both of these proposals because we are not addressing any of the concerns that lead to homelessness first. I ask that you vote against both of these bills.

**From:** Callista Brown <callista.brown@plu.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 2, 2026 3:09 PM  
**To:** Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official)  
**Subject:** Written comment for 2-3-2026 CC mtg public comment  
**Attachments:** 2-3-2026 Council mtg comment cb.docx

Please share my written comment, attached and below.  
Thank you.

This comment is for the 2-3-2026 City Council meeting public comment and relates to Purchase Resolutions RES41849 and RES41850, which are # 8 and #9 on the Regular Agenda.

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

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- Failed because sweeps can only induce more sweeps, since the majority of those people displaced through a sweep remain unhoused and will continue to seek out and find locations elsewhere within or near populated areas. Those who accept shelter receive only temporary shelter so they too will return to being unhoused. Fiscally this means committing to future contracts for encampment mitigation: and that is a contractual bottomless pit.
- Failed because funds in this amount could have been directed toward Housing First strategies that land the homeless, starting with the long-term homeless, in permanent housing.

Voting on these resolutions should be delayed until the evidence in support of Housing First has been reviewed, Tacoma's Homeless Strategy has been reviewed, and Homeless Action Strategy has been updated.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my concerns.

Respectfully,

Callista Brown  
District 2

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**From:** Shalom Agtarap <revshalom@fumcot.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 2, 2026 9:11 PM  
**To:** Hines, John; Bushnell, Joe; Diaz, Olgy; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Sadalge, Sandesh; Walker, Kristina; Scott, Jamika; Kim, Hyun; Tacoma City Clerk's Office (Official); McLaurin, Vicky; Palmer, Latasha; Warren, Bucoda; Ibsen, Anders  
**Cc:** rhuff@pchomeless.org; Sally Perkins; oneida226@rainierconnect.com; Jake Nau  
**Subject:** A Proposal to Table Resolution 41849  
**Attachments:** CGT\_February 2 2026 Council Letter.pdf

Dear Mayor Ibsen, City Council Members, City Manager Kim, and Interim Director McLaurin,

Please see the attached letter from our Coalition that asks for your attention to this timely matter.

Thank you,  
Rev. Shalom

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Need to meet? Schedule a time with me [here](#).

*Please allow 48 hours for an email response. Thank you!*

**Common Good Tacoma**  
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February 2, 2026

Dear Mayor Ibsen, City Council Members, City Manager and Interim Director of NCS,

We are a coalition of outreachers, nonprofit staff, and caring community members united in supporting our unhoused neighbors and their many contributions to our city. We share a common desire to collaborate on citywide initiatives and strategies to support long term permanent housing and provide supportive services to people experiencing homelessness in Tacoma. We want to facilitate the best decision-making that supports the Homeless Action Strategy work of the City.

We write you on the eve of tomorrow's Council meeting to suggest tabling RES41849, the \$9 million proposed recommendation that would contract with Clean Slate Solutions, LLC for the next three years. We see an opportunity to create space for greater alignment with the Homeless Action Strategy while continuing to provide safe and clean streets to all neighbors. We ask you to please extend the current contract that ends March 31, 2026 to July 31, 2026.

We recommend postponing for the following reasons:

- Allows alignment of the City's purchase contracts with Council statements in October 2025 that "the sweeps are not a solution to homelessness" and that the City needs to update its Homeless Action Strategy.
- Honors the existing time frame for the Homeless Action Strategy to be fully addressed by NCS staff and the Community Vitality and Safety Committee (already scheduled for February and beyond). In fact, you will hear a report from them tomorrow, February 3, 2026, at your Study Session.
- The City and Council can explore new uses for the Tidy-Up funds for employment of unhoused people (i.e., Fife Jobs Program) and for sanitation services for locations where unhoused people gather, to reflect appropriate uses of funds raised as part of a Solid Waste excise tax, also part of the updated Homeless Action Strategy.
- Allows the *new* Director of Neighborhood and Community Services to rethink the work to be done under this three-year contract in light of the actions itemized above. The person in this position needs time to familiarize themselves with the role and align their portfolio with city priorities.

We count on your data-driven decision making, even in the eleventh hour, to postpone this Resolution in order to create more openness for alignment with goals that sustainably address homelessness.

In solidarity,

Rev. Shalom Agtarap and Jake Nau, Co-Directors of Common Good Tacoma  
 Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness  
 The Conversation 253  
 Sally Perkins, Advisor