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COPY: Economic Development Committee
SUBJECT: **Tacoma Arts Commission and Spaceworks Updates**
DATE: September 19, 2016

SUMMARY:

The Arts & Cultural Vitality Presentation will include two segments:

1. Mike Sweney and Rachel Cardwell, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Arts Commission and Amy McBride Tacoma Arts Administrator will provide updates on current initiatives and activities of the Tacoma Arts Commission including proposed performance measures for Artfull Tacoma, the recently adopted art plan for the City of Tacoma.
2. Heather Joy, Spaceworks Manager and David Schroedel, Vice President, Policy & Entrepreneurship and co-chair of the Spaceworks steering committee will provide information and updates about Spaceworks Tacoma.

BACKGROUND:

Tacoma Arts Commission will provide an overview of activities and initiatives that support the recently adopted Artfull Tacoma: a 5-year art plan for the City of Tacoma. The presentation will cover existing efforts that are in place to support the art plan including:

- Arts Month
- the “Maker City” movement
- community engaged public art strategies

The commission will also share next steps and performance measures developed to move the plan forward and define success.

Spaceworks Tacoma will share updates and information on the program including statistics on jobs and businesses created, highlights of the new strategic plan, ongoing evolution of the creative enterprise training program, and future initiatives.

ISSUE:

Arts & Cultural Vitality is one of seven strategic policy priorities in Tacoma 2025. Tacoma City Council recently adopted Artfull Tacoma: a 5-year art plan for the City of Tacoma. The Arts Commission is charged with implementing the strategies and goals to advance Tacoma as a center for the arts, strengthen the creative eco-system and grow the creative economy.



The Arts Program is located within the Community & Economic Development Department and the Economic Development Committee makes appointments to the Tacoma Arts Commission.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an informational presentation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational presentation.