



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Council Member Chris Beale and Council Assistant Lynda Foster
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File
SUBJECT: **Support of the surplus, sale and re-development of Tacoma School District's property holding near Blueberry Park**
DATE: February 8, 2018

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of the Study Session:

I respectfully ask the City Council to consider a resolution in support of the surplus, sale and re-development of the Tacoma School District's property holdings as they abut Blueberry Park in the SE portion of the city in an effort to activate the space for a positive use for the neighborhood; establish well-designed infill housing that fits with the character of the neighborhood; and to achieve open space preservation, workforce housing and low impact development.

This resolution would include that the City Council would like to see the following features incorporated into a future development of the site, in no order of rank:

- A safe, secure development that is managed to reduce and eliminate impacts to the neighborhood related to public safety issues that have historically plagued the property
- Well-designed, high quality single family housing development, of varying sizes to meet the needs of the diverse needs of the community
- Protection of mature native tree canopy into the development
- Preservation, restoration and active management of on-site wetlands and other critical areas
- Inclusion of affordable housing into the market rate development
- Ample lighting and street improvements for the local area

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

Provide context for the issue and explain the need for the request.

Tacoma Public Schools is considering the potential sale of 24 parcels of property located at the corner of East D Street and East 80th Street in Tacoma. The property is a chair-shaped collection of parcels connected to the west and south sides of the area commonly known as Blueberry Park. Most of these parcels are unbuildable because of wetlands. Tacoma Public Schools has held three community meetings to get feedback on the sale of this land.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

State and briefly explain which strategic policy priority is best aligned to this action. Please remove the statements below you are not directly addressing.

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.

- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT PATH:

☒ **Request for Resolution**

☒ **Is there a specific deadline for this request?** *(Note: All Council Consideration Requests will be expedited as soon as possible) 2/13/2018*

Please provide a brief explanation of deadline. The CCR will need to be considered at the 2/13/18 study session in order for the resolution to come to the City Council on 2/20/18, in advance of the Tacoma School Board meeting on February 22, 2018.

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Lynda Foster at (253) 591.5166 or Lynda.Foster@CityofTacoma.org.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: _____
Council Member Beale



SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

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POS# 1