



TACOMA PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS UNION

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Honorable Mayor Woodards and
Tacoma City Council Members
747 Market Street, 12th Floor
Tacoma, WA 98402-5605

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council Members,

The Tacoma Fire Department and Tacoma Firefighters Union have a history of breaking barriers in the fire service. In 2000, Eileen Lewis became first female fire chief of the department and the first woman in the United States to lead a large municipal fire department. Further, female firefighters make up more than 13% of the department, compared to the average of less than 5% across the nation. I am also proud to be the first female President of our organization.

The diversity of our membership is a cornerstone to our success. As firefighters we engage with the community day in and day out. We are also a part of the community, as such our members reflect our community's different genders, backgrounds and perspectives which allow us to better serve them.

We believe that the renaming of Fireman's Park not only reflects the values of the men and women of the Tacoma Firefighters but also reflects the very same values that the City of Tacoma prides itself on. On behalf of IAFF Tacoma Firefighters Local 31, I hereby express our support for the proposed resolution to rename Fireman's Park to Firefighters' Park.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature of Allyson Hinzman, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Allyson Hinzman
President