WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

November 12, 2026

Members of the City Council
City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Deputy Mayor Bushnell provides the attached **City Council Action Memorandum for a Council Contingency Fund Expenditure of $10,000** to sponsor the **2026 Khmer Language Arts and Culture Academy Annual Fundraiser & Cultural Celebration**.

2. **On Friday, November 13, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., the Tacoma Fire Recruit Class 2026-1 will complete their final phase of pre-field training with a Recruit Class City Run - an approximate 21-mile run through our community**. This is a training exercise designed to help recruits learn route directions and 100-block segments, as well as the locations of battalions and fire stations, and landmarks critical to emergency response—such as schools and parks—in our service area. Please see the attached memorandum for more information and a route map with approximate times.

3. City-funded Temporary and Emergency Shelter Performance: The City posts weekly information about its Temporary and Emergency Shelter locations including current census, number of available beds, and exits to housing. **This information can be found at:** https://cms.tacoma.gov/ncs/weeklydataupdate.pdf **and is updated weekly**.

   Pierce County Human Services also uses the Homeless Management Information System to report daily availability throughout Pierce County. This information can be found at: https://www.piercecountywa.gov/8220/Homeless-Emergency-Shelter-Availability and shows the available beds open at shelters and is updated Monday - Friday by 10:00 a.m.

4. Encampment Outreach: For the week of **November 2-6, 2026**, the HEAL team visited **12 different locations**. This resulted in **36 (22 new, and 14 repeat)** individuals contacted and referred to community services. Additionally, from this week's outreach, **24** people were interested in shelter specific services; there was no direct shelter placements from HEAL referrals and 3 individuals were placed into shelter because of HEAL collaboration with the Encampment Resolution Program. The HEAL team will continue to work with the **21** remaining individuals to

find available shelter beds that best meet the individual's needs. This information can be found at: HEAL Team Engagement Dashboard | Tacoma Open Data.

5. Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter (TEMS) 3 Transition: **TEMS 3 (6th and Orchard), operated by Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI),** is currently preparing to transition to **3860 South 69th Street (in the vicinity of S. 69th St. and Proctor Ave) by December 16th, 2026.** LIHI will continue to work with the current residents on their stability and housing plans during transition and continue to focus on households housing plans, and anyone not able to exit into permanent housing will have the option to move to the new location. Once the transition is complete, the City will decommission the site, and the property is scheduled to be sold by the first week of January 2027 for future development as a cancer center.

   Onsite preparation has begun this week, November 9th. This work involves installing essential electrical infrastructure for the micro-shelters, kitchen, and hygiene units, alongside developing onsite parking space.

   Since opening in December 2021, LIHI has served 506 individuals, with 328 clients connected to permanent housing. On November 9th, 2026, there were 12 families (21 total individuals) onsite. Neighborhood and Community Services will continue to meet with LIHI weekly to assess operational needs and will continue to support LIHI and residents during this transition.

6. City Manager's Office Constituent Relations Analyst Karyssa Mathison provides the attached **Constituent Intake Report**.

7. Please see the attached City of Tacoma **Weekly Meeting Schedule.**

8. Tacoma Police Chief Jackson provides the attached **Weekly Crime Reports for the week ending November 1, 2026.**

9. Amy Clancy, Media and Communications Director shares the **"Good News"** below.

   - Best Business-Friendly City Recognition from South Sound Business **Tacoma has been voted the Best Business-Friendly City** by South Sound Business readers Thank you to our local businesses, partners, and entrepreneurs who make Tacoma a place where innovation thrives. Our Community & Economic Development team is dedicated to helping businesses launch, expand, and succeed through hands-on support, strategic investments, and community partnerships. We're honored by this recognition and excited to highlight Tacoma's vibrant business ecosystem in the November Best in Business issue. Ready to start, grow, or explore opportunities in Tacoma? Check out MakeItTacoma.com, your go-to resource for doing business in the city. Whether you're launching something new or looking to grow, MakeItTacoma.com provides the information and support you need to succeed in Tacoma's thriving business community.

- T-Town Recap **A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came out to the Tacoma Dome for T-Town City Services Expo and Trades & Hiring Fair!** Your energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to connecting with City services, community resources, and opportunities made the event a tremendous success. We loved seeing neighbors, families, job seekers, and community partners come together for a day of learning, engagement, and connection. To learn more about T-Town, visit tacomadome.org/t-town.

- Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board Openings **We're looking to fill seven volunteer seats on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board (TCRA),** including two at-large representatives; two with experience in the legal profession as an attorney; two with experience in housing development or construction; and one certified public accountant representative. The TCRA administers grants and loans to support low-income households and families in buying or repairing their homes, multi-family housing developers or owners who provide housing to low-income families, businesses which create jobs or rehabilitate blighted buildings, and non-profit organizations that provide housing and economic development services to the Tacoma community. Learn more and apply by noon on November 30, 2026, at tacoma.gov/cbc.

- Public Hearing set for Dec. 1 for Parking Code Update **A public hearing will be held regarding the Off-Street Parking Code Update at the December 1, 2026,** City Council Meeting at 5 p.m. The Council will receive public input on proposed amendments to Tacoma's Off-Street Parking Code in response to recent changes in Washington State law. The Planning Commission has recommended eliminating minimum off-street parking requirements citywide and making related code amendments, including changes to accessible parking provisions. The recommendation would not prohibit off-street parking; it would remove requirements to provide a minimum number of off-street parking spaces. The City Council has not yet made a final decision. For more information, visit tacoma.gov/parkingcodeupdate.

- Turkey/Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway with Tacoma Police on Nov. 17 & 21 **Hear from Police Chief Patti Jackson and Community Engagement Manager Bervin Smith about this year's Tacoma Police Department Turkey Giveaway!** We're spreading holiday cheer and helping families celebrate Thanksgiving with free turkeys and sides at two convenient drive-through locations:
    - November 17 - Tacoma Dome
    - November 21 - Cheney Stadium

  Distribution begins at 11 a.m. No registration required. One turkey and sides per vehicle, while supplies last. Come early and help us kick off the holiday season together!

- Tacoma Fire Push-In Ceremony **Tacoma Fire welcomed our new Engine 2 with a traditional Push-In ceremony** today! The old Engine 2 has served Downtown Tacoma since early 2014, and it responded to over 44,000 calls in those 12 years. This new engine is the second of two engines that were approved with emergency funding from the Tacoma City Council. We extend our sincere thanks to the past and current council members and City Manager Kim, who helped secure the emergency funding that made purchasing these two engines possible.

- Road Safety Tips from Tacoma Fire **It's getting dark earlier, so let's look out for each other!** As the Big Dark approaches, now is a good time to brush up on road safety.
  DRIVING?
  - Slow down and watch for people walking and biking.
  - Look carefully for pedestrians before turning or backing up.
  - Put your phone away and stay alert.

  WALKING?
  - Wear bright or reflective clothing after dark.
  - Use sidewalks and crosswalks whenever possible.
  - Look both ways, watch for turning vehicles, and make sure drivers see you before crossing.

  BIKING?
  - Use a white front light and a red rear light after dark.
  - Wear bright or reflective gear.
  - Follow traffic signals and stay alert for turning vehicles.

- **Share your experiences crossing I-5 by taking an online survey!** This is a part of a new study to identify opportunities to improve safety, accessibility, and neighborhood connections. The survey has been extended and is now open through November 20 at https://tacomai5.altaplanning.cloud/en.
  https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1EvrxnjGXp/

- **Update on the McCarver Street Wayside Horn**-We continue working to resolve the wayside horn issue at the McCarver Street intersection railroad crossing. The equipment vendor is preparing a replacement panel. The vendor expects to deliver the new panel before the Thanksgiving holiday. Once the new panel arrives, City staff will coordinate its replacement and testing. We are hopeful this replacement will resolve the issue. However, the installation timeline and resolution will depend on the panel's delivery and successful testing. In the meantime, locomotive engineers are required to sound the train horn as they approach the crossing. City staff will continue working with the vendor and will provide updates as more information becomes available. Thank you for your continued patience.

- **Tim Fairley was recognized at the November 3, 2026, City Council Meeting**, for his outstanding civic leadership, compassionate advocacy, creative vision, and invaluable contributions to the people and neighborhoods of Tacoma. Fairley has been active in Tacoma's Neighborhood Council Program and has served as Chair of the New Tacoma Neighborhood Council and Vice Chair of the Community Council of Tacoma, where he has poured his heart and soul into building relationships, encouraging civic participation, and strengthening community representation throughout Tacoma. He has also spearheaded projects including the Thea Foss Park Globe restoration and New Tacoma glass medallions inspired by the creativity and merrymaking of Monkeyshines, transforming ideas into opportunities for neighborhood pride, connection, and shared celebration. Thank you, Tim, for always seeking solutions, learning from others, and welcoming new connections!

- **November 8, 2026, was proclaimed as Diwali-Festival of Lights Day in Tacoma!** At the November 3, 2026, Council Meeting, the Tacoma City Council was joined by the Consulate General Of India, Seattle for a Diwali Proclamation and a pre-proclamation Diwali Lamp Lighting Ceremony. Diwali holds deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair. The observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection. We encourage all residents to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions, and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

JOINT STUDY SESSION / WORK SESSION

10. **The Joint City Council Study Session of Tuesday, November 17, 2026, will be conducted as a hybrid meeting.** This meeting can be attended in-person at the Tacoma Municipal Building, Council Chambers, located at 747 Market Street on the 1st floor or be heard by dialing (253) 215 – 8782 or through Zoom at: www.zoom.us/j/89496171192 and entering the meeting ID 894 9617 1192; passcode 896569 when prompted. This meeting will be broadcast on TV Tacoma.

    Discussion items will include (1) **Proposed Citywide State and Federal Legislative Agenda**; (2) **Other Items of Interest: City Council Consideration Request - Fiscal Impact Statement for Ballot Measures** (3) **Committee Reports**; (4) **Agenda Review & City Manager's Weekly Report;** (5) **Executive Session – Potential Litigation**.

    On our first agenda item, staff from **Government Relations** will provide an **updated briefing on the 2027 Proposed Citywide State and Federal Legislative Agenda**.

    Under other items of interest, the following item will be discussed:

    - **City Council Consideration Request** – Fiscal Impact Statement for Ballot Measures **[Council Member Rumbaugh]**

11. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast and Consolidated Standing Committee Calendars** are attached for your information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Downtown Campus Expansion Grand Opening Ceremony: **Saturday, November 14, 2026, 11:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m., Tacoma Rescue Misson's Downtown Campus, 425 S Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA 98402**. You are invited to join for the Grand Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) and then stay for a light luncheon and a tour of the expansion (12:00 p.m. – 2 p.m.) RSVP below: https://fs27.formsite.com/tacomarescuemission/rqf1w12xbk/index

- Arts at the Armory: **Saturday & Sunday, November 14 - 15, 2026, 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m., Tacoma Armory, 1001 South Yakima Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405**. A free weekend arts market featuring 120+ Tacoma-based artists and makers under the roof of the historic Tacoma Armory. https://tacomaartsmonth.org/arts-at-the-armory/.

- Office Hours with Mayor Ibsen: **Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Locus Café, 4822 Pacific Ave D, Tacoma, WA 98408**. Come connect with the Mayor in a casual setting to chat about what's on your mind and ask him questions.

- Council Member Latasha Palmer Virtual Office Hour: **Thursday, November 19, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m**. Council Member Latasha Palmer set time aside this month for you to get to know her better and chat about what matters to you. Join her for her last virtual office hour to share your questions and perspectives on citywide issues. Just RSVP for a 20-minute slot: **https://calendly.com/cotcouncil/cm-palmer-office-hours**.

In service,

HJK: AAJ

Hyun Kim
City Manager

City of Tacoma **City Council Action Memorandum**

TO: Hyun Kim, City Manager
FROM: Deputy Mayor Joe Bushnell and Senior Council Policy Analyst Lynda Foster
COPY: City Clerk and City Council
SUBJECT: **Resolution – Allocating $10,000 in Council Contingency Funds to sponsor the 2026 Khmer Language Arts and Culture Academy Annual Fundraiser & Cultural Celebration – November 17, 2026**
DATE: **November 10, 2026**

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution allocating $10,000 in Council Contingency Funds to sponsor the 2026 Khmer Language Arts and Culture Academy Annual Fundraiser & Cultural Celebration.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Deputy Mayor Bushnell and Council Members Diaz and Sadalge

BACKGROUND:

This contingency fund request would pay for the City of Tacoma to serve as the Lead Title Sponsor ($10,000) for the Khmer Language Arts and Culture Academy (KLACA) Annual Fundraiser & Cultural Celebration on Saturday, November 21, 2026. This partnership directly supports essential cultural arts programming, bilingual education, intergenerational youth leadership, and cross-cultural bridge-building across the city. KLACA warmly welcomes both Khmer and non-Khmer community members, providing an inclusive platform for anyone in the greater Tacoma area interested in learning the Khmer language, arts, and heritage.

Founded to preserve linguistic traditions and foster positive community outcomes in Tacoma and Pierce County, KLACA serves as an essential cultural anchor and cross-cultural educator. Decades after the resettlement of Cambodian refugees in the South Sound, significant gaps remain in culturally relevant educational resources, intergenerational healing, and inclusive cross-cultural spaces. KLACA addresses these challenges through:

- Inclusive Language & Cultural Education: Weekly Khmer literacy, classical dance, and folk music classes open to all community members, both Khmer and non-Khmer who wish to learn and celebrate Cambodian heritage.
- Bridge to Greater Tacoma: Serving as an intentional civic and cultural bridge that connects diverse Tacoma residents, neighbors, and local institutions to the richness of Khmer arts and history.
- Intergenerational Bridge-Building: Creating welcoming environments where elders and young people interact, addressing isolation and preserving vital community knowledge.
- Community Advocacy & Resource Navigation: Providing an accessible hub connecting families and diverse community members to municipal initiatives, public services, and civic opportunities.

Securing the City's title sponsorship ensures KLACA maintains free, accessible curriculum materials, secures dedicated community facilities, and subsidizes participation for low-income families and learners across the greater Tacoma community throughout the 2026–2027 year.

In recognition of the City of Tacoma's $10,000 Title Sponsorship investment, KLACA will provide:

- Prominent Event Branding: Title sponsor placement at the main stage and multimedia digital displays throughout the evening.
- Official Program Book Recognition: Prominent, full-page premium feature and official letter from the City within the printed event program book distributed to all attendees.
- Digital & Social Media Reach: Dedicated sponsor spotlight posts across KLACA's social media channels, permanent placement on the official website sponsor page.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:
The Khmer Language Arts and Culture Academy contacted sponsors.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:
Equity and Accessibility: ***(Mandatory)***
Immigrant and refugee communities experience distinct historic challenges and language access barriers. By actively welcoming non-Khmer learners alongside Cambodian families, KLACA creates an inclusive, intercultural environment that breaks down social silos, celebrates diversity, and ensures equitable access to cultural and educational enrichment across Tacoma.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score*: Moderate Opportunity
Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.
Elected officials, boards, commissions, and volunteer leadership will reflect the diversity of the Tacoma community.

Livability: *Equity Index Score*: Moderate Opportunity
Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.
Improve health outcomes and reduce disparities, in alignment with the community health needs assessment and CHIP, for all Tacoma residents

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).
Through the event's keynote speaking platform, City leadership will engage an audience of 300+ Cambodian community members, non-Khmer allies, educators, and regional supporters, strengthening mutual trust, increasing visibility of city programs, and affirming Tacoma's commitment to inclusive community leadership. Inclusive arts and language programs serve as protective factors that foster belonging, combat social isolation, and enrich Tacoma's broader cultural landscape for residents of all cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Refer KLACA to competitive funding opportunities	Preserve contingency funds for other priorities	Do not respond to current need.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:
These contingency funds are provided to support the Khmer Language Arts and Culture Academy (KLACA) 2026 Annual Fundraiser Celebration, and contingency funds are intended as a one-time funding source. Event organizers will be provided with information on how to apply for funding opportunities and request sponsorship for future conferences during standard programmatic application cycles.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:
Sponsor recommend sponsoring the 2026 KLACA 2026 Annual Fundraising & Cultural Celebration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1.1030- Council Contingency Fund	660000		$10,000
TOTAL			$10,000

What Funding is being used to support the expense?
Council Contingency Fund

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?
NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW
The Council Contingency Fund provides an established amount of funding each year for unbudgeted Council sponsored initiatives.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?
No

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?
No

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?
No

ATTACHMENTS:
- N/A

Contingency Commitments 2026

Resolution Number	Funding Amount
Resolution 41859	
Oasis Center	**$30,000.00**
Council Contingency Fund request of $30,000 to fund the Oasis Youth Center's HIV and STI self-testing for LGBTQ+ youth ages 14 and older in Pierce County.	
Resolution 41864	
True Vine Community Church of God in Christ	**$25,000.00**
Council Contingency Fund request of $25,000 to sponsor the 5th Annual Citywide Block Party.	
Resolution 41881	
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project 2026 Gala Sponsorship	**$15,000.00**
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of $15,000 to sponsor the Northwest Immigration Rights Project's 2026 Gala and make a public declaration of solidarity with Northwest Immigrant Rights Project's values	
Resolution 41904	
Tacoma Film Task Force Sponsorship	**$10,000.00**
Council Contingency fund expenditure of $10,000 to sponsor the Tacoma Film Task Force.	
Resolution 41932	
Ride Transit Month Sponsorship	**$10,000.00**
Resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of $10,000, to sponsor Downtown on the Go's Ride Transit Month.	
Resolution 41933	
NextGen GM Sports Executive Internship	**$20,000.00**
A Council Contingency fund expenditure of $20,000 to sponsor the "NextGen GM Sports Executive Internship" pilot program.	
Resolution 41940	
Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast Sponsorship	**$1,000.00**
A one-time Council Contingency fund expenditure of $1,000 to sponsor the Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast	
Resolution 41957	
Savor Fest PNW	**$16,000**
A resolution allocating $16,000 in Council Contingency Funds to support the 2026 Savor Fest PNW	
Resolution 41959	
Beyond the Block	**$10,000.00**
A resolution allocating $10,000 in Council Contingency Funds to support the Beyond the Block program.	
Resolution 41978	
Grit City Gala	**$7,000.00**
A resolution allocating $7,000 in Council Contingency Funds to support the Tacoma Farmer's Market Grit City Gala	
Resolution 41979	
Wayfinding Signs to Eastside Community Center	**$1,225.00**
A resolution allocating $1,225 in Council Contingency Funds to support the production and installation of up to three wayfinding signs for the Eastside Community Center	
Resolution 41977	
Food Access	**$15,000.00**
A resolution allocating $15,000 in Council Contingency Funds to support St. Leo Food Connection's pilot partnership with the Tacoma Public Library.	
Resolution 42012	
Sponsorship " A Place at Our Table"	**$2,500.00**
A Council Contingency Fund request in the amount of $2,500, to support "A Place at our Table"	
Resolution 42013	
City Flag Competition	**$6,000.00**
A Council Contingency fund expenditure of $6,000 to sponsor a City Flag competition	
Resolution 42047	
Trick or Streets	**$5,000.00**
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of $5,000 to sponsor "Trick or Streets," hosted by Safe Streets	
Resolution 42057	
Crystal Judson Family Justice Center	**$10,000.00**
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of $10, 000 for emergency food access at the Crystal Judson Family Center.	
Resolution 42058	
Downtown Tacoma Holiday Market	**$30,000.00**
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of $30,000 to support the Downtown Tacoma Holiday Market expanding into a two-day event.	
To Council November 17, 2026	
Khmer Language Arts and Culture Academy Annual Fundraiser & Cultural Celebration	**$10,000.00**
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of $10,000 to support the 2026 Khmer Language Arts and Culture Academy Annual Fundraiser & Cultural Celebration.	
Starting Balance	**$259,328.56**
Allocated Funding	**$223,725.00**
Remaining Balance	***$35,603.56***

City of Tacoma
Fire Department

Memorandum

TO: Hyun Kim, City Manager
Mayor Ibsen and Members of the City Council

FROM: Sionna Stallings-Ala'ilima, Fire Chief SSA

SUBJECT: Tacoma Fire Department (TFD) Recruit Class 2026-1 City Run

DATE: November 10, 2026

On the morning of Friday, November 13, 2026, the Tacoma Fire Department (TFD) will complete the final phase of pre-field training for Recruit Class 2026-1 before they start six months of engine crew in-field training.

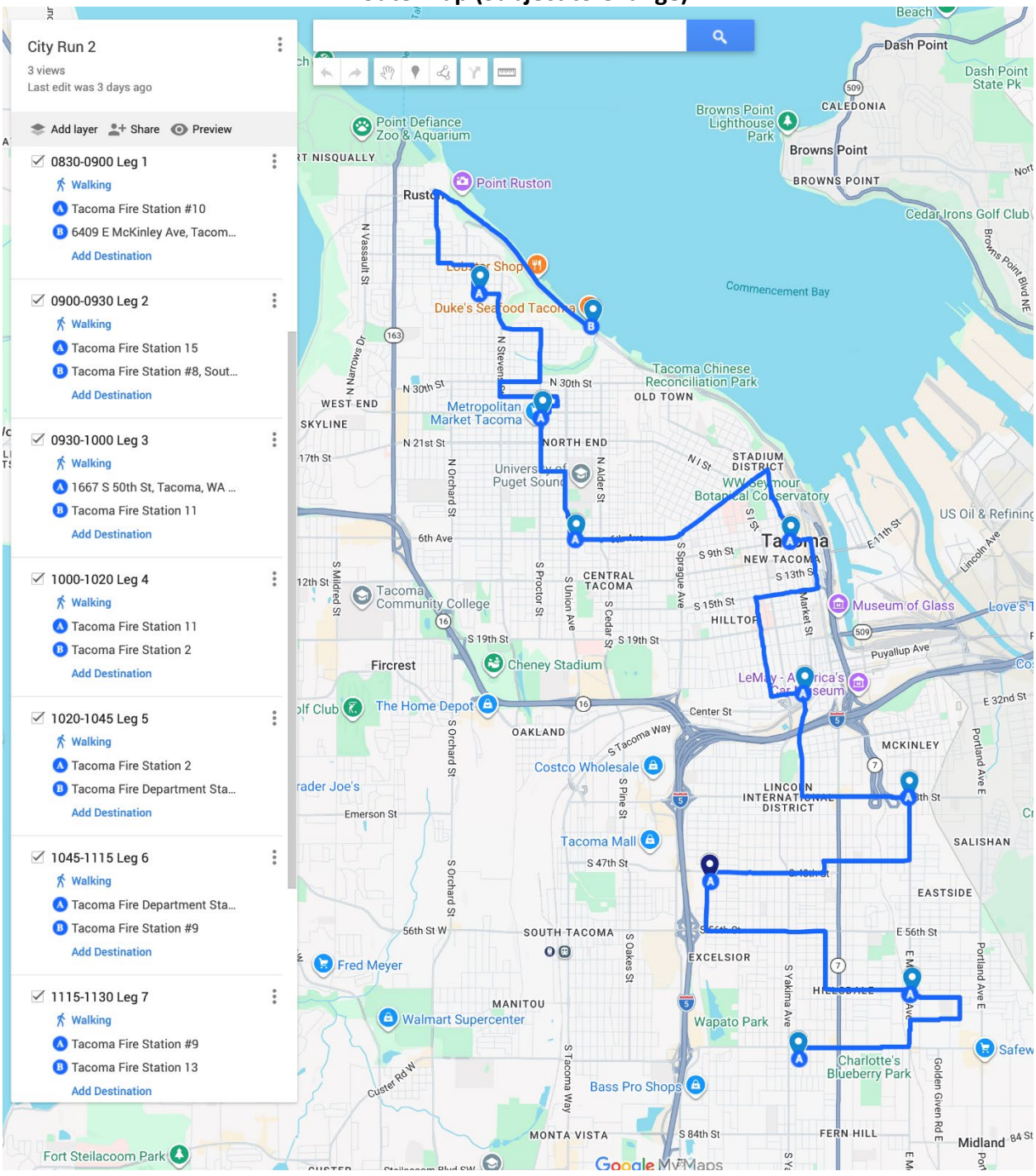
The Recruit Class 2026-1 City Run is designed to help recruit firefighters understand how physical fitness, district familiarity, and civic pride support the TFD mission: to protect people, property, and the environment, while serving the community professionally and compassionately.

The community may see recruits and TFD personnel running in their neighborhood as they make their way from the South End to Ruston Way. This training exercise is designed to help recruits learn route directions and 100-block segments, as well as the locations of battalions and fire stations, and landmarks critical to emergency response—such as schools and parks—in our service area.

The recruit class will run approximately 21 miles over nine legs, with each individual running seven to eight miles of the course, between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., when all companies and instructors will gather at the Firefighter Memorial (3301 Ruston Way) for a post-run debrief and rehabilitation session with TFD command staff.

As always, my command staff and I welcome your feedback to ensure this, and all training exercises, effectively meet our community's needs.

Route Map (Subject to Change)



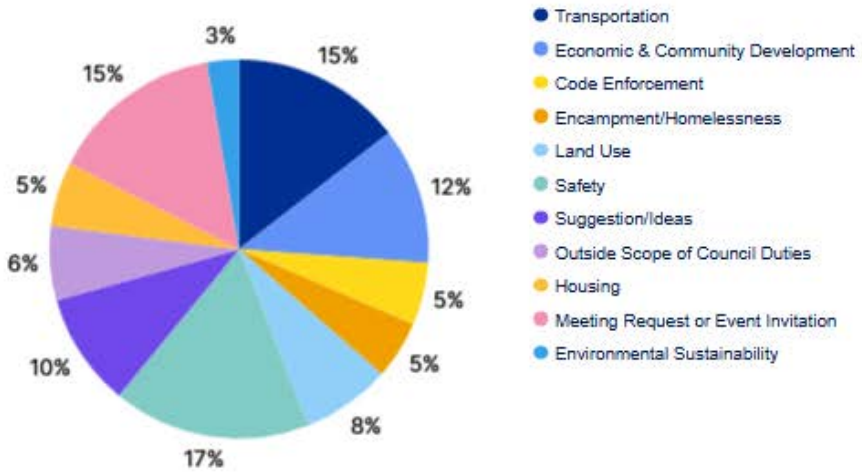
Contact: Karyssa Mathison,
Constituent Relations Analyst
kmathison@tacoma.gov

Tacoma City Council Constituent Intake Website Data Report: November 2026

Total Request Submissions	Request Submissions
1289	1048
Total Submissions	+1 or more council members included

Topic Codes

Summary



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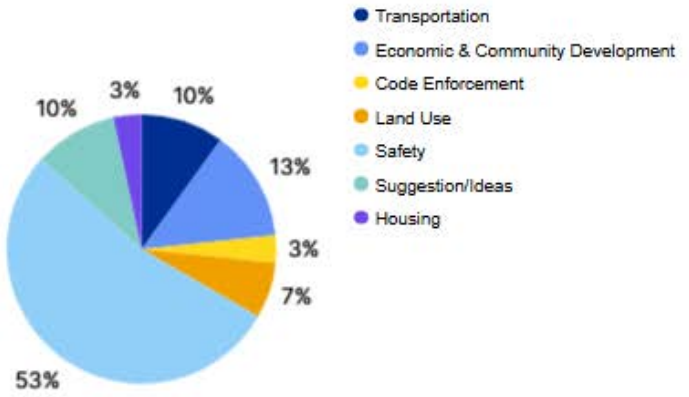
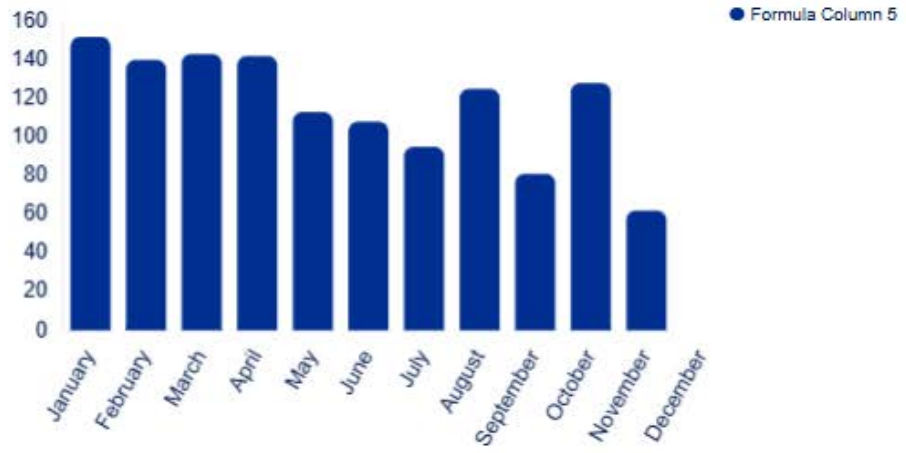


Submission Summary

Submissions by Month



Submissions by Council District

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2026 THROUGH NOVEMBER 20, 2026

TIME	MEETING	LOCATION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026		
	NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED	
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026		
9:00 AM	Hearing Examiner's Hearing*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit https://tacoma.gov/hearingexaminer
10:00 AM	Government Performance and Finance Committee – Change of Location	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243 Join Zoom Meeting at https://zoom.us/j/84416690206 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 844 1669 0206 Passcode: 614650 Contact City Clerk's Office at 253-591-5505
11:15 AM	Bid Opening**	3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., ABN-M1 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/88402680573 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 884 0268 0573 Passcode: 070737 Visit www.tacomapurchasing.org
NOON	Joint City Council and Public Utility Board Study Session	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/89496171192 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 894 9617 1192 Passcode: 896569 Contact Rosheida Myers at 253-591-5134
5:00 PM	City Council Meeting	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84834233126 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126 Passcode: 349099 Contact City Clerk's Office at 253-591-5505
5:15 PM	Transportation Benefit District Governing Board – Special Meeting	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84834233126 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126 Passcode: 349099 Contact City Clerk's Office at 253-591-5505
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026		
7:30 AM	Equity in Contracting Committee	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/93921755135 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 939 2175 5135 Passcode: 959442
9:00 AM	Hearing Examiner's Hearing*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit https://tacoma.gov/hearingexaminer
9:00 AM	Unfit Building Hearings****	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Contact Code Compliance at 253-591-5049
2:00 PM	Tacoma Permit Advisory Group	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/83142338104 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 831 4233 8104 Passcode: 193952
3:00 PM	Public Utility Board Study Session	3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., Conf. Rm. LT1 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/81336402669 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 813 3640 2669

4:00 PM	City Events and Recognitions Committee	1500 Commerce St., Great Tacoma Convention and Trade Ctr Board Room North Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/83862217228 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 838 6221 7228
5:00 PM	Planning Commission	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84416624153 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 844 1662 4153 Contact Stephen Atkinson at 253-905-4146
5:30 PM	Landmarks Preservation Commission – Special Meeting	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 138 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/89750879075 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 897 5087 9075
5:30 PM	Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees	Moore Branch, 215 South 56th Street Visit https://tacomalibrary.org/board-of-trustees/
5:30 PM	Transportation Commission	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/82666348811 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 826 6634 8811
6:30 PM	Public Utility Board Meeting	3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., Auditorium Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84626080846 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 846 2608 0846

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026

7:30 AM	Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority – Canceled	
9:00 AM	Hearing Examiner's Hearing*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit https://tacoma.gov/hearingexaminer
5:00 PM	Climate and Sustainability Commission	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/96320674154 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 963 2067 4154 Passcode: 638370 Contact Kristin Lynett at 253-591-5571
5:30 PM	Urban Design Board - Canceled	

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED

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* Hearing Examiner's Hearings and Local Improvement District Meetings meet on an as-needed basis. Contact the Hearing Examiner's Office at 253-591-5195 to confirm whether a meeting will be held this week. Hearings may be held at various times throughout the day.
** Bid Opening will be held on an as-needed basis. Contact the Finance Procurement and Payables Office at 253-502-8468 or www.tacomapurchasing.org to confirm whether Bid Opening will be held.
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Citywide Weekly Briefing for 02 November 2026 to 08 November 2026

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Persons	**70**	**71**	**294**	**323**	**3618**	**3578**	1.4%▲	9.9%▲	1.1%▼
Assault	66	68	260	295	3232	3193	3.0%▲	13.5%▲	1.2%▼
Homicide *(doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)*	0	0	1	1	20	18	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	2	10	10	82	99	NC	0.0%	20.7%▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	4	1	23	17	284	267	75.0%▼	26.1%▼	6.0%▼
Property	**248**	**188**	**1087**	**926**	**12738**	**10656**	24.2%▼	14.8%▼	16.3%▼
Arson	1	0	8	9	88	70	100.0%▼	12.5%▲	20.5%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	20	22	105	86	1073	951	10.0%▲	18.1%▼	11.4%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2	0	3	0	42	29	100.0%▼	100.0%▼	31.0%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	63	63	282	271	3461	2883	0.0%	3.9%▼	16.7%▼
Fraud	10	5	44	27	508	521	50.0%▼	38.6%▼	2.6%▲
Larceny/Theft	113	74	489	415	5435	4521	34.5%▼	15.1%▼	16.8%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	22	14	100	77	1566	1182	36.4%▼	23.0%▼	24.5%▼
Robbery	14	6	35	22	303	272	57.1%▼	37.1%▼	10.2%▼
Stolen Property	3	2	14	11	186	138	33.3%▼	21.4%▼	25.8%▼
Society	**14**	**24**	**68**	**93**	**901**	**1098**	71.4%▲	36.8%▲	21.9%▲
Drug/Narcotic	13	19	53	73	569	756	46.2%▲	37.7%▲	32.9%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1	1	2	28	28	NC	100.0%▲	0.0%
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	13	13	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Weapon Law Violations	1	4	14	18	291	301	300.0%▲	28.6%▲	3.4%▲
Citywide Totals	**332**	**283**	**1449**	**1342**	**17257**	**15332**	**14.8%▼**	**7.4%▼**	**11.2%▼**

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 69.1% (47/68) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 52 DV-related offenses.
- 80.8% (42/52) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 57.4% (39/68) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 36 ↗ 52
- There was 1 Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 33 ↘ 29

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 4502 S Steele St: 12 ↘ 9
- 2501 Commerce St: 0 ↗ 5
- 3215 S 47th St: 0 ↗ 4
- 6830 Tacoma Mall Blvd: 0 ↗ 3
- 3510 S 56th St: 0 ↗ 3
- 5510 6th Ave: 0 ↗ 3
- 1965 S Union Ave: 6 ↘ 3
- There were 7 additional locations with 3.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Apartment: 52 ↘ 48
- Parking Lot: 51 ↘ 48
- Single Family Residence: 52 ↘ 45
- Street/Right Of Way: 42 ↗ 44
- Grocery Store: 8 ↗ 10

Sector 1 Weekly Briefing for 02 November 2026 to 08 November 2026

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	08-Nov-2025	08-Nov-2026	08-Nov-2025	08-Nov-2026	08-Nov-2025	08-Nov-2026			
Persons	**22**	**20**	**84**	**97**	**926**	**953**	9.1%▼	15.5%▲	2.9%▲
Assault	20	20	76	88	812	858	0.0%	15.8%▲	5.7%▲
Homicide *(doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)*	0	0	0	1	4	8	0.0%	NC	100.0%▲
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	4	3	23	23	0.0%	25.0%▼	0.0%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	2	0	4	5	87	64	100.0%▼	25.0%▲	26.4%▼
Property	**86**	**55**	**336**	**257**	**3807**	**2811**	36.0%▼	23.5%▼	26.2%▼
Arson	0	0	4	1	28	26	0.0%	75.0%▼	7.1%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	8	6	34	24	335	264	25.0%▼	29.4%▼	21.2%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	1	0	5	8	0.0%	100.0%▼	60.0%▲
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	25	22	108	90	1248	850	12.0%▼	16.7%▼	31.9%▼
Fraud	4	0	12	4	124	110	100.0%▼	66.7%▼	11.3%▼
Larceny/Theft	36	21	128	113	1451	1091	41.7%▼	11.7%▼	24.8%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	6	35	20	465	333	25.0%▼	42.9%▼	28.4%▼
Robbery	5	0	7	5	82	65	100.0%▼	28.6%▼	20.7%▼
Stolen Property	0	0	4	0	52	41	0.0%	100.0%▼	21.2%▼
Society	**5**	**1**	**14**	**15**	**209**	**315**	80.0%▼	7.1%▲	50.7%▲
Drug/Narcotic	5	1	13	14	138	239	80.0%▼	7.7%▲	73.2%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	3	2	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%▼
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	5	4	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%▼
Weapon Law Violations	0	0	1	1	63	70	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%▲
Sector Totals	**113**	**76**	**434**	**369**	**4942**	**4079**	**32.7%▼**	**15.0%▼**	**17.5%▼**

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 80.0% (16/20) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 11 DV-related offenses.
- 72.7% (8/11) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 40.0% (8/20) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 9 ↗ 11
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 18 ↘ 10

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 2501 Commerce St: 0 ↗ 5
- 1212 Earnest S Brazill St: 0 ↗ 3
- 902 Market St: 0 ↗ 2
- 954 S Sheridan Ave: 0 ↗ 2
- Martin Luther King Jr Way: 0 ↗ 2
- 1112 S M St: 2 ↔ 2
- 2515 Jefferson Ave: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 13 additional locations with 2.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Street/Right Of Way: 22 ↘ 16
- Apartment: 22 ↘ 14
- Parking Lot: 14 ↘ 13
- Single Family Residence: 12 ↘ 9
- Service (Gas) Station: 1 ↗ 3

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	08-Nov-2025	08-Nov-2026	08-Nov-2025	08-Nov-2026	08-Nov-2025	08-Nov-2026			
Persons	**9**	**15**	**51**	**64**	**800**	**754**	66.7%▲	25.5%▲	5.8%▼
Assault	9	13	44	57	715	661	44.4%▲	29.5%▲	7.6%▼
Homicide *(doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)*	0	0	0	0	4	3	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	0	2	11	17	NC	NC	54.5%▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	0	1	7	5	70	73	NC	28.6%▼	4.3%▲
Property	**63**	**56**	**275**	**252**	**3163**	**3021**	11.1%▼	8.4%▼	4.5%▼
Arson	1	0	1	2	15	14	100.0%▼	100.0%▲	6.7%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	5	6	24	12	237	250	20.0%▲	50.0%▼	5.5%▲
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	1	0	9	5	100.0%▼	100.0%▼	44.4%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	11	17	61	64	864	818	54.5%▲	4.9%▲	5.3%▼
Fraud	4	1	12	5	134	149	75.0%▼	58.3%▼	11.2%▲
Larceny/Theft	36	25	150	134	1396	1383	30.6%▼	10.7%▼	0.9%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	4	18	26	409	306	33.3%▲	44.4%▲	25.2%▼
Robbery	1	2	6	3	59	50	100.0%▲	50.0%▼	15.3%▼
Stolen Property	1	0	1	4	22	23	100.0%▼	300.0%▲	4.5%▲
Society	**0**	**4**	**10**	**9**	**73**	**116**	NC	10.0%▼	58.9%▲
Drug/Narcotic	0	2	6	6	24	62	NC	0.0%	158.3%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1	1	1	4	7	NC	0.0%	75.0%▲
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Weapon Law Violations	0	1	3	2	44	46	NC	33.3%▼	4.5%▲
Sector Totals	**72**	**75**	**336**	**325**	**4036**	**3891**	**4.2%▲**	**3.3%▼**	**3.6%▼**

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Last 7 Days

Notes:
- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 46.2% (6/13) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 13 DV-related offenses.
- 69.2% (9/13) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 53.8% (7/13) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 3 ↗ 13
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 5 ↗ 10

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year
- 315 Martin Luther King Jr Way: 4 ↘ 3
- 2315 Westridge Ave W: 0 ↗ 3
- 5510 6th Ave: 0 ↗ 3
- 1965 S Union Ave: 6 ↘ 3
- 1001 S Mildred St: 0 ↗ 3
- 6201 6th Ave: 0 ↗ 2
- 1345 S Woodlawn St: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 9 additional locations with 2.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year
- Single Family Residence: 13 ↔ 13
- Apartment: 13 ↘ 11
- Street/Right Of Way: 6 ↗ 10
- Parking Lot: 6 ↗ 10
- Other Business: 3 ↗ 4

Sector 3 Weekly Briefing for 02 November 2026 to 08 November 2026

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	08-Nov-2025	08-Nov-2026	08-Nov-2025	08-Nov-2026	08-Nov-2025	08-Nov-2026			
Persons	**21**	**17**	**70**	**66**	**881**	**860**	19.0%▼	5.7%▼	2.4%▼
Assault	21	17	61	60	784	753	19.0%▼	1.6%▼	4.0%▼
Homicide *(doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)*	0	0	0	0	4	2	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	3	2	20	34	0.0%	33.3%▼	70.0%▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	0	0	6	4	73	70	0.0%	33.3%▼	4.1%▼
Property	**53**	**43**	**257**	**207**	**2962**	**2421**	18.9%▼	19.5%▼	18.3%▼
Arson	0	0	0	5	16	14	0.0%	NC	12.5%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	3	4	25	25	219	194	33.3%▲	0.0%	11.4%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	1	0	18	13	100.0%▼	100.0%▼	27.8%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	15	10	63	46	712	544	33.3%▼	27.0%▼	23.6%▼
Fraud	1	2	7	9	125	121	100.0%▲	28.6%▲	3.2%▼
Larceny/Theft	23	22	122	100	1452	1138	4.3%▼	18.0%▼	21.6%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	3	21	14	301	272	25.0%▼	33.3%▼	9.6%▼
Robbery	4	1	11	3	62	65	75.0%▼	72.7%▼	4.8%▲
Stolen Property	2	1	5	2	35	39	50.0%▼	60.0%▼	11.4%▲
Society	**3**	**9**	**17**	**26**	**237**	**285**	200.0%▲	52.9%▲	20.3%▲
Drug/Narcotic	3	8	14	20	144	194	166.7%▲	42.9%▲	34.7%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	1	19	14	0.0%	NC	26.3%▼
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	3	6	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%▲
Weapon Law Violations	0	1	3	5	71	71	NC	66.7%▲	0.0%
Sector Totals	**77**	**69**	**344**	**299**	**4080**	**3566**	**10.4%▼**	**13.1%▼**	**12.6%▼**

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Last 7 Days

Notes:
- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 64.7% (11/17) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 13 DV-related offenses.
- 92.3% (12/13) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 70.6% (12/17) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 13 ↔ 13
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 6 ↗ 8

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year
- 4502 S Steele St: 12 ↘ 9
- 3215 S 47th St: 0 ↗ 4
- 3701 S Pine St: 0 ↗ 3
- 3510 S 56th St: 0 ↗ 3
- 6830 Tacoma Mall Blvd: 0 ↗ 3
- 5531 Cheyenne Loop rd S: 0 ↗ 2
- 6025 S Cheyenne St: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 5 additional locations with 2.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year
- Parking Lot: 22 ↘ 15
- Apartment: 12 ↗ 14
- Street/Right Of Way: 6 ↗ 11
- Department Store: 4 ↗ 5
- Single Family Residence: 6 ↘ 4
- Grocery Store: 1 ↗ 4

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	08-Nov-2025	08-Nov-2026	08-Nov-2025	08-Nov-2026	08-Nov-2025	08-Nov-2026			
Persons	**18**	**19**	**89**	**96**	**1009**	**1010**	5.6%▲	7.9%▲	0.1%▲
Assault	16	18	79	90	919	920	12.5%▲	13.9%▲	0.1%▲
Homicide *(doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)*	0	0	1	0	8	5	0.0%	100.0%▼	37.5%▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	3	3	28	25	NC	0.0%	10.7%▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	2	0	6	3	54	60	100.0%▼	50.0%▼	11.1%▲
Property	**46**	**34**	**219**	**210**	**2805**	**2401**	26.1%▼	4.1%▼	14.4%▼
Arson	0	0	3	1	29	16	0.0%	66.7%▼	44.8%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	4	6	22	25	282	242	50.0%▲	13.6%▲	14.2%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0	0	10	3	0.0%	0.0%	70.0%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	12	14	50	71	637	670	16.7%▲	42.0%▲	5.2%▲
Fraud	1	2	13	9	125	141	100.0%▲	30.8%▼	12.8%▲
Larceny/Theft	18	6	89	68	1135	909	66.7%▼	23.6%▼	19.9%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	1	26	17	391	271	85.7%▼	34.6%▼	30.7%▼
Robbery	4	3	11	11	100	92	25.0%▼	0.0%	8.0%▼
Stolen Property	0	1	4	5	77	35	NC	25.0%▲	54.5%▼
Society	**6**	**10**	**27**	**43**	**382**	**382**	66.7%▲	59.3%▲	0.0%
Drug/Narcotic	5	8	20	33	263	261	60.0%▲	65.0%▲	0.8%▼
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	2	5	0.0%	0.0%	150.0%▲
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	4	2	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%▼
Weapon Law Violations	1	2	7	10	113	114	100.0%▲	42.9%▲	0.9%▲
Sector Totals	**70**	**63**	**335**	**349**	**4196**	**3793**	**10.0%▼**	**4.2%▲**	**9.6%▼**

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Last 7 Days

Notes:
- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 77.8% (14/18) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 15 DV-related offenses.
- 86.7% (13/15) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 66.7% (12/18) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 11 ↗ 15
- There was 1 Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 4 ↘ 1

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year
- 2108 S 90th St: 0 ↗ 3
- S 37th St & S D St: 0 ↗ 3
- 7108 E T St: 0 ↗ 2
- 1928 E 56th St: 0 ↗ 2
- 5015 S Thompson Ave: 0 ↗ 2
- 7644 Pacific Ave: 0 ↗ 2
- 3740 S G St: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 5 additional locations with 2.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year
- Single Family Residence: 21 ↘ 19
- Parking Lot: 9 ↗ 10
- Apartment: 5 ↗ 9
- Street/Right Of Way: 8 ↘ 7
- Driveway: 8 ↘ 3
- Private Vehicle: 1 ↗ 2

2027 TPU Federal & State Legislative Agenda

Federal Agenda Items

TPU-Wide

- **Affordability:** Advance policies that keep utility service affordable for customers, including measures that reduce cost pressures. Protect and expand funding for programs that provide utility assistance to limited-income customers.
- **Federal Disaster Relief Funds and Reform:** Support policies that would dramatically speed up the delivery of critical disaster relief funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to customer-owned utilities (COU) impacted by natural disasters. Support efforts to ensure COUs are reimbursed by FEMA for interest paid on loans needed to perform emergency work prior to receiving disaster relief funds.
- **Infrastructure Financing:** Protect and expand opportunities for federal infrastructure support, including restoring the tax-exempt status of advance refund bonds, broadening tax credit eligibility, and releasing previously awarded grant funds. Advocate for policies that adequately fund legally binding infrastructure clean-up requirements to reduce the financial burden on customers.
- **Supply Chain Solutions:** Support policies that adequately address supply chain issues that impact utility operations.

Tacoma Power

- **Bonneville Power Administration (BPA):** Support proposals to maintain and improve BPA's cost competitiveness. Advocate for legislation to compensate BPA staff at competitive market wages.
- **Carbon Reduction:** Support proposals that decarbonize the economy at reasonable costs while maintaining reliability. Support policies that recognize hydropower as a carbon-free generation resource.
- **Hydropower Relicensing Policies:** Support legislation to streamline the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's hydropower relicensing policies, as well as regulatory and administrative procedures.
- **Maintain Pole Attachment Authority:** Support legislation that ensures municipally-owned utilities maintain their historic authority to safely manage attachments on utility poles.
- **Private Use Tax Reform**: Support Internal Revenue Service code reform that establishes a safe harbor or exception to allow extended public power contract limits with retail customers.

Tacoma Water

- **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:** Support proposals and appropriations to fully fund the program.

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- **Howard A. Hanson Dam and Additional Water Storage Project:** Support, expand, and protect federal funding for the project while ensuring current cost-sharing agreements are honored.
- **PFAS Liability:** Support legislation that exempts drinking water systems from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) as it relates to PFAS liability.
- **Water Infrastructure Funding**: Support proposals and appropriations to fully fund the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).

Tacoma Rail

- **Infrastructure Funding:** Support funding opportunities for investments in locomotive modernization projects, track upgrades, and other improvements.

<u>State Agenda Items</u>

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- **Affordability**: Advance policies that help keep utility service affordable for customers, including measures that reduce cost pressures, provide targeted assistance to customers in need. Support expanding the state's Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP).

Tacoma Power

- **Carbon Reduction**: Advocate for enhancements to the state's carbon reduction policies, including the Clean Energy Transformation Act and the Climate Commitment Act, that reduce administrative burden, align with developing energy markets, and reflect utility infrastructure and operational constraints.
- **Resource Adequacy**: Advance policies that maintain a reliable and affordable electric system as regional demand grows, including policies that preserve utility flexibility, support regional resource adequacy efforts, and enable development of sufficient generation and transmission capacity.
- **Building Decarbonization**: Support reasonable policies to decarbonize the state's residential and commercial building sector, including additional funding for low-income customer fuel conversion.

Tacoma Water

- **Water Infrastructure Funding**: Advocate for continued and expanded state funding for critical water infrastructure, including the Public Works Trust Fund, revolving loan funds, and grant programs.
- **Water Supply and Resilience**: Support policies and funding that protect water supplies, promote small water system consolidation, and improve long-term system reliability.
- **Safe Drinking Water**: Support funding and reasonable requirements for drinking water quality, including PFAS and other emerging contaminants, while minimizing impacts on customer rates.

Tacoma Rail

- **Rail Infrastructure Investments**: Support efforts to maintain and enhance investments in track upgrades, locomotive modernization projects, and other infrastructure improvements through loans, grants, and tax credits.

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Supporting Human Rights and Dignity: The City of Tacoma remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting and valuing all individuals in our community and ensuring all Tacomans are afforded human rights and dignity. The City urges Congress to advance comprehensive immigration reform that provides a clear pathway to status or citizenship for DREAMers and long-term residents, reduces asylum backlogs, promotes family unity, and establishes humane standards for individuals held in federal detention facilities. The City supports state oversight of federal detention facilities to ensure that the health, safety, and human rights of individuals in detention are protected. The City also calls for greater transparency and accountability in federal immigration enforcement, including requiring official identification and standard uniforms for immigration enforcement personnel.

Housing & Homelessness: The City of Tacoma supports a comprehensive, regional approach to housing and homelessness that increases housing supply, advances affordability, and provides immediate, effective responses to meet the needs of unhoused residents. Following enactment of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, the City urges the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to meaningfully engage cities as stakeholders and swiftly implement provisions that give local governments greater flexibility, expand eligible uses of formula funds, and streamline administrative requirements. The City also urges Congress to provide appropriations for new grant programs authorized by the Act and increase funding for existing formula programs modernized by the Act, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

Infrastructure: The City of Tacoma advocates for sustained federal investment in infrastructure that promotes public safety, supports economic competitiveness, strengthens national supply chains, and protects public health. As Congress considers surface transportation reauthorization, the City urges continued investment in connected, multimodal transportation networks, including transit, passenger rail, freight and port infrastructure, and bridge repair and replacement. This includes federal support for upcoming phases of the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge replacement project, a critical connection for freight mobility, emergency response, and Port access, as well as continued funding for safety programs such as Safe Streets and Roads for All to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. The City also requests federal financial assistance to meet emerging Puget Sound nutrient reduction requirements under the Clean Water Act. Compliance will require substantial wastewater infrastructure upgrades as well as investments in scientific research to support effective nutrient management strategies. Significant federal

funding will be necessary for municipalities to plan, design, construct, and operate this infrastructure while maintaining public health protections, ensuring affordability for ratepayers, and supporting future community growth.

Emergency Medical Services: The City of Tacoma urges Congress to protect and strengthen Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement rates for emergency medical services to ensure affordable healthcare and avoid shifting uncompensated care costs to the local level. Critical emergency medical and life support services provided by the Tacoma Fire Department rely on Medicaid reimbursements to cover a significant share of medical transportation costs, making adequate reimbursement essential to sustaining local EMS capacity. The City also supports reimbursement policies that recognize the full cost of advanced prehospital care, including the availability and administration of whole blood for patients experiencing severe blood loss before reaching a hospital. The City anticipates that forthcoming Medicaid cuts will decrease access to healthcare, contribute to adverse health outcomes at the local level, and place additional strain on EMS and other first responder resources. The City urges continued federal investment in EMS personnel, crisis response, equipment, training, fleet, and facilities to ensure communities have access to timely, high-quality emergency response and medical care.

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To advance these priorities, the City will continue collaborating with community partners, educational institutions, nonprofits, local businesses, service providers, and governments at all levels on issues that are important to Tacoma and the broader region.

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Community Safety

Community health and safety is a priority for the City, and the City's objectives include reducing the number of crimes occurring and increasing the effectiveness of our municipal response by enhancing coordination with appropriate agencies and services.

In furtherance of these objectives, the City supports the following policy positions related to safety:

- ***Law Enforcement Staffing & Grants:*** Supports sustained funding for police recruitment, training, and retention programs, as well as expanding federal grant eligibility to include non-commissioned Community Service Officers responding to lower-risk calls.
- ***Fire, EMS & Emergency Services:*** Supports policies protecting public safety grant programs, raising reimbursement rates for emergency medical transport and Medicaid-covered life support services, and supporting the wellness needs of first responders. Supports legislation to ensure Medicare and Medicaid adequately reimburse fire-based EMS providers for the lifesaving administration of prehospital blood products.

- ***Alternative Response & Behavioral Health:*** Supports federal grants to establish and scale alternative response models, including behavioral health co-responders, diversion programs, and mobile crisis response for individuals experiencing mental health crises or cognitive decline to enhance capacity and reduce stress on local first responders, particularly in anticipation of forthcoming cuts to Medicaid that will decrease access to healthcare services and treatment options for substance use and mental health disorders. Crisis response center

- ***Healthcare Access:*** Supports maintaining robust funding for Medicaid and permanently extending the enhanced health insurance premium subsidies under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The City supports the right to access reproductive and gender affirming care. Supports technical assistance and federal resources to combat the synthetic opioid and fentanyl crisis, alongside sustained support for the national 988 Crisis Lifeline and community health center treatment programs. Supports federal efforts to decriminalize entheogen-related activities to support scientific research into therapeutic applications. Supports adequately funding community health centers, which play a critical role in providing uninsured and underinsured people with health care services, including mental health and substance abuse treatment.

- ***Humane Immigration Reform:*** Supports comprehensive immigration reform establishing a clear pathway to status/citizenship for DREAMers and long-term residents of the United States, ensuring humane standards for those being detained in federal detention facilities, reforming asylum backlogs, and ensuring mandatory official identification and standard uniforms for enforcement personnel.

- ***Problem Solving Courts:*** Supports continued funding for adult treatment courts and therapeutic justice models to address underlying causes of criminal behavior.

- ***Violence Reduction & Firearm Safety:*** Supports federal funding for community-led firearm violence intervention programs, youth prevention initiatives, and legislation requiring the surrender of firearms in cases involving domestic violence or protective orders.

- ***Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault:*** Supports federal funding for survivor services and prevention programs, as well as legislation requiring the surrender of firearms in cases involving domestic violence or sexual assault, including following conviction and pursuant to protection and no-contact orders. Supports policies, programs, and funding to assist people impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault. We urge Congress to fully fund programs authorized by the Violence Against Women Act as reauthorized in 2022.

- ***Battery Fires:*** Supports federal legislation directing the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to create safety standards for rechargeable lithium-ion batteries in micromobility devices, as well as funding to train responders on electric vehicle hazards.

- ***Public Defense & Justice System Funding:*** Supports robust federal funding for indigent defense to fulfill constitutional representation requirements.

- ***Hate Crimes:*** Supports federal initiatives that address and prevent hate crimes and hate incidents.

Legislative Tracking:

- **H.R. 9970 – RESCUE Act:** Requires CMS to update the Medicare ambulance fee schedule every three years using current EMS cost data and improve reimbursement for lifesaving prehospital blood administration.
- **H.R. 2538 – CARE Act** Creates a pilot program to test Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement for EMS providers who treat patients in place rather than transporting them to an emergency department.
- **H.R. 7386 – First Responder Network Authority Reauthorization Act**: Would reauthorize First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) through Fiscal Year (FY) 2037 with provisions intended to enhance the program's transparency and accountability.
- **H.R. 63978 / S. 3702 – Governor's Right to Inspect Act:** Gives state officials authority to inspect immigration detention facilities and independently review facility conditions, health and safety records, and detainee treatment.
- **H.R. 6397 / S. 3702 – Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act:** Establishes national standards and stronger oversight for immigration detention while expanding due-process protections and reducing reliance on detention.

Housing & Homelessness

The City of Tacoma supports a comprehensive approach to housing and homelessness that increases housing supply, promotes affordability, and supports immediate responses to address the needs of unhoused residents. The City supports policies and resources that reduce unsanctioned encampments and their impacts, prevent displacement, and expand diverse, affordable housing options. Tacoma recognizes the lack of housing supply is a national challenge, and effectively addressing homelessness necessitates collaboration across local, regional, state, and federal partners to align policies and leverage resources toward lasting solutions. In light of the recent enactment of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, the City encourages the Administration to quickly implement provisions that do not require formal rulemaking processes and engage intergovernmental stakeholders, including local governments, in those that do require rulemakings to ensure the legislation delivers real results for our neighborhoods. The City encourages lawmakers to provide appropriations for new grant programs authorized by that law.

In furtherance of these objectives, the City supports the following policy positions related to housing and homelessness:

- ***Providing Appropriations for New Grant Programs****:* Urges Congress to provide appropriations for new grant programs established by the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act at levels authorized by the law for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- ***Increasing Appropriations for Existing Formula Programs**:* Supports significantly increasing appropriations for existing formula programs administered by HUD that were reauthorized, modernized, and improved by the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. Supports increased funding for housing choice vouchers and tenant-based rental assistance to prevent displacement.

- **Regulatory Process**: Encourages HUD to swiftly implement provisions of the law that will provide local governments with new flexibility and eligible uses of formula funds and streamlined administrative processes that reduce costs and accelerate the delivery of affordable housing supply, community development projects, and public infrastructure including sidewalks, broadband, and water, sewer, stormwater systems.

- ***Homeownership:*** Supports federal efforts to enhance home ownership opportunities through assistance to homebuyers, modifying existing federal programs to support homeownership or fair housing practices, and expanding access to credit and counseling for homebuyers.

- ***Homelessness Response & Permanent Supportive Housing:*** Supports flexible operational funding for shelters, permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and integrated street-level health services to ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

- ***Area Median Income (AMI) Calculation Flexibility:*** Supports statutory updates allowing AMI to be calculated at the city level rather than countywide, ensuring housing subsidies accurately reflect local economic realities.

- **Opportunity Zones:** Supports federal efforts to maximize the impact of Opportunity Zones in the City, including investments that spur housing supply or community or economic development and create jobs for residents.

- ***Low-Income Utility Assistance:*** Supports permanent federal funding for programs like the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) to help low-income utility customers.

  <u>Legislative/Regulatory Tracking;</u>

  - **P.L. 119-101** – Implementation of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act
  - Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Act
  - **H.R. 2094 / S. 978 – Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act:** Would establish a home loan program, modeled after the Veterans Affairs Home Loan Guaranty Program, within the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) to make homeownership more affordable for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and pre-K-12 teachers.

Transportation & Mobility

Tacoma advocates for connected, multi-modal transportation networks that emphasize safety, equity, environmental sustainability, freight mobility, and regional economic competitiveness.

- ***Port Infrastructure & Maritime Freight*:** Supports policy changes enabling Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund dollars to be used broadly on port surface infrastructure, preserving maritime competitiveness and supply chain logistics. Supports priority federal funding for infrastructure projects supporting the national supply chain.
- ***Multi-Modal Transit Funding*:** Supports full annual appropriations for transit and passenger rail authorized under federal infrastructure legislation.
- ***Capital Investment Grant Program:*** Support reform of the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grant program to streamline project approval, reduce unnecessary costs and delays, and establish greater parity between federal review of transit and highway investments.
- ***Vision Zero & Active Transportation:*** Supports expanding funding for pedestrian and bicycle safety programs, including Safe Routes to School, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), and the Transportation Alternatives Program.
- ***Bridge Repair & Infrastructure Financing:*** Supports discretionary grant programs for major bridge replacement projects, maintaining eligibility for off-system bridges, and providing lower-interest federal financing options to mid-sized growing cities.
- ***Digital Access & Local Right-of-Way:*** Opposes federal preemption of local land use authority over wireless facilities; supports sustained federal funding for municipal broadband, E-Rate, and digital equity programs targeting low-income connectivity.

Legislative Tracking:

- **Build America 250 Act**, the bipartisan, five-year surface transportation reauthorization bill introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Jobs & Economy

Tacoma prioritizes workforce development, growing livable-wage jobs, supporting local small businesses, and fostering emerging high-growth industries.

In furtherance of these objectives, the following are specific policy positions related to jobs and the economy:

- ***Workforce Development & Apprenticeships:*** Supports reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), fully funding pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship models, and supporting cross-sector partnerships between labor, education, and industry.

- ***Worker Retraining:*** Support for the provision of direct assistance for industries and workers impacted by shifts in global trade and the adoption of artificial intelligence

- ***Childcare & Early Learning Infrastructure:*** Supports federal expanding options for quality, affordable childcare and Universal Pre-Kindergarten, recognizing early childhood care as essential civic infrastructure that supports working families.

- ***Skills Training:*** Supports federal investment in upskilling and reskilling workers to meet the evolving demands of emerging industries and workforce gaps.

- ***Small Business Support & Technical Assistance:*** Supports federal funding for incubators, technical assistance, financial literacy programs, and capital access grants, with an emphasis on supporting disadvantaged and minority-owned small businesses.

- ***Emerging Industries & Green Technology*****:** Supports tax incentives and federal investments promote advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, urban forestry, natural stormwater engineering, and green technology.

- ***Commercial Access & Essential Services:*** Supports economic development tools that help address commercial displacement and fill essential service gaps (e.g., expanding grocery and pharmacy access in underserved neighborhoods).

- ***Cannabis Industry:*** Supports federal legislation, such as the SAFE Banking Act, to allow state-legal cannabis businesses access to traditional banking services and financial products.

- ***Payment in Lieu of Taxes****:* Support expanding the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program to include federally owned facilities, recognizing that while federal property is exempt from local taxation, local governments still bear the costs of providing essential services and emergency response. PILT should ensure communities hosting federal facilities are fairly compensated for the services they provide.

<u>Legislative Tracking:</u>

- **H.R. 9471 / S. 4942 – SAFE Banking Act of 2026:** Protects financial institutions that provide banking and financial services to state-legal cannabis businesses, allowing those businesses greater access to traditional banking, lending, and payment services.
- **H.R. 8210 – A Stronger Workforce for America Act (ASWA)**: Would reauthorize the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) from Fiscal Years (FY) 2027 to 2034 and make several changes to federal workforce development programs, including youth training and work-experience activities, state set-aside funding, Local Workforce Development Areas, and adult employment and training programs.

- **H.R. 5958 – The National Worker Cooperative Development and Support Act:** Would direct six federal agencies to develop programs supporting worker-owned cooperatives, including improved access to capital, technical assistance, small-business lending, and efforts to reduce regulatory barriers.

Climate & Environment

The City is committed to responsible environmental stewardship as a foundation for a strong, resilient community. We support federal partnerships that help modernize infrastructure, mitigate risk of hazards, and protect clean air and water for all residents. The City supports practical, results-driven policies and investments that ensure environmental stewardship, improve public health, and keep residents and property safe while advancing local priorities, including:

- ***Risk Mitigation:*** Supports federal financial and technical assistance to support local government vulnerability assessments and the implementation of hazard mitigation and adaptation efforts to ensure that cities have the information, resources, and funding to address and prevent risk of natural hazards, including meteorological, hydrological, and geological hazards.
- ***Water Quality:*** Supports federal funding to help municipalities to build or improve infrastructure to maintain public health and water quality standards in compliance with the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act. Supports strict federal cleanup standards for PFAS and holding responsible parties—excluding local governments as passive receivers—liable for mitigation costs, ensuring sites are restored for safe reuse and future contamination is prevented.
- ***Waste, Recycling & Landfills:*** The City supports federal investments in domestic infrastructure, local recycling education, and financial assistance to help municipalities comply with new or retroactive waste disposal mandates.
- ***Superfund Sites:*** Supports federal actions to assist local governments in Superfund site identification and remediation, including reauthorization and full funding of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Hazardous Substance Response Trust Fund to ensure hazardous waste sites are identified, evaluated, and remediated, including sites on the National Priorities List and future eligible sites.
- ***Brownfields*****:** Supports reauthorization and full funding of the EPA Brownfields program, which supports the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of sites that are contaminated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant.
- ***Local Health and Air Quality*****:** Supports federal investments that improve air quality through the adoption of efficient technologies, strategies that reduce emissions, and modernization of infrastructure.

- ***Interagency Partnerships:*** Supports statutory authorization and sustained funding for joint federal initiatives (like collaborations between HUD, DOT, and EPA) to promote best practices and coordination in federal housing and transportation investments.

Legislative Tracking:

- **HR 8357 / S. 4325 – PPD Task Force Act** – This bill, sponsored by Rep. Marilyn Strickland, would establish a task force to address the impacts of the chemical 6PPD on coho salmon and the environment and promote research and funding opportunities for an alternate to 6PPD. The City is tracking in support.

Placemaking & Experiences

The City supports federal investments that strengthen vibrant, inclusive communities by supporting arts and culture, public spaces, community events, and experiences that bring residents together, foster civic connection, and enhance quality of life.

In furtherance of these objectives, the following are specific policy positions related to placemaking and experiences:

Fostering Strength and Opportunity:

The City supports federal initiatives that promote the safety, well-being, and upward mobility of all our residents by addressing systemic challenges that have historically created barriers in certain communities. The City supports policies that bolster opportunity and full participation in the American economy, including, but not limited to the following:

- ***Military & Regional Stability (JBLM):*** Opposes Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) actions affecting Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) and supports federal health and family assistance programs to support the military personnel who call Tacoma home. Supports federal investment in military and family housing, including efforts to improve housing affordability, quality, and protections for service members and their families. Supports federal programs that invest in infrastructure and economic development in communities surrounding military installations.

- ***Anti-Poverty Financial Safety Nets:*** Supports continuing and expanding the Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, and national guaranteed income programs that protect benefit eligibility. Tacoma's Growing Resilience in Tacoma (GRIT) pilot demonstrated the potential of providing families with direct, no-strings-attached income support. Federal guaranteed income policies should also include protections to ensure additional income does not inadvertently reduce recipients' eligibility for other essential public assistance programs.

- ***Reparations:*** Supports federal efforts to acknowledge and address the impacts of discriminatory laws and policies on formerly enslaved people and their descendants.

- ***Voting Rights:*** Supports legislation to protect and expand access to voting, including efforts to maintain and improve vote-by-mail elections.

- ***Civil Rights & Non-Discrimination:*** Supports passing the Equality Act to prohibit discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity, as well as equal pay initiatives like the Paycheck Fairness Act.

- ***Census***: Opposes proposed changes to the 2030 Census that could result in an inaccurate population count, jeopardize federal funding, and undermine local governments' ability to plan for and deliver essential services. The City urges the Census Bureau to preserve existing methodology to ensure an accurate census that reflects everyone who calls Tacoma home.

Quality of Life:

- ***National Time Standards:*** Supports federal legislation to make Daylight Saving Time permanent.

- ***Arts, Culture & Heritage Funding:*** Supports federal funding for cultural institutions, historic preservation, science programs, and local initiatives (like *Tacoma Creates*) that eliminate financial barriers to arts access for youth and underserved populations.

- ***Creative Economy Growth:*** Supports policies and national grant investments that bolster the creative sector, community events, and public spaces.

- ***Public Libraries:*** Support funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS**)** and continued and expanded E-Rate funding to ensure public libraries have the broadband capacity and technology necessary to provide reliable digital access to their communities

Legislative Tracking:

- **H.R. 2763 / S. 1393 – American Family Act:** Permanently expands the Child Tax Credit and provides predictable monthly payments to low- and moderate-income families.
- **H.R. 2763 – Working Parents Tax Relief Act:** Expands the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit to provide additional tax relief for working families.
- **H.R. 40 / S. 40 – Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act:** Establishes a federal commission to study the impacts of slavery and discriminatory policies and recommend reparations and policy remedies.
- **H.R. 14 – John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act:** Restores and strengthens federal voting-rights protections, including preclearance requirements for jurisdictions with a history of discriminatory voting practices.
- **Freedom to Vote Act:** Establishes federal standards to expand voting access, including early voting and vote-by-mail.
- **H.R. 15 / S. 1503 – Equality Act:** Prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity across employment, housing, public accommodations, and other federally protected areas.

- **H.R. 17 / S. 1115 – Paycheck Fairness Act:** Strengthens protections against pay discrimination by improving wage transparency and limiting practices that can perpetuate pay disparities.

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Fiscal Sustainability: Like the state, the City faces structural budget pressures that threaten essential services such as fire, police, roads, and shelter. The City urges the Legislature to protect and increase state-shared revenues, advance a more sustainable, progressive, and equitable state and local tax system, and fully fund the local impacts of statewide policy. Recent state tax changes that reduce city revenues are particularly concerning, especially as the state expanded its own revenue sources and made its tax code more progressive. The City urges the Legislature to fully mitigate these impacts and strengthen local fiscal sustainability by sharing progressive state revenues with local governments or thoughtfully reforming the city tax code alongside the state tax code.

Protect Local Governments from Unfunded State Highway Transfers: The City is requesting legislation reforming the process for transferring state highways to local governments. Current law allows WSDOT to abandon state highways, including bridges, and transfer them to cities and counties without local consent or adequate funding to bring the facilities into a state of good repair. The City requests state leadership to reform the state highway transfer process to provide greater transparency, opportunity for input, and legislative oversight.

Housing and Homelessness: The City is requesting legislative action on several critically important housing and homelessness items, including:

- **Shelter Funding.** The City requests partnership and support to continue operation of shelter beds that provide our most vulnerable community members access to safe and secure shelter and is consistent with the Pierce County Unified Regional Approach to homelessness.
- **Rights-of-Way Encampment Cleanup.** The City supports ongoing funding for the partnership between the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the City of Tacoma to remove homeless encampments from state rights-of-way, offer shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness, and undertake reclamation activities.
- **Connecting Housing to Infrastructure (CHIP)** The City supports increased funding and expansion of the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure (CHIP) grant program to include impact fees, sidewalks, and road improvements associated with affordable housing developments.

Capital Request:
Industrial Symbiosis Mapping Project: A collaborative green manufacturing initiative that will identify and map industrial waste streams so they can be repurposed as productive resources. This funding will expand the Tideflats area mapping to include the Nalley Valley area.

Request Amount: $220,000

The City encourages the Legislature to make significant capital investments in the Tacoma community by supporting its community partners. For example, the City encourages prioritizing the $5 million request for the St. Anne project for expansion of 132 assisted-living beds, among other investments.

Other Issues of Importance

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Nutrient Regulation:** The City requests state financial assistance to meet emerging Puget Sound nutrient reduction requirements under the Clean Water Act. Compliance will require substantial wastewater infrastructure upgrades as well as investments in scientific research to support effective nutrient management strategies. Significant state funding will be necessary for municipalities to plan, design, construct, and operate this infrastructure while maintaining public health protections, ensuring affordability for ratepayers, and supporting future community growth.

- **Sidewalk Utility:** The City is interested in the development of new tools for local infrastructure needs related not just to expansion and growth, but also for maintenance of aging systems. The City encourages the Legislature to explore options for additional revenue sources for sidewalks and infrastructure needs, including the creation of a sidewalk utility or a new REET option for pedestrian infrastructure.

- **House Bill 2015 Grant Extension:** The City was awarded $4.64 million in public safety grants to hire public safety employees. These grants are integral to balancing the 2027-28 City Budget. The City supports extending the allowable expenditure period for these reimbursement grants to provide cities with sufficient time to fully utilize the awarded funds and maintain the intended public safety investments.

- **Litter and Graffiti:** Yearly litter accumulation rates per acre are highest on urban freeway on-ramps and off-ramps. The City supports the state increasing its efforts to address litter, trash, and graffiti in areas that are its responsibility including, but not limited to, freeway on-ramps and off-ramps, and in rights-of-way areas. The City also supports funding for City cleanup efforts in these areas and policies that help reduce trash. The City encourages the state to provide additional resources for abatement of unsolicited graffiti, particularly on rights-of way inside city jurisdictions.

- **Critical Transportation Infrastructure Investments:** A safe and well-maintained transportation system is essential to Tacoma's residents, businesses, and regional economy. The City supports the state's efforts to identify a sustainable transportation revenue source to replace declining fuel tax revenues at the state and local level, including a highway use fee. The City urges the Legislature to provide the on-time delivery of existing projects, such as the Puget Sound Gateway Project, I-5 HOV Lanes, and the Puyallup Avenue Corridor. Additionally, the City requests the State's partnership to replace the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge. The bridge provides freight mobility, emergency response, safe accessible pedestrian and bicycle link, and access for the Port of Tacoma, the cities of Tacoma and Fife, and the Puyallup Tribe.

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Community Safety

Tacoma's community safety strategy encompasses traditional emergency services alongside community-based intervention, behavioral health support, and root-cause violence prevention.
In furtherance of these objectives, the City supports the following policy positions related to community safety:

Law Enforcement

- ***Recruitment and Retention**:* Requests that the state build on the efforts of House Bill 2015 (2025) to enhance recruitment and retention efforts through increased, ongoing funding and ensuring sufficient capacity at the state Criminal Justice Training Commission to provide the necessary training. Supports efforts to improve the administration of the grant program, including extending the timeline by when grant funds can be expended, and local revenue tools provided in House Bill 2015 (2025) to provide direct, ongoing support in hiring, retaining, and

training law enforcement officers, peer counselors, and behavioral health personnel working in co-response to increase community safety.

- ***Independent Prosecutions of Police Use of Force****:* Supports establishment of an Office of Independent Prosecutions to review investigations of the Office of Independent Investigations and make transparent, unbiased decisions in these cases.

- ***Automated Enforcement****:* Encourages the state to support, retain, and expand local automated enforcement programs to improve traffic safety and to increase the portion of automated enforcement proceeds collected through these programs that can be retained by the City to implement additional traffic safety measures.

- ***Automated License Plate Readers:*** Supports refining the state law related to Automated License Plate Readers to ensure individual's privacy is protected while still allowing the technology to be used for parking enforcement and to solve crimes.

- ***Public Defense****:* Supports additional funding to provide public defense services, particularly given the new caseload standards adopted by the Washington Supreme Court and supports efforts to enhance the public defense workforce to ensure that there are adequate public defenders available to meet the new caseload standards.

- ***Retail Crime Prevention:*** Supports efforts to prevent organized retail crime.

Alternative Response

- ***Alternatives to Traditional Law Enforcement Response***: Encourages the state to expand support of alternative response programs including behavioral health co-responders, diversion and other alternative programs that improve community safety. This includes increased support for behavioral health providers, including treatment from substance use abuse. Also supports state funding and efforts that enhance community safety consistent with the City's Community Safety Action Strategy.

- ***Problem-Solving Courts****:* Supports increased funding for problem-solving and therapeutic courts that offer alternative approaches to addressing underlying criminal behaviors.

- ***Community Violence Reduction Programs****:* Encourages the state to increase funding opportunities for the implementation of community violence reduction programs that address firearm violence and to provide programs for young people with the goal of violence prevention, such as the Summer Teen Late Nights program funded by the City and other partners, to provide young people a safe place to engage in activities.

- ***Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design*:** Supports state funding efforts to augment Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) programs that help reduce the chance of criminal activity by providing guidelines for property owners to use to lower or prevent environmental factors from creating opportunities.

- ***Access to Community-Based Behavioral Health Services**:* Supports creating greater access to community-based behavioral health services to include substance use disorder, mental health, and dual diagnosis treatment facilities.
    - ***Opioid Crisis:*** Given the significant impacts of opioid and fentanyl use, supports additional funding for services and supports to address opioid use, including fentanyl.
    - ***Effective Behavioral Health Treatment.*** Supports efforts to significantly enhance treatment efficacy and patient outcomes by extending Medicaid coverage to at least 10 days for withdrawal management.

- ***988*:** Supports funding for the continued utilization and integration of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and the need to develop a robust system to triage, provide rapid response, follow-up services, as well as to coordinate 911, law enforcement, and behavioral health.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention:

- ***Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Programs and Services:*** Supports funding for programs and services to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and encourages the state to ensure there is ongoing funding for these services. Also supports funding for domestic violence and sexual assault prevention educational programs, such as teach-the-teacher programs.

- ***Crystal Judson Family Justice Center:*** Supports sustainable funding and support for the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center and other centers that promote safety and access for domestic violence survivors.

Fire

- ***Support for Tacoma Fire Department (TFD), including the TFD Emergency Medical Services:*** Supports policies, programming, and resources that assist municipal fire departments to provide services and training, purchase technology and equipment, and address the mental health needs of first responders.

- ***Support for Life Support Services:*** A significant portion of TFD's medical transportation costs are paid through the Medicaid program. Supports state-level efforts to ensure sufficient funding for Basic and Advanced Life Support Services for the community are available despite any changes to the federal Medicaid program.

- ***Battery Fires:*** Supports policies and funding for training, specialized equipment and local preparedness related to safety for rechargeable lithium-ion batteries in micromobility devices and on electric vehicles.

Housing and Homelessness

The City of Tacoma supports a comprehensive approach to housing and homelessness that combines immediate responses to the needs of unhoused residents with long-term investments in affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, prevention, and increased housing supply. The City supports policies and resources that reduce unsanctioned encampments and their impacts, prevent displacement, and expand diverse, affordable housing options. Tacoma recognizes that housing and homelessness are regional challenges and supports collaboration across local, regional, state, and federal partners to align policies and leverage resources toward lasting solutions.

In furtherance of these objectives, the City supports the following policy positions related to housing and homelessness:

Housing and Homelessness Services

- ***Connecting Housing to Infrastructure (CHIP):*** Supports increased funding and expansion of the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure (CHIP) grant program to include impact fees, sidewalks, public works and road improvements associated with affordable housing developments.

- ***Pre-Approved Plans for Off-Site Fabricated Housing:*** Supports the state establishing pre-approved plans for housing fabricated off-site that can be utilized statewide.

- ***Transit-Oriented Development***: Encourages the state to maximize the benefits from recent land use changes by allocating funding and incentives to support infrastructure, affordable housing, and public amenities in transit-oriented development areas.

- ***Tenant Protections Reducing Displacement****:* Supports policies to reduce displacement and provide opportunities for renters and those on limited incomes to remain housed, including increased state funding for programs such as rental and housing assistance, home repairs for low-income homeowners, down payment assistance, mortgage assistance, relocation assistance, tenant legal counsel, and acquisition of land or multifamily buildings in high-displacement areas that help allow low-income Tacoma residents to stay in their homes and in their communities. Supports tenant protections that keep rents affordable, and individuals housed.

- ***Implementation Support for Planning Changes:*** Requests the state allow time to implement the recently adopted planning and zoning changes consistent with comprehensive plan update schedules. Additionally, requests the state provide adequate time, and technical and financial support for land use and planning requirements.

- ***State Funding for Shelter and Affordable Housing****:* To further efforts outlined in the Affordable Housing Action Strategy and continue implementation of the City's Strategies to Fight Homelessness, supports increasing state funding for programs supporting the acquisition, construction, and operation of shelters, permanent supportive housing, and affordable housing, such as but not limited to the Housing Trust Fund. Also supports funding for programs and services to assist people experiencing homelessness, including mental health and substance use disorder treatment services.

- ***Expanding Homeownership Opportunities:*** Supports state efforts to enhance homeownership opportunities, especially among underserved communities through assistance to homebuyers, including downpayment assistance, expanding access to financing and credit and counseling for homebuyers, and modifications to existing programs to support homeownership.

- ***Area Median Income Calculation:*** Supports statutory changes, clarifications, and other state and federal efforts to allow area median income (AMI) to be calculated by city, or metropolitan statistical area rather than by county. While AMI is generally calculated using county data, the AMI for the City is significantly different from Pierce County as a whole.

- ***Unified Regional Approach:*** Supports state efforts and funding consistent with the Unified Regional Approach (URA) that promote collaboration between jurisdictions, align policies, and leverage resources to create lasting, systemic solutions to regional housing affordability and homelessness challenges.

- ***Rights-of-Way:*** Supports ongoing funding for the partnership between the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the City of Tacoma to remove homeless encampments from rights-of-way, offer shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness, and undertake reclamation activities which includes graffiti abatement.

- ***Recreational Vehicles****:* Supports a statewide response to homelessness issues related to RVs given their potential impacts to the environment and transient nature that allows them to move between local jurisdictions making local enforcement more challenging. Supports a statewide response that leads with compassion, prioritizes siting and services, and is consistent with the position and priorities of the Council. Additionally, supports review and modification of state laws and policies related to the disposal of abandoned or unused RVs that are not being used for habitation and are posing an environmental risk to reduce the barriers to disposal of these RVs.

Infrastructure

- ***Infrastructure Investments:*** Supports state infrastructure investments aimed at reducing housing construction costs and accommodating growth, including increased state resources for infrastructure such as sidewalks, street lighting, green spaces, electric vehicle charging stations, and other infrastructure integral to urban living. ~~Additionally,~~ Ssupports state investments in water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure necessary to help offset rising housing construction costs to make housing more affordable. Additionally, supports expanded and reliable funding from the Public Works Assistance Account allowing low-interest financing for local infrastructure propjects.

Transportation & Mobility

Transportation and Infrastructure*:* Tacoma advocates for connected, multi-modal transportation networks that emphasize safety, equity, environmental sustainability, freight mobility, and regional economic competitiveness.

The City is dedicated to building out a local transportation network that supports all modes and is well-maintained and safe. As such, the City supports:

- ***Preservation and Maintenance***: Supports increased funding and local revenue options, including toll revenues to maintain and preserve local bridges, roadways, ferries, sidewalks, parks, and trails.

- ***Multi-Modal Funding:*** Supports policies and investments that facilitate accessible transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure and access.

- ***Project Delivery:*** Supports timely delivery of projects funded in the 2015 Connecting Washington and 2022 Move Ahead Washington transportation packages, including the Puget Sound Gateway, Puyallup Avenue Complete Streets Project, HOV lanes on I-5 from 38th to Joint Base Lewis McChord, the Tacoma to Puyallup Trail, and Schuster Parkway Promenade.

- ***Corridor Safety Improvements***: Supports state funding to allocate funds to Marine View Drive and the Hosmer Transportation Corridors to improve the safety of each.

- ***Vision Zero:*** Supports increased state funding and policy efforts to improve traffic safety outcomes consistent with the Vision Zero Action Plan approved by the City Council.

- ***Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge:*** Supports state partnership to assist the replacement of the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge.

- ***Disability Access and Sidewalk Ramps****:* Supports efforts to ensure access to transportation, including wheelchair accessible rideshare opportunities, and increased funding to make Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, such as sidewalk ramps.

- ***City Authority:*** Opposes legislation that infringes on the City's ability to manage and maintain the right-of-way.

- ***Transportation System Revenue Source****:* Supports efforts to replace the fuel tax with a new revenue source, such as a road usage charge or a highway usage fee, to support the maintenance and operation of the state and local transportation network. In recognition that the transportation system is a state and local responsibility, funds from any new revenue source should be shared between state and local governments.

- ***Transportation and Infrastructure Funding****:* Supports ongoing and increased funding for transportation and freight mobility grant opportunities, including grants that have historically been offered through the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB), WSDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, the Safe Routes to Schools Program, and the Climate Commitment Act. Additionally, supports transportation funding for local priority projects, including the Portland Ave Vision Zero project and the Marine View Drive Trail.

- ***Transfer of State Obligations***: Supports statutes and practices that provide sufficient input and controls over the obligations and responsibilities created for the City with the transfer of property from the state. This includes when the state transfers obligations to the City, such as the transfer of portions of state highway to City responsibility, especially for complex transfers such as long segments of highways or bridges.

- ***Public Works Contract Thresholds***: Supports state modifications to public works contract thresholds that provide the City with flexibility.

- ***Litter and Graffiti***: Supports the state increasing its efforts to address litter, trash, and graffiti in areas that are its responsibility including, but not limited to, freeway on-ramps and off-ramps, and in rights-of-way areas. Also supports funding for City cleanup efforts in these areas and encourages the state to provide additional resources for abatement of unsolicited graffiti, particularly on rights-of way inside city jurisdictions, including review of and expanding the state litter responses. Additionally, the City supports state efforts to create murals and local art on blank walls along the freeway and rights-of-way to discourage graffiti.

- ***Sidewalks***: Supports state policy and budget efforts that would assist the funding of construction and repair of sidewalks city-wide, including allowing for a sidewalk utility or a new REET option for pedestrian infrastructure.

- ***Commute Trip Reduction***: Supports efforts to expand the Commute Trip Reduction program.

Telecommunications

- ***Digital Access:*** Supports and encourages efforts to increase digital access including access to low-cost internet service, affordable computers, and digital literacy training resources.

- ***High Speed Broadband***: Supports the extension of pandemic-era initiatives including the Affordable Connectivity Program to promote broadband access in qualified low-income households.

Jobs & Economy

Tacoma prioritizes workforce development, growing livable-wage jobs, supporting local small businesses, and fostering emerging high-growth industries.
In furtherance of these objectives, the following are specific policy positions related to jobs and the economy:

Livable Wage Jobs & Educated Workforce: The City supports additional assistance for local workforce efforts including, but not limited to:

- ***Skills Training:*** Supports upskilling/reskilling workers to meet the evolving demands of emerging industries and workforce gaps, including efforts to expand skills training access to underserved areas.

- ***Apprenticeship Programs:*** Supports apprentice, pre-apprentice programs, and other workforce development programs.

- ***Cross-Sector Partnerships:*** Supports cross-sector initiatives involving labor, business, workforce providers, governments, education, and training entities to develop strategies that prepare workers for high-wage jobs.

- ***Barriers to Employment:*** Supports programs that remove barriers to employment for vulnerable populations, including barriers to employment for refugees and immigrants.

- ***Childcare:*** Supports funding and policies to expand access to affordable, quality childcare and preschool, including universal Pre-Kindergarten, as well as early childhood mental health services. The City also supports state efforts to expand quality childcare in underserved areas and for people in the building and construction trades.

- **College Promise:** Supports efforts to create a college promise program that links existing state-level financial aid and guaranteed admissions programs, and that addresses non-tuition cost barriers and incentivizes postsecondary enrollment and persistence through direct cash assistance, as well as investing in student navigation assistance.

Economic Development Tools and Supports:

- ***Small and Medium-Sized Businesses****:* Supports funding and policies that support small and medium-sized businesses, including subsidies and incubators to support disadvantaged businesses struggling with rising market-rate rents and workforce challenges. Supports funding and policies that provide technical assistance and financial literacy programs to assist small businesses in accessing capital and available grants.

- ***Economic Development Tools****:* Supports expanding and creating economic development tools, including commercial and industrial development tools.

- ***Advanced Manufacturing and Emerging Industries:*** Supports the siting and expansion of manufacturing, research, and development activities that create high-quality, tradable-sector jobs in next-generation industries, including the strategic use of manufacturing tax incentives to attract new investment and accelerate growth in these sectors. Expand opportunities in growing sectors such as renewable energy, urban forestry, natural stormwater management, urban agriculture, and green technology that strengthen Tacoma's economy, support innovation, and ensure that residents in historically underserved neighborhoods have access to quality jobs in these emerging fields.

- ***Career Pathways****:* Supports policy and funding for Fellowship programs like the Strickland Engineer Pathways Academic Fellowship that provide accessible pathways for local students in STEM fields from high school to college to employment in engineering-related careers with the City.

- ***Interstate Licensure Compacts****:* Supports adopting additional interstate licensure compacts and policy changes to expedite and ease the occupational licensing process for military spouses.

- ***Opportunity Zones:*** Supports efforts to maximize Opportunity Zones in the City and their impacts.

- ***Cannabis Industry:*** Supports efforts such as providing technical and financial assistance to reduce barriers to entry for all individuals in the industry and help new businesses thrive.

- ***Behavioral Health Workforce****:* Encourages policies and funding that support a behavioral health workforce, including reducing the barriers posed by regulations and certifications on workforce entry into behavioral and medical health fields without improperly impacting quality of care, and investing in local workforce development systems to directly support upskilling and reskilling workers on behalf of behavioral healthcare providers.

- ***Events and Venues:*** The City operates venues, including the Tacoma Dome, and hosts events that attract tourism and economic benefits to Tacoma and Pierce County that are important to the region. Supports efforts to improve transparency but opposes additional state regulations that will negatively impact the venues' operations.

- ***Employee Ownership & Cooperatives:*** Supports policies and efforts that encourage employee ownership and cooperatives for businesses and housing.

Climate & Environment

The City is committed to responsible environmental stewardship as a foundation for a strong, resilient, and sustainable community. We support continuing efforts to advance transformative climate policies and supports efforts to help modernize infrastructure, strengthen climate resilience, and protect clean air and water for all residents.

The City supports practical, results-driven policies and investments that improve environmental health and align with the City's climate action goals including:

- ***Support for Climate Efforts/Climate Commitment Act****:* Supports continuation of the Climate Commitment Act and state leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and investing in climate resiliency, consistent with the City's Climate Action Plan. Encourages the state to recognize that historically underrepresented, underserved, and vulnerable communities are expected to experience the first and worst impacts of climate change as the state develops programs and targets investments.

- ***Electric Vehicles:*** Supports state funding for vehicle and bicycle electrification. Supports state funding to establishing electric vehicle charging stations, including accessible vehicle charging stations, and related necessary infrastructure improvements.

- ***Investments to Improve Fish Passage and Water Quality****:* Encourages investments in local culvert and stormwater projects to improve fish passage and water quality.

- ***Reuse and Recycling****:* Encourages policies and investments that prevent waste and create opportunities for reuse and recycling markets, including extended producer responsibility and product stewardship models ~~, and~~ improvements for hazardous waste management, and bottle recycling.

- ***Local Clean Air Agencies:*** Supports restoration of funding to Local Clean Air Agencies through the Department of Ecology and identification of a stable, long-term funding source to continue the essential work of local clean air agencies.

- ***Tree Canopy***: Supports efforts to assist tree canopy programs consistent with the policies implemented by the City, including state grants and technical assistance related to tree inventories, tree canopy assessments, urban forestry plans, and funding for tree maintenance efforts.

- ***Asarco Smelter Plume and Soil Contaminants:*** Encourages continued funding for the Department of Ecology's program to address legacy contamination from the Asarco smelter plume in Tacoma. Supports increased notification to homebuyers purchasing a property within the area impacted by the smelter plume, as well as notification to homebuyers for other soil contaminants such as pesticide residue from former apple orchards.

- ***Environmental Support for Businesses:*** Supports state efforts to provide protections and assistance for business lessees and owners related to grease interceptor systems, including technical support, lease supports, and environmental facilities upgrade grants.

- ***Shore Power Infrastructure***: Supports state funding and grants for investment in shore power for marine cargo vessels which allows vessels to turn off their engines while at berth.

- ***Nutrients:*** Ensures that state policies and requirements to protect Puget Sound are based on current, sound science and that the Washington State Department of Ecology works closely with the City on emerging nutrient reduction requirements. Also ensures the State provides the financial support needed to plan, build, and operate significant nutrient management infrastructure while maintaining public health, affordability for rate payers, and future community growth.

- ***Biosolids****:* Ensures that environmentally friendly programs, such as the City's TAGRO "Tacoma Grow" products, are supported and preserved.

Placemaking Experiences

A key City goal is to ensure that Tacoma is a thriving city that people enjoy living in and visiting. In furtherance of this goal, the following are specific policy positions related to placemaking experiences:

Community Empowerment: The City would like to work in partnership with the legislature to advance reforms that address the disparate impacts of systems and institutions on underserved communities. The City supports statewide policies that empower these communities:

- ***Washington Future Fund***: Supports programs and funding that will help to close generational wealth gaps.

- ***Guaranteed Income:*** Supports a state guaranteed income program to stabilize needy families and interrupt cycles of poverty, including funding to extend the local Growing Resilience in Tacoma (GRIT) program. It is important that the guaranteed income policy proposals include specific language that mitigates any impact the additional income may have on the recipient's eligibility for other public assistance programs.

- ***Election Reform***: Supports legislation that increases voter participation, including supporting the option for jurisdictions to choose whether local elections are conducted in odd or even years, and the option to choose whether to utilize ranked choice voting and efforts to maintain and improve vote-by-mail elections.

- ***People with Disabilities:*** Encourages policies to support individuals with disabilities, including non-apparent disabilities, to ensure access to services and opportunities to enhance and incentivize employment options.

- ***Community Reinvestment:*** The legislature previously set aside funding into the Community Reinvestment Account to invest in communities disproportionately harmed by the historical design and enforcement of state and federal criminal laws and penalties. Supports continued funding into the Community Reinvestment Account to promote long-term benefits in the form of community healing, new jobs, home ownership, job retention, increased personal wealth, and higher incomes.

- ***Access to Food and Services:*** Supports development of solutions to ensure there is food and pharmacy access in all neighborhoods

- ***Programs to Support Vulnerable Populations****:* Supports funding for programs that serve our most vulnerable populations, including Housing & Essential Needs (HEN) and Aged, Blind, and Disabled (ABD) Cash Assistance Program. The City also supports state efforts to provide services, including street medicine for vulnerable populations.

- ***Apple Health and SNAP:*** Supports state efforts to preserve and sustain critical state programs in the face of reductions in federal funding, including backfilling key programs such as food assistance, Medicaid, behavioral health, and other programs integral to the state's social safety net.

- ***Challenges to Intellectual Freedom***: Tacoma Public Libraries opposes legislation that restricts intellectual freedom. The City supports efforts to ensure access to a wide range of materials, free of charge, through our public library system, including ensuring public libraries have the broadband capacity and technology necessary to provide reliable digital access to their communities.

- ***Participatory Budgeting***: The City has achieved great success in engaging thousands of community members through Participatory Budgeting. The City supports state efforts to increase participation in civic and community building through direct budget decision-making.

Arts and Cultural: Tacoma Creates is a voter-approved initiative to increase access to arts, culture, heritage, and science experiences throughout Tacoma by reducing barriers to access and expanding offerings, particularly for underserved youth.

- ***Cultural Access Washington:*** Supports advocating for Cultural Access Washington legislation adoption and expansion beyond Tacoma Creates, including funding and policies to increase access to arts, culture, heritage, and science experiences.

- ***Arts and Creative Economy:*** Supports state funding and policies that support growth of the arts and creative economy.

Additional Policy Positions

Issues addressing fiscal sustainability, governance, civil rights and other issues.

Fiscal Issues

- ***Fiscal Sustainability***: To assist with providing critical public service needs, the City supports state efforts to provide a stable and sufficient city tax code, particularly as the state modifies the state tax code. Supports efforts to review and revise both state and local tax structures such that they rely less on regressive revenue options. Changes to the state tax structure should not negatively impact cities' revenue and should allow cities revenue flexibility to address their community's needs. Specifically, supports ensuring cities are not negatively impacted by state tax code changes, by appropriately funding the City Fiscal Health Account.

- ***Local B&O and Business Licensing.*** Ensuring there are no restrictions on the City's authority to impose a local business and occupation (B&O) tax and business license requirements and that changes to local B&O tax code are considered as any changes to the state B&O tax code are considered. Additionally, the City supports legislation that clarifies that the city can collect B&O tax on royalties.

- ***State-Shared Revenue****:* Cities provide many services that residents rely upon including transportation, affordable housing, and public safety that increase in cost each year due to population growth, aging infrastructure, and changing community needs. Cities rely on state-shared revenue funds to assist in continuing to provide these critical public services. Supports efforts to protect and enhance state-shared revenues, including but not limited to liquor taxes, cannabis excise taxes, and the Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Account.

- ***Retirement Investments****:* The City operates its own retirement program for city employees, as well as the city's LEOFF 1 retirement program. The City is opposed to any proposal that requires the City to cede these operations to the Washington State Investment Board, that transfers reserves out of the programs or otherwise negatively impacts the operations. Supports state efforts to fund medical costs associated with LEOFF 1 participants.

- ***State Infrastructure Bank:*** Supports the creation of a state-sponsored financing cooperative option that provides low-interest (less than market rate) public infrastructure financing specifically targeting urban areas to support the creation and retention of livable wage jobs.

Planning

- ***Local Control****:* The City prioritizes public input and community engagement in local decision-making. The state should honor local decision-making authority and the public processes that

support local decision-making. The City opposes preemption, particularly in areas the City currently has ordinances in place.

- ***Growth Management Act (GMA) Reform and Annexations****:* The City supports the objective of the Growth Management Act (GMA) to focus growth in urban centers. The City recognizes that additional changes are needed to the Act to ensure its effectiveness in spurring growth near infrastructure and avoiding unintended consequences. The City supports proposals that further facilitate annexations, growth within urban centers, and provide dedicated planning funding to local jurisdictions to implement any new policies or responsibilities.

- ***Honor Locally Adopted City Codes and Policies****:* Ensure that state laws and policies are consistent with, or allow for the continuation of, policies adopted by the Council in areas that impact residents of the City of Tacoma.

General Government

- ***Public Disclosure, Participation, and Transparency***: Supports exploring ways to reduce the impact of abusive public records requests and litigation while maintaining transparency. Also supports expanded opportunities for public comment and participation in public meetings when done in a manner that the city can implement efficiently and cost-effectively.

- **Realignment of District Court and Municipal Court Judges**: Support realignment of the Pierce County District Court and the Tacoma Municipal Court plan to operate in a manner more aligned with the other municipal courts in the state.

- ***Liability:*** Supports efforts to reduce liability for cities, while still holding the city accountable for harms it has directly caused. The City supports efforts to establish clear standards for wrongdoing, ensuring the city is not responsible for more than its proportionate share of a harm, and other reforms to reduce liability in the wake of rising insurance and settlement costs across all public agencies. The City supports protecting against liability expansion and new policies that would drive additional claims and litigation increasing costs, especially in the area of public works, law enforcement, and public safety. The City opposes legislation that would negatively impact the City's self-insurance program.

- ***Code Enforcement:*** Supports state code changes that would allow for more robust code enforcement.

- ***Animal Control and Shelter***: Supports efforts to provide alternative mechanisms to fund animal control and animal shelter systems within local jurisdictions or regionally.

- ***Commercial Cold Plunges:*** Supports efforts to modernize legacy state pool codes to create an updated framework for commercial cold plunges.

- ***Groundwater Inventory:*** Supports state funding for groundwater inventory efforts.

- ***Virtual Currency Transaction Kiosks:*** Supports efforts to protect consumers using virtual currency transaction kiosks,

- ***Psilocybin Substances****:* Encourages the legislature to consider decriminalizing psilocybin substances in light of the growing research indicating potential medical uses for the substances and the number of local jurisdictions and states that are decriminalizing the substance.

Immigration and Detention

- ***Immigration***: Supports policies that allow Tacoma's immigrant community to feel safe, secure, and welcomed in the state.
- ***Detention***: Supports policies that ensure the health, safety, and welfare of individuals detained in detention facilities located in the City. The City supports policies that limit expansion of any private facilities.
- ***Support for Health, Safety, and Welfare of Individuals Detained at the NWIPC****:* Supports ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of individuals in the NWIPC are protected, as well as legislation that impacts the sharing of information or individuals being placed in the facility consistent with the position of the City Council.

CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST

TO:	Mayor & City Council
FROM:	Council Member Sarah Rumbaugh and Senior Council Policy Analyst Lynda Foster
COPIES TO:	Hyun Kim, City Manager; Allyson Griffith, Deputy City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney
SUBJECT:	**Ordinance - An Ordinance amending Title 1 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, by creating a new Section 1.110, entitled "Initiative and Referendum," and to establish Section 1.110.020, entitled "Fiscal Impact Statements" - November 17, 2026**
DATE:	November 10, 2026

I ask for your support for an Ordinance amending Title 1 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, by creating a new Section 1.110, entitled "Initiative and Referendum," to establish procedures for the exercise of the right of initiative and referendum consistent with the Charter of the City of Tacoma, and establish Section 1.110.020, entitled "Fiscal Impact Statements," to establish requirements for the City to create a factual, neutral, nonprejudicial fiscal impact statement for every ballot measure.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:
City Council Members are provided a factual, neutral, nonprejudicial fiscal impact statements for all policies considered by the City Council. Fiscal impact statements are also prepared when the Tacoma City Council submits a ballot measure to the public for consideration. The Tacoma community expects these fiscal impact statements for all City of Tacoma policy proposals, including all ballot measures. However, there is not a universal process for factual, neutral, nonprejudicial fiscal impact statement provided when citizen initiatives are placed on the ballot.

This issue could be addressed with new requirements in the municipal code. This Ordinance would go into effect January 1, 2027, and require the City Manager to create factual, neutral, nonprejudicial fiscal impact statements for future City of Tacoma ballot measures. Proposed code language is provided in Exhibit A.

Background:
The Tacoma City Charter outlines how measures can reach the ballot. Council is allowed to submit budget items via Council motion. The people have also reserved for themselves the power to enact or reject legislation through the initiative and referendum process, as provided in Article II, Section 2.18 – 2.22 of the City Charter.

The Pierce County Auditor's office publishes an election guide for jurisdictions[1] that outlines requirements for submitting measures to the ballot. This includes Local Voters' Pamphlet Administrative Rules. To place a measure on the ballot, a resolution must be emailed by the appropriate deadline to Pierce County Auditor's office as outlined in the election guide.

City of Tacoma Ballot Measure History:

Year	Petitions filed with Clerk's office	Measures on ballot	Details
2017	2*	0	N/A
2018	N/A	1	1 general election levy submitted by City of Tacoma
2019	N/A	0	N/A
2020	1	0	N/A
2021	N/A	0	N/A
2022	N/A	0	N/A
2023	8	1	1 November general election citizen' initiative
2024	N/A	6	6 November General election Charter amendments submitted by City of Tacoma
2025	10	1	1 April special election levy submitted by City of Tacoma
2026	7	2	1 August Initiative submitted by City of Tacoma 1 November General election Citizen's Initiative

*****Further research would be needed to confirm if there were additional alternative versions of the submitted petitions.

DESIRED ORDINANCE FIRST READING DATE: December 1, 2026

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):
Tacoma's strategic plan, Tacoma 2035, identifies key values including: Belief and Trust: All City efforts earn consistent trust in City government by serving community members with integrity, respect, dignity, and excellence; and Fiscal Responsibility: The financial health of the City is considered in all policy and program decisions. Providing transparent, factual, neutral, nonprejudicial fiscal impact statements serves both of these values.

Community also frequently contacts the City whenever a measure is on the ballot to understand how its fiscal impacts would have long-term impacts on the City's budget. The magnitude of requests demonstrate voters' desires to be well informed and how a standardized process would be in the best interest of community.

The League of Women Voters of Washington, a nonpartisan organization that envisions a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate, advocated at the state level for the state's now adopted fiscal impact policy. This proposal has been shared with leaders of the local chapter for feedback.

The Tacoma City Council Government, Performance and Finance Committee discussed this policy at the October 20, 2026, meeting and unanimously moved it forward to the full Council for further consideration.

[1] https://www.piercecountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/109102/2026-Jurisdiction-Guide_FINAL?bidId=

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

The City of Tacoma embeds equity into policies, services, and decision making, addressing root causes of inequity to improve access, opportunity, and belonging. These are core tenants in the City's budget development process.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score*: Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting. Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s)?

Residents of Tacoma shaped Tacoma 2035, the strategic plan that guides the City's work to provide high-quality municipal services to enhance the lives of all Tacoma community members. Tacoma voters have the right to take direct action via ballot initiatives on shaping policy. Creating a uniform process for fiscal impact statements, the City can provide voters the same fiscal analysis that Council Members receive as they make policy decisions.

ALTERNATIVES:

Investigation into approaches to fiscal impact statements for ballot measures included review of RCW 29A.72.025 fiscal impact statements, City of Seatac municipal code Section 1.10.045 Fiscal impact statement, and City of Spokane Municipal Code Section 02.02.175 Fiscal Impact Statement.

Policy considerations include:

- When fiscal impact statements should be required, such as for any initiative or referendum in which there are sufficient signatures to qualify the measure for placement on the ballot, an initiative measure that has been directed to be placed on the ballot pursuant to a city council resolution; a measure placed on the ballot pursuant to the city council's own motion; and/or an alternative measure appearing on the ballot that the city council proposes to the voters.
- If fiscal impact statements should be created by internal departments as a normal and standard course of business, or if fiscal impact statements should be created by a third party consultant.
- How fiscal impact statements should be made public, such as requiring they be published in a voter pamphlet and/or on the government's website, as well as associated deadlines for fiscal impact statements. Deadlines for including information in the voter pamphlet are set by state law and the Pierce County Auditor's office.
- Required word limits, accessibility of language, and other stylistic limitations.
- Exceptions to a fiscal impact requirement, such as including the following language: "E. If the City Manager determines that the fiscal impact of an initiative or referendum cannot be accurately determined, the provisions of this section shall not apply."

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

Follow up will include continued conversations with the Pierce County Auditor's office regarding how information on ballot measures can be shared with voters. Additionally, the Government Performance and Finance Committee will review additional policy options related to the newly created TMC Ch 1.110 Initiative and Referendum.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:
Sponsors recommend passing this Ordinance and implementing a factual, neutral, nonprejudicial process to create fiscal impact statements for all ballot measures

FISCAL IMPACT:
Enacting this proposed Ordinance will require staff time and resources. A ten-year history of ballot measures suggests the City should be prepared to create approximately one fiscal impact statement for a citizen initiative each year. The City Manager should determine how to incorporate that work into current staffing models. Additional staff support may need to be budgeted to support the City's Charter review process.

If you have a question related to the Council Contingency Fund Request, please contact Lynda Foster at 253.591.5166 or lfoster@Tacoma.gov.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: Sarah Rumbaugh
Council Member Rumbaugh

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS 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.)

1. _____ **POS#_____1_____**

2. S. Sadalge **POS#_____4_____**

3. _____ **POS#_____5_____**

Exhibit A

TMC Ch 1.110 Initiative and Referendum

1.110.010 Purpose.
The citizens of the City of Tacoma have reserved the right to directly legislate through the use of initiative and referendum as provided in the Charter of the City of Tacoma. The purpose of this chapter is to establish consistent direction on City practices related to this topic.

1.110.020 Fiscal impact statements.
A. The City Manager or designee shall prepare a fiscal impact statement for initiative measures directed to be placed on the ballot pursuant to a city council resolution.

B. Fiscal impact statements must be written in clear and concise language and avoid legal and technical terms when possible, and may include easily understood graphics. Fiscal impact statements must also be impartial, factually accurate, non-argumentative and unbiased.

C. A fiscal impact statement prepared under this section should be completed on the date the City council places the measure on the appropriate election ballot, or within thirty calendar days of the clerk's office validating that a citizen's ballot measure received enough signatures to qualify for the ballot, whichever is later.

D. The fiscal impact statement shall be made available to members of the public, including but not limited to the City's website.

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
November 17, 2026	Joint City Council / TPU Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	Proposed Citywide State and Federal Legislative Agenda	Government Relations (CMO) - Alex MacBain and Andrea Roper	Staff from Government Relations will provide an updated briefing on the 2027 Proposed Citywide State and Federal Legislative Agenda
		Executive Session - Potential Litigation		
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
November 24, 2026	***Cancelled**			
December 1, 2026	Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	Parking Code Update - Public Hearing Prep	PDS - Stephen Atkinson	
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)	Parking Code Update - Public Hearing	PDS - Stephen Atkinson	
December 8, 2026	Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)			
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
December 15, 2026	Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	Media and Communications Quarterly Update	Media and Communications - Amy Clancy	
		Parking Code Update - Public Hearing Debrief	PDS - Stephen Atkinson	
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
December 22, 2026	***Cancelled**			
December 29, 2026	***Cancelled**			

Community Vitality and Safety Committee			
Members (Chair) CM Rumbaugh, (Vice Chair) CM Scott; CM Palmer, and CM Walker; Alternate: CM Diaz **Staff** Executive Liaison: Toni Esparza Coordinator: Arsenio Roddy-Little		**Meetings** 2nd and 4th Thursdays 4:30pm Zoom and TMB 243	**CBC Assignments** • Commission on Disabilities • Commission on Immigrant & Refugee Affairs • Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority • Community's Police Advisory Committee • Housing Authority • Human Rights Commission • Human Services Commission • Public Library Board
Date	**Topic**	**Presenter(s)**	**Description**
November 12	Canceled		
November 26	Canceled		
December 10	Community’s Police Advisory Committee Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk;	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill seats on the Community’s Police Advisory Committee.
	Road to Housing Act	Jennifer Covino, President, Covino Smith & Simon	The City's federal lobbyist, Jennifer Covino, will present on the Road to Housing Act and discuss related opportunities and implications for the City.

Economic Development Committee

Members	Meetings	CBC Assignments
(Chair) CM Diaz, (Vice Chair) DM Bushnell, CM Palmer, and CM Scott; Alternate: CM Rumbaugh **Staff** Executive Liaison: Debbie Bingham Coordinator: Chrisy Vindivich	2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays 10:00am Zoom and TMB 243	• Arts Commission • City Events and Recognition Committee • Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee • Convention Center Public Facilities District • Tacoma Creates Advisory Board

Date	Topic	Presenter(s)	Description
November 24	Canceled	--	--
December 8	Tacoma Arts Commission and Tacoma Creates Advisory Board Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill seats on both the Tacoma Arts Commission and the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board.
December 22	Canceled	--	--

Government Performance and Finance Committee			
Members (Chair) CM Hines, (Vice Chair) DM Bushnell, CM Sadalge, and CM Rumbaugh; Alternate: CM Walker **Staff** Executive Liaison: Andy Cherullo; Coordinator: Chantra Real		**Meetings** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 10:00am Zoom and TMB 243	**CBC Assignments** • Audit Advisory Board • Board of Ethics • Civil Service Board • Public Utility Board
Date	**Topic**	**Presenter(s)**	**Description**
November 17	Pole Attachment Overview	Joe Parris, Business Services Manager, TPU; Bev Pinkerton, Senior Business Services Analyst, TPU; Angie Foster, Senior Business Services Analyst, TPU; Alex Hamlin, Principal Power Systems Engineer, TPU	Staff from TPU will provide a briefing on Pole Attachments.
December 1	Board of Ethics (BoE) Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	Interviews to fill vacancies on the Board of Ethics (BoE).
	Audit Advisory Board (AAB) Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	Interviews to fill vacancies on the Audit Advisory Board (AAB).
December 15	*Tentative: Baker Tilly 2026 Entrance Conference*	Olga Darlington, Baker Tilly	Baker Tilly 2026 Audit Entrance Conference

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee			
Members (Chair) CM Walker, (Vice Chair) CM Sadalge, CM Diaz, and CM Hines; Alternate: DM Bushnell **Staff** Executive Liaison: Ramiro Chavez Coordinator: Marvin Griffin		**Meetings** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 4:30pm Zoom and TMB 243	**CBC Assignments** • Climate and Sustainability Commission • Landmarks Preservation Commission • Planning Commission • Transportation Commission • Urban Design Board
Date	**Topic**	**Presenter(s)**	**Description**
November 25	Canceled	--	--
December 9	Landmarks Preservation Commission Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill seats on the Commission.

Operational Strategy and Administrative Committee			
Committee Members (Chair) Anders Ibsen, CM Bushnell, CM Scott, and CM Walker Alternate: CM Hines Executive Liaison: Ben Thurgood		2nd and 4th Fridays of the month 10:30am Zoom and TMB 243	**CBC Assignments** • Comission on Elected Salaries
Date	**Topic(s)**	**Presenter(s)**	**Description**
November 13, 2026	Tacoma 2035 - Progress Reporting & Strategic Alignment with Council	Jacques Colon, Director of the Center for Strategic Priorities	Provide OSAC with a preview of the upcoming Tacoma 2035 Dashboard and discuss a process for engaging the City Council on regular updates to progress on strategic plans including performance metrics.
	City Council Retreat Planning (Logistics & Topics)	Jacques Colon, Director of the Center for Strategic Priorities	A preliminary conversation to begin planning the 2027 City Council Strategic Retreat anticipated for February or March 2027
November 27, 2026	Cancelled - City holiday		
December 11, 2026	Role of Deputy Mayor - Follow Up	Matt Janzow, Innovation Manager, City Manager's Office	A follow up to the previous OSAC conversation to determine if any clarifications or changes are necessary to the rules guiding the role of Deputy Mayor.
	CBC Report Follow up and Alignment	Matt Janzow, Innovation Manager, City Manager's Office	Provide a follow up on a staff report analyzing Council's Committees, Boards, and Commissions to determine next steps.
December 25, 2026	Cancelled - City holiday		