



City of Tacoma  
Landmarks Preservation Commission

October 20, 2021

Kristin Lynett  
Sustainability Officer  
Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability  
City of Tacoma

RE: response to Draft Climate Action Plan

Dear Ms. Lynett:

The City of Tacoma's Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) thanks the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft Climate Action Plan.

While the Landmarks Preservation Commission's primary role in the City is the oversight of Tacoma's historic built environment, we believe that there is overlap in some of our respective areas of work. In addition, as citizens and residents, members of the Landmarks Commission are committed to responding to climate change that affects us all.

Our recommendations and comments focus on equitable and sustainable development and waste diversion. Specifically, these include:

- Create policies and regulations that are consistent with and encourage the preservation of existing affordable housing stock, and that prevent or mitigate displacement by prioritizing home ownership and the retention of existing communities.
- Develop policies that discourage the demolition of viable structures that could be repurposed, and encourage reuse through regulatory and financial incentives.
- Adopt robust architectural salvage and waste management requirements for development and demolition permits.
- Within urban areas, prioritize new development on vacant land first.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bartoy, Chair  
Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission