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Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 3:48 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public comment on RES41347 on agenda for 01/23 city council meeting

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Dear City Clerk,

I'm writing to voice opposition to RES41347 which is yet another corporate welfare giveaway of our tax dollars commonly know at the MFTE - multi-family tax exemption.

All of these projects do nothing to create permanent affordable housing, but merely allow for affordable housing during the term of the tax incentives, in this case 12 years. This project is worse than most as it only creates 2 "affordable rate" units and these units only have an expected rental rate that is \$15 below the market rate units. Furthermore, they are 1 bedroom units which would do nothing to address the critical shortage of family housing in Tacoma. Finally, the "affordable rate" of \$1425/month would put this at more than 50% of full time monthly minimum wage earnings.

The other problem with this corporate welfare is that we have underfunded schools in Tacoma and a shortage of funding for key city projects. Lowering tax income while increasing the number of residents in the city will only lead to further revenue shortage which will fall on the shoulders of homeowners and non-corporate landlords.

I urge the council to vote against this proposal. Like most of these MFTE proposals it asks citizens of Tacoma to give up far too much in tax revenue for a miniscule amount of affordable housing that is not even permanent, while giving away tax revenue that could be used to build permanent affordable housing and fund our schools and local needs.

Thank you,
Steve Diamanti
Tacoma resident

From: Cathie Raine <cjrrd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 4:20 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Community Forum' Comments for 1/23/24 Tacoma City Council meeting

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Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council Members,

I have noticed that each week's City Manager's report to all of you includes the Tacoma Police Dept's 'Crime Report'. However, this 'Crime Report' is not providing a full picture of Police Activities or issues during a week's time period. For example, I wonder how the recent death of Lynne Butler (killed by TPD officers) has been reported.

How is this type of officer(s) involved shooting reported ...on the 'Crime Report' or as a separate report. I would like to know WHY a SWAT team was called to deal with a resident (known to police) with dementia. WHO made this decision? Also, was the HOPE team contacted to help deal with this woman's mental health and dementia-related behavior problems? And, are the City Council members really getting a thorough report on Police Activities and Performance from the City Manager? There seems to still be a lack of transparency concerning police activities.

Are the 'Community Police Advisory Committee(CPAC)' recommendations and suggestions (submitted to the City Manager) being accepted or used by the City Manager? I get the impression (from a CPAC member's comments) that these recommendations have been dismissed by the City Manager and that she told this committee that she would be "going in a different direction" with police activities. What is the point of having this CPAC involved..other than providing the 'appearance' of having Community involvement with police activities (more 'window dressing'..).

Please request that the City Council members receive more thorough police activity information from the TPD and the City Manager (especially necessary....and, overdue, if the only TPD reports and information you receive are these 'Crime Reports' data sheets).

Respectfully submitted,

Cathie (Raine) Urwin
South Tacoma resident

Community forum

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I'm a resident of Tacoma and work as a homeless outreach worker for St Vincent de Paul. I'm here to speak on behalf of an 8yr old girl Tacoma's Encampment Sweeping policies are actively endangering. I met her at the SVDP Community Resource Center a handful of Saturdays ago. She came in to get out of the weather for a bit and spent the first hour she was there eating everything. Whatever snacks and food we put in front of her, she ate. It was very clearly the type of hunger that comes from missing more than one meal. I started asking some questions and it turned out she was living with her mom and grandpa in a tent. Both her mom and grandpa had lost there housing at different times in separate situations in Tacoma and were now living altogether in a medium sized tent in a smallish encampment in south Tacoma. I know enough to know one of the primary ways housing insecure kids get their meals is at school, so I asked about school. Turned out she'd only been to school once that week, which explained the hunger. I told her mom and grandpa about my friend ~~Lee~~ who works for McKinny Vento and could get her rides to school and they were thankful and already knew. They said Mckinny Vento had been taking care of transportation until that week when their encampment had got swept. The mom's phone got trashed with some of her possessions and they hadn't been able to arrange for a new transport with Mckinny Vento yet. Because Mckinny Vento has a process they have to follow with public school transport and can't just meet a kid at a new spot every time their encampment gets swept. It takes a few business days to change and reset pickup and drop off locations. And that's not the end of the story, this same family actually got swept again since that first Saturday I met this child. The most recent sweep happened two Tuesdays back on the 9th, the day that awful cold front moved in. Among the 20-30 households that got swept 2 Tuesdays ago was a 8yr old girl shivering outside, watching from a couple blocks down, a little girl who ~~should not have to live outside and who~~ should have been in school but instead was outside watching because every time her encampment is swept she not only loses her extra sets of clothes and book bag, the extra snacks her teachers load her up with, the small amount of possessions she's been able to coble together and call home; she also loses her ability to be transported to school for the next few days and thereby to get the only two regular meals she gets every day. Stop the sweeps. Please, at least during inclement weather, during winter time, during the school year, whatever you can do, stop the sweeps. The harm is real. Services are not getting to the people who need them because of sweeps. Stop the sweeps.

Jacoma Council Meeting Community Forum
Jan 23, 2024
Carol Sue Braaten PSE LNG

On my Jan 9, 2023 comments someone edited out ~~my first~~ the first part of my comment on PSE LNG, On a Catastrophic Failure The ~~Part~~ Port of Jacoma Puget Sound Energy / PSE Liquefied Natural Gas / LNG Explosion range Map done by the former Jacoma Fire Chief on ALOHA CAMO Suite Program shows a level of concern / threat is 12.6 miles, thermal radiation zone is over 3 miles, also done by the Puyallup Tribe, 3 miles ~~would~~ up explosion would cause a over pressure of air turbulence that could disturb air planes in flight causing possible loss of control. Also in the 3 mile range the explosion ^{over} pressure can knock over railcars and buildings

There is a reason that many people are no longer coming with there people concerns on the PSE LNG. They have all left the area of Jacoma map as a threat done by Jacoma Fire Dept, for the PSE LNG. The people moved sold homes they owned out right and found different jobs elsewhere. The peoples fears are justified.
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In the Braemar Jacoma LNG Fire and Safety Review critical change

JAN. 20, 2024

To: Mayor Woodruff, City Manager Pauli,
City Attorney Bacho, And All Members of
Tacoma's City Council

Subject: State Bill for "Genocide Education"

Tacoma's City Council has failed to recognize the historical significance of this issue by not moving forward on my Native American genocide resolution last year. Several Council members including Mayor Woodruff made it clear that there were "SPECIAL INTERESTS" they were beholden to! The Puget Sound Tribe was one of the 500 victims of this genocide!

While most of the documentation of genocide I provided was committed by the U.S. Army or parts of its "pacification directive", WHITE settlers, ranchers, gold and silver miners are responsible for an equal and maybe even a greater number of atrocities against Native Americans. While the U.S. Army assaulted large tribes in battle, the white settlers murdered Indians individually or in small groups with impunity up to 1891. This City Council has demonstrated to me the limitation on your so-called "RACIAL EQUITY"! Others have taken the lead! This was the etiology of American racism!

Signed, Michele Reich

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