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To: Reuben McKnight, City of Tacoma Historic Preservation Officer, and Tacoma Landmarks Commission

Re: College Park Historic District's application to be added to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the North End Neighborhood Council to support the College Park Historic District's application to be added to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places. We supported the district's successful application to be placed on the state and national registers, and while we know the local register requires a longer process of gaining neighborhood support, we hope this letter of support will allow the applicant to avoid the fee attached to this process.

For reference, the boundaries for the College Park Historic District are roughly west of Pine to Union Avenue and north of North 7th to North 21st Street, excluding the University of Puget Sound Campus.

You should be able to see from the application presented that there is ample evidence of historic value. Indeed, quite a large percentage of the buildings in the entire North End can speak to the city's and state's history. But the NENC wishes to support this nomination in particular because the designation will help add to the sense of place that this neighborhood is building. In addition to being a historic neighborhood, there can be a more largely recognized sense of community and a greater pride in where these neighbors live.

Please join us in supporting this neighborhood in its process of achieving recognition and protection and in furthering the distinctiveness of another great, historic place to live in the North End.

Respectfully,

Kyle C. Price, NENC Chair on behalf of the NENC