



Public Comments

Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Submittal: Written comments only; e-mailed received at planning@cityoftacoma.org by 12:00 noon, on the meeting day

Subjects: Comments are addressing the following Discussion Item on the agenda:

2. Home In Tacoma (HIT) Project

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Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:50 AM
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Hello,

I want to thank you all for your work on this.

There are a few things I would like to see more of a focus on.

1. More attention to the preservation of existing affordable housing. I recognize the need to plan for increased housing, I just wanted to point out that affordable housing that already exists is a great way to address displacement, and reduce the demolition of affordable structures. Many cities see the cost of building housing that is affordable to those below 80 percent AMI to be difficult due to the high cost of land, materials, and labor, and find that developing programs to acquire existing housing to retain affordability is more possible.

I would like to see plans to develop a program to preserve existing affordable housing

I would also like to see a code change that allows for the conversion of existing single-family homes to duplexes, which is a reflection of some of the existing housing stock we see in older neighborhoods.

2. I support mandatory inclusionary zoning, especially in the centers, with the housing to be developed **on-site**. I see developers consolidating lots and building essentially micro-units with no affordability and no family-sized units.

3. I would like to see these missing middle housing types able throughout the city, not scenario 1.

4. I would like to see the city focus on how to make sure that family-sized units are being built, especially in areas within walking distance to schools, grocery stores, and parks. Not only studio and one-bedroom units.

Thank you,
Clara

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Clara Cheeves