



Public Comments

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Subjects: Comments are addressing the following Discussion Item(s) on the agenda:

F2 – Home In Tacoma Project

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Comments:** One



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Subject: HOME IN TACOMA PHASE 2
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IMPORTANT READ!!

Dear Planning Commission,

I want to call attention to how the PEOPLE are not being informed of this HOME IN TACOMA Rezoning.

First, notification is not being sent to people's actual address. Postcards sent to Postal Customer does not have to be delivered by mail carriers and does not tell people what the post card is REALLY calling attention to – REZONING ALL OUR PROPERTIES.

This is totally wrong and I am sure you will agree.

I am attaching copies of the post cards sent so far. The first one was sent out during the most difficult time in our country – during the Pandemic. No one really paid attention to the post card that did not clearly state – **Tacoma Rezoning of all Properties!**

The second postcard was also sent to **Postal Customer** again, and only 90,000 sent out. We have over 210,000 homes in Tacoma.

The thing is most of those folks did not get it. Only three houses in my neighborhood got it.

Here is the reason I know this, I communicate with my mail carriers. Our regular carrier is out on disability and probably several others – are being used as training routes for new mail carriers. They can't seem to keep them on the job.

In talking to a new recruit, she pulled out fliers that go to Postal Customer and said, she did not know what to do with them. She was going to throw them away.

If other Tacoma Departments can send postcards to our home address and using our names – or to Occupant, and our address – THAT POSTCARD GETS DELIVERED.

You are not getting input or push back from many folks because they do not know what you are planning. THAT IS NOT RIGHT.

Here is a picture of the first postcard and second post card. The smaller card was the early card sent out.

You have the ability to tell the Planning Department to stop and do this right. You have that much authority. I know, I served as a Planning Commissioner until 2000 when I got a job in Seattle.

Imagine your friends and family having their land rezoned without their knowledge. That is what YOU ARE DOING BY NOT REALIZING HOW MUCH YOU CAN AFFECT THIS CHANGE.

I ask that you make sure that you do not displace single family homeowners who will be in the Mid-scale by NOT **ENSURING THAT SINGLE FAMILY HOMES WILL BE CONFORMING USE.**

ALSO NOTE: We are having serious issues with infrastructure at sites that are building apartments but especially townhomes in the middle of neighborhoods.

Report of basement flooding, report of faucet running in the middle of the night. This all points to bad planning and the fact that the pipelines that these apartments are connecting to are not large enough to handle the flow of so much water from so many units into smaller, aged, pipelines in our communities.

Developers are not being required to retrofit for earthquakes.

IMPORTANT READ-RECEIVED FROM A WATER SPECIALIST:

“It's actually State wide. I watched all the WA government's state, counties and cities, broadcasted general meetings of the whole last summer. All the counties and cities were involved, as the State

was responding to addressing the impact of the drought on their water supply. Real eye-opener as to the state of our State's water, and it's not going to get better unless we start getting some real weather that creates water in the air. A lot of info from the various counties too.

But exacerbation of the issue was caused by over-development while failing to apply any research into this impact to our water supply during non-drought conditions. A wake up that this drought crisis made less water available to even those already here, let alone bringing in any more population. A real eye opener and I hope a wake up call.”

To our Planning Commission: you can also directly impact this by telling the city to minimize the amount of growth.

Developers are not having to pay impact fees – these are the reports I am getting. Impact fees are minimal requirements of developers. They used to include police and fire. Now, from what I am hearing, NOTHING except curbs and sidewalks – which is a no brainer.

I hope you get this letter because the last one I sent to another meeting of Home In Tacoma was left off the list of comments.

We need to make sure we have enough water for all of Tacoma. Don't plan on Green River – Why? Because we are not the only cities using Green River. THINK – all this development going on. Also, the Warehouse you are probably going to permit, will sit on the largest water aquifer in Tacoma that can provide 40-% of citizens with water. If you pour concrete on top of it – 50+ football fields of concrete – it will dry up.

I was a Planning Commissioner when Tacoma Water came to ask if they should ask the council whether to recharge our aquifers or put the pipelines to Green River. If the aquifer was viable then, why NOT NOW?

Stop this insanity now! The majority of Tacoma is unaware if this process.

Regards,
Esther Day