From: Ross and Julie Buffington <rjbuffington@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 2:48 PM

To: McKnight, Reuben

Subject: Support for College Park Historic District

Dear Mr. McKnight:

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed addition of the College Park Historic District to the City of Tacoma's Register of Historic Places.

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Sincerely,

Ross Buffington 502 S. Sheridan Ave. Tacoma, WA. 98405 From: <u>Jenarae Bach</u>
To: <u>McKnight, Reuben</u>

Subject: College park historic district

Date: Saturday, February 5, 2022 2:09:26 PM

Hello,

I am writing to express my support of the college park being adopted as a city district. I was born and raised in the college park district, and purchased a craftsman home 30 years later in the same district, to begin to raise my family.

The district has a wonderful mix of historic homes including craftsman, 4-squares, and Tudor homes. My husband and I are both in support of the college park district being adopted at the city level.

Thank you, Jenarae and Nicholas Bach

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ross and Julie Buffington
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Sincerely,

Ross Buffington 502 S. Sheridan Ave. Tacoma, WA. 98405

From: Kirsten Carlson < kcarlson3416@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 4:22 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC hearing 2/9/2022

Dear whomever this may concern,

We live in the proposed College Park Historic Special Review District. We are not able to attend the virtual meeting tomorrow evening but would like to voice our support for the proposed Historic District. This area, with its wide parking strips, vintage lighting and proximity to the UPS campus is an important part of the history of Tacoma. Preserving the character of this area will benefit not only those living within the proposed district but also visitors to our area.

Thank you for your consideration of this important designation.

Best,

Kirsten Carlson & Chris Allen 3416 N 19th Street Tacoma, WA 98406 253-756-6995

From: JEAN CASSIDY < jwebberboo18@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 6:57 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC hearing 2/9/22

To whom it may concern:

We are writing this email in support of the proposed College Park Historical District petition. We are supportive of the petition that would create a Historic Special Review District that includes the location of our current home at 2918 N. 20th St. We have been residents of Tacoma and our current home since 2000. We moved to this location as we valued the single-family homes and, more importantly, the neighborhood feel and the craftsman style homes. Current construction that is abound in the Tacoma area is unattractive and unwelcome - the multi-unit construction should be concentrated in areas in downtown Tacoma where transportation is plentiful and available.

Jean and Justin Webber

From: Tage Christiansen
To: Landmarks
Subject: LPC hearing 2/9/22

Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:16:17 AM

Landmarks Commission,

We have lived @ 3115 N.14th for over 36 years. 4 children who attended Grant Elem.

Jason Lee & Lowell M.S. & Stadium HS. Being close to UPS is like having a park close by.

Always well kept & we've had no problem w/the students. There are still families in the area w/children

Who attend the various schools. It would be a shame to ruin the Historical area w/high density Apartments or Condos.

I'm sure they can be kept along the major arterials like 6th Ave. & Proctor Dist. Thank you

Regards.

Marit, Tage & Fam.



February 8, 2022

Kevin Bartoy, Chair City of Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commissions 747 Market Street, Room 345 Tacoma, Washington 98402 landmarks@cityoftacoma.org

[sent via electronic mail]

Re: Public Hearing - December 8, 2021 - Agenda 4.A. Nomination to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places - College Park Historic District

Dear Chair Bartoy,

On behalf of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, I am writing to support the listing of the College Park Historic District to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places and to endorse its designation as a Historic Special Review District.

The Washington Trust is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving the places that matter in Washington State and the only statewide advocacy organization working to build a collective ethic that preserves historic places through education, collaboration, and stewardship. In accordance with our mission, the Washington Trust believes that the *local* designation of the National Register College Park Historic District, as vetted by the WA State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the National Park Service, is a natural progression for the continued stewardship of the neighborhood.

The Washington Trust supports the designation of College Park Historic District based on Criterion A as it was "developed during a series of economic peaks and valleys in home construction in Tacoma in the late 19th century to 1960... during the heyday of Tacoma's railroad and lumber industry" and Criterion C as it "exhibits the full range of residential architectural styles prevalent during Tacoma's greatest period of growth: ...styles found in pattern books and kit homes catalogs of the time, with a primary influence of Craftsman, Tudor Revival, and Colonial Revival styles," and believes the proposed contributing structures retain sufficient ability to convey its significance in both areas.

Our support is informed by the assertion that historic preservation and its practices, such as designation and design review, is adaptive to the changing needs of the people that live within or live with the buildings and sites that we collectively call significant and worth preserving. The Washington Trust fully affirms that the designation of the College Park Historic District is compatible with the other citywide policies and public demands regarding density and affordable and equitable housing opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Huy Pham

Preservation Programs Director

Huy Pham

Date: February 7th, 2022

To: City of Tacoma

Historic Preservation Landmark Commissioners

From: Susan & Jeff Ryan 3017 N. 13th St. Tacoma, WA 98406

Re: Nomination to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places College Park National Historic District – Public Hearing

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your time and commitment towards supporting good stewardship of Tacoma's built environment, collective heritage and cultural history. Your participation will allow future generations to enjoy, learn and grow from the past.

We ask and encourage you to please approve the College Park National Historic District nomination to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places. Its historic merits were already met when reviewed and placed on the National Register of Historic Places and WA State Heritage Registry in 2017.

An extensive amount of research, outreach, documentation and good faith effort went into the application process. To address and support City of Tacoma Register designation the following steps were taken:

- Nomination met all Tacoma Municipal Code application requirements.
- Nomination packet included original 707 pg. National Register nomination.
- Nomination effort included documentation demonstrating majority support.
- Nomination effort included supporting documentation before and after Landmark meetings to aide in deliberations to assist with questions asked.
- Nomination supports COT Historic Preservation Goals
- Nomination supports COT Comprehensive Plan Goals
- Nomination supports COT Municipal Codes
- Nomination supports Diversity, Equity & Inclusivity Goals
- Nomination supports the Biden/Harris Administration Goals

In closing this rests in your hands to move forward to the Planning Commission. We hope there is enthusiasm to do so. The total land coverage of all Historic Districts in Tacoma is only 3%, we feel more can and should be added. City Council set a precedent in 2021 when approving a reduction in height down to 20' for structures in View Sensitive Overlay Districts. The Planning Department cited views, solar exposure, openness and character defining features of the houses as supporting evidence for the height reduction in their prepared study.

Thank you.

From: Jodi Cook <jodi.cook0983@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 4:01 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC Meeting 2/9/22

Attachments: College Park public comment.docx

To: Landmarks Preservation Commission

From: Jodi Cook Date: 2/9/2022

Believe those who live in the area, should be afforded the stronger voice in bringing forth this nomination. However, I will share my observation of this neighborhood, being a frequent visitor to family and friends who reside in College Park.

Buildings and land, are essentially inanimate objects, they don't choose who lives, works or plays within their walls or in the yard. They don't choose who resides, nor whether current residents are renters or owners.

If the College Park Historic District is approved as a Tacoma Historic District, it captures a time in Tacoma's history of one of its first suburbs to expand, because of bridges traversing gulches.

Built for the pocket book of the working class. These homes bones are constructed of first growth timber; numerous windows bringing in natural light and cool cross breezes during warm weather. Roofs designed to shed our rainy climate. If not yet 100 years old, CP's homes will soon be, and the marvel is they can stand for 100's of years if homeowner occupied or as investment property owners, properly maintain for the generations who will reside in the future. They are truly the original "green" homes.

I grew up in the post WWII suburbs built during the 60's to 90's. Not very imaginative, "cookie cutter". Maybe only 5 to 8 house plans, usually flipping which side the garage was to be attached, all "colonial" design, one after another, after another. Many people like this type of consistency, others like myself gravitate to appreciating the crafted home of yester years builders who added little unique touches to make each home special.

The new changes coming to zoning via Home in Tacoma, will not prevent the ability to add more types of housing to any Tacoma neighborhoods, and that includes historic districts like College Park. That is very significant.

My hope is Commissioners will view this nomination for future residents, who also want to experience places to live where these small, charming, sturdy homes exhibiting complementary building architecture, but also landscapes created through the decades, can be experienced and appreciated.

Thanks for reading. Jodi

From: Corso . <Corso1965@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 11:50 AM

To: Landmarks

Cc: Rumbaugh, Sarah; Hines, John

Subject: College Park Historic District nomination to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places

Dear Landmarks Planning Commissioners,

I continue to support the College Park Historic District nomination.

The nomination meets the threshold criteria as specified in TMC 13.07.040.B.1.a and b., designation criteria as specified in TMC 13.07.040.B.2a., c. and f., and the special criteria for the designation of a historic special review district as specified in TMC 13.07.040.C.1.a, b., and c.

While the criteria for evaluating nominations are clearly stated in the TMC, some commissioners have been manufacturing criteria based on personal political convictions. For example, some commissioners have raised concern about equity during the deliberations of this nomination even though it is not included in the list of criteria commissioners are directed to consider. Nowhere in the TMC are commissioners given the authority to manufacture criteria during deliberations. Doing so is misconduct.

I expect Chair Bartoy to conduct principled meetings firmly grounded in the TMC, checking his political convictions at the door, and requiring commissioners to do the same.

Sincerely,

Geoff Corso

701 N J St., Tacoma

From: Felicity Devlin <felicitydevlin@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 1:27 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC Hearing 2/9/22

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing in support of the proposed College Park Historic Special Review District.

The proposed district is a remarkably intact area of homes that is historically interesting, as an early streetcar neighborhood, and aesthetically appealing. I'd like to see it preserved for the next generations of Tacomans.

Hopefully, the historic designation would provide some protection to viable historic structures. It concerns me that many of our old homes are being demolished because property owners want to replace them with a larger house. Thus we lose the history and visual coherence of a streetscape. Not to mention the loss of a perfectly viable building.

Sincerely,

Felicity Devlin 2417 N Washington

From: ken@goldenmonkey.us

Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 3:17 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC Hearing 2/9/22 - Opposed to College Park Historic Special Review District

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a property owner at 1902 N Junett Street within the proposed College Park Historic Special Review District. I am opposed to this designation which is to be discussed on 2/9/2022 by the Landmarks Preservation Board.

I believe that it is in conflict with two priorities of the City of Tacoma:

- 1) It does not promote the equity and equality values of the city. These designations amount to an HOA, which historically have been used to promote segregation. I am opposed to anything that will have the net effect of reinforcing systemic racism and will dilute efforts to build a more equitable community.
- 2) A designation of this type would ham string the city and make efforts to provide and promote affordable housing in all neighborhoods possible.

Additionally, I believe that there is a third issue, which is the complexity of work and costs associated with maintaining properties according to these rules. I believe it will have a dispproportionate and disparate negative impact on seniors who own property in this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ken Gibson

1902 N Junett St Tacoma, WA 98406

From: Greg Hyde <ghyde34@gmail.com> **Sent:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 10:06 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC hearing 2/9/22

Hello,

I am writing to oppose the designation of the College Park Historic Special Review District. I live in the neighborhood and love the area, but I think it's a bad idea to make it harder for our neighbors to make improvements to their houses. This district will make it harder to replace a rotted front porch, replace single pane windows with more energy efficient alternatives, or replace old siding. Some people may prefer the look of the historic single pane windows, but it's frankly none of our business what our neighbors want to do with their houses. The bigger risk to the character of our neighborhood would be people not keeping up their houses, rather than people making changes to the exterior of their houses. Even for projects that would be approved, this district adds an extra layer of hassle and difficulty for homeowners trying to keep up their properties.

- Greg Hyde

From: Jill Jensen
To: Landmarks
Subject: LPC meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:56:38 PM

Please approve College Park Historic Designation Jill and Rob Jensen 3002 N 13 Tacoma. WA. 98406

Sent from my iPhone



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Reuben McKnight Historic Preservation Office 747 Market Street, Room 345 Tacoma, WA 98402

Dear Reuben,

On behalf of the Board of Historic Tacoma, I am pleased to write this letter of support for the listing of the National Register College Park Historic District on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, and to endorse its designation as a Historic Special Review District.

College Park represents a significant period of development in Tacoma both historically and architecturally. Its streetcar development pattern and modest, well-built homes perfectly reflect the optimism of mid-20th century Tacoma. The nomination is comprehensive and well executed. It has passed a high hurdle of review by the WA State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the National Park Service. and its listing on the National Register of Historic Places is a welldeserved honor.

This nomination comes before the Landmark Commission backed by an impressive volunteer effort and years of preparation and outreach. The support of the residents is well documented and speaks to the pride we all share in this legacy neighborhood. We urge you to take the most important step of local designation and ensure its continuing legacy.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Brooker,

Karmen Brook

Board President

From: Michael <mmalaier@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:37 AM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC hearing 2/9/22

As a homeowner in the College Park Neighborhood, I strongly support its inclusion in the Tacoma Register of Historical Places. The neighborhood is beautiful and emblematic of the designs and architectural styles of the 1920s, a period when Tacoma was beginning to blossom.

Thank you,

Mike Malaier

From: Erin <elm78@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:15 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC hearing 2/9/22

I cannot attend the meeting, but I OPPOSE the historic district for College Park. Requiring design review is costly and limits originality in a district that already does a good job of maintaining its appeal and character. Thank you,

Erin McIlrath 3202 N 19th St

From: Marshall McClintock <marshalm@q.com>
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 10:09 AM

To: McKnight, Reuben

Subject: Support for adding the College Park Historic District to the Tacoma Register of Historic

Places

Dear Tacoma Landmark Preservation Commission:

As a former LPC commissioner for some 10 years, I urge you to support the listing of the National Register College Park Historic District on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places. I happily joined in the unanimous vote to support its inclusion on the National Register as well as the Washington Heritage Register several years ago. That nomination passed a higher hurdle than required by Tacoma's register, including review by the WA State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the National Park Service. The College Park National Register District represents a significant period of development in Tacoma both historically and architecturally and retains a high level of integrity.

Sadly there has been some adverse publicity about the College Park nomination and the proposed Home in Tacoma (HiT) zoning plan. However, Elliott Barnett, the lead planner on the HiT plan, has said unequivocally that historic districts are compatible with HiT. Indeed, College Park represents a neighborhood that's retained its so-called "missing middle". The questions LPC need to answer are about whether the proposed College Park District meets the requirements for the establishment of a city landmark district as set out in TMC 13.07. I think you will find that the proposed College Park District wholly meets and exceeds the criteria for designation listed in this chapter, the goals and purposes of that chapter and the goals and policies contained within the Preservation Plan element of the city's Comprehensive Plan.

Regards,

Marshall McClintock

From: Margaret Heizenrader <mheizen@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 9:32 AM **To:** Landmarks; mheizen@yahoo.com

Subject: LPC hearing 2/9/22

Landmarks Preservation Commission

My home is a contributing property within the College Park Historic District. I fully support having this District recognized by the City of Tacoma and the Commission.

I do, however, have neighbors who do not support this recognition. One objection is that "I don't want anyone telling me what I can do" to my property. That is fine but I would imagine that those neighbors would be even more upset if a developer bought the house across the street with the intention of demolishing it and replacing it with...



this, this, or this.

It is my belief that if a remodel or new construction is to take place within an historic district (which would require planning permission) that project should reflect the type of housing already present. Set-back from the sidewalk should be similar, the height of the new building should be similar, and design of the new building should be complimentary to its neighbors, and measures for adequate off-street parking should be included in the planning process. Imagine if the examples of inappropriate and uncomplimentary building pictured above were replaced by something like...



this, this, or even this.

I hesitate to respond to the request for comments on this issue. Special interests and developer's wishes often seem to be considered before the wishes of the tax paying home owning citizen, but as this issue concerns the area in which I live I could not say nothing.

Margaret Heizenrader 3320 North 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98406 253 241-6471

From: Jim Merritt <merritt@merrittarch.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 10:22 AM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC hearing 2-9-22

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in support of the designation of the College Park Historic Special Review District.

As an architect that has worked in Tacoma on historic preservation for over 40 years, as well as a past member and chair of the Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission, I believe this is a very appropriate designation for this residential neighborhood adjacent to the University of Puget Sound.

I trust that the Commission will be very supportive of this designation.

Thank you.

Jim

James R. Merritt FAIA

Principal
Merritt Arch PLLC

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merritt@merrittarch.com

From: bandgneal@thewiredcity.net

Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:56 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC hearing 2/9/22

To the Landmarks Preservation Commission:

We have been property owners and residents in the proposed district since 1992.

Our comments favor the creation of the proposed College Park Historic Special Review District. We believe the original applications are well researched, and the inventory of contributing properties is comprehensive exhaustive and complete. The boundaries of the review district seem sensible based on the irretrievable changes that have occurred north of 6th Avenue, and sensible along Pine Street to the the east where the neighborhood transitions into housing of a different character. The borders to the east along Alder and north of University of Puget Sound provide margins and definition with the hope that UPS will be a good partner in buffering, with compatible architectural styles, the transition into the characteristic housing of the District. We recognize we would be required to submit any future plans of our own for review by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, do not believe that process would be unnecessarily burdensome, and will be happy to conform any of our plans for our contributing property built in 1929 to maintain the character of this unique part of Tacoma.

Robert & Gay Neal

1108 N Cedar St

Tacoma WA 98406



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Landmarks Preservation Commission 747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

RE: NSHD Support of College Park Historic District Nomination

Commissioners:

I'm writing on behalf of the North Slope Historic District Board of Directors to express its support for the nomination of the College Park

Historic District as a city historic district. The College Park neighborhood has been recognized as a state and national historic district for several years. While it does not adjoin the NSHD, it is nearby and its homes are around the same age as many in the NSHD. We agree with the descriptions provided by the proponents regarding the history and significance of the neighborhood and agree that it represents an intact residential neighborhood of middle-income homes that tells part of Tacoma's history, as the NSHD does.

Historic preservation should not be limited to the largest and grandest of historic structures. While those have great significance, so do the places where average individuals and families lived and worked. Just as the study of history cannot be limited to well-known political and military leaders (who in this country were usually white males), historic preservation cannot be limited only to the places where famous people were known to have lived and worked.

We believe that the College Park neighborhood meets the Secretary of the Interior's criteria for listing as a historic district. The process of obtaining the state and national designations resulted in documentation of the neighborhood's consistency with these criteria. As a residential neighborhood, it has retained most of the physical characteristics of its historic period. It represents a typical middle-income residential neighborhood of its historic period, telling part of the history of the individuals and families who developed this part of Tacoma, and preserving this history for future generations. Please support the city historic designation of the College Park Historic District.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Cade

Chair, NSHD Board of Directors

From: Tim Olsen <Tacoma@luth.org>
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 2:45 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC hearing 2/9/22

I wish to express my support for designating the College Park area as a local historic district. I do not live in the College Park area.

I am not opposed to increasing density in our residential areas. I believe that this is inevitable and is a better solution than continued sprawl of cities into rural areas. But I hope that increased density can be wisely designed to preserve historic homes and large trees. I think that the local historic district designation might slow down a thoughtless and ugly rush to higher density, and encourage more thoughtful and creative planning.

Tim Olsen
Tacoma Tree Foundation Board Emeritus
8222 South Park Ave
Tacoma WA 98408
tacoma@luth.org

From: Barbie Pratt

Sent: Barbie Pratt

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 9:31 AM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC hearing 2/9/22

Dear Preservation Board,

I live at 2924 N 20th St and I'm writing to let you know that I support making our neighborhood part of the College Park Historic District.

Our home turned 100 this year and it is important to me that we preserve the charm and character of our neighborhood for current and future residents.

Thank you.

Barbie Pratt

From: * GAYLE RIEBER PHOTOGRAPHY <gaylephoto@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 8:20 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC hearing 2/9/22

Greetings. I'm in favor of the College Park Historic District proposal.

I have lived in this district for 43 years. (I'm "historic" like the area.) Our daughter attended neighborhood schools and as an adult she looks forward to living here again in her future.

Our house was built in 1907 by a Swedish-American man with the last name of Hammerbeck. That name is engraved in our front door knocker. He was a mailman and parked his horse and carriage alongside the house. Story goes that he chopped trees in the area and brought them to a sawmill on the gulch nearby and used them to build this house. The house has a style called "Craftsman." It has gone through a few owners since that time.

We are fortunate to live near the University of Puget Sound with its amenities and beautiful campus. We love the trees of different ages and heights. We love the quiet and the walkability of this area (even though we're one block from an arterial). Many people stroll by here and walk their dogs throughout the day-- on days when it's not raining hard. I believe the "historic district" designation will help preserve the integrity of this area, that it will incentivize residents to respect its character and project that into the future of Tacoma.

Gayle Rieber 2902 North 20th St 98406

From: lriegel@harbornet.com

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 4:44 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC hearing 2/9/22

Yes, save our neighborhood's character. !!! I am in favor of College Park.

Lynn Riegel 2910 North 20th St. Tacoma 98406

THANKS SO MUCH

From: Patricia Roundy <roundype@plu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 3:59 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC hearing 2/9/22

We write today to express our strong opposition to the proposed College Park Historic Special Review District. We appreciate very much this opportunity to express our views to you, and thank you for your hard work in reviewing the extensive nomination materials submitted. Our home is listed as "historic contributing" in the nomination materials for the College Park Historic Special Review District. My husband and I bought our home in 1987 and have lived in it continuously for 35 years. I have listened with great interest to the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) meetings when the proposed College Park Historic District was under discussion. In doing so, I have learned a good deal, not only about the proposal, but also about the complex, detailed, and meticulous work of the Commissioners. We have a number of objections to the proposed College Park Historic District.

First, the City of Tacoma does not need another local historic district with LPC design review and new construction approval as primary features. The North Slope Historic District was created in 1994 and expanded in 1996 and 1999. The Wedge Neighborhood District was created in 2010. Therefore, it has been 12 years since the most recent approval of an historic district. Unfortunately, one way that the status quo is perpetuated is by using precedent to justify new action. Yes, these two historic districts exist, but no, the City does not need another one. Our concern is one of equity. We need to take into account the world around us today. The LPC design review is laborious and adds time to the renovation process of existing historic structures. Historic individual landmarks deserve preservation by the City, and the LPC provides a strong mechanism to support such preservation. The proposed College Park Historic District, however, runs at cross-purposes with the overarching thrust of Home in Tacoma and the desires of a significant number of homeowners within the proposed boundaries. I have heard it stated at an LPC meeting that a potential College Park Historic District and Home in Tacoma can co-exist. OK. But should they? In the 35 years that we have lived in Tacoma, the City has never had sufficient funds to undertake all that needs to be done. (Responding to the crisis of homelessness and supporting affordable housing are current cases in point.) City staff time spent working with LPC Commissioners to manage College Park is not where we want our tax dollars spent. Moreover, we note that "Tax incentives may be available for renovations to historic districts." (from PowerPoint presentation at LPC meeting, August 11, 2021). That tax incentives may be available in the two current historic districts is one thing. We do not support adding another historic district. Issues of equity and diversity must be adequately addressed as you make your recommendation. The College Park Historic Special Review District would tax limited resources of the City.

Second, I have read the information about the creation of historic districts and the model of the design review restrictions currently in place for the North Slope/Wedge. The list of restrictions is onerous. It is one thing for a homeowner to seek out a historic designation for their property; it is an entirely different matter to impose this designation on current owners whose property would fall under a newly designated historic district.

It is not fair to current owners within the proposed College Park Historic District who would face required LPC design review prior to the permitting process for external build changes. The design review obviously presents an additional hurdle to making property modifications. In listening to LPC meetings via Zoom since May 2021, typically, individual property owners or their architects present their designs for Commissioners' review. It has been stated on several occasions by Commissioners that their role is not to prevent change but to "manage change." Instead, it is my perception that "managing" is closer to "controlling." The LPC Commissioners seem

very wary of exterior changes to the front face of properties. It has been stated that details of design review will be available at a later time. That said, competing interests are in place. Details matter. Preference has been stated, for example, for replacing older windows with wooden windows instead of vinyl windows. A skylight on an upper floor on the street side of an historic home seems to raise concern for some Commissioners. At least in my hearing, Commissioners have not decided how they view solar panels. In some LPC discussions only front-facing external changes would come under the purview of LPC. In the draft document, however, it's the whole house. Questions and concerns abound. Can a deck be added to an older home? What kind of materials would need to be used to be consistent with the home? What about a ramp being built? To be sure, the permitting process would need to be followed, but the design review adds time, complexity, and potentially additional cost to a project. If property owners need to add a ramp to a "historic contributing" property to keep their home as a "forever home," what, if any, limitations would LPC impose? We object to needing to wonder about these kinds of questions. We and our neighbors have made good choices over the years in maintaining and improving our properties. Additional oversight is not warranted.

We strongly urge you to reconsider your draft document and conclude by thanking you again for your tireless work on behalf of the City.

Sincerely,

Patrica and George Roundy

From: Jack Ryan <joryan97@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 2:13 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC Meeting 02/09/22

Landmarks Commission,

I am emailing to voice my support for agenda item 4 A, The nomination of the College Park Historic District to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places. As 20+ year resident of the district I believe it is the right thing to do to preserve this beautiful century old neighborhood for generations to come and prevent greedy developers from carving up the neighborhood for their own personal gain, stripping it of its beauty and leaving nothing but poorly built apartments and multiplexes that they'll just sell off once the beauty of the area has been stripped away leaving the city nothing but the mutilated empty husk of neighborhood it used to be.

Regards, Jack R.



February 7, 2021

Landmarks Preservation Commission Attn. Rueben McKnight Planning and Development Services Department 747 Market Street Room 345 Tacoma, WA 98402

Re: Historic Special Review District, Public Hearing scheduled for February 9th, 2022, Nomination of College Park National Historic District to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.

Dear Members of the Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the commission in Support of this nomination.

As the author of the nomination I would like to reaffirm our support for the nomination of the College Park National Historic District to the Tacoma Register of Historic places as well as support for the draft resolution before you. This nomination is intended as a celebration of the unique history of our middle and working class neighborhood within the City. This nomination represents hundreds of hours of work by residents of the district to bring us to this point in the review process. Many thanks go out to all the volunteers that made this nomination possible.

Our nomination to the Tacoma Register was based on the work that led to the district's listing on both the National Register of Historic Places and the Washington State Heritage Register in 2017. An effort that took over two years to complete and was based on research that started in 1997, with the purchase of our first and current home within the neighborhood. The information presented in this nomination was previously reviewed and edited by the Washington State Department of Archelogy & Historic Preservation, the Governor's Council for Historic Preservation and the U. S. Department of the Interiors. It is a nomination that has received both awards and has been used in other cities as an example and template for meeting the detailed requirements for listing on the National Register. After nine months of review by the Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission it is our hope that you have found the nomination to be complete in form & information, capable of meeting the specific needs of the less involved requirements of the local nomination process.

Based on the discussions to date by the Commission regarding the age of the properties within the district; the district's character; boundaries; and other historic qualifications, we feel the nomination before you clearly meet the requirements set forth in the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) requirements, Chapter 13.07.060. As a part of these requirements, we have also demonstrated substantial support required by property owners and residents for the designation of the Historic Special Review District designation (Listing on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places) as noted in the TMC requirements. This is evident by the letters, petitions and/or feedback from the public survey and meetings. The creation of the district is supported

by and compatible with the cities community and neighborhood plans and policy, as stated in the One Tacoma comprehensive plan and other city policies.

We are proud to note that we now have over 55% of the households within the National Historic district expressing their support for the nomination in writing, 321 properties have signed on out of the total of 582 properties found within its boundary. This effort was achieved through mailings, petitions, door to door conversation and most recently through the TPLC own survey process and public meetings. Currently, there are about 30% of the district residents who have yet to make their wishes known or have listed themselves as neutral on the subject of the nomination. We will continue to reach out for their thoughts. This accomplishment, a majority support by the residents is by comparison greater than the typical turnout in most public elections within the city. While this effort is not a direct vote for the listing, it does show the substantial support noted in the TMC for listing of a historic district to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places and the creation of a special review overlay district.

During the submittal and review process, we have provided copies of all the letters, petitions and cards received as evidence of this support and have submitted them along the way, leading up to individual TLPC meetings and this Public Hearing. We ask that all the documents, petitions, cards letters etc., submitted during the review process in support of the nomination be added to the public record as part of this public hearing. We would be happy to resubmit them if you request, but to minimize the length of the attachment for this written response they were withheld. Based on a request by a TLPC commissioner, made during a review meeting, we have also attached a copy of our current map highlighting each location of support within the historic district for reference.

The Tacoma Municipal Code also notes that any new district be compatible with and support community and neighborhood plans. The creation of this special review district does support the neighborhood and community policies found within three principle elements of the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan; The Urban Form, Design + Development and Housing Elements as well as the Historic Preservation Plan in general. These elements call for continued equitable, affordable, and sustainable development of the City of Tacoma, as well for preservation and strengthening of existing vibrant and unique Tacoma neighborhoods and assets. For reference we have attached a list of the goals and policy's that support the creation of historic districts within the city. This list should be considered a good starting point, to be added to as the discussion continues.

Our Nomination efforts to create Tacoma's first historic district in over a decade is supported by the following local organizations though their letters of support submitted during the review process. We ask that those letters be added as well to the public record along with any new supportive letters received prior to the public hearing.

- Historic Tacoma
- Washington Trust for Historic Preservation
- The North End Neighborhood Council
- The North Slope Historic District

We will continue to attend Landmark Meetings and make ourselves available to answer any questions you might have about our district, the nomination, or concerns. We look forward to an open public discussion and dialog of the topics.

At this time we ask for your approval of the nomination of the College Park National Historic District to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places and Special Review District, as outlined in the draft resolution before you, along with your support in the Planning Commission review ahead.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ryan, Architect

College Park Historic District Association

One Tacoma, Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policy's:

The following policies and goals provide varying degrees of support for the proposal. A portion of this list was originally prepare by the city during last year's discussions and approval by the City Council for revisions to lower building heights within View Sensitive overlay districts and have been added to the end of our list for reference. The VSD summary was provided to the TLPC earlier in the review process to demonstrate the council's current thoughts on city policy and precedent in regard to special review districts but was not specifically discussed during the following meeting.

Supporting City Goals and Policy's:

- **Policy UF–1.4** Direct the majority of growth and change to centers, corridors, and transit station areas, allowing the continuation of the general scale and characteristics of Tacoma's residential areas
- **Policy UF-1.5** Strive for a built environment designed to provide a safe, healthful, and attractive environment for people of all ages and abilities
- **Policy UF–1.9** Encourage high quality design and development that demonstrates Tacoma's leadership in the design of the built environment, commitment to a more equitable city, and ability to experiment and generate innovative design solutions
- **Policy UF–1.10** Leverage the power of the arts, culture and creativity to serve the community's interest while driving growth in a way that builds character and quality of place.
- **Policy UF–1.11** Evaluate the impacts of land use decisions on the physical characteristics of neighborhoods and current residents, particularly underserved and under-represented communities.
- **Goal UF–13** * Promote the unique physical, social and cultural character Historic Residential Pattern Areas as integral to Tacoma's sense of place.
- **Policy UF–13.2** Promote infill development within the residential pattern areas that respects the context of the area and contributes to the overall quality of design.

Pattern Area 3: Pre-War Compact

This is Tacoma's most historic section of residential development, and also some of the densest neighborhoods in Tacoma, containing homes ranging from pre-1900 to the current era. The street grid is very well connected and blocks tend to be fairly short, supporting a highly walkable environment. This area has a variety of pre-zoning non-conforming lot sizes, prevalent alleyways, many large historic homes, and a mix of residential types and non-residential uses blended within the historic fabric.

- **Policy UF–13.18** Maintain and enhance the streetcar era pattern of street-oriented buildings.
- **Policy UF–13.19** Preserve the area's urban fabric of compact blocks and highly interconnected grid of streets.

- Policy UF-13.21 Integrate new development into the districts' historic development patterns.
- **Policy UF–13.22** Continue the pattern of small, connected blocks and the regular lot patterns.
- **Policy UF–13.24** Promote the retention of the existing tree canopy. Retain large, mature trees, except when they block views or pose a hazard.
- **Policy UF–13.27** Preserve and expand historic street lighting along both arterial and neighborhood streets in historic districts.
- **Policy UF–13.28** Encourage the conversion of electrical substations for recreational purposes if the sites are no longer needed for their intended purpose.
- Policy UF-13.29 Protect the residential integrity of the Wedge and North Slope neighborhoods
- **GOAL DD-1** Design new development to respond to and enhance the distinctive physical, historic, aesthetic and cultural qualities of its location, while accommodating growth and change.
- **Policy DD–1.1** Encourage excellence in architecture, site design, and infrastructure and durability in building materials to enrich the appearance of a development's surroundings.
- **Policy DD–1.2** Promote site and building design that provides for a sense of continuity and order while allowing for creative expression.
- **Policy DD–1.3** Design buildings and streetscape of a human scale to create a more inviting atmosphere for pedestrians.
- **Policy DD–1.4** Consider development of a design review program to promote high quality design that supports community identity, a distinctive built environment, human-scale elements and amenities, resilient and durable materials, landscape enhancements, and other similar features.
- **Policy DD–1.5** Encourage building and street designs that respect the unique built natural, historic, and cultural characteristics of Tacoma's centers, corridors, historic residential pattern areas and open space corridors, described in the Urban Form chapter.
- **Policy DD–1.6** Encourage the development of aesthetically sensitive and character-giving design features that are responsive to place and the cultures of communities
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- **Policy DD-1.7:** Encourage residential infill development that complements the general scale, character, and natural landscapes features.
- **Policy DD–1.8** Enhance the pedestrian experience throughout Tacoma, through public and private development that creates accessible and attractive places for all those who walk and/or use wheelchairs or other mobility devices.
- **Policy DD-1.9** Encourage development, building and site design that promote active living.
- **Policy DD–1.10** Provide for public access to light and air by managing and shaping the height, and mass of buildings, while accommodating urban scale development.
- **Policy DD–1.11** Encourage building and site designs that limit reductions in privacy and solar access for residents and neighbors, while accommodating urban scale development.
- **Policy DD–1.14** Encourage the continued use of alleys for parking access and expand their use as the location of accessory dwelling units and as multi-purpose community space.
- **Policy DD-4.1*** Preserve and enhance the quality, character and function of Tacoma's residential neighborhoods.
- **Policy DD–4.2** Encourage more housing choices to accommodate a wider diversity of family sizes, incomes, and ages. Allow adaptive reuse of existing buildings and the creation of accessory dwelling units to serve the changing needs of a household over time
- **Policy DD–4.3** Encourage residential infill development that complements the general scale, character, and natural landscape features of neighborhoods. Consider building forms, scale, street frontage relationships, setbacks, open space patterns, and landscaping. Allow a range of architectural styles and expression, and respect existing entitlements
- Policy DD-4.6 Promote the site layout of residential development where residential buildings face the street and parking and vehicular access is provided to the rear or side of buildings. Where multifamily developments are allowed in established neighborhoods, the layout of such developments should respect the established pattern of development, except where a change in context is desired per the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.
- **Policy DD-4.7:** Emphasize the natural physical qualities of the neighborhood (for example, trees, marine view, and natural features) and the site in locating and developing residential areas, provided such development can be built without adversely impacting the natural areas. Where possible, development should be configured to utilize existing natural features as an amenity to development.
- **Policy DD–4.9** Promote multifamily residential building design that is compatible with the existing patterns of the area.

- **Policy DD–7.1** * Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of buildings, especially those of historic or cultural significance, to conserve natural resources, reduce waste, and demonstrate stewardship of the built environment.
- **Goal DD-13** * Protect and preserve Tacoma's historic and cultural character.
- **Policy DD–13.1** * Encourage the protection and restoration of high-quality historic buildings and places that contribute to the distinctive character and history of Tacoma's evolving urban environment.
- **Policy DD–13.2** Encourage development that fills in vacant and underutilized gaps within the established urban fabric, while preserving and complementing historic resources and neighborhood patterns.
- **Policy DD–13.3** Protect significant historic structures from demolition until opportunities can be provided for public comment, pursuit of alternatives to demolition, or actions that mitigate for the loss.
- **Policy DD–13.6** * Expand historic preservation inventories, regulations, and programs to encourage historic preservation in areas that are under-represented by current historic preservation efforts.
- **Policy DD–14.1** * Increase the opportunities for the public to provide placemaking in Neighborhoods and business districts to help reflect, define and celebrate distinct areas.
- **Policy DD–14.8** Leverage the creative talent of artists and designers to shape the identity of place, enliven a sense of belonging, and drive a compelling vision for the built environment.
- **Policy H–1.4** Support the maintenance and improvement of the existing housing stock and encourage the adaptation of the existing housing stock to accommodate the changing variety of household types.
- **Policy H–4.10** * Encourage development and preservation of small resource-efficient and affordable single family homes throughout the City.
- Policy HP-2 Integrate Tacoma's historic resources into community planning efforts.
- **Policy HP-26** Use zoning tools to promote historic preservation goals and support an overall heritage conservation system

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GOAL H–1 Promote access to high-quality affordable housing that accommodates Tacomans' needs, preferences, and financial capabilities in terms of different types, tenures, density, sizes, costs, and locations.

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GOAL H–4 Support adequate supply of affordable housing units to meet the needs of residents vulnerable to increasing housing costs.

GOAL H–5 Encourage access to resource efficient and high performance housing that is well integrated with its surroundings, for people of all abilities and income levels.



From: Steven Treffers <streffers@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 2:02 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: LPC Meeting 02/09/22 - College Park Historic District

To the members of the Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission:

As a Tacoma resident and board member of Historic Tacoma, I am writing in support of the designation of the College Park Historic District to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places. As a district which has been previously approved for listing at both the state and federal levels, its architectural and historical significance has been thoroughly established and it is clearly worthy of local recognition as well.

I understand this nomination has spurred a larger discussion of issues relating to historic preservation, social and racial equity, and housing. These are all extremely important topics and worthy not only of continued discussion but definitive action. We know the LPC is committed towards these efforts as is Historic Tacoma, as evidenced in our recent work on the McKinley History Project among other initiatives. We seek to be partners in these efforts and know more can be done. However, efforts to expand the reach of historic preservation and the designation of the College Park Historic District are not counter to one another. I encourage you to consider the designation of the College Park Historic District on its own accord while also helping the larger preservation community identify those buildings, spaces, and sites which represent those histories that have been often overlooked.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Steven Treffers 4801 N 22nd Street Tacoma, WA 98406

From: Julie and Jay TURNER < juliejayturner@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 2:19 PM

To: McKnight, Reuben

Subject: Comment for College Park hearing

Dear Mr. McKnight,

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From: David Ullman <1onedeu1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 12:48 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: Questions For Public Hearing

To assist the Commissioners with their understanding of the College Park area, have they toured the area?

At a recent meeting, the Chair indicated that there are "resources" and costs involved with accepting the College

Park nomination. What are those resources and costs?

David Ullman 3103 N. 13th Street Tacoma

From: David Ullman <1onedeu1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 12:51 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

In evaluating the worthiness of the College Park area was the fact that within the area are enough homes being cared for that, today, that represent diversified and distinguished architecture?

Have the commissioners considered that, along with its architecture, the College Park trees offer great value to t the environment... in addition to being part of the cultural representation of the values of Tacoma's diversified working middle class?

David Ullman 3103 N. 13th Street Tacoma

From: David Ullman <1onedeu1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 12:43 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

How is the Commission confronting what appears to be conflicting attitudes between landmark preservation and the Home in Tacoma program?

Based on published reading regarding American Cities, is there any supported doubt that the College Park area represents one of the nation's larger historic sites representing the growth of the working middle class?

David Ullman 3103 N. 13th Street Tacoma

From: David Ullman <1onedeu1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 12:46 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Aside from age, has the commission come to understand the blend of historical, aspirational, and cultural significance and value of the College Park area?

Most landmarks are considered worthy of preservation because they offer more than simply age. More often than not, they represent life as it existed 50 to 100 years ago. Has the commission considered that the CollegePark area represents Tacoma the aspiration of a working middle class?

David Ullman 3103 N.13th Street Tacoma

From: David Ullman <1onedeu1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 12:37 PM

To: Landmarks

Subject: QUESTIONS FOR COLLEGE PARK DISTRICT HEARING

Among the few questions asked at regular commission meetings are questions concerning architectural and other changes, etc. to residences. In order to preserve the College Park area, is there a list of all those things that home owners will have to be considered for commission approval...prior to their request for approval?

David Ullman 3103 N. 13th St. Tacoma