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Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 10:23 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Antupit, Stephen
Subject: FW: Urban Design Review @ City Council 4/23 ***Please consider providing testimony***
Attachments: 240419_Letter in Support of COT Urban Design Program.pdf

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City Clerk,
Please find my attached testimony for the upcoming hearing on the Urban Design Review program.

Regards,

Ben Ferguson, AIA, LEED AP, ASSOC DBIA
Managing Principal

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From: Antupit, Stephen <SAntupit@cityoftacoma.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 4:43 PM
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Subject: Urban Design Review @ City Council 4/23 ***Please consider providing testimony***

Valued Project Advisory group members:

The City Council will hold a Hearing next week, which is the LAST step before they vote to implement the Urban Design Review proposal.

I do hope you will consider this invitation to provide testimony, in person, in writing to cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org , or by dialing in via Zoom.

Please see below for details, and feel free to contact me for more information.

Regards,
Stephen



————— Notice of —————
Public Hearing

On Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at approximately 5:15 p.m., the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed creation of the Urban Design Project Review permit and associated amendments to Title 13 of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

The meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format that includes an in-person component and a remote option. ***To attend in person, the meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, on the first floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building, located at 747 Market Street. The meeting can be attended remotely by dialing 253-215-8782 or through Zoom at www.zoom.us/j/84834233126, and entering the meeting ID 848 3423 3126, and passcode 349099 when prompted.*** Council meetings are also available live on TV Tacoma and Facebook.

Oral comments will be taken during the City Council meeting. Those wishing to submit written comments may do so by email to the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org or by mail at 733 Market Street, Room 11, Tacoma, WA 98402, by 5:00 p.m., on Monday, April 22, 2024. Written comments will be compiled, forwarded to the City Council, and posted on the City's webpage at www.cityoftacoma.org/writtencomments.

For more information, please contact Stephen Antupit, Senior Planner, at 253-381-5195 or at santupit@cityoftacoma.org



April 19, 2024

Tacoma City Council

RE: Support for the Urban Design Review Program

Dear Tacoma Council Members,

I am writing in strong support for the Urban Design Review program. I am a licensed architect that has practiced in Tacoma for my entire career. I have specialized in the design of structures that would be affected by the Design Review Program. I was also a member of the Project Advisory Group (PAG) that was invited to help shape the program.

My experience in the PAG was very positive. Staff consistently worked to create a rationale, and simple process that included clear goals, realistic processes, minimal administrative disruption, and a clear path towards approval for conforming projects. They also provided an off ramp where a review board could consider and approve high quality projects that pursue alternative pathways to meeting the intent of the program.

I have professional experience with Design Review programs from other jurisdictions. Some are onerous and expensive, while others allow good design to circumvent flawed zoning policies. My perspective on the Tacoma program is that it is superior, and less onerous, than any other program I have experience with. While not perfect, it is a very good start.

Please approve the program and support the implementation so staff and local professionals can try it out and suggest improvements in future years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Ferguson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ben Ferguson
President
Ferguson Architecture, P.S.

From: David Foster <djf3445@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 1:34 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Land Use Regulatory Code Amendments - Hearing 4/23/24

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To The Tacoma City Council,

I urge you to reject the proposed Land Use Regulatory Code Amendments. I write to you as a long-practicing architect (30 years) and former member of the Seattle Design Review Board and participant in the overhaul of the Multifamily section of Seattle's Land Use Code in 2010.

The proposed amendments are neither necessary nor an improvement to the current code. They do not make sense for mid-scale projects (lots 25-75 feet wide). They do not harmonize with other land use- and architectural requirements and will only frustrate developers and architects as they try to make projects pencil out. They introduce new restrictions that will decrease density and drive up the cost of construction, and thereby reduce the housing supply over time. The net result will be a degradation of the housing situation in Tacoma.

I have shared earlier with the City (both planning staff and the Planning Commission) detailed objections to the amendments and have tried to point out the consequences of the new restrictions, which have not been adequately analyzed and vetted by the City. It is frustrating to see the process move forward without even an acknowledgment that there are problems with the proposal.

As an architect/developer I am inclined to move my work elsewhere as I watch the Land Use Code become more irrational and more politicized over time. They take Tacoma in the wrong direction and therefore I ask you to reject these amendments.

David Foster
Principal, David Foster Architects
612 Tacoma Ave S
Tacoma, WA 98402

From: Gary Knudson <gknudson1945@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 1:34 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Please accept and distribute the attached comment letter regarding the urban Design/Design Review City Council hearing on April 23. Thank you.
Attachments: Doc2Rev-eliseo-DR Comments.doc
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Gary Knudson



GARY KNUDSON & ASSOCIATES
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TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98406

April 21, 2024

City of Tacoma, City Clerk
City of Tacoma City Council Members
City of Tacoma Planning and Development Services

Re: Urban Design Project Review (DR)

Greetings:

I am an architect retired from active practice. Since the late seventies, I have served on a host of City of Tacoma project advisory, review and study committees, advising on area, sub-area, district plans and zoning amendments such as live-work/work-live. I also served on both iterations of the DR/PAG. It is from this professional and public interest perspective, and with no vested interest in the outcome that I write to support the captioned proposal now before you. Some compelling aspects of this proposal are as follows:

1. DR rigorously adheres to the foundational planning precepts and preferred outcomes detailed in One Tacoma.
2. DR separates the rigorous and more general code standards from administration and application guidelines, which, in turn, permits UDS staff and DR Board to focus compliance means and methods on the uniquenesses of each applicant's project.
3. The form and format of the Design Review documents permit and facilitate integrated progressive upgrades and amendments, as well as education and information for residents and prospective applicants.

UDS staff, consultants and PDS have led the formulation of a planning document which represents a new level of scope and quality for the City and leadership among peer jurisdictions for similar legislation.

Please render your full support for this important and overdue legislation.

Very Truly Yours,

Gary R. Knudson
1707 North Vassault Street Apt. 8-4
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From: Michelle Mood <moodm@kenyon.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 3:52 PM
To: City Clerk's Office; Warren, Bucoda; Armstrong, Paige
Subject: Comment on "Urban Design Board and Permit Review"

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These are comments on the 'Urban Design Board and Permit Review' proposal...also to be referred to as the "Urban Design Code". This new Chapter section of the Municipal Codes (Chapter 13.19) would be a group of business/developer volunteers (Urban Design Board) with the legal authority to approve the largest scale building projects (over 100,000 sq ft) in "mixed use areas" and to put in legal ordinance that all are categorically exempt from requiring an environmental review (the Washington State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA)).

Please don't pass this.

Please don't give the authority for these huge building permits to be given to unelected business and developer volunteers to make this decision.

We need GUIDANCE and OVERSIGHT and TRANSPARENCY as we try to increase tree canopy and meet other goals of the city. This is going to undermine all the other plans guiding our development.

There is no rush. Do not pass this. This authority should never be given to such a group. The Planning Commission 10/2023 reports notes that the new "Urban Design Board and Permit Review" system will be "categorically exempt from SEPA review." No, just no no no. Any big new construction should be determined to need a SEPA environmental review or not. Don't pass an ordinance that takes that thoughtful determination away.

Dr. Michelle S. Mood (she, her, hers)

(c) 740-233-6333

Long covid despite vaxxed, boosted, and Paxlovid

#coviducks

From: Hunter Henderson <grifoth134@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 3:59 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Urban Design Board and Permit Review

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To whom it may concern,

I cannot believe the city is proposing such a dastardly process to happen. It is already enough the weak willed people in charge allowed for Bridge Industrial to screw over Tacoma but this cannot continue to happen.

People matter.
The environment matters.
What people do impacts the environment and thus the people.

We need to protect our trees and our water.
We can no longer afford to consider these things externalities of business operations.

Do not allow this to happen. We need regulations and balance moving forward not pandering to developers.

So far you people have failed this city and you should be ashamed.

Cheers,

Hunter D. Henderson, MPA

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."
-Aldo Leopold

From: Heidi S. <heidigs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 4:54 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comment for Public Hearing re: Urban Design Project Review - NO

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**Public Comments Submitted 4/22/24 for the
April 23, 2024 Public Hearing**

Re: Urban Design Project Review

I am extremely opposed to this proposal moving forward.

Most of the public has never heard of this yet, nor have been able to get much information about it.

Written comments for the 4/23/24 Public Hearing are required to be submitted prior to residents being able to see that same day's Study Session or City Council meeting presentation, and the short "Summary" available is extremely vague, mostly saying:

New development proposals larger than a certain size in the designated Mixed-Use Centers would be subject to the UDPR permit process.

... when in actuality, this would be another a group of non-elected business/developers with the authority to approve largest scale developments in some of the most marginalized communities and environmentally critical areas of the city... while exempting projects from individual SEPA reviews plus limiting community members' input!

This is far too extreme and in far too much of a rush (which raises red flags, itself) as well as this being another appointed committee from those within the industry, which creates a serious conflict of interest.

For years now, many on this council, the City Manager's office and PDS have been claiming there's "nothing we can do" about current policy allowing for terrible projects to be approved, but keep hinting that will be corrected... however, instead, we're seeing suggestions like this which are only further "streamlining" the permitting process for the convenience of developers, further weakening the City Council, while skipping more steps and protections while still avoiding the serious omissions previously identified.

From the little I've been able to comprehend of it, this seems to be requesting for new land use permitting. Residents of South Tacoma submitted for a new land use code (over three years ago) which has still been delayed and delayed and diluted while condescendingly told to us that code change is "complicated" and takes time... all the while seeing the City push through faster and faster permitting, and now this brazen proposal.

I'm not sure when this City went so terribly wrong, but the point of a Planning Department is not to find every means possible to approve every project (no matter what the cost to livability and public health), for the sake of the nation's easiest permitting. That's opposite of real city planning – that's simply turning-over our city to developers, and we're already seeing disastrous results.

As our City Council, please do not simply approve everything brought forth to you by city staff.

You must postpone consideration of this until you and the community better understand what is being proposed -and- especially since it is calling for the bold move of a change to TMC approvals, this should preferably be to a vote of the people.

Please reject this and immediately pause any further such proposals.

Heidi Stephens

From: Cathie Raine <cjrrd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 4:58 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comments for 'Urban Design Board and Permit Review' Public Hearing

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Dear Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Hines and City Council Members,

I am writing to request that this new Urban Design Board package..that includes a new 'land use permit code amendment'.. not be considered for approval for the following reasons:

(1) the 'Designated Mixed use Centers' where this New permit process will be used will include a number of areas within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD)..including the 'Tacoma Mall Regional Growth Center'. 'South Tacoma Way Neighborhood' and 'Central Tacoma Crossroads Center' and a portion of the 'Downtown Regional Growth Center'. This UDPR Board and permit review proposal is (according to the Planning Commission statements with 'findings of facts' 10/18/23 report) "categorically EXEMPT FROM THE SEPA review process. No environmental review(and, therefore no mitigations) would be required with the REQUIRED use of this UDPR permit review system in these designated development areas of Tacoma. These STGPD-related designated areas that require use of this new permit process would, therefore, not have any required environmental

protections for the Aquifer. This new permit system could adversely affect both the 'quality' and 'quantity' of the water in the Aquifer. Further pollutants could enter the aquifer AND with the impervious surface areas increases (from development projects and the 100+ acres pervious surface loss anticipated with the Bridge Industrial project). Would adversely impact the quantities of water available to recharge the Aquifer

(2) This new permit process (written as an amendment to the TMC) WOULD PLACE LEGAL AUTHORITY for permit review and decisions on large-scale development projects into the hands of a group of business and development-related VOLUNTEERS. The other control over the permit decisions for these 'mixed-use' growth areas'...using this required new permit process..would be solely handled (legally) by the Director of the Planning and Development Services (PDS) Dept. Remember what happened with the Bridge Industrial project permit application..that was approved solely as an Administrative Decision' by the Director of the PDS Dept..legally according to the TMC?

Approving this new land permit system would be akin to providing a 'blank check' to the PDS Dept and construction companies to be able to make decisions legally on very large projects in Tacoma! While this process may (on the surface) seem streamlined and efficient, it offers no environmental protections and no assurances that a livable environment (that includes climate change considerations) for residents would be a future plan.

(3) The only 'Appeal' process option available to be used with the 'Urban Design Board and Permit Review' decisions is the appeals through the Hearing Examiner(HE). Using this HE Appeals process requires a \$1,400 fee be paid. The lowest equity areas of Tacoma..that would be most impacted with the use of this UD Board review process..can least afford to pay that huge fee. This new 'UD Board and Permit Review' process...to be required now in designated 'growth centers' has not considered or factored in ' Equity' considerations...especially in these 'low' and 'very low' equity areas of Tacoma! Obviously having to pay this \$1,000+ fee would limit any Appeals for decisions using this new permit system.

Please urge another approach be used:

Delay the review, approval with the 'ordinance-writing' process until AFTER the updates with the STGPD updates are completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathie (Raine) Urwin

From: Annette Agee <annette.agee@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 5:00 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Re: Urban Design Project Review package (includes: Tacoma Municipal Code amendments, creation of an Urban Design Board, new Urban Design Manual)

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Dear City Leaders

This is outrageous that the planning services department would bring this to be approved by City Council. The South Tacoma Groundwater protection program has been in progress and hasn't been completed, supposedly because they don't have enough employees. Yet they managed to put together this whole plan . Please do not approve this without some serious consideration and remember what the citizens have been asking for, it is not this plan.

Thank you for representing us,
Annette Agee6449 S Verde
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From: Cathie Raine <cjrrd@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 2:47 PM

To: Community Council of Tacoma <ccotacoma@gmail.com>

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Subject: Urban Design Project Review package (includes: Tacoma Municipal Code amendments, creation of an Urban Design Board, new Urban Design Manual)

Hi Everyone,

I know that this is a last minute situation. However, the Tacoma Planning Services Dept is now in the process of dumping new planning proposals, projects and updates.

and TMC amendments...all on a now rapid timeline to push for a quick approval by the Tacoma City Council.

Tomorrow night (Tues 4/23 at 5:15 pm during the City Council meeting) a PUBLIC HEARING is being held on the Planning Dept's

'Urban Design Board and Permit Review' proposal...also to be referred to as the "Urban Design Code". This new Chapter section of the Municipal Codes (Chapter 13.19) would be a group of business/developer volunteers (Urban Design Board) the LEGAL AUTHORITY to make decisions to approve the largest scale (greater than 100,000 sq ft) of building projects to be located in designated 'mixed use' areas of Tacoma...WITHOUT ANY REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS. In fact, the Planning Commission, in their 10/2023 'finding of facts' report, reported that the use of this new 'Urban Design Board and Permit Review' system would be "categorically EXEMPT FROM SEPA review process". Four of these designated 'mixed-use' areas are on land sites in the 'South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District' (STGPD) area..above a major Aquifer that is used as a drinking water source during drought conditions during summers in Tacoma.

Major Concerns and Reasons to NOT approve this new permit system:

1. South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) updates are years overdue..and the STGPD Moratorium has been extended already..with a still unknown completion timeline (OR, 'timeline information known..but, not shared with

the residents)

2. With No environmental protections with projects planned in these 'mixed use areas', the STGPD (aquifer) is not adequately protected with the water QUALITY (potential for unknown/unstudied environmental impacts/Pollutants added to the Aquifer) and the WATER AMOUNTS needed for re-charge of the Aquifer system. With more concentrated housing and business development (in at least four of these mixed-use areas in Tacoma) an increase in impervious surfaces would be anticipated.

3. No assurances or plans are in place to increase the 'tree canopy' of these "tree deficient" areas of South Tacoma and other Tacoma neighborhoods. Instead 'Departures' (variances) are made available to business developers to exclude tree and vegetation in the planning of projects in these designated mixed-use areas.

4. The 'goal' and 'intent' with the creation of this new 'land use permit' is to provide a "streamlined" permit process that businesses and developers can use that assures consistent and quick approvals of permits..without the inclusion of environmental issues into permit decisions and minimizes/controls the residents input into these approval decisions. So..this new permit review/approval system use could completely meet the shorter term financial goals of builders and land developers.

However, the residents will face a worsening of their environment AND the uncertainty with the planning of City projects in the future (property value decreases, fewer changes anticipated for 'Climate Change'-related planning, limited inclusion into decisions that impact their lives

5. Too many unknowns with the contents to be included in this UD Board Manual...with the main/sole source of approval to legally be the Director of the Planning and Development Services Dept. Approval of these proposed amendments to the Municipal Code would be the same as handing a 'blank check' to this Director and his group of (volunteer) business colleagues to use to use to make project permit decisions without any known rules manual.

Remember, this would be the same Director that legally made a decision to approve to approve the permit application for the Bridge Industrial 2.5 million sq ft project...against the wishes of the Tacoma residents. Do you trust Director Huffman with a 'Blank check' to be used for future project permit decisions?

ACTION PLAN available..limited at this point:

1. written comments to City Council members accepted only until 5 pm tonight (send to: Cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org).

QUICK NOTE TO: Urge City Council to delay a vote/ordinance writing until AFTER THE STGPD UPDATES ARE COMPLETED..to protect our aquifer (future drinking water)for the future!

2. Speak (in person or over Zoom) at the Urban Design Public Hearing at 5:15 pm during the 4/23 City Council meeting. (Zoom info: meeting ID: 848 3423 3126/passcode: 349099)

3. Share your concerns with your City Council member separately (via e-mail or phone) even after this Public Hearing...and Before the 4/30 Council Meeting

Thanks!

Cathie (Raine) Urwin

South Tacoma resident

Phone #: (253) 431-6689

From: Mary Beth Kovanen <mbkovanen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 4:41 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: UDPR

Hello! As a resident of South Tacoma (861 S 92nd St) I'd like to register my opposition to the Urban Design Protection Review new land use permit process. I don't want developers to be able to skip the SEPA review process.

This is an attempt to silence the community by changing the appeals requirements. Appeals must be allowed from ALL community members and they must be accessible.

Peace,
Mary Beth Kovanen
(she/her)

From: Team CCoT <ccotacoma@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 1:33 PM
To: Bushnell, Joe
Cc: City Clerk's Office
Subject: RE: Urban Design Project Review

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Greetings CM Bushnell, I'm reaching out to comment on the Urban Design Review. I'm not sure if you been following any submitted public comment on this thus far, but the short of the long is this. Can we hit pause on this?

We find ourselves amidst a year with many changes and many proposed projects, Picture Pac Ave, Home in Tacoma, Charter Review, Neighborhood Council Standards & Guidelines, and much more.

Again, there are many concerns from NCs and again community is under informed. Almost nobody knows about this.

I am asking council to consider extending engagement and to invite NCs to the table for conversations.

As written, it does not support the environment well nor does it lend to community engagement.

Remember the Grand Pacific,

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Andrea Haug
She/Her
CCoT Chair

From: Fred Dowell <freddowell54@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 1:20 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Re: Forward all city council Members please. Resending due to wrong address

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On Mon, Apr 15, 2024, 12:39 PM Fred Dowell <freddowell54@gmail.com> wrote:

I'm writing and concern of the encampment that's blocking the sidewalk at 19th and Stevens on the Stevens Street side in Tacoma

Attached your pictures that another citizen took today of the encampment that's on the sidewalk

There's the use of drugs at this location and there's even a picture of a dog bowl with dog food in it and human excrement

We need to have this removed. IMMEDIATELY

It's my understanding people have been calling the 311 number but I want you to see what we're having to put up with

Busters and encampment behind the Chevron station that's all garbage Etc too I don't know who has authority over that but you should make the business clean up the mess it's not safe for the customers that go to the cafe Elite shop in that parking area at Chevron and that Elite coffee shop has been robbed more than once

Fred Meyers is also aware of the situation and they're supposed to be contacting you from their corporate office about this

Attached is the pictures from social media app
Next Door taken by a citizen April 15th in the morning

I look forward to your prompt REPLY and that it is resolved IMMEDIATELY.

Because this sidewalk is blocked a person in a wheelchair or a walker and who was a senior or disabled and there are people that live across the street they can't get to the Fred Meyer store without jaywalking across Stevens Street to the entrance or they have to walk all the way down three blocks to the entrance to the Fred Meyer gas station and there are no sidewalks leading up to the store

Or they would have to walk on the street past that encampment and we the citizens should not have to deal with that

Please resolve this immediately or I'll have to be forced to take other steps to get it resolved

https://nextdoor.com/p/MTr7LZQ2yXCT?utm_source=share&extras=NTQxMjc5NjY%3D&utm_campaign=171320990999

From: JOHN RUIZ <jdroutwest@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2024 10:23 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: How Houston's homeless strategy became a model for other US cities | Smart Cities Dive

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Please consider applying this system to Tacoma's homeless population.

<https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/news/how-houstons-homeless-strategy-became-a-model-for-other-us-cities/637515/>

Thank you,
John Ruiz
2503 159th Street Court East Tacoma WA 98445
Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.
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From: Fred Dowell <freddowell54@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 10:14 PM
To: Hines, John; Scott, Jamika; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Pictures of South 19th and Stevens last Monday. City clerk please share with all city council members

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These are pictures that another individual sent to me so you could see the proof of what we're dealing with at 19th and Stevens

I tried to file a report on this online with Tacoma safe 311 and it won't let me because it doesn't recognize the address

They got moved off that block evidently Tuesday cuz I saw Tuesday night it was clean now they've moved it up about a block north by the back entrance to the Fred Meyer

I've spoke with management at Fred Meyers they're fed up with it with the inaction by the city and we got a fairly quick response from this last one and we expected the same now

Why am I being so persistent and passionate about this

Because I'm in a power wheelchair and if I have to cross South 19th to go to Fred Meyers I can't go on the sidewalk I have to do a jaywalk in the middle of the block or go down three blocks west to the Fred Meyers Gas Station entrance and there are no sidewalks up into the complex

This encampment stops me and other people who are disabled that are in that area that go to the store they can't go to the store now

And with the bus stop across the street at 19th with all the students is it safe for them

Finally would you like this in your neighborhood no you wouldn't and we the citizens are fed up

If we don't get a prompt response to this, I will be contacting the television stations with all these pictures

This is why we want immediate action by the city departments that handle this and not push it down the road

I am not going to stop on this until it is taken care of.

It is not fair to the citizens that live on that street and the people that shop at Fred Meyer because this increases crime in their parking lot

Do you council members know that they now have ARMED SECURITY inside the Fred Meyers and they have a Security car driving around and that officer is armed as well!

Fred Dowell

From: Olga Butrovich <olga.butrovich@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 11:40 PM
To: City Clerk's Office; Jhines1@cityoftacomq.org; Scott, Jamika; Woodards, Victoria
Subject: Homeless encampment S 18th/S Stevens

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Hello all council members!

I'm reaching out to you regarding a homeless encampment on S 18th and S Steven St.

I understand that homeless people have rights, but so do we. We have little children here as well as Foss HS students walking home/to school. People at this encampment are aggressive. They're doing drugs. Dealing drugs or have them in possession is a CRIME, then why are they allowed to commit a crime openly and not get punished? Is it their new right??

My neighbor was attacked the other day on his own driveway! The other neighbor had to chase away one of those guys from the encampment who was trying to chill on my neighbor's front yard.

Today there was a very loud conflict between neighbors and the encampment people.

The city of Tacoma has gone down the hill so badly, that it's near of becoming a prototype of the "Purge" movie. A few of our neighbors are already patrolling the street, I guess that's what we have to do since the city isn't doing it. It will escalate quickly, God forbid something bad happens to either side, the city will be the one to blame. I called 311 multiple times, they told me this issue will be resolved by Friday, April 19th, which is tomorrow. If the city can't help, I will go further until this issue is resolved.

Thank you.

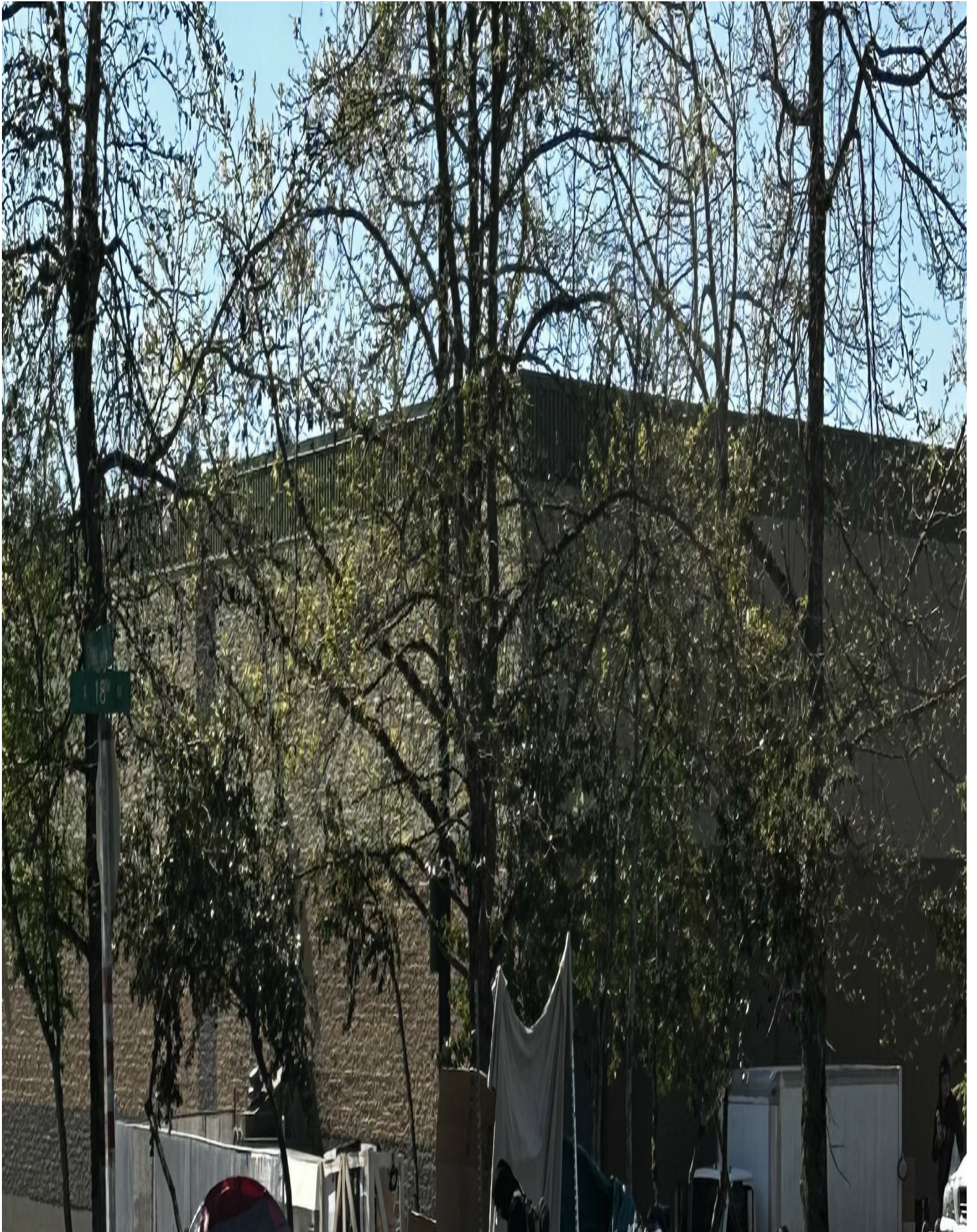
-Olga Butrovich

From: Olga Butrovich <olga.butrovich@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 1:54 PM
To: City Clerk's Office; Jhines1@cityoftacomq.org; Scott, Jamika; Woodards, Victoria
Subject: Re: Homeless encampment S 18th/S Stevens
Attachments: IMG_1636.MOV

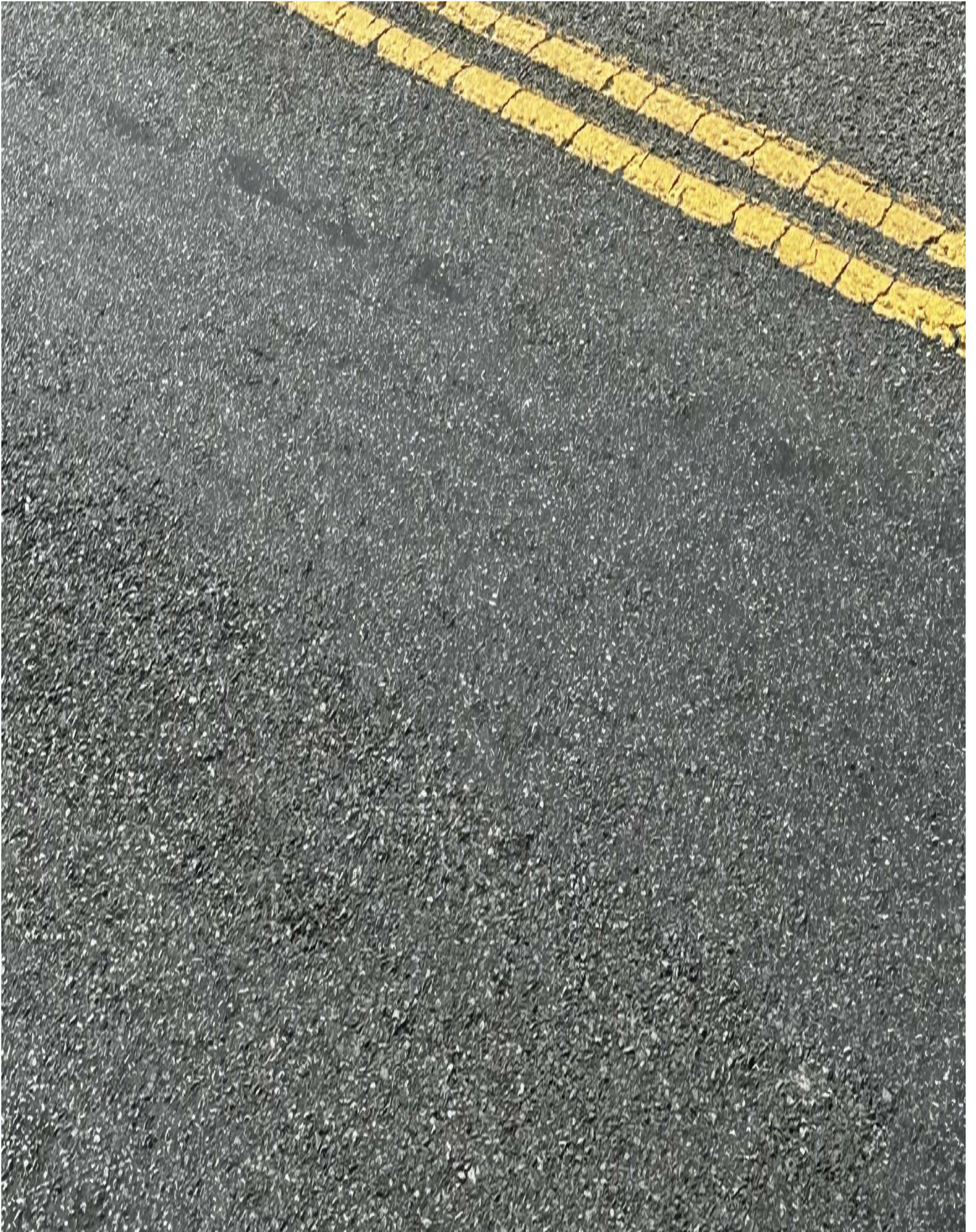
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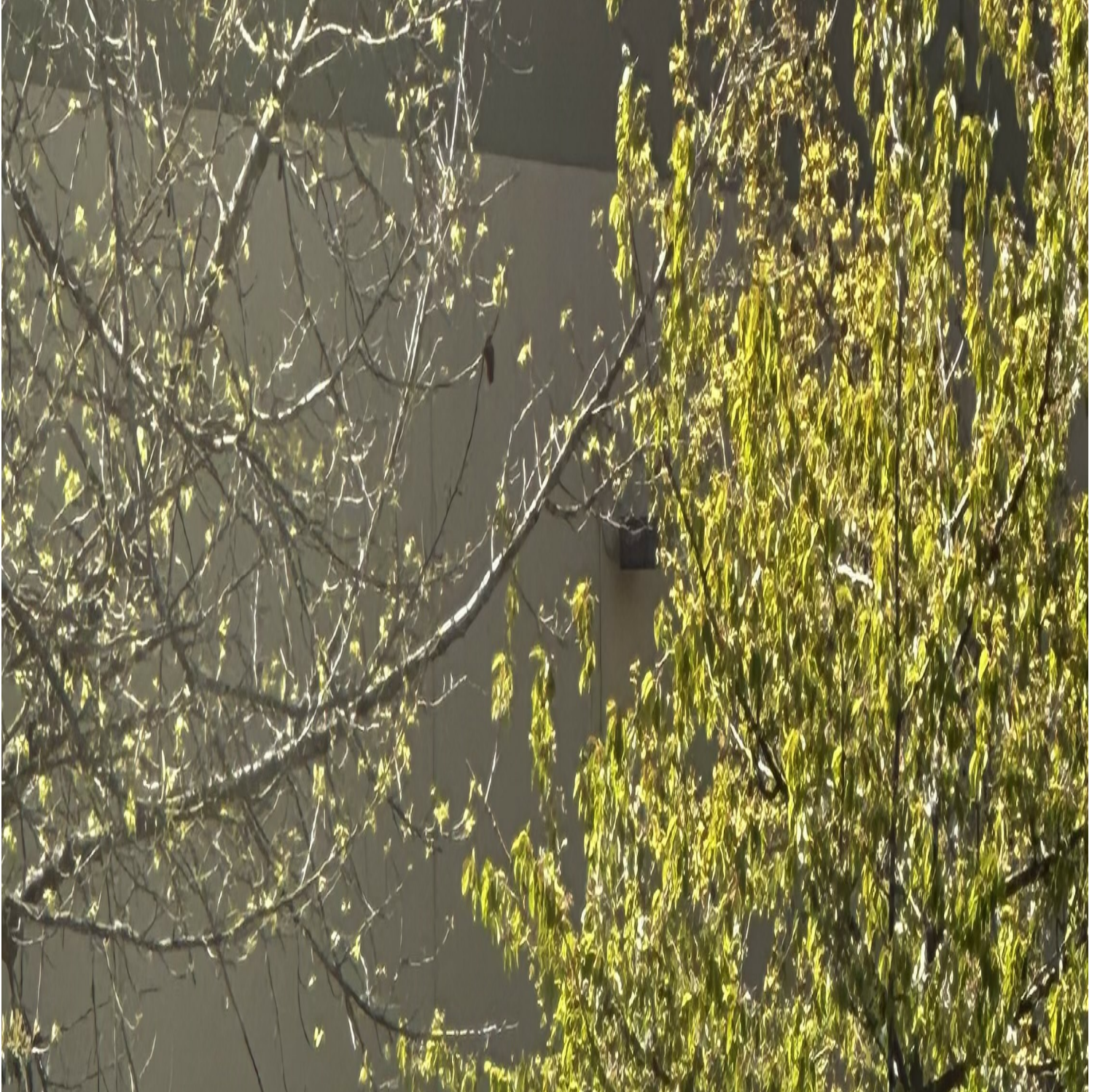
Here are some photos. 311 is helpless. And since way being heavily under influence and in possession of drugs is legal?

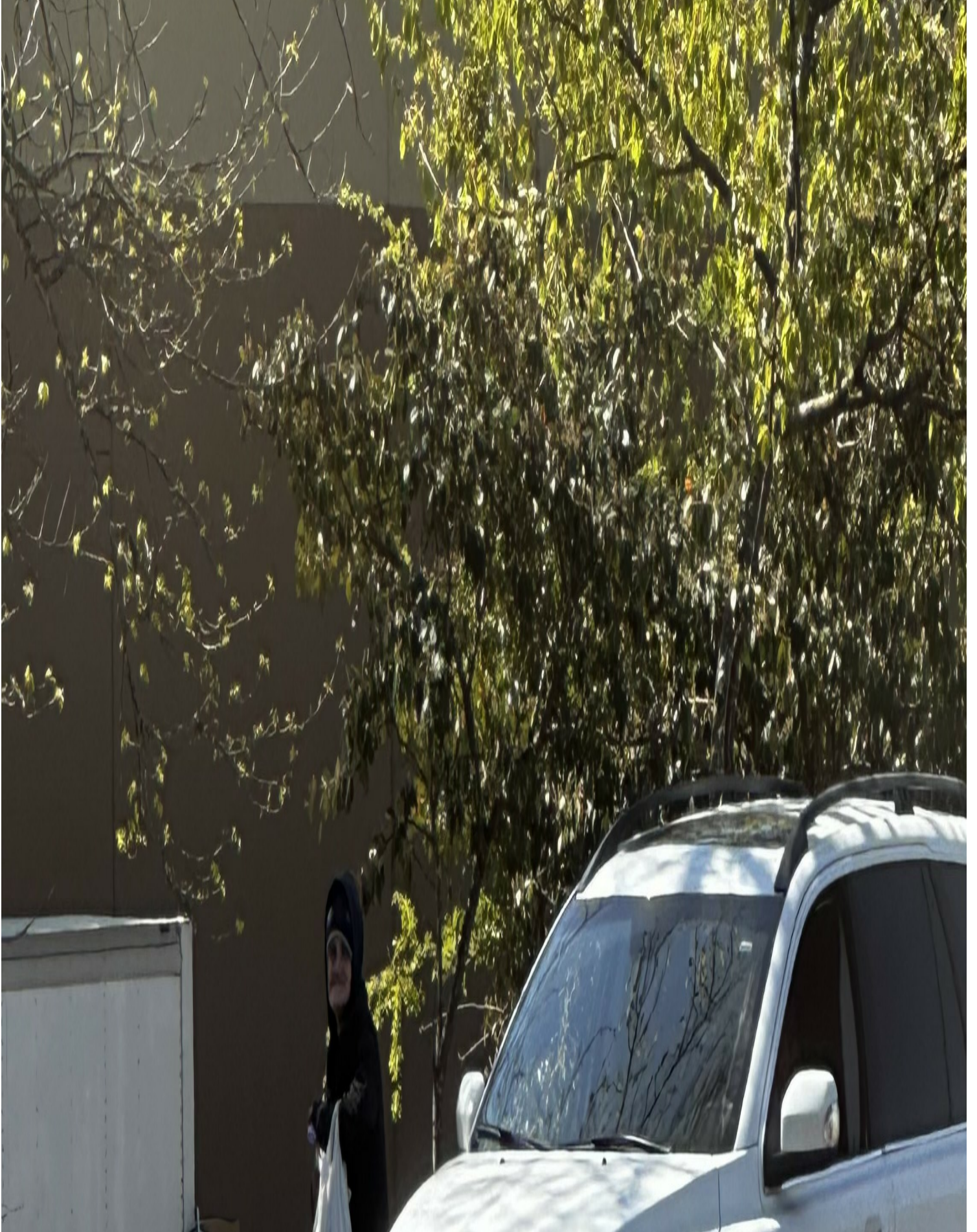






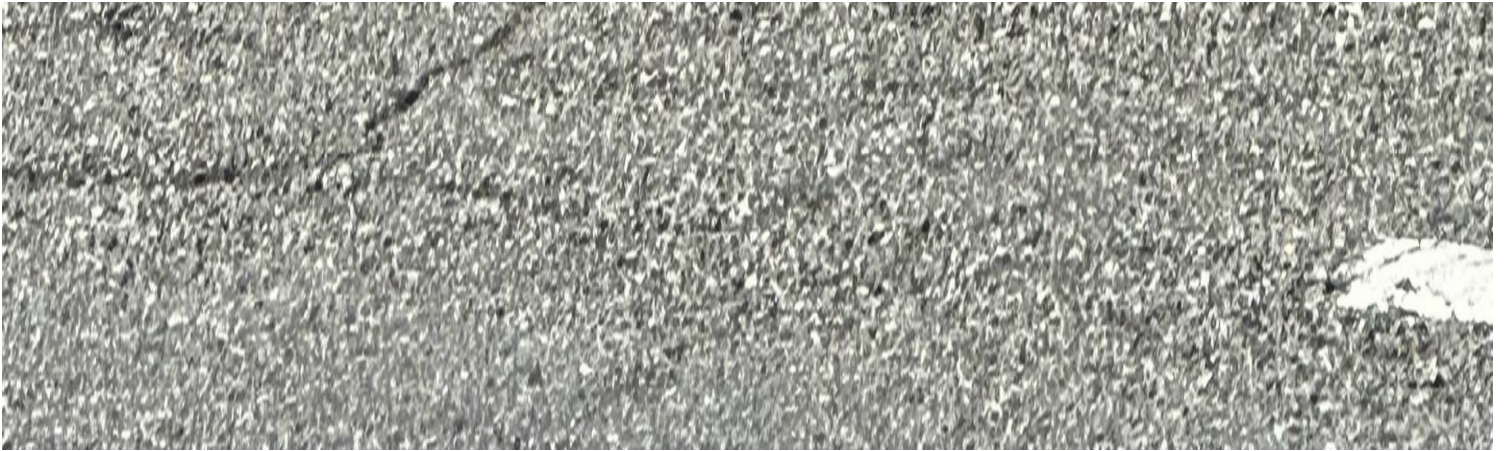












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Subject: Re: Homeless encampment S 18th/S Stevens
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04/20 the corner of our street is being used as a toilet. So it's ok to poop on the city property or actually anywhere??

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From: Daren Holter <darenholter@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 7:05 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Harrison Shooting Range and Tidy-up Tacoma
Attachments: City Council Community Forum 4.23.2024.docx

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Please include this for the community forum at tonight's council meeting.

Daren H. Holter

April 23, 2024

To whom it may concern.

Mayor and members of the City Council. Over the next several months I will be presenting several areas of concern that the council and the public need to be aware of. The data and information that I have collected are through public disclosure request as well as information that I have received from various emails between me and city staff. The following are items of interest that I will be covering:

1. Harrison Shooting Range 101 McMurray Rd. NE Tacoma- Highly contaminated soil with lead and other heavy metals in both City owned parcels. Concern is contamination of the soil, ground water and storm water leaving the site and entering the Hylebos Waterway contaminating the waterway and the Puget Sound. This has been going on for over 50 years needs to stop and the range transition to use only lead free ammunition. All contamination from the 2 city owned parcels as well as the contamination of the Hylebos Waterway need to be mitigated for the safety of citizens, environment and the waters of the Puget Sound.
2. Tidy up Tacoma- Public works crew are funded from the General Fund (Tax Dollars) this is gifting city services to the business owner and private property owners in the various business districts throughout Tacoma. The service the City is providing is a direct financial benefit to the owners of the property. City should not be using tax dollars to pay to have private property or businesses cleaned up. If code violations are present than code enforcement actions should take place. All business districts in Tacoma should follow the current structure in place for the downtown BIA.

Thank you for your time.

Daren H. Holter

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Community Farm
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Tacoma Tideflats Subarea Plan
Environmental Impacts Statement
I asked for 4 paper copies 1 for
myself, 1 for Tacoma Council Member
1 for Fife Council and 1 for Pierce County
Council I received one copy. The
over 400 pages has no holes and not
in a binder. I was told to go on line
the Tacoma Tideflats Subarea Plan EIS to
available to all citizens of Tacoma, Fife and
Pierce County in paper to read not all
people have computers or know how to
use computers, or have the money.

I am asking that the Tacoma Council
include all the mapped by
State of Washington Division Geology
that they have defined as Geological
Hazard areas and can not be zoned
residential, commercial or industrial
because their ^{Secretary} Geological Engineers along
with federal engineers have predetermined
these areas can never be sufficiently
engineered to be safe and need to
be zoned open space or agricultural zone
These areas include:

Liquefaction soil - Areas of the April 1949
Tsunami Hazard zone -
Dense slide / Deicke Area
Volcano Eruption / Lahar / Mud Flow / debris flow
Earthquake Fault lines etc

I am also asking you include

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The current
Map from National Oceanic and
Atmospheric / NOAA Sea Level Rise
for Port of Tacoma is already flooding
during Extremely High Tides, Full Moon
High Tide / King Tides.

Also include the Historic Flooding of
the Port mandatory evacuation Jan
2009, 1930's^{23'} floods, 1917 32 ft

From: Nickie Hall <dancerlmsw@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 5:37 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Assault
Attachments: e0ab6d30-c644-4589-a361-1dee59dbdf31-1_all_47.mp4

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