

Letter from the City Manager & Tacoma Public Utilities Director

My fellow Tacomans,

We – City of Tacoma and Tacoma Public Utilities staff – recognize the climate emergency and other crises that confront us. We hear clearly Tacoma City Council’s call to action. And, we hear our community’s voices echo throughout this Plan.

As Tacoma’s public servants, you can measure our integrity and effectiveness by our keeping with Tacoma’s democratic policy commitments. We are committed to Tacoma’s climate goals and policies, including our 2050 net zero greenhouse gas emissions goal (Climate Action Plan, 2021), the 2021 Decarbonization Resolutions ([Res. 40776](#), [U-11193](#)), 2019 Climate Emergency Resolution ([Res. 40509](#)), as well as the 2020 Anti-Racist Systems Transformation Resolution ([Res. 40622](#)), which governs everything we do. These policies embody much of our vision for our shared future. With this Plan, you can track our work as we build a Better Tacoma.

As two of Tacoma’s principal public organizations, it is our purpose to plan and act in the long-term vision of this community. The welfare of our community, across generations, is our main concern. As directors of the City and Tacoma Public Utilities, we are committed to ensuring department directors and managers embed climate and equity in every service, policy, program, project, and contract. We will continue to work with Tacoma City Council and the Public Utility Board to direct and authorize our work, including through regular funding requests that empower us to be successful. While adoption is the first step, only implementation of this Plan brings us the progress we need. Indeed, our Earth and everything that calls our planet home depend on the leadership of Tacoma and cities like ours.

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