

Community Meeting Comments

Legislative Options for Camping on Public property

December 6th, 2021

The public comments included in this document are from a virtual community meeting regarding legislative options to address camping on public property. This meeting was held at the request of members of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee and all comments and questions will be transmitted to that committee.

1. Nolan Hibbard-Pelly
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Why is surviving illegal?
2. Anonymous Attendee
Legislative=state or city?
3. Tom Hathorn
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Instead of a punitive approach, have you discussed restorative, human-development approaches?
4. Milo Hensley
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Why is this being discussed from the comfort of your own homes while houseless people are freezing outside? We need a community land trust now
5. Jone Cunningham
gabsiobhan@gmail.com
Hi,
If camping is the term being used, would the board define it?
6. Maya Horten
mhorten@pugetsound.edu
How do you reckon with the over \$1 million dollars spent on sweeps in the last year? How can that money be spent in a restorative, compassionate, and more long-term way through investing in smaller social support groups?
7. Devin Rydel Kelly - TDSA - No on camping ban!
peopleofearth@gmail.com

Is the legislation that came out reflective of the options and positive/negative impacts listed at the committee meeting the other day? If so, it was severely disappointing and not inclusive of many alternative options that are more humane

8. Alicia Price
aliciap@efoodnet.org
What email should we send our comment to for the City Council meeting tomorrow?
9. Nola Thury (she/they)
nthury@pugetsound.edu
what is CVS
10. Tacoma DSA
tacomadsa@gmail.com
My understanding is there is a legal requirement that houseless campers must be offered a viable alternative place to stay before they can be legally required to pick up their tents from public property. But if there are simply not enough shelter beds, and non-congregate options for those who are not willing to be put into the health hazards of congregate shelters, isn't it illegal to force people to move off public lands?
11. Chad Allen
chadallen@ft.newyorklife.com
Can we ask our question and make statements on zoom Q&A Tab for tonight?
12. Regina Eury
rceury@gmail.com
can the Boise decision be overruled by state legislation
13. marilyn
gnome253@gmail.com
Can you define what is public property?
14. Robb Krehbiel (he/him)
robb.krehbiel@gmail.com
Why are we relying on Tacoma PD to respond to camping? Is there another agency that can respond? I don't trust TPD to respond appropriately or with compassion.
15. Mary Jo Strom Copland
mj@thetravelcompany.net
what portion of "Unhoused residents" are actually from Tacoma?
16. Devin Rydel Kelly - TDSA - No on camping ban!
peopleofearth@gmail.com
Why is the city treating the camping in such a criminal/infracton way, rather than an opportunity to transform how it does and resources social services?
17. Emily Hernandez

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To what extent are mental health professionals being consulted/included in this decision making process?

18. Ember(they/them)

burningleaf91@gmail.com

Are we supposed ask our questions/comments in this chat or raise our hand?

19. Cathy Pick (she/her)

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How do we define "available shelter space?" Do we have enough space for men, women and children? Do we have shelter space that can accomodate other abled people, including blind and deaf persons

20. LaMont Green

lgreen@tacinc.org

Would we be able to speak

21. Melanie Harding

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CVS:

https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_council/CouncilCommittees/public_safety_human_services_and_education

22. Jeremy B

Jeremybebeau@gmail.com

Will these results get to the full council by tomorrow, which sounds like a separate track?

23. Robb Krehbiel (he/him)

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I genearily oppose the camping ban

24. Candy

c.n.watkins@outlook.com

May we see the poll results?

25. Shoko Yoshikawa

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camping includes cars, vans, in addition to tents? Or anything else?

26. Lcooper@portoftacoma.com

lcooper@portoftacoma.com

I do not support this Ban. We do not have avaliable resources for those in need do we? Are we gonna put more people in needs without having a place to go?

27. Claudia Riedener

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what specific outreach has CVS made to get the population in this room that will feel the brunt of such bans? people without offices, homes, power, or any place to participate?

28. Ember(they/them)

burningleaf91@gmail.com

I oppose the camping ban. Banning camping will only solve the problems listed insofar as it results in people dying of exposure. If the city wishes to improve safety and conditions in encampments they should create free public campsites.

29. Phoenix Stoker-Graham

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If public camping is banned, where do you expect all these people to be able to go? Will you provide free public housing to accommodate this decision?

30. Zepeda

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The average cost of incarcerating per day is \$85, so putting someone in jail for 90 days will cost the city about \$7650 plus the costs of police, the prosecutor and the courts. This indicates the city is willing to spend money on the unhoused, but only to criminalize them. Why is the city not willing to spend this money to HOUSE people?

31. Alexandra Corrigan

allie@onebizshoppe.com

Is there a plan in place to address the housing crisis? If we penalize folks for being unhoused we are not addressing the root issues of homelessness and merely creating a greater crisis. What is the plan to help folks struggling with addiction, poverty, and/or mental health issues?

32. Chris

chrisboitano@gmail.com

You mentioned that shelter capacity has been expanded. What work has been done to make sure these shelter options work for individuals that need them? I've spoken to several people who have tried to stay in shelters and been kicked out. Or won't go back because although there's "room" it's too overcrowded for some people to be comfortable and get the rest they need.

33. Claire Swearingen

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Please do not consider any kind of camping ban. Camping on public property is the last line of survival for many of our neighbors. Many people experiencing homelessness are already traumatized enough by the police and shelter systems alike. The last thing we need is to further criminalize and traumatize these most vulnerable members of our community. Please redirect all funds for enforcement to providing services to all people living in encampments.

34. Andrea Andrea Haug SENCo Corresponding Secretary

Andreahaug33@gmail.com

Has the City considered alternatives to the camping ban? RV Safe Park, Safe Camps?

35. elle grey

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you're asking how we can make being marginalized, sick and pain illegal. your question is inherently distracting- my questions for you are: how can you legislate to OPEN empty buildings and lots to house folks? what legislation can change access to healthcare and supported decision making? what could support people in getting more case management? we are arguing how to make survival illegal while our neighbors are close to dying this month. disappointing. and no, I don't support a ban

36. Julie Headrick

julieh57@msn.com

I support camping ban....how long before an encampment can be removed?

37. Robb Krehbiel (he/him)

robb.krehbiel@gmail.com

Clarifying question: would this ban make it illegal to sleep in your car parked on the street?

38. reuben fellman

rfellman@pugetsound.edu

do you plan to provide free and accessible shelter for all homeless tacoma citizens before beginning the sweeps or are you just going to steal homeless people's tents and leave them to die without shelter?

39. lesterpoguejr.

lespoguejr@gmail.com

I do not support a camping ban until safe housing options are available.

What types of hinderances are barriers to the City's efforts to providing housing options in existing healthy vacant properties and structures in the city's portfolio?

40. Julia (she/her)

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Wouldn't criminalizing camping simply make it harder for people to get into housing because background checks for rentals make it virtually impossible for anyone with any type of criminal record to be accepted?

41. Shoko Yoshikawa

shoko62@hotmail.com

Do we have reliable statistics on the number of people in encampment and available shelter/beds in the city of Tacoma or each area of the city?

42. Lcooper@portoftacoma.com

lcooper@portoftacoma.com

This question is not from me representing the Port it is as a private citizen please.

43. K.Hansen

Kayla.hansen53370@laquinta.com

Why are homeless camps only an issue in low-income parts of Tacoma? Are they not as important as the rest of the City?

44. Stacey

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I am not in favor of a camping ban. The criminalization of homelessness does not actually address the root causes of homelessness, including barriers to social services & lack of affordable housing. It worsens homelessness by imposing fines or creating a criminal record; it's expensive and wasteful, and there are more effective options of alleviating the problem of our unhoused neighbors living unsheltered on the street.

45. Mark Dombrosky

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Opposed to camping ban. These people need help not arrests or tickets or police.

46. Marlene Warfield

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We need to meet the basic needs of our homeless population rather than focusing on their behavior. Then we can begin to deal with the cause rather than the symptoms. Do not look at the person as being the problem rather focus on fixing the situation and supply basic needs. The five basic needs are Breathing, Food, Water, shelter, clothing and sleep. I appose the camping ban

47. Ron

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Is camping on public property already illegal, and if so, why not enforce current laws instead of creating new rules, which may not have the force of law behind them?

48. Travis

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Why is there no conversation about building more shelters or tiny houses?

49. marilyn

gnome253@gmail.com

Is the sidewalk and easement in front of my house considered public property?

50. Athena Brewer, SENCo Chair (she/her)

senco253@gmail.com

Oppose camping ban! For anyone who supports the camping ban, where do they expect houseless people to go? My plea is for the council to NOT consider a camping ban of any kind until we have adequate services and housing available for all our houseless neighbors. Instead, please focus efforts on addressing the root causes of homelessness with humanity and compassion. Pushing houseless folks out of Tacoma will not solve the problem. We need to come together as a community to lift all boats.

51. elle grey

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my question is not rhetorical, id like to know what she think

52. Harold Odom
harold.odom2@outlook.com
Will you be including the voices of the homeless population. Their voices could help define the needs of this population
53. Catherine Garretson-Bilnoski
alaindrea@yahoo.com
How exactly is a camping ban going to do anything other than criminalize homelessness? You can't fine someone who has no money, and putting people in jails is not only unsafe but a burden on an already overburdened system? In waht way could such a ban be expected to be reasonably enforced?
54. LaMont Green
lgreen@tacinc.org
Against - A ban on camping on public property is inhumane given the current crisis. Given that homelessness is a Racial Justice, Disability Justice, and for young people a LGBTQ Justice issue, how does a Camping Ban on Public property align with Tacoma's values of becoming an Anti-Racist City as outlined in Resolution 40622 - Heal the Heart of Tacoma Initiative?
55. Anonymous user
Curtisklj@outlook.com
Can you explain why criminalizing homelessness is a viable option for CVS or the council? Does the city plan on building more jails? Is this beneficial for the health of the city?
56. Regina Eury
rceury@gmail.com
please address question on Boise ruling
57. Wolf Cook (she/her)
wolfforthepeople@gmail.com
Housing is a human right, and these sweeps only serve to compound the difficulties our homeless neighbors are already facing. the only thing that's truly criminal is the system that allows these conditions to exist in the first place, and the landlords raising rents and evicting people during a global pandemic
58. Steven R Ketelsen, 27-443 resident
podfish@gmail.com
opposed to ban.
- has the council considered any idle or underused public lands for semipermanent camps in addition to more permanent microshelter construction & maintenance?
59. Tara Brown
baratown@gmail.com

How can people who would be impacted by this ban (who do often not have on-demand internet access) meaningfully participate in this process? -Tara Brown

60. Sandra Ford

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I would like to hear their story, why and how did they become homeless? lack of Affordable Housing. work or is it all drug addiction? I have empathy for our homeless. what good is the ban if there is no place for them to go.

61. James Pogue

jpogue@cmhshare.org

As the city of Tacoma had a camping ban that expired in 2019, do you have any data to support the effectiveness of a ban? What is the goal of a ban? Does it do anything to save money, reduce homelessness, and/or reduce crime?

62. Nathan Schumer

nss2108@gmail.com

has the city done an equity analysis on this policy? Is there an intent to do so?

63. randee

randeemae@hotmail.com

Can you share the slide with pros/cons of what has been considered?

64. Erin (She/her)

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How would you define a person as "being from Tacoma"?

65. Tex

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The vast majority of people on the street are grappling with mental health concerns as well as addiction. Will you mandate whatever providers you send untold millions of tax payer dollars to, include continued treatment and case management in their contracts?

66. elle grey

ellegreymail@gmail.com

why won't you ask one of my questions?

67. Shoshana Groom

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What are the restrictions placed on those living/receiving shelter in the shelters the city provides? Has the city worked to make sure that their shelters could accommodate everyone currently camping on public property?

68. Ty Moore

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Isn't illegal to force someone who is camping to move unless they have a viable alternative place to stay offered? In the case where congregate shelters are already overflowing, doesn't any

camping ban violate the law? What about people who don't feel safe in congregate shelters due to health or other concerns?

69. Alicia Price

aliciap@efoodnet.org

As the council is hoping to shift folks living on the street to shelters, is the council aware of the many reasons shelters are not an option for folks? (such as family separation, sexual abuse, stability, uncompassionate shelter requirements)

70. Oneida Arnold

oneida226@rainierconnect.com

How would this potential ordinance work with the Tacoma/Lakewood/Pierce County Five-Year Plan to Address Homelessness ?

71. David Galazin (He/Him)

davidgalazin@gmail.com

I haven't seen any literature indicating that sweeps and legislation lead to better outcomes for unhoused people. what data is the city using to indicate this would reduce harm to the community?

72. Maureen Howard

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To. be sure I understood - "public property" is limited to what the City of Tacoma owns?

73. Mark (Tacoma, Wa)

tjmarkiemark@yahoo.com

We had to hire a security guard until we get \$80,000 in permanent security upgrades to our condo building on Foss Waterway. We have seen a huge increase in crime/vandalism form an incident every few months to an incident a few times a week. Can the city put more resources downtown? We are affected more downtown

74. jamie

jamie.fiano@evergreen.edu

What measurements are being taken to confirm there are enough beds/rooms for people being affected by the ban?

75. Melissa Hollon

melissah1014@gmail.com

How was this camping ban proposed? Where/who did it come from?

76. Concerned Teacher

t.inverso@outlook.com

Zoom logistic call question: Are all participants muted and camera off automatically? I want to make sure.

77. K.Hansen

Kayla.hansen53370@laquinta.com

Support camping band

78. Liz
lizkaster@gmail.com
I strongly urge the City not to criminalize homelessness and to focus resources on investing in low-barrier, supportive housing solutions that meet the needs of people who are homeless. Also - I've seen a lot of misinformation around crime. According to the WA Department of Commerce "A person who is homeless is less likely to perpetrate a violent crime than a housed person, and is in fact more likely to be the victim of a violent crime, especially if they are a homeless woman, teen, or child."
79. New Connections
director@nctacoma.org
Generally I oppose a camping ban. a major problem with any legislation that says "must offer shelter option" as an alternative to the "unlawful" use of space for camping. Too often, counting "available" shelter space does not include actual options for actual people who do not meet the criteria of the space. Any legislation should ensure that some safe space actually exists for people.
80. Nola Thury (she/they)
nthury@pugetsound.edu
how will the camping ban be enforced? Police? I oppose the police and the camping ban
81. Rebecca Connolly
rconnolly@pugetsound.edu
i specifically oppose the camping ban
82. Steve McDonald
36legs@gmail.com
How many people are considered homeless in the Tacoma city area?
83. Devin Rydel Kelly - TDSA - No on camping ban!
peopleofearth@gmail.com
Would it be possible to table considering any type of criminalizing camping until after the city has bought or created enough housing?
84. Maria Arns
maria1955arns@gmail.com
I oppose camping bans
85. Kristen Wynne
kristen@historic1625.com
Will there be an opportunity to make comments or only post questions?
86. Rob Huff (he/him)
rhuff@mdc-hope.org
The City should focus its energy on creating safe and appropriate shelter options that people are actually willing to use. Too often I hear the narrative that people "Didn't accept services" or worse yet, "Didn't accept housing." This is harmful. I think it is safe to say that no one wants to

have people living along streets and sidewalks in Tacoma. But we have to offer options that people will choose to use.

87. reuben fellman

rfellman@pugetsound.edu

what is preventing the tacoma police from brutalizing citizens during sweeps? (I do not support a camping ban)

88. Matt

Matt@hammondknoll.com

I don't want to ask a question but make a statement-I firmly believe allowing people to sleep on the street (camp) is in no way humane. It's not good for the people on the street to enable them to continue a criminal and drug using lifestyle. Especially in the cold winter months. It's also not fair to have businesses and homeowners have to tolerate break ins and constant harassment from street "campers". As we all know most all homeless turn own the opportunity.

89. Mandy McGill

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Thank you for your time. My name is Mandy McGill and I support a legislative camping ban because I believe it is inhumane to allow camping on public property. I am a business owner with an office downtown, as well as a resident of the north end. I serve on two city manager appointed task forces including permitting and parking. My question is for the law enforcement representative. If a ban were imposed, what is your recommendation for a humane response to the individual who is breaking the law? What does the city need to do to support that effort?

90. Justin Camarata

justin.camarata@workboard.com

I oppose camping bans. Should one pass though, what would the City do to ensure there is adequate shelter for anyone who may need it during the pandemic and during the winter? It sounds that there simply isn't enough housing available right now.

91. Anonymous user

Curtisklj@outlook.com

What do we do about the settlers that have unlawfully camped here hundreds of years ago and have brought forth offspring who now occupy indigenous land. Does the city truly believe they have the authority to speak on this issue?

92. Mikayla

mikaylaheineck@realarttacoma.com

If a person is houseless how will the city make sure those people find a safe place to stay, and make sure they can keep their belongings.

93. Kellz Moylan

kelly.moylan@plu.edu

Are the individuals who occupy these camps being consulted on their perspective?

94. Tobi Bet

tobibet@gmail.com

what are we planning as well to ensure trainings and learning ops to help people get back on their feet?

95. Philip Chang
phil@philchang.net
Support a camping ban. What do you do with those who do not want to relocate into housing ie. Comfort Inn?
96. jonathan feste
feste48@gmail.com
So far, have the poorer and more racially diverse neighborhoods of the city been disproportionately impacted (in contrast to other areas by this crisis of homelessness, as evidenced by tent encampments? I support a camping ban.
97. Anonymous user
Curtisklj@outlook.com
I do not support this ban AT ALL! Housing is a human right.
98. Tricia Borgardt
pborgardt@gmail.com
If the ban passes before plans for safe camping or parking zones do, what plans will be in place for houseless people in the meantime? where will they be able to go?
99. Jone Cunningham
gabsiobhan@gmail.com
(Comment) I oppose a camping ban. As risky and dangerous as encampments are, the methods of moving people are traumatic and horrifying. For example, people losing their belongings and pets. It's complicated but i do not believe in the camping ban.
100. Oneida Arnold
oneida226@rainierconnect.com
Oppose legislation to criminalize encampment.
101. Julie Warden
baycrest@dmcimail.com
We have an encampment adjacent to my apartment building downtown. This weekend the encampment had a rather large fire burning for cooking and warmth. We feared that the fire would spread to the other buildings. Is there a city code related to making fires on public property?
102. Leah Smillie
leah_smillie@yahoo.com
Can you be more specific about how you've reached out to community re: alternatives (ex. looking for safe parking locations,) and who tends to see those appeals from you? In other words, when you say you're looking for new ideas, where are those inquiries directed? "The larger community" feels vague.
103. elle grey

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1) what legislation can we create for opening buildings to house folk

2) how can we improve access to healthcare and supported decision making

104. Megan Capes
capesmegan@gmail.com
How will the City actively pursue input by currently and formally unhoused residents, especially those who are or have experienced unsheltered homelessness? With a decision directly impacting their lives this must be a priority
105. Rebecca Connolly
rconnolly@pugetsound.edu
how does it feel to know you are displacing vulnerable communities without homes?
how does this BENEFIT those communities and why are you prioritizing the safety of others who have houses and security?
106. Esther Day
dayesther214@outlook.com
I am for a camping ban. We will be losing businesses if we don't get a handle of this. Also, has anyone thought that before someone gets a SNAP or credit card for incidentals that they get information of where they are from and provide them with ID if they say they don't have one and also consider getting a fingerprint to identify them if and when they are found dead. Which is happening in some areas of Tacoma
107. April Smith
larchmontcares@gmail.com
How has so much money been spent and so little progress been made to date on this issue?
108. Priya | Equitable Future
priya@equitablefuture.com
I'm sharing a comment: I am opposed to the ban on camping in public spaces. The solution to homelessness is not in criminalizing those who cannot afford Tacoma's increasing cost of living. This type of punitive justice costs the City millions of dollars when instead we can spend those dollars implementing preventative and equitable policies. Council has many options for housing: increasing the number of high-quality shelters (particularly shelters that accept couples, kids, and pets) and adding affordable permanent housing. Please add mid-scale housing plans back into the Home in Tacoma plan. Our unhoused neighbors deserve stability, peace of mind, and to know they have a community around them who cares.
109. Danny
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I oppose the ban, Why is the ban needed or desired? Why is the concept of a ban happening now?
110. ava

aclarridge@ymail.com

Oppose ban: do you have any information on how many apartments and buildings do not have occupants living in them right now?

111. reuben fellman
rfellman@pugetsound.edu
I do not support a camping ban.

do you plan to provide free and accessible shelter for all homeless tacoma citizens before beginning the sweeps or are you just going to steal homeless people's tents and leave them to die without shelter?

112. Regina Eury
rceury@gmail.com
I support camping ban, the "ban" in effect is useless. for individuals moving to New motel, will this become permanent living for those individuals. or subject to requirements

113. Ella
ellamonetperdue@gmail.com
If "camping" were officially banned, where would people be able to go immediately?
There are not enough spaces in shelters so where would they be able to exist legally?

114. Bet
tobibet@gmail.com
I fully support the camping ban.

115. Paul Hawthorne
Stra8Arrow@comcast.net
Paul Hawthorne here
Is land adjacent to state roads (like WA 7), on cloverleaves, and under bridges considered (Tacoma) public property?

116. Dena Jones
visitdena@gmail.com
Affordable housing:
 will not help the mentally ill
 will not help those struggling with drug addiction
 will not stop the drug dealers, sex trafficking, and other related crimes, such as murder.
 Affordable housing will not change the mind of those who want to remain homeless.

☒ However, for those who want and need housing, we must provide it, and provide it now.

According to city and federal data:

- Virtually all the sheltered homeless are unemployed. YET...
- Those with serious addictions spend \$1200- \$1800 a month on meth, fentanyl, and other drugs.

Affordable housing will not fix this. How will you address this issues individually.

117. Andy
Pandrewnorton@comcast.net
What are the minimum facilities/conditions required for alternate shelter per the Boise decision?

118. Matt
Matt@hammondknoll.com
I would say we have to do something different than we have done. What we are doing now makes our city unsafe.
So sad we priorities .005 of the population over the rest.

119. Phoenix Stoker-Graham
pstokergraham@pugetsound.edu
I oppose the camping ban because the city of Tacoma has not demonstrated a capacity to provide adequate housing options for homeless individuals.

120. lesterpoguejr.
lespoguejr@gmail.com
Has the city considered the job opportunities the job opportunities that are present at existing campsites and future encampments constructed if the city chooses to enforce an area of regulated campsites?

I do not support a camping ban until safe alternatives are available.

121. Steve Jones
steve@keyinsure.net
Support camping ban.

122. Tanya Durand, Greentrike
tdurand@playtacoma.org
On behalf of Directors of Tacoma Art Museum, Museum of Glass, America's Car Museum, Foss Waterway Seaport and Children's Museum of Tacoma, we cannot comment on any correlation between homelessness and increased crime in our City, but we believe our collective experiences are germane to today's forum.

Our visitors and staff are increasingly encountering piles of trash, human waste, and criminal behavior when visiting the Museum District. Each of our institutions has

experienced car prowlers, break-ins, graffiti, and criminal intimidation of guests or staff at increasing rates over the past year. All of the offenses have been remedied at the expense of these non-profit museums.

Each of our Museums is dedicated to safe, clean, and welcoming experiences. While we have ample empathy for the strain this increased negative activity is placing on the City of Tacoma's resources, we implore the City to take immediate and swift action. We stand ready to partner with the City. Thank you.

123. Laurie Beck
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I support camping ban. According to Martin vs Boise, persons who are offered appropriate available shelter space, but refuse to go could still be cited. But yet here in Tacoma, they are not. Why not?
124. Kristen Wynne
kristen@historic1625.com
I support the Pathway to Shelter, how does the City hope to move those on the street to services at shelters without that legal tool?
125. Brian Boice
brianboice2000@yahoo.com
Support Camping Ban:
For people in favor of the camping, I wonder how many of them have an encampment on their block? My guess is none. It creates a massive amount of stress and petty vandalism that puts a huge amount of tension on the community who is forced to deal with the uncontrolled encampment.
126. Patrick Martin Jr
PMARTIN@CMHSHARE.ORG
I do not support the camping ban. I currently work in the behavioral health sector focusing on forensics in homelessness.
127. W, Manitou
batlmaidn3@aol.com
I support the camping ban. Has the City looked into what Huston, TX is doing by Compassionate Enforcement.
128. Zaneta Reid (She/Her)
zaneta@wearelec.org
I oppose the camping Ban as it really creates more barriers for someone who already has barriers. You should make sure you have viable options for folks when you say they must move from the place they have called home for then. If we invest in permanent housing and stop discriminating against those unhoused.
129. Maria Arns
maria1955arns@gmail.com

So what do you currently offer people who cannot qualify for current services related to trauma

130. Robb Krehbiel (he/him)
robb.krehbiel@gmail.com
Can you provide the email address for public comments in the chat? I have a longer comment I'd like to submit to council.
131. Anonymous user
Curtisklj@outlook.com
Is the city planning on giving out grants for private property for folks? That would be great!
132. Dena Jones
visitdena@gmail.com
I support the ban to encampments.
133. Rickey Stephens
liveforthemoment253@gmail.com
in support. If you were to approach an existing encampment, exactly what would the process be of relocating them? i.e. how do they move their stuff, pets, etc.
134. Aaron
aaronmykins@gmail.com
What other nearby cities have imposed such a ban and what were the results?
135. frontdesk@safest.org
frontdesk@safest.org
Shared message from Susan:
Hi Darren,
Camping on public property in Tacoma creates an unsafe environment, posing risks to nearby schools, residents, and businesses from crime, drugs, fires, and lack of sanitation that spreads diseases. Plus it is unsightly.
My suggestion is for Tacoma to locate at an empty/vacant field or unused parking lot, a safe distance away that could be designated as regulated campgrounds, the City providing sanitation and social agency and law enforcement patrols. Those who refuse to follow the rules should be removed from the City.
Thank you,
Susan
136. REIS Invest
contact@reinvest.com
support

how do we get city to address safety issues as was said city does move encampments along when safety issues etc. exist... especially when TPD states that they "cannot help"

thank you

137. Tex
tx@gmail.com
I support a ban on camping. The Portland ave camp in particular is a prime example of ticking time bomb of trash, feces, drugs, and violence. It's not inhumane for the city to get up and say, enough is enough and not permit this to continue to happen. No one expects these people to suddenly become Amazon workers, but it's not unreasonable to refuse to allow people to live in filth and squalor.
138. rubycooper-karl
rubycooperkarl@gmail.com
I oppose the ban. I don't see how a ban would help people, it seems like it would just be an attempt to be a bandaid or to make the city "look better" and not actually HELP people. Address the root of the problem not the symptom.
139. Rebecca Connolly
rconnolly@pugetsound.edu
under what circumstances is it "inhumane" to not legalize public camping? don't you think it is inhumane to prohibit people from public space? is that not a contradiction of what public space represents?
140. David Sinclair
summ8@comcast.net
Interesting about the "Comfort Inn" purchase/aggreement...will there be more of these and if so will there be options for rooms available for low cost rent...necessary for (at least partial) facility upkeep?
141. Nola Thury (she/they)
nthury@pugetsound.edu
Are business impacts more important than impacts on living and living situations
142. c.n.watkins@outlook.com
How much of our mental health tax dollars are being used to address homelessness? I'd like an update on how that money is being utilized.
143. doniene
doniene@gmail.com
how did Ballard get the permission to clear out their Campers
144. lespoguejr@gmail.com
Hey Kenny, I've posted two questions...are you not seeing them?
145. Anonymous user
Curtisklj@outlook.com
Do we have any previously homeless CVS or city council members?
146. Lydia Zepeda

zepelow@gmail.com

Since the unhoused are disproportionately POC, how is a camping ban NOT a tool of institutionalized racism?

147. krystle
krystlereneeee@gmail.com
Is there a survey link to provide community members to share feedback with out having to be on a meeting?
148. Holly Rydel
t3transcription@gmail.com
Do not support. When it is said "alternative option" is available does this mean any option available even if it is a bed that someone could not take? i.e. if they are a family or partnered but the beds available are only in a single person shelter. Or is it not considered an available bed if someone couldn't actually accept the offer?
149. Elissa Larson
elarson@safest.org
Pierce County Council meets tomorrow at 3 pm as well.
150. Athena Brewer, SENCo Chair (she/her)
senco253@gmail.com
Hi All, (in case this wasn't seen above) Oppose camping ban! Question for anyone who supports the camping ban, where do they expect houseless people to go? My plea is for the council to NOT consider a camping ban of any kind until we have adequate services and housing available for all our houseless neighbors. Instead, please focus efforts on addressing the root causes of homelessness with humanity and compassion. Pushing houseless folks out of Tacoma will not solve the problem. We need to come together as a community to lift all boats.
151. Kyle
skeletonkendall@yahoo.com
I support a camping ban. How are areas that are in between Tacoma and Tribal land limits addressed? If an encampment or those living outside are on tribal land, is the city and tribe working together on those instances?
152. Jarrod Blaylock
jarrodblaylock87@live.com
I oppose the policy of a camping ban for the city. Oftentimes the houseless who are kicked out are only offered temporary housing and they must find somewhere new a day/week/month down the road. They also are restricted from bringing with them the few possessions they have left. My question is, what does the shelter being offered to those who stand to be forcibly removed from their sites include?
153. Steve McDonald
36legs@gmail.com

As proposed, a camping ban that includes fines for violations seems counterintuitive to the situation. If we don't have the adequate housing and services to address the needs of the people how can we charge them for their unintended violation?

154. Brett Johnson
brett@waneandfitch.com
I would like to know why an unoccupied vehicle parked in front of the owners home but has expired tabs can be towed, but if a person lives in a vehicle in that same status it can remain anywhere indefinitely?
155. Addie Tinkham
addieliz2000@gmail.com
What is inhumane about allowing camping on public property?
156. Mary Jo Strom Copland
mj@thetravelcompany.net
I support the camping ban on Public Property, unless and until you can show that these "unhoused residents" are 1) from Tacoma 2) are not using drugs or alcohol 3) are not mentally challenged persons who have refused services. 4) are not fleeing law enforcement .
157. Alen P.
alenpoehlman@gmail.com
How are the thoughts and opinions of the unhoused individuals themselves taken into account? (opposed to ban)
158. Jeremy B
Jeremybebeau@gmail.com
I oppose camping bans. Any legislation should decriminalize houselessness entirely.
159. christophercourtlandtvanvechten
Chris@soundlawyering.com
Is our homeless housing policy prefaced around the premise that a homeless person not only has a right to a home but also the right to a home in the community of their choosing? It seems to me that we could more quickly get people out of tents and into homes if we were willing to pay for housing both inside and outside our city.
160. Dena Jones
visitdena@gmail.com
How will you address these issues separately?
161. Kasey Burton
kasey@tacomaprobono.org
I oppose the ban. I am an attorney with the local Housing Justice Project and work with people who are both homeless and facing homelessness. Banning camping would accomplish literally nothing except for undermining what little stability unhoused people have been able to achieve. It would simply shuffle people around. As can be seen

from the sweeps that have been done by the city, destroying encampments has done nothing to end homelessness. Further, either imposing a fine or criminalizing camping simply imposes greater burdens on people trying to work their way out of homelessness. If you are unhoused you don't have the money for a fine and a criminal penalty will only make it harder to find a place that will rent to you.

162. Andrea Andrea Haug SENCo Corresponding Secretary
Andreahaug33@gmail.com
I am not in support of a camping ban. I support safe camp locations. Trust has to be built with individuals when helping them transition. Stability in a safe camp will help earn this trust.
163. Mark (Tacoma, Wa)
tjmarkiemark@yahoo.com
There are no trespassing signs posted on the beams under I-705 downtown with ordinance numbers. Why are people people allowed to stay in these illegal locations? We have seen fires and incidents that effect traffic above. We have seen traffic accidents above because of this. I support a ban on camping
164. Kasey Burton
kasey@tacomaprobono.org
If people are concerned about how inhumane camping is, then they need to invest in solutions, not punishment.
165. Stacey
stacey.soltoff@gmail.com
(comment) I am not in favor of a camping ban. The criminalization of homelessness does not actually address the root causes of homelessness, including barriers to social services & lack of affordable housing. It worsens homelessness by imposing fines or creating a criminal record; it's expensive and wasteful, and there are more effective options of alleviating the problem of our unhoused neighbors living unsheltered on the street.
166. Laurie Davenport
laurie@tacomaprobono.org
Comment: I am opposed to camping bans and particularly to any criminalization, fines or jail time being imposed as a result. These things perpetuate homelessness by making it even more difficult for houseless individuals to obtain housing and always have a disparate impact on people of color. As a start to making existing camps safer, I believe sweeps should be suspended and portapotties and hygiene stations to be provided to every encampment of 10 or more.
167. Jorrell
xsecrete@yahoo.com
I support camping ban. We have individuals that camp in front of my house on a weekly basis. We've seen prostitution, drug activity, and leaving trash and garbage on the street. I've seen multiple times people are having sex in their car in broad daylight. We have kids that lives here, this is concerning and may be tramatic to kids.

168. Alexandra Corrigan
allie@onebizshoppe.com
Will there be collaboration with local organizations that can help with resources and advocacy especially for the unhoused who have disabilities?
169. Chris
chrisatkinson35@hotmail.com
I support the camping ban
170. Erika (she/her) Tacoma
Hello.Erika.b@outlook.com
It seems like some of the biggest complaints about encampments are about cleanliness and sanitation. What are some challenges the city has with providing services, ie waste management, to encampments? Are there any visions to improve those services to the benefit of all city residents, including houseless neighbors?
171. elle grey
ellegreymail@gmail.com
what happens in actuality is that TPD violently destroys the only belongings these people have left and often assault their bodies.
172. Amanda DeShazo
amanda@affordablehousingconsortium.org
I oppose the camping ban. We know from nationally recognized data and reports that camping bans are not effective - they ultimately make it harder for individuals to access and qualify for housing. Public dollars should not be used to criminalize homelessness, they should be invested in more emergency shelters, affordable housing, and supportive services.
173. David Galazin (He/Him)
davidgalazin@gmail.com
I oppose criminalizing homelessness. sweeps are disruptive to people's lives and ability to find stability. using police to sweep our housing crisis into other run and into other communities is unjust and immoral. housing is a human right. let put our resources into creating dignified and safe housing options that reflect the needs of our whole community.
174. Beth Johnson
beth.johnson@coordinatedcarehealth.com
I support a ban on public camping. It is unsafe and inhumane for the campers and the citizenry. Can legislation address the following:
175. Kristen Wynne
kristen@historic1625.com
I'm sorry but I did not hear the answer whether we will be able to comment tonight?
176. Shoko Yoshikawa
shoko62@hotmail.com

We seem to know that only small % of people in encampment accept shelter beds. Do we have any statistics about this % from the past encampment removals? So we have other ways to deal with other methods with numbers.

177. Beth Johnson
beth.johnson@coordinatedcarehealth.com
shelter
178. James Hesketh
jamesheskethbusiness@gmail.com
I strongly oppose the camping ban.
179. Claudia Riedener
ixiatile@gmail.com
how many people directly affected by a ban will be able to participate in this conversation tonight? are events like this one held for people who do not have the means to zoom with you all tonight?
180. sid Olufs
181. olufs@plu.edu
Sid
Have these folks met the police who are assigned to homeless encampments? They carry sleeping bags in their cars, tents, water, and know the names of a lot of the people on their beat.
182. moto g stylus 5G
mazzibiritz@gmail.com
I oppose the ban. as someone who has been homeless, has camped outside and absolutely does not trust shelters, I don't think people understand that you cannot eradicate camping on public land, you can only make it less safe.why are we not focusing more on finding spaces specifically for tent cities and helping them keep clean and keep the area safe. that way no one has to bother the rich ppl who work downtown and live in the northend. (just a side note, there's no tents in the north end so you really don't have a space to speak for the rest of Tacoma aka the poor area who understand that public camping is safer than alot of alternatives because we actually live that life)
183. Seth Dawson (they/he)
sethmdawson@gmail.com
Comment: I strongly oppose the camping ban. There is no immediate solution to Tacoma's housing crisis. The only solution is to build more (and more affordable) housing. The Home in Tacoma plan proposed by the Planning Commission is key to that solution, but City Council just amended that plan to cut back on new mid-scale construction. If the City is serious about reducing the number of people sleeping outside, it should rescind those amendments and enact the original Home in Tacoma plan.
184. Harold Odom
harold.odom2@outlook.com

Why are you not voicing all questions. My question has not. Been answered!

185. Shoshana Groom
sgroom@pugetsound.edu
I oppose a camping ban. Frequently in this webinar it's been indirectly stated that these camping bans are supposed to benefit those who are camping. Can you directly explain how these bans help those they target?
186. Chad Allen
chadallen@ft.newyorklife.com
I support a public camping band.
3 Questions: 1) Why would the city council Pass OR Not pass the camping band? 2) For those who have mental illness, struggling with drug addiction, or chose not to get help what are you going to do?
There is a massive spike of homelessness in Seattle over the past 5 years, what does the city council want to do differently so that encampments do not grow like they have in Seattle?
187. Beth Johnson
beth.johnson@coordinatedcarehealth.com
a specific campground for individuals where there is a designated space and services as opposed to wherever someone chooses to "camp"
188. christophercourtlandtvanvechten
Chris@soundlawyering.com
The Seattle Times did an article in 2018 in which it claimed the average homeless person in Western Washington spent 81 days in a hospital longer than they had to for lack of a place to go. Given the stress on our hospitals caused by Covid and the government's efforts to stop covid, does it not make sense to get the homeless out of tents and into housing even if it means the loss of some autonomy?
189. A. Griffin
nursediaab@gmail.com
I support a camping ban on public property. How will you support citizens whose land is adjacent to public property (ex. Right-of-way). Understanding there is no ordinance at this time to enforce it is very challenging and costly to clean up. It seems there is little to no support for Private homeowners in this situation, and they should not be subjected to cleaning up needles, human feces, and other hazards caused by campers. Is there any discussion to offer any recourse or support?
190. Emily Hernandez
emily.c.hernandez@wsu.edu
Why are police not being put to work cleaning up the city?
191. Mark Merrill
markm@sharedhousingservices.org
I oppose a camping ban.

192. Patrick Martin Jr
PMARTIN@CMHSHARE.ORG
I do not support the camping ban. I currently work in the behavioral health sector focusing on forensics in the homelessness population who are experiencing persistent mental health concerns.
I whole heartedly believe that the camping ban and consequential criminal and financial penalties are unethical, and inappropriate for that demographic, and will cost more to impose and enforce than it will be worth, long term. Please oppose the ban and instead work with the agencies that are focused on alleviating the issues related to homelessness to resolve the concerns. The homeless population of Tacoma needs a well rounded, humane and sustainable approach that does not penalize them for something they have little to no control over
193. Tex
tx@gmail.com
What will the city be doing to relocate homeless people that are not from Tacoma/Pierce County that wish to leave the area and return back to where they're from?
194. Rebecca Connolly
rconnolly@pugetsound.edu
I oppose the legislation to criminalize camping. what would a "sweep" or relocation look like? would it mean arresting everyone or actually finding a place where people can go? how can you ensure the police will uphold humane standards as well as making sure people have a SAFE space to relocate to?
195. reuben fellman
rfellman@pugetsound.edu
The camping ban is a human rights violation.
196. Holly Rydel
t3transcription@gmail.com
Against ban: I live next to an encampment that appears to have a very cohesive community with social structures in place to look out/care for one another and share resources, in the event of sweeps, how can this be honored?
197. Jessica Ritzmann
Jessica@ritzmannlaw.com
I support a camping ban. What other mechanism would there be to connect addicts or mentally ill campers to compulsory services that might better support them? If they refuse a safe alternative, how is it compassion to let them move deeper into the psychosis or addiction that too frequently left them in their situation?
198. Steve Jones
steve@keyinsure.net
According to the UCLA study on homelessness, it does not appear that the City is considering the PRIMARY causes of homelessness. 75% of unsheltered have substance abuse issues; 78% of unsheltered have mental illness issues. Homeless are 100 times

more likely to commit crime. I agree that shelter needs/should be provided to those in genuine need. But, something must be done to address the underlying causes. Otherwise, the City's efforts will fail. How will the City get to these underlying issues with the funding available?

199. Suzanne Skaar (she/her)
suzanneskaar@gmail.com
I oppose the camping ban. Sweeps and bans are cruel and make the cycle of poverty harder to escape.
200. elle grey
ellegreymail@gmail.com
why can't we reverse the camping ban from 2019 and allow people back in parks like a humane city?
201. Eli K
ekrane007@gmail.com
Have you attempted to offer job training and support, not only as an incentive to join a shelter for those who are homeless, but also as an attempt to lower the amount of people who are not able to get a job and end up homeless?
202. Wolf Cook (she/her)
wolfforthepeople@gmail.com
with police brutality being a daily presence in the news including in tacoma (manny elis and others) how is it at all responsible to create more oppertunities for police violence in our community?
203. Sally Perkins,
sally@practicalsolutionstcoma.com
For options that include legal penalties like fines and jail time, what is the logic behind assuming the threat of fines or jail time will be successful in "persuading" people to "accept shelter?"
204. Emily Hernandez
emily.c.hernandez@wsu.edu
Is there a person with a background in mental health who is consistently attached to the city council board?
205. Regina Eury
rceury@gmail.com
what percentage of city budget is being consumed by dealing with encampments, to include all services
206. Tobi Bet
tobibet@gmail.com
I strongly support the camping ban. I've watched the police clean camps and they are beyond thoughtful, peaceful and professional.

207. David
lambertdavid39@gmail.com
I don't support a camping ban. What kind of efforts have been made to listen to people who have no housing and what they think they would need to live in safely?
208. Mark Merrill
markm@sharedhousingservices.org
Many of those in encampments won't take the offer of a shelter because of the barriers such as no pets, no secure storage, couples being seperated. What is being done to create low-barrier or non-barrier shelters?
209. Regina Eury
rceury@gmail.com
yes. I feel that the questions are being prejudiciously selected
210. Brett Johnson
brett@waneandflicht.com
What considerations are being made for safety? In the past 3 months that I know of two fires have occurred in encampments that threatened the campers and surrounding neighbors. There has also been a decreased murdered person found in an encampment.
211. Morgan Nova
morgannova.rivasplata@gmail.com
(comment) I wholeheartedly oppose the camping ban. This is a ban on public survival and it is inhumane to support it. Stop the sweeps and end the criminalization of the unhoused. I second the comment from Elle Grey.
212. elle grey
ellegreymail@gmail.com
how is banning camping going to help addicts?
213. Brian Boice
brianboice2000@yahoo.com
Support Camping Ban:

Couldn't an alternative be found by allowing the community members in favor of uncontrolled encampments to provide their private yards to allow unhoused persons to form an encampment in their yard? It satisfies 2 goals by allowing the camping, and to allow those people in favor of uncontrolled encampments from being near the encampments to provide the charity they directly support?
214. Melissa Hollon
melissah1014@gmail.com
I oppose the camping ban.
215. Emily Hernandez
emily.c.hernandez@wsu.edu

When are we going to stop referring to people as "addicts" and start calling them "a Person Experiencing an addiction"?

216. Pat Basher
patginbasher03@gmail.com
The question about cleaning the encampments is not true I never seen anybody clean but me I'm a volunteer and I'm there everyday on 705 bridge so please I lightened me about city council being there because that is so far from the truth
217. New Connections
director@nctacoma.org
generally oppose ...but I would be more willing to support restrictions on uses of public space that was managed outside of criminal legislation. The trauma of homelessness, when added to the potential for having a criminal record, becomes even more difficult. Are there options being considered for legislation that is non coercive and relies instead on outreach teams and trust development.?
Rosemary Powers
218. Nicholas Chang
Beemerkat@gmail.com
I support a camping ban. We can't access sidewalks anymore. It's unsafe.
219. Mary Jo Strom Copland
mj@thetravelcompany.net
if we can force people to get vaccinated in order to keep their jobs, why then can't we compell them to accept services that they need?
220. Jay Doherty
jdoherty@illfonic.com
I support the camping ban. There has been 5 out of control fires that I have personally winessed as I live right by the 705. What are you doing about this out of control fires and what is the impact on our public resources given the threat of these fires?
221. Leah Smillie
leah_smillie@yahoo.com
What quantifiable data has shown camping bans to benefit unhoused individuals long term? Has this tactic proven to decrease homelessness? Is that the aim of these bans?
222. Claudia Riedener
ixiatile@gmail.com
the only group without a voice tonight? the people who will be punished and fined for existing. but let's not talk about those people.....
223. Anonymous user
Curtisklj@outlook.com

I would also appreciate if someone could revisit my question about jails. I will restate. If criminalizing homelessness is a viable option, is the city ready to build more jails? Is this beneficial to the health of the city?

224. Cathy Pick (she/her)
cathypick253@gmail.com
I oppose the camping ban because I recognize that the unhoused are human beings deserving of respectful treatment and that each Tacoma neighborhood contains the unhoused.
225. Stacey
stacey.soltoff@gmail.com
Too often shelter space is designed to meet the needs/capacity of providers, not meet the needs of our unhoused neighbors. How is the City working to provide enough low- or no-barrier shelter and housing that meets the needs of people living on the streets?
226. Nicholas Chang
Beemerkat@gmail.com
Can we move them to your neighborhood until you figure it out? Give us a little break it may help you figure it out a little faster.
227. Michelle Woodrow
woodrow.michelle@gmail.com
In response to the poll question: It's complicated
228. Michelle Woodrow
woodrow.michelle@gmail.com
Question:
229. Eric Herde
ericherde@gmail.com
I oppose the camping ban. Any resources directed towards enforcing a ban are resources that cannot go towards addressing the root causes of homelessness, such as providing affordable housing, shelters, and mental health treatment
230. Emily Hernandez
emily.c.hernandez@wsu.edu
Have we considered replicating the study performed in Denmark? They used GPS to track where the houseless community congregates and then created safe spaces for them in those locations. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2014-09-19/a-danish-city-is-using-gps-to-track-and-help-the-homeless>
231. Jeanne
redddog211@yahoo.com
I'm a resident of the Eastside of Tacoma and tired of no response from the city or police to remove people who keep camping on my property. I DO NOT feel safe walking or jogging on public areas such as trails or sidewalks. I'm a postal employee and work all

over the state in the public, I'm stalked and harassed regularly. I'm a taxpayer and voter and feel that I have less rights than the homeless campers around the city.

When will the streets be safe for me/ us to use? What's the long term plan? Where have our tax dollars been going to maintain safety?

232. Michelle Woodrow
woodrow.michelle@gmail.com
How many homeless in Tacoma and how many beds/resources available? Also, I see in the coalition and staff recommendation there is a jail alternative in both but with varying lengths. Can you tell me what the cost per day of incarceration is in Tacoma?
233. Amy (she/her)
amyvan08@gmail.com
I oppose the camping ban. Has there been intentional efforts to get the voices of those experiencing homelessness to help strategize/outreach? Or even hiring them to do the outreach work (instead of police)?
234. Rebecca Connolly
rconnolly@pugetsound.edu
please answer this question!^^
235. Chris Dobler
chrisd@dmcimail.com
I would like to know how to receive the resources available to remove encampments from our private property just referenced by Linda Stewart. We have repeatedly requested such assistance.
236. Tobi Bet
tobibet@gmail.com
most of these people cannot make simple decisions, and must be helped. I find Linda's answer naive and ignorant. she needs to visit socialist countries in the Netherlands, where I lived for 15 years, where involuntary commitment does happen... and guess what, less homeless and more humane for all.
237. Samantha
sroverstreet@gmail.com
I strongly oppose the camping ban. This ban puts the cart before the horse. Criminalizing where people exist when the city has no viable options to house those camping is morally wrong. Create housing for the houseless instead of further harming vulnerable people.
238. Rebecca Connolly
rconnolly@pugetsound.edu
please answer questions from people opposing the camping ban!
239. Devin Rydel Kelly - TDSA - No on camping ban!
240. peopleofearth@gmail.com

I oppose the camping ban and believe we have the opportunity for transformative change. The City has over \$60 million in America Rescue Plan money, along with the county's well over \$100 million, and \$45 million in new tax funds dedicated explicitly for affordable housing. Why is the city tinkering with policies that criminalize life for our most vulnerable, rather than dramatically expanding housing and social services at the scale we need?

241. Diane Blount
dblount6@comcast.net
No unsheltered resident should be allowed to refuse shelter when provided.
242. barb hepfer
hepfer@msn.com
I support a ban on encampments for 2 reasons: 1. they tend to form primarily in the poorer areas of the city, unfairly impacting low income residents; 2. it is inhumane to allow people to live their worst lives. As someone who has worked in substance abuse clinics and who has personal experience with addicted family members, I know people rarely change without something or someone to provoke change. As long as there are no consequences to
243. Brian Tustison
btustison@gmail.com
I agree with Patrick's statement.
244. Pat Basher
patginbasher03@gmail.com
Why don't city councils go down there with the volunteers who actually do the work with the encampments and really see what they need
245. Kim Andrews
tckimmie@yahoo.com
We have car break ins every night of the week on Broadway in the Stadium District. We have homeless people lighting fires under buildings. We have people climbing over our entrance gate to steal packages in our entryway. Saturday night a white Ford truck baked over over the sidewalk and tried to pull open the front door with ropes. Where are the tax dollars going? Why aren't our rights being protected? Why are the police being forced to protect these criminals?
246. LaMont Green
lgreen@tacinc.org
Against - A ban on camping on public property is inhumane given the current crisis. Given that homelessness is a Racial Justice, Disability Justice, and for young people a LGBTQ Justice issue, how does a Camping Ban on Public property align with Tacoma's values of becoming an Anti-Racist City as outlined in Resolution 40622 - Heal the Heart of Tacoma Initiative?
247. christophercourtlandtvanvechten
Chris@soundlawyering.com

I support a humane camping ban. I'm a criminal defense attorney. 4 of my clients' tents caught fire this summer and a fifth burned down an abandoned house. One spent nearly two months in the ICU as a result of 50% of his body consumed by burns. Normalizing dysfunction doesn't help my clients. It's no different than leaving your grandma with alzheimers alone in the house.

248.

MC

mc.petrich@gmail.com

Comment: I do not support a camping ban. I am concerned that banning camping will actually endanger the health or safety of those camping. I am a lifelong resident of the North End and my family has lived in North Tacoma for 4 generations.

Question 1: Can you explain the specific standard process with which Homeless Outreach Services would be moving people out of public spaces (ex. how would personal belongings be transported or stored safely); who would be held responsible in Homeless Outreach Services/who would be point of contact if there was evidence this process was not followed?

Question 2: How will a camping ban affect COVID resources (tests, access to vaccination, masks) provided to shelters or encampments, and how does the city provide those resources?

This is my first time submitting a question, thank you for your time.

249.

Melissa Hollon

melissah1014@gmail.com

Why don't we raise property taxes to cover additional resources such as houses and shelters instead of a camping ban?

250.

Dean Rasmussen

dean.oyc@gmail.com

I support the camping ban. Why are you not enforcing the no trespassing laws under the 1705?

251.

Rebecca Connolly

rconnolly@pugetsound.edu

I oppose the camping ban. Why is legislation focusing on criminalizing camping and houselessness rather than focusing on the larger crimes that tacoma faces daily like theft or violence?

252.

Brianna

bripfen@gmail.com

I support the camping ban.

It's obvious the blight and crime these encampments bring. Stolen vehicles and other property, drugs, serious mental health issues, assault, shootings, and deaths. It is not okay to let tweakers run around the streets, out of touch with reality. These people need help. With the severe mental health issues, trauma, and drug use these people do

not have the right mindset to accept help. It's not ok just to let them do whatever they want, while the nearby area suffers.

253. Brian Boice
brianboice2000@yahoo.com
Support Ban:
The burden is squarely on the residents who are adjacent to the encampments. I witness criminal activity every day, from chopping stolen bicycles to drug deals and prostitution. How, as an adjacent community does this foster a feeling of safety and solace to the tax paying family? And how is it that these encampments never crop up in Proctor or the West End; only the most economically depressed communities?
254. James Hesketh
jamesheskethbusiness@gmail.com
I am opposed to the camping ban. Until there is housing available for every single unhoused person and Tacoma, what do you think a camping ban will accomplish? Where do you think unhoused people will go? How will this not start and continue a cycle of unhoused people being shuffled around from street to street and brutalized for the 'crime' of living in poverty?
255. Julie Warden
baycrest@dmcimail.com
I have lived in the same two block radius for 30 years and have never felt so unsafe till this current tent encampment began. The residents downtown fear that it will only get more dangerous as downtown is a business district. It certainly isn't the North End.
256. Brett Johnson
brett@waneandfitch.com
I would very much like to know how to utilize the program being mentioned about helping property owners adjacent to ROW's. In 2020 my business incurred threats of fine from code enforcement while working actively with HOT and TPD. Ultimately just under \$10,000 of cleanup expenses were incurred as a result of no support from the city. Literally last night an encampment in the ROW adjacent to my business had a fire that 2 TFD trucks responded just 150ft from inventory.
257. Phillip Durand
phil.durand@msn.com
My wife and I support the camping ban. Question-roughly how many unhoused individuals do we estimate we need to assist?
258. Diane Blount
dblount6@comcast.net
Why are unsheltered residents allowed to refuse shelter when provide?
259. Kellz Moylan
kelly.moylan@plu.edu
(I strongly oppose) Again, I wonder when, and where the voices of the folks in these camps are, are their opinions and needs being accounted for? I have heard first hand of

mistreatment and lack of respect from police sweeping camps. Trusting and respecting all people is vital in my opinion.

260. Catherine Garretson-Bilnoski
alaindrea@yahoo.com
Sure. Sign me up

261. Mateo F.C.
Mfriedenbachcondon@pugetsound.edu
I am against the homeless ban. Also in the case of an emergency crisis are police involved and do they have have sensitivity training?

If they do not should police be involved with homelessness at all?

262. Tex
tx@gmail.com
They are addicts. Call a spade a spade.

263. Kristin Johnson
kjohnsonweb@gmail.com
I support the ban, BUT do not want individuals to be fined/etc. We need to continue looking for places, like the hotel, that gives these people the decency they deserve.

264. REIS Invest
contact@reisinvest.com
support

when there is a safety issue for private citizens walking or working on property near encampments and TPD tells is they can't do anything, who can we call for assistance?

265. Priya | Equitable Future
priya@equitablefuture.com
I'm sharing a comment: I am opposed to the ban on camping in public spaces. The solution to homelessness is not in criminalizing those who cannot afford Tacoma's increasing cost of living. This type of punitive justice costs the City millions of dollars when instead we can spend those dollars implementing preventative and equitable policies. Council has many options for housing: increasing the number of high-quality shelters (particularly shelters that accept couples, kids, and pets) and adding affordable permanent housing. Please add mid-scale housing plans back into the Home in Tacoma plan. Our unhoused neighbors deserve stability, peace of mind, and to know they have a community around them who cares.

266. ava
aclarridge@ymail.com
oppose ban: has the city done any work prevent homeowners from raising rent while employers refuse to raise wage?

267. Mia Paradiso

mia.daughenbaugh@gmail.com

I support a camping ban, but it's more complicated than that. As a business owner in the midst of an encampment, the real issue is the horrifying drug use and the associated violence that it causes both within the houseless community and for the residents and businesses surrounding. It seems to me the elephant in the room is the fact that many on our street are consumed by addiction, and people are praying on them by supplying them dirty drugs. What are you doing to stem the flow of these substances into our communities? Methamphetamine, PCP, opiates and other pills are the most substantive force working against the unhoused people developing stable lives. The city is not doing much to acknowledge the reality that moving tents or offering shelter beds will do little to resolve the underlying causes of people being unable to live in a stable environment.

268. Rebecca Connolly
rconnolly@pugetsound.edu
I Do not support the ban on camping. many of the solutions you offer for houseless people are temporary, emergency, and impermanent. what is legislation doing to create long term sustainable solutions to houselessness?
have you thought of asking houseless people themselves what they need?
269. K.Hansen
Kayla.hansen53370@laquinta.com
I support the ban. With county jail closed, no police hours or support for PD, with drugs now personal possessions and not a crime, and arson up 290%.- I completely support the ban. We are in danger. There is no protection for the citizens in close proximity of these camps. With more resources than ever before why is this a bigger issue than ever before? What will the city do when innocent people are getting hurt because we are cleaning up your mess. This is a one sided conversation.
270. barb hepfer
hepfer@msn.com
living like this, most will continue to be stuck in these dark cycles.
271. James Pogue
jpogue@cmhshare.org
My question was posted almost 30 minutes ago and has been skipped over.
272. Athena Brewer, SENCo Chair (she/her)
senco253@gmail.com
Hi Kenny! Oppose camping ban! For anyone who supports the camping ban, where do they expect houseless people to go? My plea is for the council to NOT consider a camping ban of any kind until we have adequate services and housing available for all our houseless neighbors. Instead, please focus efforts on addressing the root causes of homelessness with humanity and compassion. Pushing houseless folks out of Tacoma will not solve the problem. We need to come together as a community to lift all boats.
273. Andy
Pandrewnorton@comcast.net
What kind of outreach do you offer to affected private property owners?

274. Tim Harris
tim.harris.seattle@gmail.com
Opposed. have city sanctioned encampments been considered as part of the solution?
275. Steve McDonald
36legs@gmail.com
Is there any move to create a more 'controlled' environment when it comes to the encampments for the interim until adequate housing options and services are made available?
276. Seth Dawson (they/he)
sethmdawson@gmail.com
Question—Which problem does the City believe is more in need of a legislative solution: experiencing homelessness or seeing others experiencing homelessness?
277. Aaron
aaronmykins@gmail.com
What other nearby cities have imposed such a ban and what were the results?
278. Anonymous user
Curtisklj@outlook.com
If you were homeless Linda, what would you need? Perhaps a house? I wonder what we could do with all the vacant housing in Tacoma? Hmmmmm
279. Jerad McGill
jmcgill2@comcast.net
I support a camping ban. Allowing camping promotes more people camping in Tacoma. If we don't have camping as an option, then homeless people will be forced to choose services that ultimately help them. Let's learn a lesson from Seattle. Camping brings more drug use, property crime, sexual crimes, and unsanitary conditions. Supporting camping is a heartless stance that only allows people to slowly kill themselves.
280. Brianna
bripfen@gmail.com
I support the camping ban. What happened to enforcing laws? Self responsibility? Part of life is having to do things you may not want to do. Refusing help does not give one the right to just do as they please. The rest of the community is paying the consequences. Literally. It's been said that the solution needs to be fair for all, but the city has been catering to these people.
281. lesterpoguejr.
lespoguejr@gmail.com
I do not support the camping ban!!!

Is the City willing to work with local contractors and community Folks to build proper structures to offer cover and sanitary restrooms that is built on the vast land holdings of the city, even if we carry our own liability insurance with services in place?

282. Eli K
ekrane007@gmail.com
Rather than "affordable" housing, why don't you offer free housing to those who need it so that they have the opportunity to better their life?
283. Dena Jones
visitdena@gmail.com
When COMPASSION for ENCAMPMENTS infringes on the health and wellness of society as a whole, it is not compassion. It is irresponsible and reckless.
284. Zaneta Reid (She/Her)
zaneta@wearelec.org
We have folks who will be in public comment tomorrow also. We want to make sure we uplift their voices number 1 first and foremost. Those on the streets in Pierce County want to make sure you are thinking of the issues they are facing everyday. Someone stating you are not ready for options is not fair to tell people when they are asking for it.
285. Dena Jones
visitdena@gmail.com
I have four large and growing encampments less than a half a mile from my home. They are near a grade school, a retirement center, and several local businesses.
☒ A few weeks ago Beautiful Syretta Brown was found dead in an encampment just blocks from my house
☒ A few days later 5 gun shots were fired in the direction of street campers, kiddy corner from my house
Encampments are unsafe and inhumane for those who inhabit them, and for those who live and work around them, including our school children, our elderly, and our disabled.
286. Alen P.
alenpoehlman@gmail.com
In what ways specifically are the thoughts and opinions of the unhoused individuals themselves taken into account in this decision and similar ones? (strongly opposed to ban)
287. Rebecca Connolly
rconnolly@pugetsound.edu
How can we hold council accountable and make sure they are actually addressing the questions posed in this meeting?
288. robert thoms
robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org
Was it just said we will have a better funding path in 2024? It's 2021 - tacoma can't wait
289. Phoenix Stoker-Graham
pstokergraham@pugetsound.edu
If the city is waiting until 2024 to create more free public housing, what is being done to support unhoused people being forcibly removed from their camps? I have not seen

evidence from the city council that members of the unhoused population will be given adequate shelter and resources.

290. Athena Brewer, SENCo Chair (she/her)
senco253@gmail.com
Oppose camping ban! For anyone who supports the camping ban, where do they expect houseless people to go? My plea is for the council to NOT consider a camping ban of any kind until we have adequate services and housing available for all our houseless neighbors. Instead, please focus efforts on addressing the root causes of homelessness with humanity and compassion. Pushing houseless folks out of Tacoma will not solve the problem. We need to come together as a community to lift all boats.
291. Dena Jones
visitdena@gmail.com
How can you balance the safety of those in the encampments and those who are overwhelmed and over run by them?
292. mrussell
mrussellprints@gmail.com
I oppose a ban at this time. Shouldn't a ban be considered only after those shelters and services that you mentioned are put in place?
293. robert thoms
robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org
I am shocked after a decade of a worsening challenge of homeless in our community - the "City's nuisance code isn't written with Homeless in mind"
294. Regina Eury
rceury@gmail.com
my question for city budget dollars was not fully answered.
- WHAT IS PERCENTAGE OF CITY BUDGET ANNUALLY
295. Laurie Beck
laurie.beck@wyndham.com
I support camping ban and want to highlight the crime and violence that comes with them. The lawlessness that accompanies the camps needs to be addressed.
296. Jay Doherty
jdoherty@illfonic.com
I support the camping ban. I live downtown. There used to be no tents, then there was 1, I now I have 3 tents on my block. They remain there unabated. The rubbish is piling up. The "wanders" are coming around too. This makes me and my neighbors feel very unsafe since some of the mentally deranged are making open threats. I came upon a homeless man that was out on parole for murder sleeping in my car and it took 20 minutes for the police to arrive to remove them. I tell people moving here was a mistake. What do you tell families that are looking to move to Tacoma?

297. Elaine Yandle-Roth
yandleroth@aol.com
I support the camping ban. I am an owner of an office building at 622 Tacoma Avenue. We have campers on the parking strips on two sides of the building. There have been several break-ins, thefts, and threats. Our maintenance contractor refuses to come as tools are continually stolen and some of the campers have been threatening. We are now unable to find new renters because of the encampments. Can you address the problem before the ordinance goes into effect? It is certainly a sanity and safety issue.
298. Sally Perkins,
sally@practicalsolutionstcoma.com
Cost of incarceration is Booking fee of \$64, Daily incarceration fee of \$94.65, and a mental health fee of \$259 a day if mental health support is needed. Expensive.
299. Shoshana Groom
sgroom@pugetsound.edu
Why are we considering banning camping *before* assuring genuine shelter for all? So much of this webinar has involved plans to create more and better shelter, which is great, but it means little if we're considering banning camping soon.
300. K.Hansen
Kayla.hansen53370@laquinta.com
Support ban- what is the city going to do about the rat infestation and trash? Is the city going to start funding the extermination bill for businesses and homeowners? One sided conversation- that is why people are dropping off the call.
301. robert thoms
robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org
I would strongly suggest staff substantiate any resources to adjacent landowners or businesses. You won't find 5 biz that say they were made whole by any city support - picking up more trash associated with homeless ACTIVITY is your job
302. lesterpoguejr.
lespoguejr@gmail.com
Kenny and city Folks, i will be expecting an email response to the THREE questions I've posted tonight...?
303. Thank you!
304. Kim Andrews
tckimmie@yahoo.com
Is the City Council proud that Tacoma has become a tarnished, dirty, messy, homeless paradise like Seattle? Does the City Council walk the streets to see all the homeless filth? Pour more social service dollars (our tax money) into these people. Send them to work camps and establish requirements . Enough freebies.
305. Courtney Farmer
courtney@made-law.com

The position of many people supporting the camping ban is being misstated. The position is not that the unhoused should be incarcerated, but that they accept services for mental health treatment and drug addiction therapy instead of living on the street. This is a basic human right. The city of Tacoma should be using the \$20,000,000++ budget to provide these services and not maintain encampments.

306. Maureen Howard
mhoward@pchomeless.org
Real time: while we are listening tonight, The News Tribune is asking me if I can help a couple living in their car at 2th & Portland...there is no after hours number or help that I know of. What would you like me to tell them now...
307. Tex
tx@gmail.com
Why does the city feel its appropriate to only build housing sites in areas that're historically occupied by BIPOC? Why aren't
308. B Benjamin
benjamb@wwu.edu
Question sent in opposition of any ban on encampment: Solutions entertained by City leadership need to realize that encampments represent a basic public need. To suggest that a ban would improve a variety of public health and safety goals or interests places the health and safety of people needing to shelter in place below the 'intended', 'appropriate'. or 'fair' uses of public spaces. Instead of banning encampments, has CVS and the Council considered recognizing camping as a legitimate temporary use of public space? Is leadership willing to shift ideas of what constitutes an appropriate use of public space until our government can provide permanent solutions?
309. Tex
tx@gmail.com
*why aren't sites being built in the north end?
310. Aimee H
hamilton.aimee@gmail.com
Against the camping ban. As a resident, I am appalled at the City's repeated use of City money and police for inhumane "sweeps" to push unhoused people from one place to the next without sufficient and extended wrap-around housing and support services. Criminalization is not ethical or just.
311. Sarah
sarah.e.hoopes@gmail.com
Now I'm stressed that I accidentally clicked the wrong poll answer, I definitely want to protect unhoused people & oppose breaking up camps and arresting / issuing fines to people who need help most during a worldwide health crisis— bravo on the hotel acquisition more of that pls!
312. Chris Dobler
chrisd@dmcimail.com

I am in favor of this ban. It is the compassionate thing to do. The people in these camps need mental health services. They need to feel safe in shelters and elsewhere, and they won't without the numerous, existing social services available in Tacoma to actually get to those in need. The question is are there enough funds for the PATH team and Comprehensive Mental Health to assist with this and the drug and alcohol addiction challenges? This is where we need to see the funds need to be focused.

313. Zaneta Reid (She/Her)
zaneta@wearelec.org
Thank You I will do that.
314. Athena Brewer, SENCo Chair (she/her)
senco253@gmail.com
(Can you see my question, Kenny? I've reposted & signed in twice, but a friend here says she can't see my questions on her end.) Oppose camping ban! For anyone who supports the camping ban, where do they expect houseless people to go? My plea is for the council to NOT consider a camping ban of any kind until we have adequate services and housing available for all our houseless neighbors. Instead, please focus efforts on addressing the root causes of homelessness with humanity and compassion. Pushing houseless folks out of Tacoma will not solve the problem. We need to come together as a community to lift all boats.
315. Jonathan Pottle - #DefundThePolice
jonathanpottle@gmail.com
I OPPOSE a camping ban, in the strongest terms. The provider Downtown Emergency Services Center in Seattle accepts anyone, including active substance users and people with significant mental health problems. That seems a lot more open than faith-based services. Is the city pursuing any services similar to DESC?
316. Catherine Garretson-Bilnoski
alaindrea@yahoo.com
Most of us are unable to copy the information in chat. Is there a weblink where this information is posted so that we can save it accurately?
317. Eli K
ekrane007@gmail.com
This is more of a question for those in support of the ban: why don't you help fund housing and shelter for those who can't afford it so that you don't have to worry about camping
318. Maureen Howard
mhoward@pchomeless.org
25th & Portland - the encampment Sound Transit is sweeping
319. Eva C Bowen
e_bowen@comcast.net

If only approximately 4% of Tacoma's general fund is allocated for social services, what is the assurance that more effort will be put forth to direct needed resources for people who are unhoused and often face mental health and substance use issues?

320. Maureen Howard
mhoward@pchomeless.org
I am opposed to a camping ban - no matter what we call it.
321. Stacey
stacey.soltoff@gmail.com
Comment - opposed to ban. Even formerly incarcerated folks deserve a place to live. Housing is a human right. How are we punishing the most vulnerable for our failure as a community to provide the basic necessities of survival?
322. Luis (he/him)
zepedal@spu.edu
I strongly oppose the camping ban until there is a viable alternative for those that need it. I believe that all Tacomans are worthy of living with dignity and I urge Tacoma to find the funding needed to make this a reality
323. Brett Johnson
brett@waneandflitch.com
I fear waiting for shelter options to exist before enacting a camping ban will result in never making meaningful progress getting people resources to stabilize themselves. We should enact a ban immediately and work with compassion to get people stabilized as soon as resources exist to remove them from the utterly inhumane, unsafe, and unsanitary conditions many campers are experiencing.
324. REIS Invest
contact@reinvest.com
support

when there is a safety issue for private citizens walking or working on property near encampments and TPD tells us they can't do anything, who can we call for assistance?
325. Mark (Tacoma, Wa)
tjmarkiemark@yahoo.com
Why does Linda Stewart only answer the questions for the people in opposition of the camping ban? Is it because she makes her living off the homeless issue in the city? You skipped both my previous questions. I support a camping ban in Tacoma
326. Cheryl Kopec
cherylkopec@gmail.com
I support the camping ban. Why do we need outside providers for services? We don't rely on private providers for other specialized services like police and fire. I'm concerned that these private providers aren't required to commit to any results-based metrics.
327. Rachel Farley

farleyr@psd401.net

Tacoma feels very unsafe now due to the encampments. What is the city doing to protect all citizens, not just those who live on the streets? Calling 311 has produced zero results.

328. Julie Warden

baycrest@dmcimail.com

I have lived at the Baycrest for almost 25 years now with no car breakins until the encampment. I have had to put my SUV back together three times due to all of the damage from the criminals crawling the block. I am not the only one experiencing these problems. Are you planning on providing more funding for the police and perhaps give them back some of their options to deal with the rampant criminal problems downtown? Thank you

329. Ella

ellamonetperdue@gmail.com

Please divest funds from the Police Department into direct social services. Thank you.

330. Jerad McGill

jmcgill2@comcast.net

I support a camping ban. Allowing camping promotes more people camping in Tacoma. If we don't have camping as an option, then homeless people will be forced to choose services that ultimately help them. Let's learn a lesson from Seattle. Camping brings more drug use, property crime, sexual crimes, and unsanitary conditions. Supporting camping is a heartless stance that only allows people to slowly kill themselves.

331. Jay Doherty

jdoherly@illfonic.com

I was being not retorical. I'd really like to know what you tell families that are looking to move to Tacoma given that the homeless conditions are being forstered? Would you reccomend families with young vulnerable children moving here?

332. Steve

Steve@nwcsi.biz

Support camping ban

Those people that are mentally ill need to be housed , perhaps permanently and receive the appropriate treatment.

People that are not on drugs need to be given short term assistance while they find work and transition to supporting themselves. Similar to the way unemployment works. Drug testing for housing, if the applicant is addicted then they either choose treatment or jail. Like Connecticut did . Allowing continued addiction is not humane.

333. Athena Brewer, SENCo Chair (she/her)

senco253@gmail.com

No worries, thank you so much, Kenny. You're doing a great job & would love to hear that Adele karaoke!

334. Catherine Calhoun

cjazzey38@gmail.com

Why isn't the issue of hard working, tax paying citizens being criminalized every day and night being addressed? The police aren't allowed to do anything to protect the public.

335. angela connelly
angelayconnelly@hotmail.com
It may snow tonight .. we can do better then look the other way at this injustice!! my heart breaks that we haven't stopped the filthy freezing encampments and offered a safe camp site? Managed and safe. With mental health help. How many people need to die like the woman by the McKinley encampment? How many women need to raped and trafficked ?
Let's be a city that thrives for every person. Please end the encampments as a matter of justice!
There is a safe space. It can happen. There is hope. We can do this if we care and have compassion. Let's protect our unhoused and provide safe camping and get rid of inhumane unsanctioned encampments
336. Candy
candince777@gmail.com
There are many that do not want help.
337. Anonymous user
338. Curtisklj@outlook.com
(Comment) We live in a world where there is a young adult shelter. That should tell you everything.
339. robert thoms
robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org
We see there are several increases in NCS team paying over 100,000 each- why not use seniors at our local colleges for credit, pay \$25k each and get them placed in job with other agencies and use the other \$150k Toward tiny homes
340. Jay Doherty
jdoherty@illfonic.com
I also would like to know what is being done with the homeless arson fires around the 705 Highway.
341. Candy
candince777@gmail.com
I have worked with the homeless.
342. Michelle Woodrow
woodrow.michelle@gmail.com
I did not get an answer to this question earlier. How much does it cost per day to house someone in the jail? And since we're on the budget and only 4% goes to social services how much is dedicated to public safety.
343. ava

aclarridge@ymail.com

Oppose ban: i am no more scared of my houseless neighbors than my housed neighbors with gun stickers all over their cars.

344. K.Hansen
Kayla.hansen53370@laquinta.com
Support ban- sounds like the city is proud of how the city looks! Lots of excuses. No plan. What is the plan?
345. sid Olufs
olufs@plu.edu
If people are interested in the distribution of camping complaints received by the City, check
<https://tacoma.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=459392f5743742ad9f46f471ab91f704>
346. Stacey
stacey.soltoff@gmail.com
how does a camping ban improve unhoused people's access to affordable housing and other social services?
347. robert thoms
robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org
We have had mental health tax for years now with little results or transparency toward why all funds aren't spent on mental house or hosing
348. Catherine Calhoun
cjazzey38@gmail.com
Why can't the homeless move to City Council members and the Mayor's home? Let the homeless rob, rape, and defecate at their homes.
349. Maria Arns
maria1955arns@gmail.com
What about a van to transport to and from services they need so they are prepared to move instead of having to wait for a sweep and grasping at what is at hand at the moment. This will also give an opportunity to build relationships and build trust so community workers are better familiar with the unhoused and their needs instead of being put in a box.
350. Samantha
sroverstreet@gmail.com
The City is considering creating a Crisis Response team with only eight staff, reporting to the new office of community safety, but is also considering over \$5 million in extra resources to policing. Is the city open to putting all of that money into a non-police crisis team that is full-time and 24/7?
351. K.Hansen
Kayla.hansen53370@laquinta.com

Support ban- Tacoma PD why does it take 2-3 hours to show up to a emergency call?
Please explain.

352. Athena Brewer, SENCo Chair (she/her)
senco253@gmail.com
Question for Robert Thoms: what have you done to help the root causes of homelessness in our community? Houseless people are members of our community, too.
353. Brianna
bripfen@gmail.com
QUESTION: I frequently listen to the scanner and hear that a DCR is not available. I'd say 95% of the time. How many DCR's are there? It seems like they are never available.
354. robert thoms
robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org
Share the data point saying only 4% of budget going to support Social services- substantiate that number –
355. anabelrichard
richardcollege2000@gmail.com
I am extremely opposed to the ban. Why is Tacoma legislation focusing on criminalizing public camping and creating more crime in the area when there is serious increase in theft and violent crimes. Don't you think that this will only create more tension between citizens and legislation? as well as focusing police time and attention on people who are not actively hurting anyone?
356. Emily Hernandez
emily.c.hernandez@wsu.edu
What actions are being taken to teach police officers about how to better handle mental health issues
357. ally
aorosco000@gmail.com
I am opposed to a camping ban since it does not address the root cause. As an ER nurse, I believe in Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs- that people need to have their basic needs (shelter, clothes, food) met in order to move into health and employment. I care for people whose feet are literally falling off because of exposure to the rain, their faces falling off in the summer because of sun exposure, who rely on stimulants to keep them up at night so that their few belongings aren't stolen, who refuse the offer of shelter placement because they have been victimized at shelters. I also see patient's who live in so-called wet houses. While they are not the picture of health, their ER visits and health needs are much less both in resources and taxpayer costs. Is the City involving this type of housing model in its future plans?
358. K.Hansen
Kayla.hansen53370@laquinta.com
Support ban- why are camps only on low-income areas of Tacoma?

359. Athena Brewer, SENCo Chair (she/her)
senco253@gmail.com
Could Linda please speak more about the low-barrier site in progress?
360. Amanda DeShazo
amanda@affordablehousingconsortium.org
OPPOSE I oppose the camping ban. We know from nationally recognized data and reports that camping bans are not effective - they ultimately make it harder for individuals to access and qualify for housing, thus exacerbating the issue. Public dollars should not be used to criminalize homelessness, they should be invested in more emergency shelters, affordable housing, and supportive services.
361. Sally Perkins,
sally@practicalsolutionstcoma.com
Robert Thoms, you've been on the Council for all the time that you complain that nothing has happened, why do you think it's appropriate to take potshots at City staff on this forum? Maybe you should look at your own responsibility here...
362. Laurie Beck
laurie.beck@wyndham.com
I agree Mark, my comments as well have been over looked.
363. marilyn
gnome253@gmail.com
I fully support a ban on camping. Public property should be for the benefit of all of the public, not just a few who feel like setting up a tent. Public property should be clean and safe for all citizens. We are getting more and more homeless from all over, this problem will only grow without measures to curb it.
364. Emily Hernandez
emily.c.hernandez@wsu.edu
On a scale of 1-10, how important is mental health to the city council when working with members of the houseless community?
365. Robb Krehbiel (he/him)
robb.krehbiel@gmail.com
I oppose the camping ban. Like many folks, I'm concerned with the safety of camping on public property, but a ban isn't how to deal with this crisis. The city already has tools to respond to problematic encampments. Pushing people out of camps with nowhere to go just makes them more vulnerable.
366. Courtney Farmer
courtney@made-law.com
Repost - In Support: The position of many people supporting the camping ban is being misstated. The position is not that the unhoused should be incarcerated, but that they accept services for metnal health treatment and drug addition therapy instead of living

on the street. This is a basic human right. The city of tacoma should be using the \$20,000,000++ budget to provide these services and not maintain encampments.

367. Chris Dobler
chrisd@dmcimail.com
Can we get an answer to the question just read?
368. K.Hansen
Kayla.hansen53370@laquinta.com
You can argue that there is not factually evidence on both sides. One sided conversation! Obviously who you support.
369. Devin Rydel Kelly - TDSA - No on camping ban!
peopleofearth@gmail.com
Another question for Robert Thoms... are we gonna have to deal with constant annoying commentary from you all the time now that you're returing to being a normal citizen?
370. Catherine Garretson-Bilnoski
alaindrea@yahoo.com
Allyson, I appreciate the response, but I was looking for the information about attending the meeting tomorrow and on the 9th as well as how to comment
371. Ty Moore
TYTYMO@gmail.com
When campers are offered longer-term stays in tiny house villages or shelters, studies in Seattle show they overwhelmingly choose tiny house villages. This points toward a relatively cheap, stable, and human alternative for most campers until enough permanently affordable housing can be built. Has the city studied how many tiny homes would be needed to fully meet the likely demand in Tacoma and how much this would cost?
372. Courtney N Love
373. unluckyclovers@gmail.com
Oppose the camping ban: I also oppose profit motives founded on desperation. Solutions for houselessness should be 100% publicly funded and provided and provide a living wage for employees.
374. K.Hansen
Kayla.hansen53370@laquinta.com
Unbelievable. This is so sad. The leadership doesn't want any change, they are happy with themselves. They do not care about protecting the citizens. This so sad.
375. Maureen Howard
mhoward@pchomeless.org
25th & Portland
376. Candy
candince777@gmail.com

People who are mentally ill and refuse to take their medication. Many do not know how to care for themselves. Many of the addict/alcoholics do not want help. Some do -some don

377. Candy
candince777@gmail.com
Some don
378. Candy
candince777@gmail.com
Some don't
379. Eli K
ekrane007@gmail.com
Against the ban- if you have issues with homeless people camping, then you should support reforming shelters to properly help the homeless and offer job training. Promoting more social safety nets helps to lower the amount becoming homeless due to the situation they were born into and allows those who are homeless to receive support so that they can better their situation
380. Catherine Garretson-Bilnoski
alaindrea@yahoo.com
Please ask the couple to contact safe parking on the coalition website
381. Brianna
bripfen@gmail.com
Don't forget that the 'crisis responders' will most likely need police escort for their own safety.
382. Addie Tinkham
addieliz2000@gmail.com
Oppose ban. Sixth and orchard is BARELY the north end
383. Candy
candince777@gmail.com
What about those who don't want help!
384. Mark (Tacoma, Wa)
tjmarkiemark@yahoo.com
Who is this guy reading the questions? He only says "I appreciate your comment or thanks for your comment" for people that oppose the ban. He censors or cuts off/skips many of the comments that support the camping ban. Not feeling good about this discussion as a tax payer that is dealing with rampant crime downtown in direct correlation to the massive homeless encampments in the city center. I support the encampment ban
385. Regina Eury
rceury@gmail.com

the city has had a pledge to end homelessness since the mid 1990s. why should we have any confidence in the city to demonstrably resolve this issue

386. Robb Krehbiel (he/him)
robb.krehbiel@gmail.com
A lack of after hours number to help folks is a HUGE hole in the services we provide.
387. Courtney N Love
unluckyclovers@gmail.com
Last city budget I saw - 34% of Tacoma's budget went to policing. #DefundThePolice and fund services that reduce crime - housing, healthcare, and food.
388. lesterpoguejr.
lespoguejr@gmail.com
Good question Athena! What up Thoms?
389. Steve Jones
steve@keyinsure.net
Is there any kind of reparations available to businesses or homeowners for the damage done by those in encampments? If the City has funding to help the unsheltered, how about helping those harmed by this group?
390. Zaneta Reid (She/Her)
zaneta@wearelec.org
Salvation Army may be able to help the family out there.
391. ava
aclarridge@ymail.com
could we please define inhumane and compassionate as i believe these terms may not be being used correctly
392. Holly Rydel
t3transcription@gmail.com
We have a lot of empty buildings and commercial absentee (speculative) landlords - can these properties be reclaimed by the city for current tent or car use?
393. rubycooper-karl
rubycooperkarl@gmail.com
banning people from camping won't help them access services in my opinion, forcing interactions with the police just puts them more at risk
394. Diane
didoherty98@gmail.com
Will there be a transcript of this meeting made available after the meeting, with all questions and answers, including those you're not able to answer live tonight?
395. Dena Jones
visitdena@gmail.com

The moderator does NOT HAVE THE RIGHT to censor comments. He cut off comments based on his bias opinion. Not his job. Not his place!

396. Paul Hawthorne
Stra8Arrow@comcast.net
Paul Hawthorne

I support the ban on camping on public property.

Homelessness has increased 37% in Pierce County since 2015.
There are over 4,000 homeless families in Pierce County.

Building shelters is compassionate.
But Tacoma needs to protect the rest of us from the danger of homeless encampments.

397. Sherrilla Bivens
sherrillabivens45@gmail.com

I oppose the ban it's not a solution just create more problems

398. K.Hansen
Kayla.hansen53370@laquinta.com
Corruption at its finest

399. Mary Jo Strom Copland
mj@thetravelcompany.net

The Primary Job of city government is to protect and serve the community. That community consists of bona fide taxpaying resident of the city. Why are those residents villified for asking that the city provide safety and law enforcement. People in this city want compassion shown to those who need services, but not at the expense of their safety and they safety of those that they love. Our community is facing increased crime while at the same time they are being shamed for asking that the city protect them from crime and the possibility of a public health crisis.

400. Sally Perkins,
sally@practicalsolutionstcoma.com

The Jail cost numbers are from the County 2022 budget just passed. 2023 will be more expensive.

401. Laurie Beck
laurie.beck@wyndham.com

How about the cost to the business to increase security and pest control, lost business?

402. Michelle Woodrow
woodrow.michelle@gmail.com
Thank you, Sally

403. Maureen Howard
mhoward@pchomeless.org

Where can we find these new 400 housing units? These are City funded only or the units that also show up in the Pierce County lists?

404. robert thoms
robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org
There were no arrest during 2016-2019 when the original ban was in place - so no incarnation cost
405. Jonathan Pottle - #DefundThePolice
jonathanpottle@gmail.com
Opposed to the ban. What are the city's plans for social housing? Not short-term shelters or so-called "affordable" housing, but rather publicly-owned housing that is available at no individual cost to anyone who is without housing.
406. Holly Rydel
t3transcription@gmail.com
We give tax breaks to developers including affordable housing can we have a reverse policy for chronically empty lots and vacant buildings: i.e. can these properties be temporarily or premanently reclaimed by the city for current tent or car use?
407. Julie Warden
408. baycrest@dmcimail.com
It isn't that the folks downtown are not compassionate about the homeless issue, I just don't ever get a good nights sleep! The fighting, screaming, drug use, crime and recently an increase in gunshots. I just called 911 this weekend about gunshots underneath my bedroom window. The gang tagging is getting out of control. What to do? People are moving out of the building in droves. How do we continue on with this crime and fear? I would not currently walk out of the building after dark. It is so sad. Thank you
409. Catherine Garretson-Bilnoski
alaindrea@yahoo.com
for the unhoused couple in their vehicle
Contact the Safe Parking Network
253-346-6482
<https://www.pchomeless.org/Home/SafeParking3>
410. Samantha
sroverstreet@gmail.com
You keep talking about housing and shelter that will or could become available in the future. Why are you criminalizing homelessness before you even have housing options available?
411. Brianna
bripfen@gmail.com
Please put the 'sanctioned camps' in every city leaders backyard.
412. robert thoms
robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org

Be specific abt city support in dollars to biz and citizens - we want to see figures

413. reuben fellman
rfellman@pugetsound.edu
Against the "camping" ban- Why is property given more value than human life?
414. Maria Arns
maria1955arns@gmail.com
Oppose the ban. Having worked with a team at the sweep at Evergreen College one common statement made was "after a sweep people are just moved from one location to another several times." Which causes trauma as you break up communities that have learned to support one another.
415. Jay Doherty
jdoherty@illfonic.com
I think that having a tent on my block is an immediate threat to my and my families safty givin then threats I and my neighbors have received. Do you and the police officer agree that having tents in the immediate vancity of my home is an immediate threat?
416. Eli K
ekrane007@gmail.com
Opposed to the ban- what prevents the city from currently allowing free, permanent housing?
417. Kristen Wynne
kristen@historic1625.com
I support Syretta Brown.
How many deaths, drug overdoses and rapes have occurred in the encampments the past year?
418. JohnnyO
limpandlazy@verizon.net
I personally think Mr. Coble is adlibing the questions and only asking those that meets his fancy and not the real problem.
419. Wolf Cook (she/her)
wolfforthepeople@gmail.com
we tried to get them to reimburse reciepts for our program months ago and they never came through
420. Leah Smillie
leah_smillie@yahoo.com
It's great that you have all these housing and shelter prospects on the horizon. That being said, it's not enough housing right NOW. So if you know housing people is the solution, but there's not enough housing to do that right now, how does blaming and then punishing that fact on unhoused individuals solve the problem? Do you think they deserve to be punished? Are they, the unhoused, the group that should be punished for this situation?

421. Jonathan Pottle - #DefundThePolice
jonathanpottle@gmail.com
robert thoms: get bent
422. Stacey
stacey.soltoff@gmail.com
when we say so-called "sanctioned" encampments, what services does the City provide that measurably improve the sanitation, hygiene, and other basic human necessities for the residents compared to "unsanctioned" camps?
423. Jay Doherty
jdoherty@illfonic.com
Support Ban ^
424. Maureen Howard
mhoward@pchomeless.org
Can you repeat where we will find all of the comments? Thanks
425. Brett Johnson
brett@waneandflitch.com
Why is this not also being broadcast on channel 12?
426. Chris Dobler
chrisd@dmcimail.com
I would like to be contacted to receive assistance from the City of Tacoma with the removal of emcampments from our private properties. We have contacted the appropriate City dept, but we have not received assistance. Thanks.
427. Athena Brewer, SENCo Chair (she/her)
senco253@gmail.com
Thank you to Linda & NCS for all your hard work in caring for our houseless neighbors & providing services & support for our community. We appreciate you all.
428. Laurie Beck
laurie.beck@wyndham.com
How about supporting . . . you continually overlook my comments!
429. Dena Jones
visitdena@gmail.com
You're not listening! CALLING 911 DOES NOT WORK! Calling 311 is less even effective!
430. Jerad McGill
jmcgill2@comcast.net
Please read the NY Post story about Seattles Homelessness crisis.
<https://nypost.com/2019/05/06/how-seattles-elite-brushes-off-violent-homeless-crime/>

431. lesterpoguejr.
lespoguejr@gmail.com
No Ban

What is going on with the proposed tiny homes site at 10th & L?
432. anabel
wrichard@eths202.org
I do not support the ban,
statistically speaking, calling police usually escalates situations. not to mention that Tacoma PD takes 2-3 hours to respond to an emergency calls. personally i do not feel safe calling the police when i feel unsafe as the police are usually a direct cause of my feeling unsafe. these among many are reasons why we need a 24 hour emergency line for mental health crises
433. anabel
wrichard@eths202.org
thank you healthcare workers!
434. Chris Dobler
chrisd@dmcimail.com
Thank you so much for having this meeting, and CM Ushka for agreeing to take all of this on. I truly appreciate how you do not shy away from the tough issues facing our City at this time.
435. Aleeza M.
jonisey@yahoo.com
how is this process trauma informed?
436. Marlene Warfield
marlenewarfield1@gmail.com
thank you very much Linda Stewart:)
Marlene Stewart (Warfield)
Central Tacoma neighbor to humans behind the Evergreen Post office for the last two years
437. Andrea Andrea Haug SENCo Corresponding Secretary
Andreahaug33@gmail.com
Thank you!
438. Eli K
ekrane007@gmail.com
Comment (opposed to the ban)- "You may choose to look away, but you can never again say you didn't know" don't attempt to ignore those who need help in our community, they are there due to the society that has been built and promoted by the rich and those in charge. their life was decided before they were even born