



## We Want To Hear From You

As the City of Tacoma continues to respond to emergent community needs presented by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as calls from the community for stronger actions to remove institutional racism from all parts of government, we are also working on our 2021-2022 Biennial Budget. Currently, we project a General Fund shortfall of \$67 million for the 2021-2022 biennium and are approaching the challenging task of closing this sizeable gap in a strategic, data-driven and community-informed manner.

We can't do it without you, and we want to hear from you. Details about the City's budget and planning processes are below, and I invite you to also tune in to the City Council's Study Session or Council meetings on Tuesdays via [TV Tacoma](#), Facebook Live, or Zoom.

In service,

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Kristina Walker

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## 2021 - 2022 Biennial Budget



The 2021-2022 Biennial Budget development process is underway, and our City Council is prioritizing racial equity throughout.

Throughout this summer, the Office of Management & Budget is conducting outreach to gather information on community priorities, as well as the impacts of the City's COVID-19 emergency response on City services and the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget. In October 2020, the City

Manager will propose a budget to the City Council for their review and adoption before the end of the year. We want to hear from you on which budget priorities are most important. Let your voice be heard [here](#). Surveys are being offered in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Khmer.

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## Interactive Budget Workshop: July 23, 2020

The community is invited to join this event on July 23, 2020 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. Tell us what resources and services are important to you as we decide how to balance the City's budget in light of a projected \$67 million deficit in 2021-2022. Tell us your budget priorities using our new tool, [Balancing Act](#), at this interactive budget workshop. It's incredibly important that we hear from you! You can join the Zoom meeting [here](#) and enter the password 496727.

# Balancing Act

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## Commitment to Transformation

On June 30, 2020, the City Council [passed Resolution 40622](#) affirming the City Council's dedication and commitment to comprehensive and sustained transformation of all institutions, systems, policies, practices, and contracts impacted by systemic racism, with initial priority being given to policing in Tacoma. I am fully committed to this work and look forward to working with my colleagues on transformation throughout our city including Campaign Zero/8 Can't Wait, working with the Citizen Police Advisory Committee to improve accountability, supporting Project Peace, implementing body-worn cameras for police officers, and a commitment to zero loss of life in Tacoma. In addition to addressing transformation in our police department, we are also committed to addressing change throughout our City in all departments with our Equity and Empowerment Framework.

At the [June 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting](#), the City Council discussed and acknowledged a need for this transformation to begin by creating a shared community understanding of what it means to feel safe.

We look forward to hearing from and working with you, as we come together as a community to spark lasting positive change.

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## Happy Pride!



Happy Pride, Tacoma! We celebrate our LGBTQIA+ community all month. Check out my message for Pride in the video by clicking my message below.

