

From: Cheri Solien <csolien@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 12:24 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Hines, John; Walker, Kristina
Subject: Charter Review....I support a City Manager and Police, and NOT taking the Charter to a Vote of the People

Dear City Council,

I am very leery of the recommendations promoted by the citizen's group for the Tacoma Charter Review.

- I support the police. WA State currently has the fewest police officers of any state in the nation. That is why our crime is so high.
- I want to see the City Manager have a say in how the city is run. I do not want radicals running our city. Just take a look at how Seattle City Council has moved back to the middle of the political aisle. I do not want far-left or far-right radicals making political decisions for Tacoma.
 - Portland Oregon is a great example of a city lead and ruined by well-intentioned city leaders who did not know what they were doing, and consequently broke Portland.
- We saw what the outspoken far left did last year with the local Tenant's Bill of Rights.....now we are losing Mom and Pop landlords, and corporate landlords are taking over. I liked the plan the Tacoma City Council had come up with. I supported your efforts.

Tacoma has a POOR Voter Turn-Out, and most likely, poorly informed voters on this type of issue.

Tread carefully on the Charter Review as most residents of Tacoma do not get involved politically. But the far left does get involved and organized, and it DOES NOT represent the politically moderate.

I appreciate a MODERATE political course, tread carefully with the changes you make on the Charter Review.

Regards,
Cheri Solien
West End of Tacoma

From: notification@cityoftacoma.org
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 12:32 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Submit Your Feedback to the Committee 2024-06-21 11:32 AM(PST) Submission Notification

Submit Your Feedback to the Committee 2024-06-21 11:32 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 6/21/2024 12:32:07 PM (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time, L.A.

Name	Value
Name	Steve Williams
Email Address	Prospect2125@aol.com
Subject	Charter Review AND COUNCIL REVIEW OF REVIEW
Message	<p>Good Morning, I have been following the Charter Review Process. I was disappointed in some aspects of the Charter Review Committee process, notably the lack of City support of the Committee and the Chair's conduct. I think both of those contributed to some issues I have with certain of the Recommendations. But those concerns pale a bit next to the City Council 'review' of the Recommendations. It seems to me that the Council is denigrating not only the process and many of the recommendations but also the members of the Committee by its fumbling comments and criticisms, most of which, seem to me, to trace to the Council's own lack of support for the Committee as well as the Council's distaste for any change. I assume this is deliberate and intended to confuse. I wonder why the Council bothers with even considering the Committee's work. And during Council's recent meeting on this subject, we were all condemned to listen not only to racist rants but also to the Chair's demanding first that we all listen to them and second to his lecture about hearing things we don't agree with. Give me a break. Is there no end to his self-righteousness. He has or should have a kill switch and he should have used it. And we should have a process to identify those who made the comments. Free Speech doesn't mean Secret Speech, seems to me. Nor does it mean that anyone has an obligation to listen to it. But I guess that might amount to a change. And the Council doesn't want change.</p>

To view this form submission online, please follow the link below:

<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/form/one.aspx?objectId=265745&contextId=53725&returnto=submissions>

From: Morgan Vanderpool <morganicmovement@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 2:11 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Heartfelt request for the council to put the 2024 Charter Review Recommendations on the November Ballot

With great respect & care,

My name is Morgan Vanderpool, and I've been a resident of Tacoma for 16 years, and of service to some of our most vulnerable residents as a social worker and therapist during that time.

I'm writing with great great hope and heartfelt support for the charter review proposals that are being brought forth to support creating a safer and more equitable Tacoma. Both from the Charter Review Committee & the charter work cultivated by counsel members Olgy Diaz & Dan Hines.

I would like to add my voice to the group of many residents advocating for the City Council to approve the 2024 Charter Review recommendations *as is* without any changes for the November Ballot.

I would particularly like to advocate for:

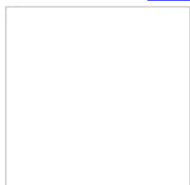
- The approval of the Office of Policing Accountability recommendation created by the Charter Review Committee.
- The creation a Climate Commission, so we can take meaningful action to act on the Climate Emergency that the City of Tacoma declared in 2019.
- The shift to a Mayor-Council form of Government, and to absolve the position of City Manager.

I would like to thank Council members Olgy Diáz and John Hines for their proposal to back and form a Mayor-Council form of government, and for their support of Policing Accountability. It is a HUGE step in the right direction from where we are currently. I hope they are open to integrating more of the Charter Review Committee recommendations.

Thank you for your care, consideration & action.

In gratitude & collaboration,

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P.S. If a time-bound response is needed, please feel welcome to text me at 253-697-0190, as my email response time can vary.

From: maggie walker <magwalk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 2:17 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Re: Please put the charter review recommendations onto the November Ballot

(Updating this since there was a typo! Apologies!)

Dear Nicole Emery,

I am a constituent and I would like to add my voice to the group of many residents advocating for the city council to approve the charter review recommendations *as is* without any changes for the November Ballot. I would particularly like to advocate for approval of the Policing Accountability recommendation created by the Charter Review Committee. I would also like to advocate for creating a Climate Commission, so we can take meaningful action to act on the Climate Emergency that the City of Tacoma declared in 2019.

I would like to thank Councilmembers Olgy Díaz and John Hines for their proposal to form a Mayor-Council form of government. It is a huge step in the right direction from where we are currently. I hope they are open to integrating more of the Charter Review Committee recommendations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmly,
Maggie Walker
4302 S J St
Tacoma, WA 98418

On Mon, Jun 24, 2024 at 1:38 PM maggie walker <magwalk@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Nicole Emery,

I am a constituent and I would like to add my voice to the group of many residents advocating for the city council to approve the charter review recommendations *as is* without any changes for the November Ballot. I would particularly like to advocate for approval of the Policy Accountability recommendation created by the Charter Review Committee. I would also like to advocate for creating a Climate Commission, so we can take meaningful action to act on the Climate Emergency that the City of Tacoma declared in 2019.

I would like to thank Councilmembers Olgy Díaz and John Hines for their proposal to form a Mayor-Council form of government. It is a huge step in the right direction from where we are currently. I hope they are open to integrating more of the Charter Review Committee recommendations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmly,
Maggie Walker
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"Instructions for living a life:

- *Pay attention*
 - *Be astonished*
 - *Tell about it"*
- ~ *Mary Oliver*

From: Anique Zimmer <aniquezimmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 4:50 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public comment submission for charter review

Hello!

I'm writing to express my support for a number of recommendations made by the Charter Review Committee.

Expanding the planning commission, moving forward with the neighborhood councils and citizen ballots, prohibiting the city from posting competing ballot measures, and increasing the time limit to six months for future charter review committees are great steps for the city towards considering and incorporating the needs of all residents to improving our lives and the city that is our home.

Furthermore, removing the city manager and putting decision-making power into the hands of elected, accountable leadership would also be a huge step in doing just that. City councilmember should also be a full time job, allowing them to put their all into serving the needs of their constituents. More on accountability, the Police Accountability recommendation should stay as-is and preserve the oversight on law enforcement.

As to environmental health and our practical needs, I also support the amendment to specify "internet" as a utility and the creation of a climate commission. Broad access to the internet is now an essential need for many aspects of life, and we should be protecting our own residents access to it as well as shielding the rare and precious resource that is the Click network from private interest. Our local climate and natural resources also need such protection, for our own health and safety if nothing else, and a Climate Commission would help ensure that.

Thank you for your time, I hope to attend tomorrow's meeting!

Cheers,

~ Anique Zimmer

From: Yur Mac <yurmac@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 6:30 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: A Street and 84th
Attachments: IMG_1595.heic

Hello,

My name is Yuriy Machinskiy

I live at 8234 A st Tacoma WA 98408

Just recently I've noticed some activity at our street. I.e. some construction at the intersection of A st and 84 th.

Whatever it is done now shows rather inappropriate and irrational waste of public funds.

I am assuming many of our neighbours think the same way.

My opinion is intersection is made massively unsafe.

Below is an image of a makeshift sign somebody did today. I have no idea who did it, but it is interesting

Thank you

Yuriy Machinskiy

Sent from my iPhone



From: Fred Dowell <freddowell54@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 1:28 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fire Levy

Please forward my letter to the appropriate individual or Department about the upcoming EMT fire Levy

I have seen different numbers thrown around from the presentation at the council meeting and then articles and I'd like to know what are the correct numbers?

I've seen numbers of \$1.70 per \$1,000 which has been on the books for a while.

I would like to know from someone how long has this \$1.70 tax been on the books when was it implemented and at what rate it has it increased over the years if any.

I would also like to know how can the city put on this EMT Bond / Levy that they want to have the option of raising at 6% a year when the state says they can only increase the property tax value by 1%?

It's my understanding that the \$1.70 amount is part of the general fund tax.

If they passed this 65 Cent amount are they going to pull the \$1.70 amount out of the general fund and combine the two fire tax fees?

Please forward to the appropriate individuals since I don't know where to go with this and then I can ask them more questions

Thank you

Fred Dowell
Tacoma

From: Daren Holter <darenholter@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 8:29 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tonight's Community Forum
Attachments: City Council Community Forum 6.25.2024.docx

Here is my presentation to the council for tonight's meeting along with supporting documents.

Daren H. Holter

June 25, 2024

To whom it may concern:

To continue the discussion on the Tacoma Police Harrison Shooting Range soil contamination, additional soil test reports shows other areas of the two sites to be highly contaminated and concentrations in excess of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) clean up limits. The City has known about the soil contamination and has tried to keep City Staff and the Citizens of Tacoma in the dark about the possible threat this site poses. To keep employees in the dark no employee that has worked in the contaminated soils were ever informed about the hazards they could face or that high levels of lead were present. No employee has received specific training in the known hazards at the range. Since employees were never informed or trained to handle contaminated soil they performed work without personal protective equipment. In comparison, contractors who were performing drainage improvements (2011) had to have all employees trained in HAZWOPER and respirator training. In 2022 after a City employee who got knowledge of the levels of soil contamination City employees were told, "If it bothers you put on some gloves". But never received any formal training similar to the training the City requires outside contractors who perform work at the range (See Attachment).

Example of assigned work: City employees told to move contaminated soil from lower range to upper range and just spread it around. City employees told to dig out plugged catch basin filled with dirt and then to flush the rest down the storm drain. Again, employees were just doing what they are told to do since they were not informed of the levels of soil contamination at the range.

Daren H. Holter

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Attachments X4: Spec-Contaminated Soil and Water, Soil Analysis-August 2009, Soil Sampling-GeoEngineers, Soil Sediment Sample

QUEENIE

2011 - JUNE 21, 2024



DAY 1 HUMANE SOCIETY RESCUE
AT 4 MONTHS.

Mitchell Reich

JUNE 20, 2024

TO: Mayor Woodcock, City Manager Pauli,
City Attorney Bocher, & all Members of
Sacramento City Council

Re: Proposal for Initiative To Reach
The State's 2035 Vehicle Goal for City of Sacramento

FACT 1: 90% of U.S. residents are subject
to breathing unhealthy AIR.

FACT 2: Americans lose 3 yrs of residual
lifespan due to this air pollution!

FACT 3: Vehicle emissions - sources are
responsible for 75% of this air pollution.

Now that we know what the problem is,
what are the solutions? The above are
science based studies.

1. The City of Sacramento should adopt a
5 yr plan to make the city's fleet
100% electric, this could be phased in
at 20% per year - with priority to
heavy use vehicles - such as police patrol
cars.

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2. A "VEHICLE POLLUTION MITIGATION FEE (TAX)" should be imposed with every vehicle license tab. As all pollution is not equal - it should be based on the engine CC's at the rate of 10¢ per CC of engine displacement. A 3 cylinder engine does not pollute as a 8 cylinder engine - it should be based on the pollution produced. Proceeds would be set aside and dedicated to vehicle electrification programs. Exemption for EV. vehicles!

3. Some of the worst polluters come from DIESEL 18 wheelers delivering trucks. Most of these are transients - so as to not let them get away with polluting a 10.00 "VEHICLE DOCKING FEE" should be charged with every delivery. Exemption for those that have made the switch to electric or some fleets have - this will speed up the process of conversion.

4. As revenues from these fees build, the City of Goeno should offer a \$1000.00 downpayment assistance to those buying a E.V. as many states & companies have!

Sincerely, Michele Reich

Climate Alliance of the South Sound's Statement to City Council about the Charter Review Process

06/25/2024

Initial Statement - Brief overview of what we want

1. Good evening Mayor, Council Members, and staff. We would like to express our most important concerns with the recommended amendments from the Charter review process. The volunteers that took part in the Charter review worked hard to research and approve recommendations to improve our City's charter.
2. After reading the Charter Review Report, three amendments stand out as being the most critical to appear on the November ballot unaltered. The improvement of the Community's Police Advisory Committee into an Office of Policing Accountability, an expansion of the Climate Accountability and Sustainability Commission, and change in our form of government from Council Manager to Mayor, Council, Chief Administrative Officer.
3. These three amendments stood out as being crucial to handle our city's growing size and our citizen's demands for a just government.

Office of Policing Accountability - Briefly highlight the most important parts of the amendment

1. First, let's begin with the amendment for an Office of Policing Accountability. It would improve oversight over our policing systems to reduce expensive court cases and help community members feel that these systems are free from corruption and bias.
2. This office would include the already existing Community's Police Advisory Committee and would give citizens an external civilian complaint process.
3. One of the things that have been most harmful to the image of Tacoma's policing system is self-conducted investigations.
4. People have immediate suspicion against internal investigations for any organization, especially if bodily harm by a government agency is involved.
5. This amendment would give the office authority to conduct investigations, subpoena evidence and hold hearings to improve the transparency of the investigation process.
6. Based on the community's response from the Manny Ellis trial, it is clear that Tacoma needs to invest in preventing tragedies from occurring by improving our entire policing system, from top to bottom.
7. The people of Tacoma should be allowed to vote on this proposal, which is based on researching models in other cities that have had success.
8. Repeatedly, the City has allowed slurs and hate speech, empowering bigots to use fear to push their racist agenda into our City.
9. Two weeks ago, Deputy Hines, you said we needed to tolerate hate speech out of respect for other people's opinions.
10. I'd like to remind everyone that Racism is not an opinion, these people are pushing an ideology that has already irrevocably scarred our planet and the entirety of humanity.
11. I'd like to ask you, Council Members, to respect us, the people who actually show up and bring you research.

- a. The culture of Tacoma's government seems to prioritize big business at the expense of what truly makes a city a good place to live.
- b. Which isn't surprising when a manager who makes more than any elected official at the state level - yes including our supreme court Chief Justice and gov. Inslee.
- c. Tacoma is the last big city in Washington that hasn't changed away from the city manager form of government.
- d. If you want to show residents that you truly are listening to our concerns, and care about our opinions--you will vote yes to move this decision onto the November ballot where all Tacoma voters can weigh in.

Climate Accountability and Sustainability Commission

20. Briefly highlight the most important parts of the amendment:

- a. 8 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain, 2 absent
- b. Excerpt from rationale in report:
- c. The City's climate emergency resolution (2022 -Resolution No. 40776) committed the city to reduce municipal operations emissions, especially restricting natural gas use in existing municipal buildings and 27 new capital investments, decarbonize transportation, and conduct studies that identify strategies for success and assess impact. This resolution has also never been added to code.

21. The city must effectively track and hold accountable its commitments to sustainability and climate goals.

- a. We need a Climate Commission to inform the Council, improve climate policy and prioritize long term sustainability.
- b. Tacoma declared a Climate Emergency 5 years ago. Since then, our permitting processes and policies have not been updated to address the emergency to the fullest legal extent possible.
- c. The Non-interim Regulations for the Tideflats allowed fossil fuel facilities to *expand* by 15% and carved out a special exemption for Puget Sound Energy to expand the controversial LNG fracked gas refinery up to double capacity.
- d. Large industrial projects are still being permitted to construct buildings heated by fracked gas, like the South Tacoma mega warehouse.

22. We have heard too many promises about putting things into enforceable code at a later date that haven't materialized.

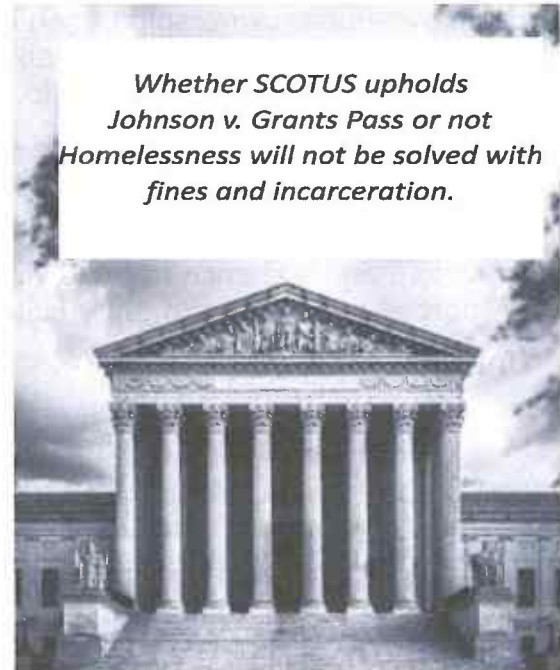
- a. Health Impact Assessments for large projects, promised by then-Council Member Woodards, in a memo with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept during the fight against the LNG refinery is a prime example.
- b. Would have been nice for South Tacoma if that was in place before Bridge Industrial's Mega Warehouse. Tacoma residents deserve to vote, and voice how important addressing the climate emergency is, by adding this Commission to our Charter.

Housing Not Handcuffs

"Grants Pass v. Johnson sets the stage for the most significant Supreme Court case about the rights of homeless people in decades. At its core, this case will decide whether cities are allowed to punish people for things like sleeping outside with a pillow or blanket, even when there are no safe shelter options."

~ National Homelessness Law Center

Here in Tacoma, neither the low housing supply nor any other condition that contributes to homelessness will be solved by putting more people in jail or imposing fines on our poorest citizens. The solution to homelessness is attainable housing for everyone.



A sample idea is on the other side of this paper:

Housing plan a model for affordability

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. –

https://eugeneregisterguard-or.newsmemory.com/?publink=0c6b3d413_134d314

The first batch of small homes aimed at giving low-income individuals a chance at home ownership began construction in Flagstaff, Arizona, and the development team thinks the idea could be a model for affordable housing integrated into communities nationwide.

The project has been a yearslong effort between Phoenix-based developer Vintage Partners and Habitat for Humanity Northern Arizona.

- 42 houses, called 'starter homes' that will give the occupants a place to live and a chance to build wealth through homeownership.
- part of a larger community called Timber Sky.

Unique program

1) small homes (650 square feet) will be 'for sale,' and buyers will pay Habitat for Humanity a down payment and monthly payments in lieu of a traditional mortgage.

Residents will pay about \$1,000 for a down payment.

2) monthly payments will be kept under \$1,000.

3) Habitat for Humanity will bank the money paid toward principal (about \$833 per month, or about \$10,000 per year, and save it for the residents.

4) Residents are required to live in the homes a minimum of three years and a maximum of 10.

5) When they move, Habitat for Humanity will 'buy' back the home using the money that person has paid on the principal (if a person lives in the home the full 10 years, they will sell their home back to the nonprofit for \$100,000).

6) Habitat for Humanity has exclusive rights to buy the home back, it cannot be sold on the general market. H4H will prepare the home to be resold to another qualifying resident, and the homes will remain affordable in perpetuity.

The group has already opened two of the starter homes in another location in Flagstaff as a pilot program. Those homes are already occupied.

