

From: Cheri Solien <csolien@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 5:21 AM
To: City Clerk's Office; Woodards, Victoria; Daniels, Kiara; Hines, John; Walker, Kristina; Bushnell, Joe; Sadalge, Sandesh; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Diaz, Olgy; Scott, Jamika; Kim, Hyun
Subject: Fund the Humane Society, DEFUND City Council TRAVEL Perks

Dear City of Tacoma Mayor and City Council Members,
We are living in hard times, and yes, there does need to be Budget Cuts, as well as Job Training and Bringing Jobs to Tacoma. Hopefully, this is already happening as we need more tax payers.

However, cutting funds to the Humane Society is an awful idea that will NOT sit well with the tax paying property owners and voters of Tacoma- sadly, your main tax base. We love our animals!

To help fund the Humane Society, Eliminate all Mayor and City Council travel perks except for one position going forward, and make that one person's travel destination(s) **real PERTINENT** to city business. Eliminate ALL trips to Europe. Give the City Council and Mayor's Travel Savings to the Humane Society Budget.

Please know that even Democratic voters are fed up with government waste at all levels. Our blue city is seeing swing voters now. I love the fact that Gov. Ferguson is moving to the middle of the political spectrum.

Use our limited tax dollars wisely, eliminate ALL travel except for one person to do important city business.

Thank you,
Cheri Solien
West End of Tacoma

From: TFD U <tfdunleashed@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 5:01 PM
To: Bushnell, Joe; Woodards, Victoria; City Clerk's Office
Subject: S Tacoma Business closes

I read an article in the News Tribune this morning Very disappointed and concerned That council member Bushnell who is the representative for that District, didn't bother to reply to the business owner, it took the News Tribune 3 months later to get contact from the council member

It did not say why you never replied to the business owner

I'd like to give you this opportunity to tell us why you did not reply council member Bushnell?

Being a city of Tacoma employee this is very disappointing and upsetting to me that people contact council members and don't get replies including a couple times that I've written

I look forward to seeing what you reply is and it will be shared on social media as this has made the Facebook News Tribune page and it's also on social media app. NEXT DOOR

From: Wing, Elizabeth (Legal)
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 8:58 AM
To: Pressman, Deirdre (Legal)
Subject: FW: appearing before council
Attachments: Letter for Disability Commission to Tacoma Council.docx

Hey! Here is a letter for Public Comment at next Tuesday, January 28, 2025, Council meeting, for Public Comment on the entheogen-related activities resolution.
From the Lukas Barfield on behalf of TACoD.

Elizabeth Wing
City of Tacoma | City Clerk's Office
253-591-5178

From: Smiraldo, Lucas <ismiraldo@cityoftacoma.org>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2025 12:58 PM
To: Wing, Elizabeth (Legal) <EWing@cityoftacoma.org>; Lukas Barfield (yeslukasbarfield@gmail.com) <yeslukasbarfield@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: appearing before council

Good Afternoon Elizabeth:

I am forwarding this letter on behalf of the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities to Commission Member **Lukas Barfield** who plans to arrive in person on January 28th to speak. He plans to speak in favor of the resolution from Councilmember Bushnell and supported by Councilmembers Scott, Diaz and Mayor Woodards, which would declare entheogen-related activities amongst the lowest law enforcement priority in the City of Tacoma.

I have attached the letter from the commission. We know that the clerk will provide Councilmembers the document in advance of the Commissioner's public comment.

Also, as Mr. Barfield is legally blind, could you make seating arrangement for him close to the podium and extend a staff member to lead him up to the podium and adjust his microphone?

Thank you and please reach out to me or to Mr. Barfield if you have any questions. I am assuming that he should arrive around 4:50 on the 28th in advance of the meeting so that we can help him get settled.

Thank you!

Lucas

From: Wing, Elizabeth (Legal) <EWing@cityoftacoma.org>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2025 12:26 PM
To: Smiraldo, Lucas <ismiraldo@cityoftacoma.org>

Subject: appearing before council

Hey Lucas,

See attached word document. 🙄

Elizabeth Wing
City of Tacoma | City Clerk's Office
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Tacoma City Council
Tacoma Municipal Building Council Chambers
747 Market St, 1st floor
Tacoma, WA 98402

12/13/2024

Dear City of Tacoma Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, who gave their support to this letter in December 2024, to ask the Tacoma City Council to endorse the resolution directing the City Manager to declare entheogen-related activities amongst the lowest law enforcement priority in the City of Tacoma. We support full decriminalization but are very supportive of the strides Council is taking tonight. Repeatedly, studies are showing that psilocybin and other psychedelic substances can be highly beneficial to people who suffer from treatment-resistant depression, anxiety, substance use disorders, PTSD, and other mental health conditions.

This issue affects the disability community because people living with physical disabilities are at much greater risk of suffering from anxiety, depression and substance use disorder than those in the general population. PTSD, which impacts many of our Veterans such that it becomes a disability, has been found to be highly responsive to psychedelic therapy.

Despite mounting evidence that psychedelic substances have enormous powers to alleviate suffering, and to provide life-changing spiritual awakenings, the possession and use of these substances remains a felony in most cities in the United States. Consequently, therapists and health care providers are unable to recommend or facilitate their use, fearing loss of licensure or criminal prosecution. People who are desperate for this modality of healing are therefore forced to seek help underground, where it can be more challenging to access reputable information and facilitators who are trained in the safe and effective use of psychedelics.

We urge you to join the growing number of cities who are decriminalizing or de-prioritizing legal action in the use of psychedelics. Please vote YES to approve the Resolution put before you, declaring entheogen-related activities amongst the lowest law enforcement priority in the City of Tacoma.

Sincerely,
Lukas Barfield
TACOD Commissioner on behalf of TACOD
(253) 241-7399

From: Cathie Raine <cjrdd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 1:22 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Debbie Cockrell
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENTS (1/28/25 City Council Meeting)

These comments are submitted for the 1/28/25 City Council Meeting.

Dear Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Daniels and City Council members,

Resolution 41611..written to execute an agreement for a short extension of the current City Manager's employment...does not include the financial details of this extension.

I noticed that the 5/16/23-5/15/25 employment agreement has also been included with this Resolution 41611 paperwork. At face value, I am having to assume that her pay (for the 6 weeks of additional employment) will be prorated..based on her usual annual salary. However, are there any other financial considerations involved with this proposed agreement to extend the City Manager's employment period with the City of Tacoma?

The City Council members need to write/include a financial note with this Resolution 41611 to address the details of the payment amounts involved with this short-term extension (salary amounts, any bonuses, any additional payments into her personal retirement accounts, services etc) and what part(s)/departments of the 2023-2025 Biennial Budget will be covering these total expenses?

The City of Tacoma has faced serious budget deficits and recently had to make tough decisions involving financial cuts to departments and programs. As with any other financial situation.. It is important for the City Council to be clear on what expenses would be involved with this extension of this City Manager's employment agreement..

Respectfully submitted,

Cathie (Raine) Urwin

From: Esther Day <Dayesther214@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 7:50 PM
To: Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John; Bushnell, Joe; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Walker, Kristina; Scott, Jamika; Sohan Randhawa; Daniels, Kiara; Diaz, Olgy
Cc: City Clerk's Office; Pauli, Elizabeth
Subject: RES41611 - No on Extension of Employment - WE NEED CHANGE NOW!

Dear Mayor and members of the City Council,

I am not in favor of extending any contract. I greatly appreciate what Ms. Pauli has done, but there can't be any delays in filling the position and you should have started this process earlier.

We need change and the Assist. Manager should suffice. If we don't have one, then you need to work harder to get this work done.

Do not delay hiring someone. I appreciate what Ms. Pauli has done for our City, but we need change NOW!

You should have been working on this long before NOW.

Ms. Pauli, thank you for all your hard work. But our mayor and council must do their job. Enjoy your retirement and God Bless you.

17. [RES41611](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an extension of the current employment agreement with Elizabeth Pauli to serve as City Manager, through June 30, 2025.

[Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

Attachments: [Resolution No. 41611](#)

[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

[Agreement](#)

[Extension](#)

Sincerely,
Esther Day