From: Sadalge, Sandesh

Sent: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 11:32 AM

To: City Clerk's Office Cc: Foster, Lynda

Subject: Fw: Letter of Support

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Hi - This was sent to me as public comment for tonight's meeting.

From: April Hibbard ahibbard78@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 11:10:46 AM

To: Sadalge, Sandesh < SSadalge@cityoftacoma.org >

Subject: Fwd: Letter of Support

Hi Sanesh,

Here's is a letter of support for the STEM Lab. This is a team out of Olympia that collaborates with us to build and use our practice field.

Best,

April Hibbard (206) 914-6740

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From: Ryan Zimmerman < zimmermanryanm@gmail.com >

Date: Mon, Apr 7, 2025 at 11:16 PM

Subject: Letter of Support To: Ahibbard78@gmail.com

Hello my Friend!

Here is something that the students and I wrote, I hope that it can be of use. Please let us know if there's anything else we can do to help, happy to make edits if needed.

Best of luck and thank you for including us, Ryan Zimmeran and the Olympia Robotics Federation To whom it may concern,

The Olympia Robotics Federation (FRC Team 4450), of the Olympia School District, and STEM Partners Washington (501C3), would like to express our enthusiastic support to the SOTA Bots (FRC Team 2557) and the Tacoma Robotics Alliance, for a Tacoma-based Stem Center. As a team part of this alliance that values collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity in STEM, we believe this initiative would be a vital asset not only to Tacoma-area teams but also to the broader regional robotics community, including ours.

One of the most unique facets of our robotics programs is their scale. Each season comes with learning, growth, and challenges that can only be conquered as a team. These programs require physical spaces for us to come together to test and learn and explore, and see all our students hard work and complex machines operate in their full, competition-ready capacity. Many teams, including our own have to make do with setting up temporary practice fields in commons school areas, but these can be extremely limiting and logistically difficult. A permanent space to foster collaboration, that can accommodate permanent practice field space would be revolutionary for robotics programs for miles around, benefiting thousands of future students.

This space would be utilized by students who are extremely excited and motivated to do hard things, and put significant time into learning complex engineering concepts. This would be a hub for a safe and fun community of students and mentors who could network and share knowledge. Over the years, we have seen firsthand how access to shared resources, mentorship, and a connected support system can transform a team's experience and impact, like it did for us.

A STEM center such as this would reduce barriers for new and under-resourced teams, give the community a space to host workshops and collaboration days to learn from one and other, and create a physical space for our students to feel welcomed and empowered.

We're confident that a Tacoma STEM Hub will not only support the mission of the Tacoma Robotics Alliance, but also strengthen a countless number of teams as we pursue the values of FIRST.

The Olympia Robotics Federation is eager to support and collaborate with this initiative in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

The Students and Mentors of the Olympia Robotics Federation

From: Julia Terry <juliaterry@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2025 6:34 PM

To: City Clerk's Office Subject: Written Complaint

Good morning to council members,

I would like to post a complaint about city of Tacoma not complying with general city ordinance or neglecting residents' complaints. I filed official complaint over the phone and after three months of no action resulting from that I called and left a message to Tacoma city Mayor, Mrs. Woodards explaining non responsiveness of Tacoma city services to residential complaints. No answer at all from her for a week. Not even acknowledgement. I left my phone number, my name and address on the message.

The matter I complained about relates to the undignified property that city of Tacoma approved for development by some unknown requestor. The address of that property is 2940 57th Ave NE, Tacoma WA 98422. I am the closest neighbor of this property. For at least three years, this property has been abandoned, demolished, full of piles of garbage and criminals hanging around the property. The Fence around it is broken in many areas. The previously built house at this piece of land has been demolished yet nothing was done in the area to comply with that public notice displays there. All neighbors are devastated by the fact that our property values are now diminished due to proximity of this disaster. There is abandoned car there that I also reported, yet no action was taken either. I pay \$5,000 annually in property taxes and have to face every day this disaster out of my window. City of Tacoma is obligated to maintain order in all locations. Either the individual that submitted request for development of this land or else city of Tacoma must at the expense of such requestor clean up this area.

I was going to take video and send it to our TV stations. It's getting ridiculous. Government just does not do anything with our tax money except putting them into their pockets. Shame on you. I hope some of the council individuals understand that it is a bad karma.

Resident of Tacoma. Julia Terry

Sent from my iPhone