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December 7, 2017

To: Current and Future City Council Members, Mayor Strickland, incoming Mayor Woodards, and City Manager Pauli

Cc: Community Council

Re: Neighborhood Outreach

Dear City Leaders,

I am writing on behalf of the North End Neighborhood Council to encourage you to reach out to the Neighborhood Councils and Community Council to help guide your effort to more effectively solicit input from the citizens of Tacoma.

There is talk of creating neighborhood or district forums for residents. One already took place in South Tacoma. Instead of creating parallel forums or extra meetings, why not use and strengthen the forum structure that's already in place? The Neighborhood Councils have been a feature of Tacoma's political landscape for 25 years. If council members and the mayor committed to attending the monthly meetings that already occur, there would be much less need to hold additional forums for residents.

Please work to engage the neighbors and neighborhoods by using the councils that have already been established by Tacoma Municipal Code.

Sincerely,

Kyle Price

NENC Chair, on behalf of the NENC