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To: City Manager Elizabeth Pauli and TPU Director Linda McCrea
Cc: TPU Board Members and Tacoma City Council
Re: Cushman Adams Substation Site

City Manager Pauli and Director McCrea,

I am writing on behalf of the North End Neighborhood Council to reiterate our support for a robust public process to determine the future of the Cushman Adams Substation Site.

We have seen public processes that consist of one or two meetings that allow comment. We are not interested in that kind of process. Because of the prominence and historical significance of the Cushman building in particular and because the potential for open space is so limited in the North End, we strongly support a process that genuinely involves the neighbors and community, a process that does not have a preconceived request for proposals as its outcome.

There are several examples around the nation where similar buildings have been repurposed and have become prized community assets. This site, through a process of serious community engagement, could also become a prized site, admired not only locally, but nationally.

As we've reached out to various Board and Council members, we've been encouraged by the responses we've received. Thank you for sharing our interest in the site. We hope you will continue to share our interest in building a broadly supported positive future at the Cushman location.

We would be happy to advertise and host a community meeting with you, ideally during this summer, as a way to bring the community together in conversation. You can share your thoughts, and the neighbors can offer some feedback. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 at the University of Puget Sound, but in July, we likely will meet on the second Monday. Let us know what works for you.

Sincerely,

Kyle C. Price,
on behalf of the North End Neighborhood Council