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City Manager Broadnax  
Mayor Strickland  
Tacoma City Council  
930 Market Street  
Tacoma, WA 98402

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We look forward to joining the discussion with the City Council, City Departments, community groups, and individual citizens. An internal development and "roll out" of a design review approach by City Departments or other officials in the City is not what we were anticipating.

We look forward to hearing from you and beginning the community dialogue.  
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Sincerely,

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Morf Morford  
Chair  
North End Neighborhood Council

CC: City Neighborhood Councils  
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