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Tacoma Planning Commission and
Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission
747 Market St.,
Room 345
Tacoma, WA 98402

Dear Commissioners,

The board of the North End Neighborhood Council (NENC) is aware of the proposed moratorium on local historic and conservation districts and wishes to register our strong opposition to this action.

We have been given a copy of the letter written on this subject by Historic Tacoma and fully endorse the arguments and sentiments that are included in that communication. In addition to the substantive arguments advanced by Historic Tacoma, the NENC would also suggest that your Commissions should consider the unfortunate signals that a moratorium could send about the willingness of the City of Tacoma to consider the interests and concerns of the entirety of the city. We understand that different neighborhoods and populations have different concerns and priorities. It has been one of Tacoma's strengths to support a diversity of issues and agendas in all of our neighborhoods.

By implementing a moratorium on local historic and conservation districts, Tacoma risks alienating that part of our community that put a high priority on the preservation and maintenance of our historic neighborhoods and structures.

Please take the appropriate action to support inclusivity rather than division by opposing this proposed moratorium.

Sincerely

Peter D. Bennett

Peter Bennett
NENC Board Chair

CC: NENC Board Members