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The New Tacoma Neighborhood Council wants to thank the Mayor for providing the opportunity to be involved in the process of reviewing the housing needs for downtown Tacoma. We also would like to thank all of the committee members and stakeholders who participated in this process. The task force has put together a solid set of findings, recommendations and strategies that provide the foundation for a sustainable plan for mixed income housing in the downtown area.

The New Tacoma Neighborhood Council board agreed with the majority of the report with the following exceptions:

- Strategies: Regulatory Relief #6 | Reduced Open Space Requirement  
Current open space requirements satisfy the needs of this community and further change is not needed.
- Strategies: Regulatory Relief #7 | Infill Housing Development  
The use of eminent domain is not acceptable for this usage. Eminent domain seizures must be limited to uses that benefit the community as a whole, not individual developers or residents.
- Strategies: Incentives #4 & 5 | City Owned Land  
The use of taxpayer owned assets to benefit individuals should not be allowed.

We look forward to working with the City Council and staff as this process moves forward in the near future.

Sincerely,

Marty Campbell, Chair NTNC

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