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To: The Tacoma City Council

From: Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

## **Public Hearing on Residential Infill Pilot Program Regulations**

### **Who We Are:**

The Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness is a loose network of individuals, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and community businesses working together to serve people experiencing homelessness. Each week, 50-100 coalition participants meet and more than 500 people are on the Coalition's email distribution list.

### **Why This Letter of Support:**

Housing ends homelessness. Without an adequate supply of housing units affordable to people experiencing homelessness and those with extremely low incomes - from 0-30% AMI, we will simply never end homelessness. Making new housing construction easier and less expensive allows more units to be built. This increase in the housing supply is the only way to reverse the homelessness epidemic.

Our Coalition has formed a partnership with the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce to work together on Housing and Workforce Development.

**We join with the Chamber and other affordable housing advocates in support of the proposed Regulatory Code Changes which extend and expand the program and provide new flexibilities.**

Our Coalition voted formally to support these changes. It is our hope that some of these expanded units will be affordable to the people we serve.

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