



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Linda Stewart, Director
Neighborhood and Community Services
City of Tacoma

Dear Linda,

We, the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness, are pleased that you have identified a new Safe Site for people experiencing homelessness, the public property at 69th & Proctor.

We appreciate the engagement of Neighborhood and Community Services with many sectors of the community over the design and operation of this site.

We had hoped for a low-barrier site as that is clearly a critical need for people experiencing homelessness but we understand that compromises are necessary.

However, we ask that **all of the tiny houses at this new site be new tiny houses**. Rather than relocate the tiny houses at 60th & McKinley, we ask that you maintain that site at least until Summer 2022. We note the communication from Tacoma Housing Authority Executive Director Michael Mirra offering extended use of the property because of changes to THA's development schedule. We also ask that **people currently residing at 69th & Proctor be relocated to safe sites and that there be no sweep** prior to any site development.

The City of Tacoma has formally committed to Ending Street Homelessness by Nov. 1, 2021. We will need every available option to honor this commitment.

We invite representatives of NCS to meet with us in any of our regular meetings or in a special one. Or to request Friday morning agenda time to discuss this specific request.

We look forward to hearing from you.

On behalf of the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness,

Maureen Howard, Senior Policy Analyst

cc: Mayor, Members of City Council, Michael Mirra, Sharon Lee