



NEWS UPDATE 10-27-2015

City of Tacoma 2015 Annual Amendment

Public hearing **10-27, 5 pm, City Council Chambers**

[Public Review Document for 2015 Annual Amendment - Full Document \(230 MB\)](#)

→ VOTE

What's great about voting by mail in Washington is that we have plenty of time to educate ourselves about the issues. The bummer is, sometimes people forget to mail their ballot back in time. Don't let this happen to you!! This election is critical to our mission - ensuring all people have the opportunity to live in a safe, healthy, affordable home. We made some great progress in 2015 and we need your help to keep the ball rolling. Every vote is important. Mail in your ballot!

2015 Housing Alliance Endorsements

I-1366 NO! (Washington State)

I-1366 is sponsored by Tim Eyman and associates. The intent is to coerce Washington state lawmakers into passing a constitutional amendment to permanently require a two-thirds vote to raise revenue. If the legislature fails to amend the constitution by April 15, 2016 with this requirement, the state sales tax would be cut by 13%, resulting in \$8 billion in revenue over the next six years.

The state budget has already been cut by more than \$11 billion since 2008. Further reductions would lock into place our inadequate and regressive tax structure and result in drastic cuts for safety net services, public education, and more. We encourage you to VOTE NO!

Check your mailbox to see if your ballot has arrived, and be sure to mail it back by Tues, Nov 3rd! If you do not receive your ballot, contact your county elections office.

→ Pierce County Housing Authority opening Section 8 voucher waitlist



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Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA) will be accepting applications online for the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher waitlist beginning at 12:00am on Monday, November 16, 2015 until 11:59pm on Thursday, November 19th, 2015. To better serve applicants and to make the application process available to all, including those who are least likely to apply; the entire application process is available on-line by going to www.pchawa.org. Beware of scams!

- You will never be asked to give money or pay in association with your application
- The application can only be accessed through www.pchawa.org

ADVANTAGES OF AN ONLINE WAITLIST:

- Applicants can apply using multiple languages
- Status of applications will be available shortly after the closing date and applicants will receive instructions for checking their status during the on-line application
- Applicants can apply from any computer or smartphone with internet access
- No long lines
- Available 24 hours a day during the opening

→ HUD Pay for Success Permanent Supportive Housing Demonstration Grant

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=279652>

The purpose of the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) and Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) PFS Demonstration is to strengthen communities' ability to prevent and end homelessness and reduce avoidable incarceration by increasing the provision of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), a proven evidenced-based practice. The PFS Demonstration is an opportunity to equip communities with a new financing mechanism for funding PSH projects that will prevent returns to homelessness and reduce recidivism among the reentry population. The PFS Demonstration is also a valuable opportunity to test ways of achieving greater cost efficiency effectiveness in providing homelessness assistance while expanding communities access to available funding for PSH.

→ AHC Annual Candidate Forum playback times on Pierce County TV

Tuesdays at 8:30 pm

Watch replay: <http://www.piercecountytv.org/live>

Fridays at 3:00 pm

Sundays at 12:30 pm

Runs through Nov. 1

→ HUD Training in Sumner

Nov 10-11

[Click here to download flyer and registration form](#)

→ Events

Homeless in Tacoma

City Club of Tacoma – November 4 – 6 pm

How do we end homelessness in Pierce County? What will it take for everyone to cross the threshold into permanent homes?

Come to the November dinner program to learn what has been done to solve the problem thus far and what changes still need to happen to find everyone a home. You will hear from three community experts about the current state of homelessness in Pierce County and the policy changes on the horizon.

Panelists include:

Troy Christensen - MDC Chief Operations Officer

Colin DeForrest - City of Tacoma, Neighborhood & Community Services

Tess Colby - Pierce County Community Connections

Program moderated by Amanda Westbrooke of Cityline, TV

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

WHERE

University of Puget Sound - 1500 North Warner Street Tacoma, WA 98416 - [View Map](#)

Contact: cityclubtacoma@gmail.com

Project Homeless Connect

October 28, 2015, Tacoma Armory

715 S 11th St. Tacoma, WA 98405

If any agency would like to attend the event they can visit www.phomelessconnect.com to reserve a spot.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Alanna Rodgers, Director of Community Relations, alanna@soundoutreach.org - 253.593.2111

Budget Matters Policy Summit

December 9 conversation on how to advance racial equity in policymaking, *with keynote speaker Patrisse Cullors and a panel moderated by Celinda Lake*

Register: [#BudgetMatters2015](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/budget-matters-2015-tickets-18444444444) Early Bird Online or Mail in Registration until 10-31
