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## **TACOMA CITY COUNCIL TO VOTE ON LIMITS TO CITIZEN SPEECH**

**Show Up December 12, 5 pm, 747 Market Street, Tacoma**

**Tacoma Keep Your Voice. Tell City Council Officials  
To Improve *Not* Remove Citizens Forum.**

Since 1993, the public has had an opportunity to address the Tacoma City Council once per month during “Citizens’ Forum” where remarks could be directed to the council in the nature of advice, suggestions, complaints, information, and/or constructive criticism. This forum has provided an effective platform for people to speak before the entire body on any topic. It also allows people to watch live video online during the meeting and later on TV Tacoma.

The current mayor and council are evaluating the removal of this meeting and limiting citizen speech. Tacoma council elected officials are considering a resolution that would cancel Citizens’ Forum and replace it with an unknown and untested model that would reduce the number of meetings while also restrict the number of Council Members that would be present.

We cannot let them limit engagement. Take action! Attend the public forum this Tuesday, December 12th at 5pm at 747 Market St, Tacoma.

Redefine Tacoma opposes the resolution to suspend Citizens’ Forum. We need to ensure the public has a voice in the City’s decisions.

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