

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup Tribe. The Puyallup people have lived on and stewarded these lands since the beginning of time, and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgement is one small step toward true allyship and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

LABOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge all women, workers, and migrant labor including voluntary, involuntary, trafficked, forced, and undocumented peoples who contributed to the building of the country and continue to serve within our labor force. Everything we enjoy is made possible through labor. We acknowledge all unpaid care-giving labor and actively fight the exploitation of all oppressed peoples and workers.

--Adapted from Seattle College



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WE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL NWDC IS NO MORE!

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CLIMATE ALLIANCE OF THE SOUTH SOUND

WHO WE ARE

Tacoma based, community-led Grass roots environmental organization



WHAT WE DO

CLIMATE ALLTANCE

Improve our living conditions through environmental action

HOW WE DO IT

By empowering, organizing, and mobilizing our communities!

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DECONSTRUCTING ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM IN SOUTH TACOMA



- 1. DEFINITIONS
- 2. NWDC ERESISTENCIA
- 3. MEGA
 - WAREHOUSE
- 4. CONCLUSION
- **5. GROUP PHOTO!**

WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM?

a form of institutional racism leading to landfills, incinerators, and hazardous waste disposal being disproportionately placed in communities of color, as coined by the father of environmental justice, Dr. Robert Bullard.

We will be focusing on two local examples during the course of this Educational Panel.

WHAT IS REDLINING?

a discriminatory practice that consists of the systematic denial of services such as mortgages, insurance loans, and other financial services to residents of certain areas, based on their race or ethnicity. This discriminatory practice also extends to healthcare services and food infrastructure.





redlining definition: https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/redlining#

TWO EXAMPLES OF

ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM HERE IN TACOMA

South Tacoma Mega Warehouse Site

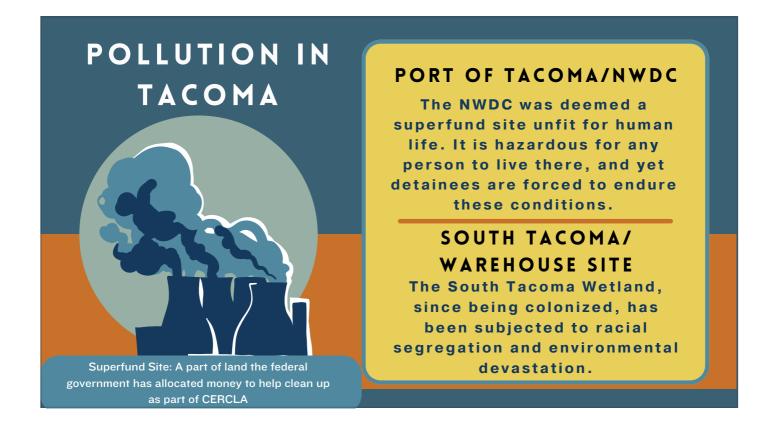






Northwest Detention Center

REMEMBER THESE LOCATIONS - THEY WEREN'T PLACED HERE ON ACCIDENT



A history of the NWDC superfund site - called "Tacoma Tar Pits" can be found here: https://semspub.epa.gov/work/10/1348122.pdf#:~:text=The%20Tacoma%20Tar%20Pits%2 Ois%20an%20Operable%20Unit,Tacoma%20Tideflats%20industrial%20area%20near%20 Connnencement%20Bay%20%28Figure%21%29.

And the current page for it is here:

https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/622

The South Tacoma Mega Warehouse site is on a superfund site called "South Tacoma Channel" and can be found there:

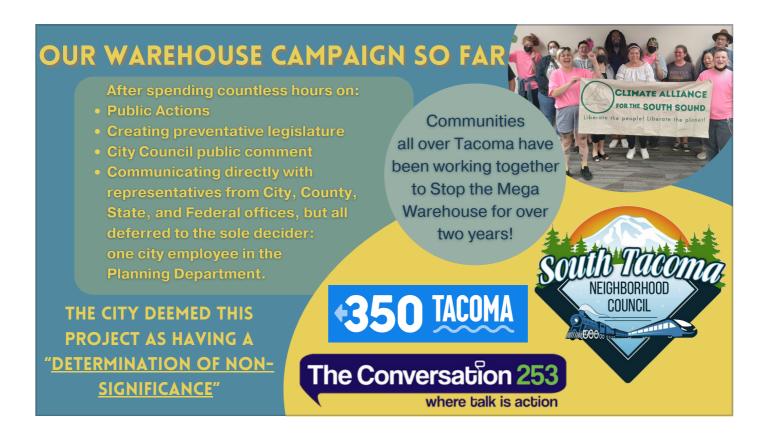
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LA RESISTENCIA

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Hearing Examiner's determination of mitigated non significance: https://cityoftacoma.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/CMO/SIGNED_HEX2023-011ab_BPT_FoF_CoL_Decision_AppendA_10-5-23.pdf

current status of the project:

https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/planning_and_development _services/DevelopmentServices/bridge_industrial_b_n_s_f



Primary Source: Heidi Stephens, a lead organizer in this campaign against the warehouse.



https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/81746

NATURAL HISTORY OF THE SOUTH TACOMA WETLANDS

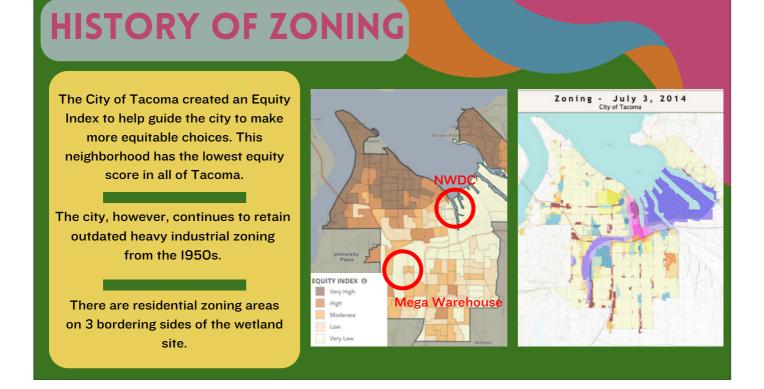
REMNANT NATIVE OAK PRAIRIE WOODLANDS

Before colonization, vast meadows and Oregon White Oak woodlands were maintained through time immemorial by Indigenous peoples. This site is a seasonal wetland, and was historically known as a "channel"

home to elk which sustained the lives of those who lived here

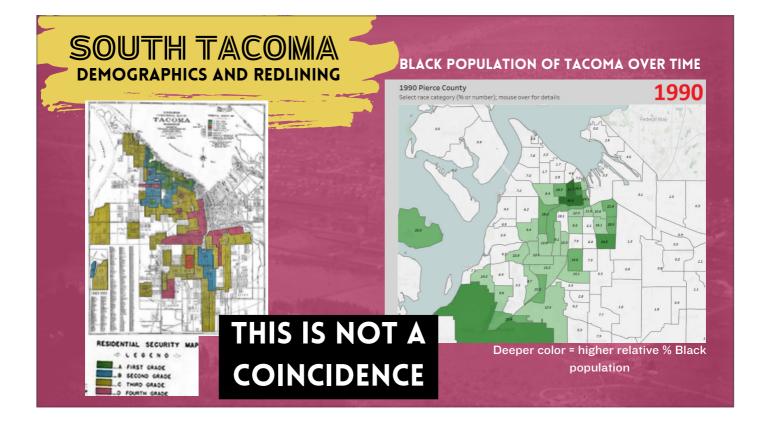
heidi's south tacoma history & future article:

https://tacomaweekly.com/south-tacoma-history-and-future-p5015-117.htm



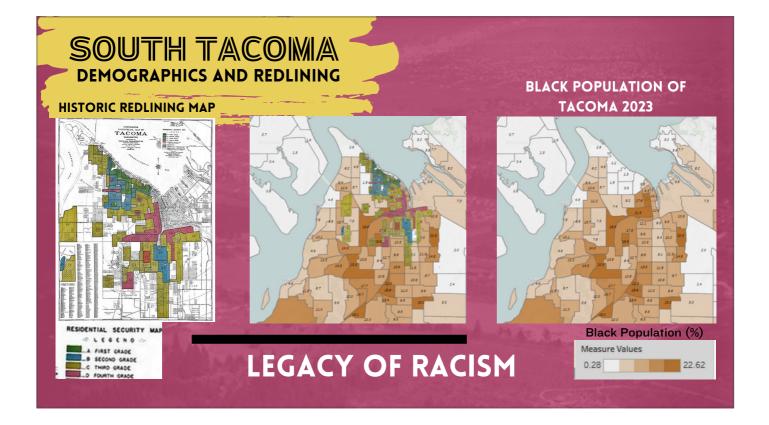
City of Tacoma - Zoning Reference Guide:

https://cms.cityoftacoma.org/planning/zoning_booklet_final_2015update.pdf



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SOUTH TACOMA **BLACK POPULATION OF TACOMA 2023 OVERLAYED WITH WAREHOUSE LOCATIONS DEMOGRAPHICS AND REDLINING** 020 Pierce County OFFLOADING POLLUTION ONTO BLACK AND BROWN NEIGHBORHOODS • There is no public database of warehouse locations. The blue marks are warehouses that are available to lease. There are more warehouses than this. TACOMA DOESN'T NEED MORE WAREHOUSES! WE NEED AN END TO ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM!

Racial demographic maps from: https://depts.washington.edu/labhist/maps-race-tacoma.shtml

warehouse map from:

https://www.propertyshark.com/cre/industrial/us/wa/tacoma/

1. https://globalcleanair.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/95/files/2023/04/EDF-Proximity-Mapping-2023.pdf

Script:

Right now, there is no public, national database of warehouse locations. This map only shows the AVAILABLE warehouse space.

There is an abundance of warehouse space in Tacoma already located in Black and Brown communities.

The city and Bridge Industrial lie and say that Tacoma just *needs* more warehouses. The facts say otherwise.

SOUTH TACOMA ECONOMIC IMPACTS

ALTHOUGH ECONOMIC DEMANDS EXIST AS A VALID PRESSURE, MULTIPLE STUDIES SHOW THE KINDS OF JOBS CREATED BY WAREHOUSES ARE BOTH UNSUSTAINABLE AND HIGHLY DANGEROUS

- 37% turn over rate, compared to 13% average across all industries the larger the warehouse, the higher the turn over rate
 - Some report turnover rates as high as IO0.9%
- Average warehouse worker in Washington only makes \$18 per hour
- Transportation and warehousing, wholesale trade, and manufacturing hold 3 of the 5 highest death rates per 100,000 workers
- Warehouse workers have the highest injury and illness rate involving days away from work per 10,000 workers, which means workers are experiencing long term chronic injuries due to the nature of their work

THESE ARE NOT THE KIND OF JOBS SOUTH TACOMA NEEDS!

https://injuryfacts.nsc.org/work/industry-incidence-rates/most-dangerous-industries/ https://s27147.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/Data-Brief-Amazon-Disposable-Workers-Injury-Turnover-Rates-California-Fulfillment-Centers3-20.pdf https://www.ziprecruiter.com/Salaries/Warehouse-Salary--in-Washington https://www.us.jll.com/content/dam/jll-com/documents/pdf/research/americas/us/jll-usthe-race-for-industrial-space.pdf

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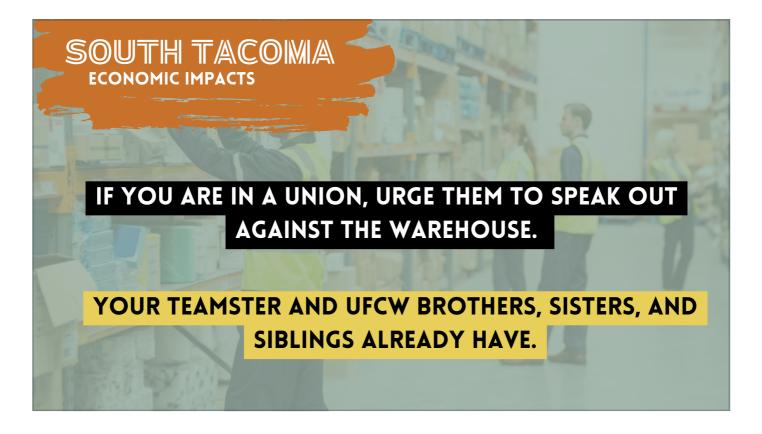
• The number of created jobs will probably be low.

- Automation is employed in modern warehouses.
- This warehouse could be leased to anyone but it will likely be Amazon.

DEVELOPMENT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE BAD. BUT THIS IS.



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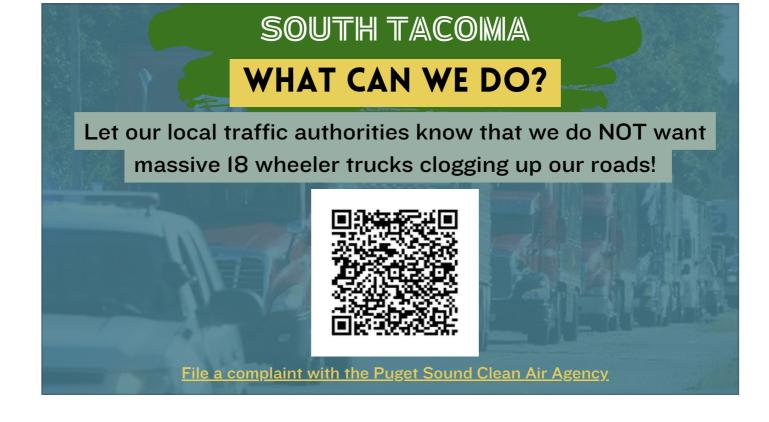


Union letters can be found here:

https://www.350tacoma.org/2022/11/21/mega-warehouse-proposed-for-south-tacoma/



from google maps



AIR POLLUTION

Excessive car exhaust and volatile compounds released from chemicals in the soil.

WATER POLLUTION

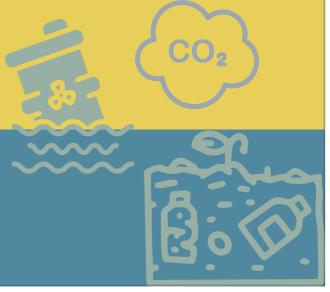
contaminants of concern in groundwater were trichloroethane, naphthalene, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene

SOIL POLLUTION

In 1990, three old Burlington Northern underground storage tanks (USTs) were found during Pioneer's parking lot expansion. Pioneer removed those tanks. Contamination from these USTs was visible in soil and groundwater during tank excavation.

https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm? fuseaction=second.redevelop&id=1000979

TYPES OF POLLUTION FOUND ON SITE



SOUTH TACOMA AIR POLLUTION AND HEALTH

- Warehouses bring increase Diesel truck traffic
- Diesel trucks emit PM2.5 particles and NO2 especially when starting, idling, or moving slowly
- This pollution is very localized in the short term a truck route in a city can have 3.6x more NO2 than surface streets
- Long term exposure of NO2 is seriously linked with negative respiratory effects like Asthma
- Asthma is the leading cause of missed school
- Truck pollution is associated with premature births, heart disease, stroke, and dementia

BLACK CHILDREN ARE 8X MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM ASTHMA THAN THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS

Statistics from:

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(2) https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanplh/article/PIIS2542-5196(21)00255-2/fulltext

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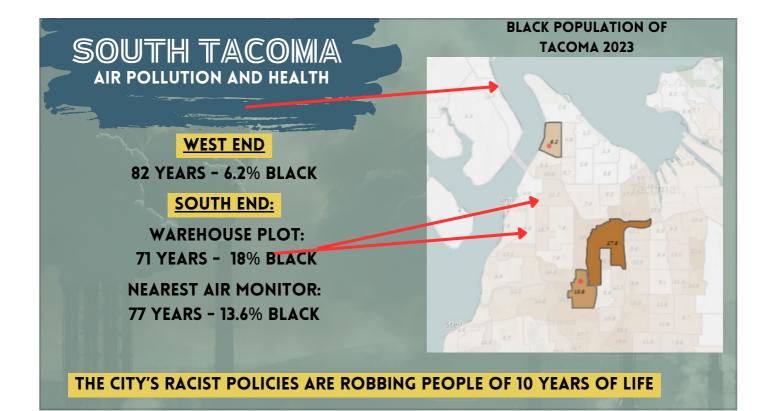
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Population data: https://depts.washington.edu/labhist/maps-race-tacoma.shtml



Dune park photo courtesy Dune Peninsula at Point Defiance Park facebook page https://www.facebook.com/DunePeninsula/photos/a.112028940163263/58720592264556 0/?type=3&from_lookaside=1

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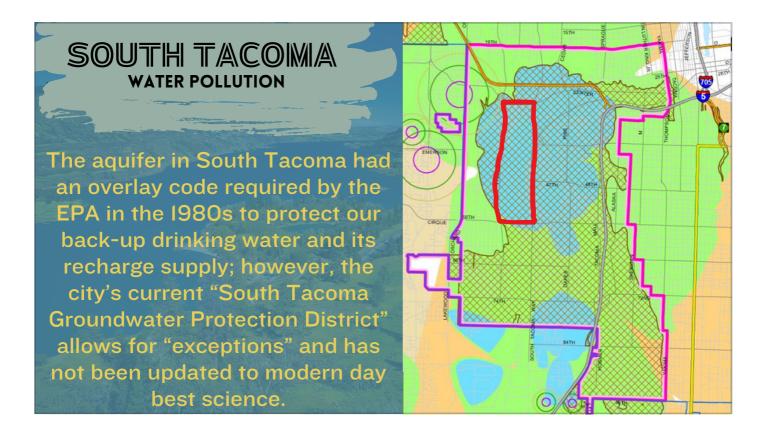
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content:

https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-places/waste-management/business-pollution-prevention/south-tacoma-groundwater-protection-district

AQUIFER

Aquifers are areas of underground porous rocks saturated with water.

As it rains, the aquifer is "recharged," it naturally filters rain water before it discharges into the Sound. Wells can be built to harvest water from aquifers. This aquifer supplies about 5% of our city's yearly drinking water. In the summer months, this aquifer may supply up to 40% of the city's drinking water.

DRINKING WATER



The glaciers that feed the Green River, which provides our main source of drinking water, continue to dwindle. We will need to rely on our ground water more and more each year.

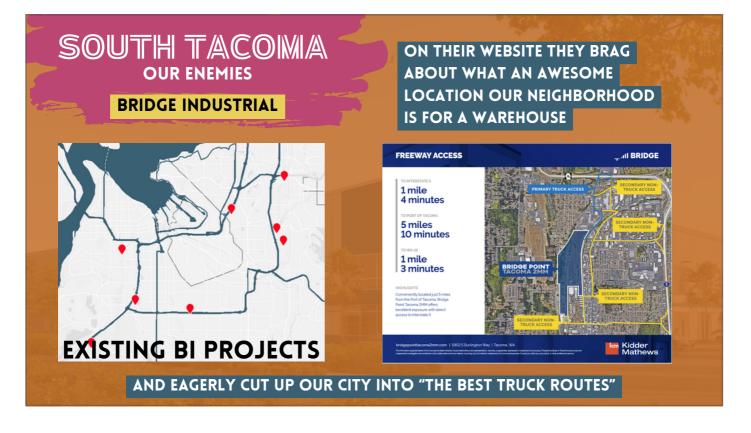
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| OUR ENEMIES |
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| BRIDGE INDUSTRIAL |
| FOR PROFIT |
| Bridge Industrial is a "real estate operating company and investment manager focused or the development and acquisition of industrial properties in supply-constrained core markets." |
| Bridge Industrial pretends to care about sustainability, but their actions prove the only thing they want to sustain is their corporate greed. |
| "INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES" |
| They want to build a warehouse in our neighborhood, worsening our lives and health, and have the audacity to pretend like they're helping us. |

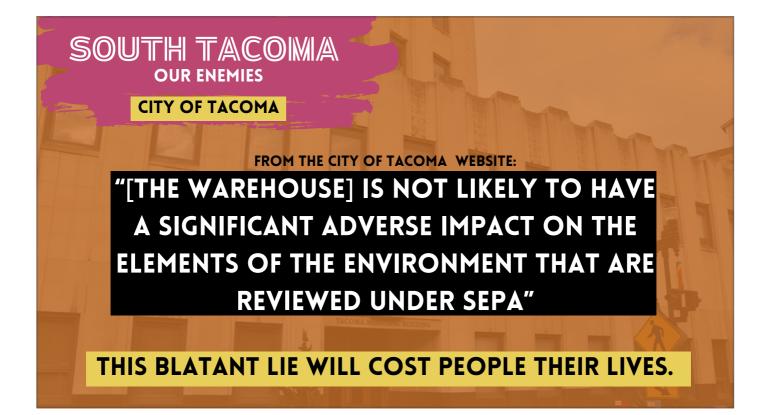
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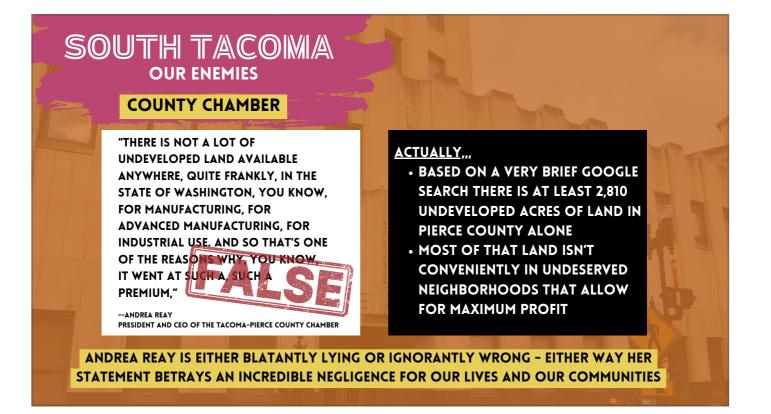
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But most of it is not conveniently and opportunistically located in a historically red lined community

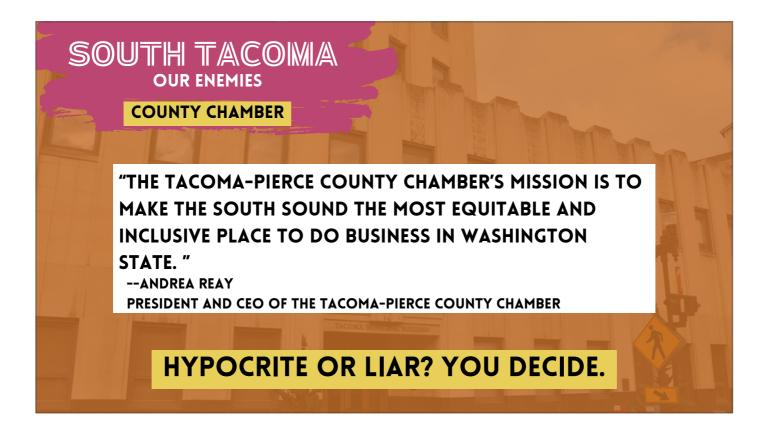


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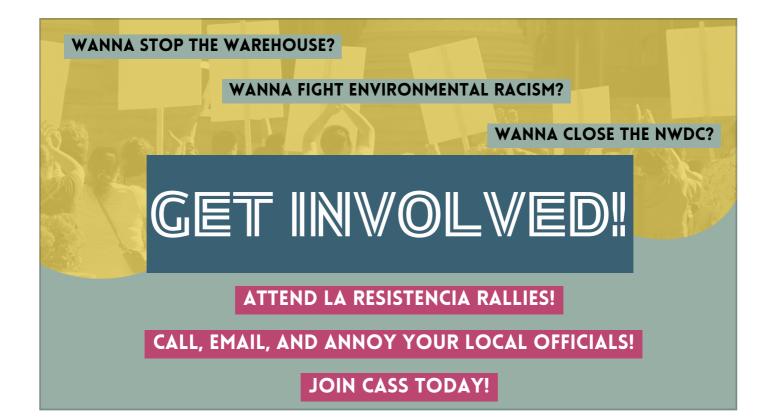


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