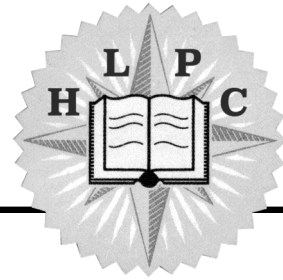




HILLTOP NEEDS A LIBRARY!



Access to libraries is a basic human right.



THE PROBLEM:

- Library branches nearest the Hilltop were closed in 2011. Tacoma has since disinvested in library services for less affluent and more diverse communities like Hilltop, where Median Household Income is 28% lower than Tacoma's and 38% lower than Pierce County's.*
- Tacoma's main library, the closest library to Hilltop, is relatively inaccessible without a car, down a steep slope, with the perception of unsafe street conditions. Kids can't get there alone.
- Tacoma Library System agrees the main library is an underutilized, dated building, unsuited to contemporary library services.* With a notable maintenance backlog, it isn't an inviting community hub.

OUR WAY FORWARD:

- Hilltop, seen as the center of Tacoma's Black community, is expanding and has transit infrastructure already in place—sidewalks, public transport, etc.—to serve as a safe library hub for the Hilltop and other underserved area communities.
- Public surveys* show majority support to keep the main library open while opening a medium-sized, full-service library that celebrates and serves the Black community in the core of the Hilltop Neighborhood Business District. Tacoma Library System supports this path as well.
- Tacoma City Council will decide later this year how to use a bond issue for facilities upgrades and COULD put funds towards a Hilltop Library, as proposed by the Tacoma Library System. **Public support for this use needs to be loud and clear starting now!**
- Operational costs could come from bond and levy financing, with polls* showing majority voter support between 74-77%.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Contact City Council to share your support for a Hilltop Library: 253-591-5000, and add your name or org to our community sign on letter urging the council to use facility bond funds towards a Hilltop Library:



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TAKE ACTION:

www.tacomahilltoplibrary.org/take-action/

Hilltop Library Planning Committee

***Feasibility Study: tinyurl.com/439f2heb**