

## Michelle Mood

I am writing to support the continued focus on South Tacoma as an overburdened community. South Tacoma (west of I-5 and south of 16 -- NOT the "south sound" and NOT the "south end") is a level 10 on your map, and has some of the worst environmental justice ratings in the State of Washington Department of Health maps

(<https://doh.wa.gov/data-and-statistical-reports/washington-tracking-network-wtn/washington-environmental-health-disparities-map>).

We have the lowest life expectancy, the worst air, the poorest and brownest population, with the highest unemployment and the most children -- and the most immigrants. And we are already suffering from very poor quality air. The New Tribune has covered the increase in warehouses in our area, and the planned warehouses, and the data is grim. As a former redlined area, it remains a victim of the past, with the zoning typical of redlined areas (heavy industry common, including 150 acres in the middle of our zip code zoned heavy industrial). Washington and the City of Tacoma are committed to undoing the systemic residual environmental racism. This means you must keep South Tacoma a top priority. It gets up to 20 degrees hotter than the North Procter area, and has half the tree canopy of the average for the city. The heat will combine with air pollution to create even deeper health risks. Please help.