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## Hilltop Action Coalition

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Members of the New Tacoma Neighborhood Council  
c/o Office of Neighborhoods  
747 Market Street  
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Dear friends:

You are cordially invited to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony opening the newly paved half-block of S. 18<sup>th</sup> St. It will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2005, at the corner of South "L" and 18<sup>th</sup> St.

The New Tacoma Neighborhood Council provided the ornamental trees that line both sides of the new street. This is actually only a small segment of the beautification grant that lined all of S. "L" Street from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> with trees in the planting strip along the curb. Your contribution was multiplied many times over by the efforts in planting the trees, replacing the glaring high-intensity lights that were needed during our turbulent years with drugs and gangs with softer residential-type lights, closing off streets that carried heavy drug traffic and vacating segments of S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street to make way for four new homes where illegal traffic had thrived.

We still have many other things we'd like to do, but the transformation of this short segment of S. 18<sup>th</sup> from gravel and pot-holes into curbs, sidewalks and a paved street is really the turning point.

After the ribbon-cutting we will march a block and a half to People's Community Center at S. 17<sup>th</sup> between MLK Jr. Way and S. "L" Street. There at 4:00 p.m. a time of socializing, a light supper and a recognition of you along with the others who have made this day possible will climax the event. We hope you can come

Sincerely,

Mae Harris, Block Leader  
1600-1800 South "L" Street