

May 10, 2006

Tacoma Needle Exchange
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
3629 South D Street
Tacoma, WA 98418

Dave Purchase:

The New Tacoma Neighborhood council met on May 10, 2006.

During this meeting a motion was made and approved by the Board to oppose **curbside** needle exchange in Tacoma.

Board members are comprised of business owners, residents, professionals, and volunteers in Tacoma. During discussion on this topic it was acknowledged that the Needle Exchange has transformed AIDS prevention and has proven to be an effective tool in the HIV/AIDS prevention program. The NTNC is not opposed to the continuation of the program, but feels a different approach to distribution should be incorporated into its future operation.

Respectfully,

Nick Schuder, Secretary
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