

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs



A presentation by Mayor Marilyn Strickland

Tacoma Demographics

- 11.2% of residents identify as African American, vs. 3.6% of Washington's population
- 8.2% of residents are Asian, vs. 7.2% of the state's population
- 11.3% of Tacomans identify as Hispanic or Latino, vs. 11.2% of Washington's population
- 1.8% identify as Native American, vs. 1.5% of the state's population
- 13.4% of Tacomans were born in another country, compared to 13.2% of the state as a whole

Tacoma 2025 Strategic Framework



- Five agreed upon pillars for our shared future:
 - ✓ Livability
 - ✓ Economy and Workforce
 - ✓ Education
 - ✓ Civic Engagement
 - ✓ Equity and Accessibility

Welcoming City Initiative



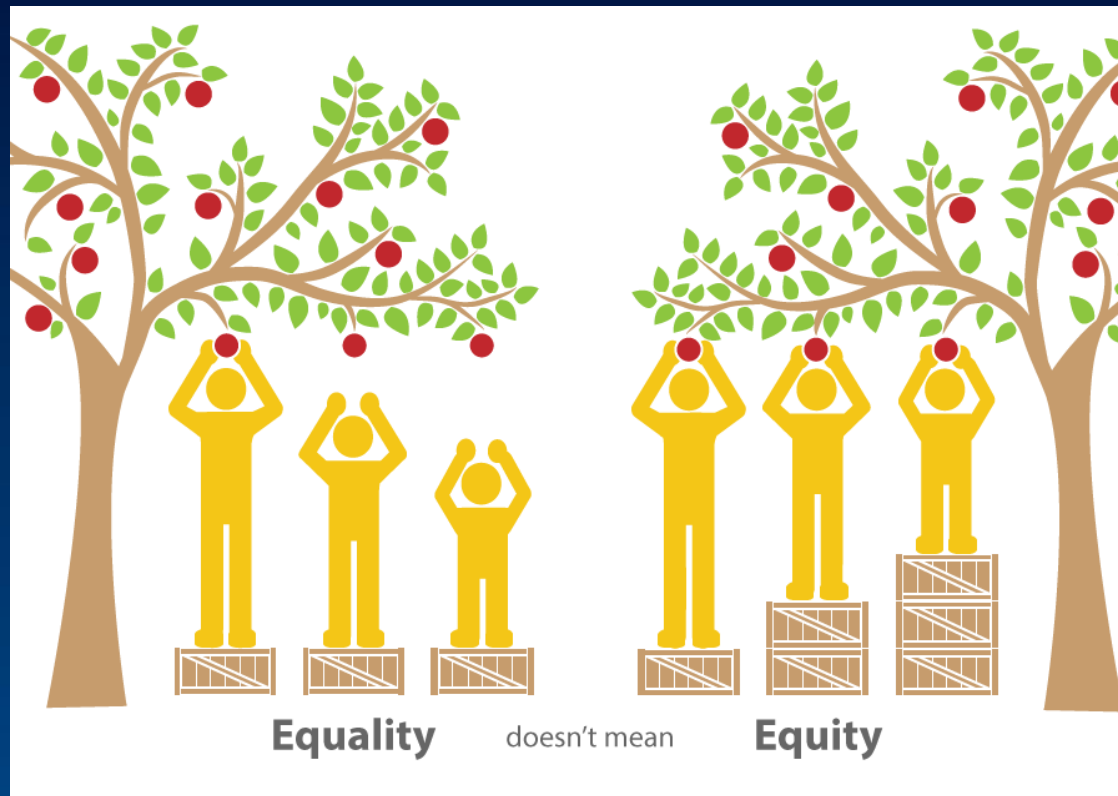
- Steps Tacoma is taking:
 - Prioritize a vibrant cultural sector
 - Supporting the continuation of the EB5 program
 - The Equity and Empowerment Initiative
 - Supporting President Obama's executive order on immigration reform

Sister Cities Program

- Tacoma has 13 Sister Cities, 5 in Asia
 - ✓ Davao City, Philippines (1994)
 - ✓ Fuzhou, China (1994)
 - ✓ Gunsan, Korea (1978)
 - ✓ Kitakyushu, Japan (1959)
 - ✓ Taichung, Taiwan (2000)

Equity and Empowerment

- Why equity?



Equity and Empowerment goals

- **Diversify City workforce**
- **Improve outreach efforts in to marginalized communities**
- **Equitable distribution of resources**
- **Commit to racial and cultural equity**



Chinese Reconciliation Park

- Construction began in 2005
- Addressing difficult past
- Fuzhou Ting



Lincoln Revitalization



Lincoln Project Overview

- Strategic Priority in 2014
- 7 City departments and TPU
- Lincoln office open M-F



Lincoln Project, cont.

- Work with property owners
- Infrastructure improvements
- Streetscape improvements



Questions/Discussion?

