



# Pierce County

## Sheriff's Department

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Tacoma, Washington 98402

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Mr. Philip Kao  
City of Tacoma Department of Public Works  
747 Market St. Room 345  
Tacoma, WA 98402

Re: Application No.: CUP2008-40000114821

Dear Mr. Kao:

I am writing to take advantage of your solicitation for public comment regarding plans to build a Synagogue in the northwest section of Tacoma at 2146 N. Mildred Street. I want you to know that I am very supportive of this project. I believe that it would be a strong, positive addition to the City of Tacoma.

I have had the occasion to work with Rabbi Zalman Heber and members of his congregation in the past. I have always found the Rabbi and his congregants not only to be people who are strong in their faith but also people who are strong in their support of the wider community. In numerous situations, they have shown themselves as thoughtful, righteous and compassionate not only for the members of the Chabad of Pierce County but for others in the community as well. My dealings with the Chabad of Pierce County show me that they are an honorable and law-abiding organization.

Thus, this project will not only benefit members of the Chabad congregation but also the community as a whole.

It is my hope that the City of Tacoma will work with Rabbi Heber to approve and permit the new facility adjacent to the Rabbi's home in Tacoma.

The prophet Jeremiah, during the Babylonian exile of the people of Israel, encouraged the people to "look after the peace and well-being of the city" because, in that way, they would find peace and well-being. Today, the City of Tacoma has an opportunity to look after the well-being of the Chabad community by helping them through the process of permitting a new synagogue. In doing so, the City would benefit the well-being of the entire community.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide comment on the plans of Chabad of Pierce County.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Pastor  
Sheriff of Pierce County

cc: Rabbi Zalman Heber

