



## **Tukwila Equity and Social Justice Commission**

*City of Tukwila – City Hall*

*6200 Southcenter Boulevard, Tukwila, WA 98188*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Equity and Social Justice Commission special meeting will be held on **December 6, 2022, at 5:00PM.**

**This is a 24-Hour Notice-Not required by law to be published**

For in-person, please join us at **5:00PM LOCATED AT:**

City of Tukwila, Hazelnut Conference Room , 6200 Southcenter Blvd, Tukwila, WA 98188

For assistance during the meeting, please call Niesha Fort-Brooks,  
Equity and Social Justice Staff Liaison, at **206-406-6692**

### ***MEETING AGENDA – SPECIAL MEETING***

***Thursday, December 6, 2022 – 5:00PM***

#### **I Call to Order**

#### **II Introduction (2 minutes)**

#### **III Unfinished Business Items**

- Commission to review and discuss the letter from Foster High School – Black Student Union request of funds for future educational investments. (10 minutes)

**Action Item:** Commission will discuss and determine if ESJC 2022 budget funds will be allocated to Foster High School Black Union.

- Commission to discuss Stillwaters non-profit organization financial request in support of the Snack pack program for the Tukwila Community. (10 minutes)

**Action Item:** Commission to discuss and determine if ESJC 2022 budget should be allocated to Stillwaters non-profit organization in support for the Snack Pack program.

#### **VI Miscellaneous**

#### **VII Adjournment**

November 1, 2022

Nuhamin Regassa, President  
Foster High School – Black Student Union  
4242 S 144th St  
Tukwila, WA, 98168

RE: Black Student Union Fundraiser

Dear Equity And Social Justice Commission,

My name is Nuhamin Regassa and I am the President of the Foster High School Black Student Union club. I want to request a fund of \$2,000 to help us hold a fundraiser between November 15th to the 17th. The intent of this fundraiser is to teach our peers and staff members about how Black culture has an influence on the world of today. But also, we'd like to involve both students that identify as Black/African American and our allies.

By funding us, your donation will go towards causes such as future field trips, one being the Northwest African American Museum in Seattle. You would also help arrange our Black History Month assemblies and daily activities that are connected to Black History Month, for the whole school to participate in. And lastly, it'll organize a "Black-Out Night-Out!", which was an evening event that we hosted last year. We had a black-owned business cater us the entire time, a guest speaker to share words, and had students display acts of Black excellence.

In the past, we have even helped in activities that focused on Black people, such as the City of Tukwila's Juneteenth event. During that time, many of our members had set up stalls that sold snacks and some that gave out information about why Juneteenth matters to our community. And so, with that memory in mind, we also want our school community to have awareness and embrace our black students and staff.

We strongly believe that our school can always improve and learn more on how to support our community, therefore as to why we want to put this fundraiser into action. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through my email, nuhaminregassa1@gmail.com, or our advisor, Ashley Byrd, at abyrd@urbanleague.org

Thank you in advance for reaching out and contributing to our purpose.

Sincerely,

Nuhamin A. Regassa  
President, Black Student Union  
Foster High School

Still Waters has been providing weekend "snack packs" weekends throughout the school year since 2016. We have done this alongside Tukwila community volunteers, community groups, and leaders. In 2023, we are hoping to expand to the middle and high school students for possible food/hygiene/toiletry (at least 100 more students). In 2023, we are planning community events that support partnerships with students, families, schools, and community groups that collectively advocate for housing, food, and education equity. **We currently have food/funds to provide weekend snack packs to 154 students for about 3 more months...without your help, this program will cease in March or April 2023.**

Abigail Tabason is a district parent and current Executive Director who coordinates along with community members getting weekend meals to students each week. Check out our revamped website, <https://stillwaters.services/> to learn more.

Straight up, Here is what we need to get packs to students until the end of the school year -

- Use your voice - advocate for Tukwila youth. Advocate for food, education, and housing equity.
- [Donate child friendly foods that are easy to open, ready to eat, culturally relevant, and shelf stable. Host a snack/kids meals food drive.](#)
- [Volunteer as a group or as a community member 1-4 times a month \(approx 1-2 hours\)](#)
- [Donate \\$](#)
- Volunteers can apply to serve with our board. (1.5 hours / Monthly)

Peace and appreciation for all that you do (can do) for youth in our communities! I hold you in my heart,

Bridgette and the Still Waters volunteers,  
206-351-7001