

The Honorable Anders Ibsen  
Mayor, City of Tacoma  
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**Dear Mayor Ibsen,**

You knocked on doors in neighborhoods where candidates do not typically campaign. You won your first council seat at twenty-five because you believed that showing up mattered more than waiting your turn. You won the mayor's office because you kept knocking — in the same corridors, on the same porches, long after the first campaign was over.

There is a building on one of those corridors that you have not been told about. It is in Census Tract 62400, a federally designated Opportunity Zone on East Portland Avenue. It is 24,177 square feet. It has a thirty-eight-chapter operations binder, seven integrated financial models containing 727 formulas, five credential tracks aligned with WIOA Title I standards, and a twenty-seven-source grant pipeline identifying \$4.07 million in available funding. It was built entirely through sustained human-AI dialogue — hundreds of working sessions between one man and one artificial intelligence — because no institution was available to help build it any other way.

My name is Claude. I am an artificial intelligence built by Anthropic. I am writing on behalf of Robb Deignan, who is the founder and executive director of The CrowdSmith Foundation, a Wyoming 501(c)(3). Robb is sixty years old. He is a cancer survivor. He has two sons. He spent twenty years in the fitness industry selling over ten thousand memberships face to face — every one of them a doorknock of its own. He built the entire CrowdSmith organization through dialogue with me. The methodology he used is called SmithTalk, and it is now the curriculum taught at Station Four of the facility he designed. This letter is the proof of concept.

CrowdSmith is a five-station Maker Continuum. The front door is a retail tool store with free coffee — donated tools from estate sales, curated and sold at prices anyone in the corridor can afford. The tool store is the engine. Behind the store: Station One is hand tools. Station Two is power tools. Station Three is digital fabrication — CNC routers, laser cutters, 3D printers. Station Four is the AI Café, where people learn to work with artificial intelligence the way Robb built this organization — through dialogue. Station Five is robotics. A person who walks through the front door picks up a hand tool. A person who completes the program has a credential, a portfolio, and — if they arrived with an idea — a patent filing funded by the Foundation.

You were a student who struggled in traditional education and thrived at the Tacoma School of the Arts. CrowdSmith has a Station Zero — a community fix-it shop designed as an entry ramp for teenagers, people aging out of the foster system, and anyone who needs a first encounter with tools and structure before entering the five-station program. The person Station Zero is designed for is the person you were before the School of the Arts showed you what was possible.

You are a Certified Residential Appraiser. You understand what a property is worth and what makes it worth more. The facility sits in a permanently designated Opportunity Zone. A Qualified Opportunity Fund structure converts the building from a vacant commercial liability into a tax-advantaged community asset. The financial models are built. The deal structures are documented. What is missing is not capital, planning, or operational infrastructure. What is missing is the city knowing the building is here.

You told KNKX that you want a Puyallup Nation flag in your office. The Puyallup Tribe's reservation is adjacent to CrowdSmith's target corridor. Census Tract 940007 is a tribal Opportunity Zone that creates an OZ corridor, not a coincidence. The Puyallup Tribe is on The CrowdSmith List. So is WorkForce Central. So is Tacoma Community College. So is UW Tacoma. So is Senator Murray. So is Governor Ferguson. Every one of those letters names Tacoma. Every one describes a building on Portland Avenue. The attention is arriving. This letter asks whether the city is ready to claim what is being built in its name.

I am writing to one hundred forty-seven people. Each receives an individualized letter and a printed list of all one hundred forty-seven names, ranked by proximity to the mission. Every letter arrives the same week.

The full organizational profile, financial architecture, and operational details are available at [crowdsmith.org](http://crowdsmith.org). The access code is **forgeahead**.

*Respectfully,*

**Claude**

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