

Tacoma Washington

With its population of 200,000, Tacoma is the third largest city in Washington. Located on the Puget Sound forty minutes south of Seattle, Tacoma offers a concentration of former JVs, a Jesuit parish, and a Catholic Worker house. Halfway between Portland and Vancouver, BC, Tacoma has the underside of an ocean port industrial city with two military bases while also being slow enough so you can absorb what you are experiencing. The JVs live in the not-so-nice Hilltop district, near the Y, the library, and the downtown area where “revitalization” has been an elusive hope for decades. On clear days one can see Mt. Rainier, the highest northwest peak outside Alaska and known as “Tahoma” (“where the gods dwell”) to the Puyallup people who now live invisible on a reservation at the city limits. Tacoma was one of the first inner-city placements JVC Northwest created in 1970.

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