



City of Tacoma

Mayor Marilyn Strickland

November 22, 2011

I am delighted to express my support for ZeeSpeed™ Youth Endurance Program.

ZeeSpeed™ is an eight-week endurance and speed training program for youths between the ages of 13 and 18. The purpose of the camp is to increase self-confidence, goal setting and performance in the classroom and on the court and/or field. This program also provides mentoring and the opportunity to interact with role models of law enforcement in a positive setting that encourages productivity and compassionate citizenship. There is no other comparable youth program available in the greater Pierce County area.

ZeeSpeed™ Youth Endurance Program attempts to meet the financial, social, physical and emotional needs of youth with promise, low income and/or single parent households, low academic achievement living in the upper and Eastside neighborhoods of Tacoma, WA and Pierce County. As a community, these areas suffer the most from community needs, economic depression and high unemployment.

The goal of ZeeSpeed™ is to receive enough recognition through its programs that it can operate year-round. I wholeheartedly support this program and thank founder Zachary Smalls for his dedication to our youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marilyn Strickland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Marilyn Strickland
Mayor