



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: City Council Members
FROM: Councilmember Conor McCarthy
COPIES TO: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager; Mark Lauzier, Assistant City Manager; Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant to the City Manager; Executive Leadership Team; File
SUBJECT: Placement of a plaque on the 11th St Murray Morgan Bridge commemorating the 1916 Longshore Strike
DATE: August 10, 2016

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

The following item will be scheduled on the agenda of the earliest available Study Session:

I respectfully ask for City Council consideration of a resolution using up to \$5,000 of City Council contingency funding to place a plaque on the 11th St. Bridge (also known as the Murray Morgan Bridge) commemorating the 1916 west coast Longshore strike in Tacoma, and dedicated to the six workers killed in this strike, including two local longshoremen.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

This plaque commemorates the 100th anniversary of the 1916 west coast longshore strike in Tacoma and the sacrifice made by local longshoremen. The plaque will be placed on the 11th Street Bridge and will be dedicated to the six workers who gave their lives in the fight for fair working conditions and coast-wide unity. Two of the workers were killed during the strike in Tacoma. On June 1, 1916 every longshore Local from Bellingham to San Diego "hung the hook" until they received a coast wide contract. Altogether 12,500 men including 1,100 Tacomans, participated in the strike. The 11th Street Bridge was the main conduit between downtown Tacoma and the port, and daily confrontations took place on or near the bridge. The employers brought in scabs to load and unload ships, and the longshoremen built a barricade of hay bales at the west end of the bridge to stop cargo coming in or going out. During the strike, union picket James Costello was stabbed and killed by scabs, and union picket Alexander "Scotty" Laidlaw was mortally wounded by a special deputy. Fights occurred in all 29 West Coast ports. For 197 days the longshoremen supported by the entire Tacoma labor movement, defended the 11th Street bridge from scabs and authorities. They were the only West Coast Local that that never surrendered. Working people along the West Coast remember the events that occurred in 1916 on the 11th Street Bridge which made great progress towards securing fair working conditions.

FUNDING REQUEST: I request up to \$5,000 from the Council Contingency Fund for the hanging of the plaque on the 11th Street Bridge. There is currently \$299,500 in Council Contingency Fund remaining for this biennium, which doesn't include this request or the \$50,000 proposed expenditure for the Peace Community Center Capital Campaign. . Please see the attached Council Contingency Fund spreadsheet for more information.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: _____
Councilmember Conor McCarthy



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SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

M Woodard

1. _____

DISTRICT# 6

Robert Thomas

2. _____

DISTRICT# 2

2015-2016 Council Contingency

Biennium Budget

\$750,000

Funding Request/Resolution	Budgeted
<i>Resolution 39054 (11-25-2014)</i>	
Associated Ministries Renovations	\$ 65,000
<i>Ordinance 28270 (12-9-2014)</i>	
Equity and Empowerment Capacity Building - Proyecto Mole Program	\$ 90,000
Center for Working Families	\$ 25,000
Eastside Farmer's Market	\$ 13,500
<i>Resolution 39159 (3-31-15)</i>	
Pierce County Aids Foundation	\$ 50,000
<i>Resolution 39192 (5-12-15)</i>	
Tacoma Minimum Wage Task Force	\$ 30,000
<i>Resolution 39219 (6-16-15)</i>	
Heritage Organization Funding	\$ 50,000
<i>Resolution No. 39262 (8-25-15)</i>	
TPCHD Wood Stove Program* *\$50K in 2015, \$50K in 2016	\$ 100,000
<i>Resolution No. 39321 (11-24-15)</i>	
Eastside Healthy Food	\$ 10,000
<i>Resolution 39391 (2-23-16)</i>	
Latino Roundtable	\$ 10,000
<i>Resolution 39511 (08/2/2016)</i>	
Sister City Assessment and Strategic Plan	\$ 7,000
Total approved by City Council Through Legislation	\$ 450,500
Biennium Budget Remaining	\$ 299,500
<i>CCR's pending 8/16/2016 Study Session Discussion</i>	
Peace Community Center Capital Fund	\$ 50,000
11th Street Murray Morgan Bridge Plaque (pending items not deducted from remaining budget)	\$ 5,000