



TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Strickland
COPY: City Manager and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – in Support of Future United States Golf Association Events at the Chambers Bay Golf Course – July 19, 2016
DATE: July 7, 2016

SUMMARY:

A resolution of the City of Tacoma to jointly express with Pierce County and the cities of Lakewood, University Place and the town of Steilacoom appreciation to the United States Golf Association (USGA) for presenting the 2015 US Open at the Chambers Bay Golf Course; to jointly express the intent and commitment to work together as a region to attract another US Open or other USGA Championship events and to ensure that all future USGA interactions with local governments are simple, efficient, and effective; and, to jointly express the intent to have respective administrations work collaboratively to develop such agreements amongst the jurisdictions as may be necessary and desirable to achieve the intent of supporting and attracting future United States Golf Association events at the Chambers Bay Golf Course.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Strickland

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

This resolution of support best aligns with the following strategic policy priority:

- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the United States Golf Association (USGA) presented the 115th U.S. Open Championship at the publicly owned Chambers Bay Golf Course. The 2015 U.S. Open Championship represents the first time in the one hundred and fifteen year history of the championship that this prestigious American event has been held in the State of Washington. Pierce County and the cities of Lakewood, Tacoma, University Place, and the town of Steilacoom each undertook important work in support of the 2015 event.

The 2015 U.S. Open Championship event was a great success for the region and the State. Based on experiences and feedback from the USGA, Pierce County and the cities of Lakewood, Tacoma, University Place, and the town of Steilacoom learned a great deal from their work, both in terms of what was done well and areas for improvement.

A primary goal of Pierce County and the cities of Lakewood, Tacoma, University Place, and the town of Steilacoom is to work collaboratively and cooperatively in support of future USGA events at the Chambers Bay Golf Course and in the region. Elected leaders of Pierce County and the cities of Lakewood, Tacoma, University Place, and the town of Steilacoom jointly express their intent and commitment to work together to make the USGA's interactions with government simple, efficient, and effective.

ISSUE:

In order to secure future events of the United States Golf Association, it will be important for Pierce County and the cities of Lakewood, Tacoma, University Place, and the town of Steilacoom to make a commitment to work together as a region to attract another U.S. Open or other USGA Championship events. This resolution if adopted would commit Tacoma's support and partnership to ensure that all future USGA interactions with local governments are simple, efficient, and effective and that respective



administrations work collaboratively to develop agreements amongst the jurisdictions as needed to achieve the goal of attracting and securing future USGA events.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could reject the resolution and not offer its support.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution to show its support of the partnership to secure more successful USGA events.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.