



TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Council Member Kristina Walker and Council Assistant Claire Goodwin
COPY: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney
SUBJECT: Attainable Housing Forum Sponsorship
DATE: 2/6/2020

SUMMARY & PURPOSE:

A resolution for the use of Council Contingency Funding of \$1,000 to support the University of Washington-Tacoma, School of Urban Studies Annual Forum on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 on attainable housing and the future of prosperity and inclusion in Pierce County; and, directing the City Manager to confirm deliverables for the funding commitment.

The benefit to the City is to publicly demonstrate the commitment to open-dialogue and free educational events that focus on the serious policy topic of attainable housing that brings members of the public, university students, housing experts, and regional leaders together.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Member Kristina Walker
Council Member Catherine Ushka
Mayor Victoria Woodards

BACKGROUND:

The University of Washington-Tacoma, School of Urban Studies annual forum relies on sponsorships as part of its success. Current sponsors include Pierce County Regional Council, Korsmo Construction, bcra, Neil Walter Company, and MultiCare Health Systems among others. The forum will bring experts from around the nation to discuss various housing policies, their implementation, and patterns of success and failure. This will include both housing experts and regional decision-makers. A panel of local policymakers will then present their approaches and strategies, while considering the wide array of presentations preceding them.

Event details:

Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Time: 8:15 AM - 1:30 PM
UW Tacoma, William Philip Hall

A Council Consideration Request for use of the funding was shared at the February 4, 2020 Study Session and there was a consensus of the Council to move the item forward for Council consideration.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Members of the University of Washington-Tacoma Urban Studies Board were engaged on this request. This event is hosted by a public university, is open to the public, and free to attend. Members of the public who choose to attend will benefit from the forum and the City's contribution.



2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

The forum topic is centered around equity and accessibility as it relates to housing and wealth disparities in Pierce County.

Livability: Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity

- Decrease the percentage of individuals who are spending more than 45% of income on housing and transportation costs.
- Improve access and proximity by residents to diverse income levels and race/ethnicity to community facilities, services, infrastructure, and employment.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s)?

The Livability indicators listed above are in-alignment with the topic of the forum.

ALTERNATIVES:

Presumably your recommendation is not the only potential course of action; please discuss other alternatives actions for council or staff to take. Please use table below.

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1. Do not sponsor	\$1,000 to spend from the Council Contingency Fund for other projects	The City would not be as publicly visible in support of an open-dialogue of the topic of attainable housing.
2.		
3.		

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend the City of Tacoma to be a sponsor for the University of Washington-Tacoma, School of Urban Studies annual forum on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 on attainable housing and the future of prosperity and inclusion in Pierce County in the amount of \$1,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Please provide a short summary of the fiscal impacts associated with the grant, agreement, policy action, or other action.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1030 Council Contingency Fund	660000	5310100	\$1,000
TOTAL			\$1,000



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

What funding is being used to support the expense? The Council Contingency Fund.

Are the expenditures and revenues budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

YES
The Council Contingency Fund is funding set-aside in the budget for Council activities, actions, and proposals.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

No

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

Will the legislation change the city's FTE/personnel counts?

No

ATTACHMENTS:

- Council Consideration Request
- Policy Development Flowchart
- Informational event flyer