



RESOLUTION NO. 39511

1 SPONSORED BY MAYOR STRICKLAND AND COUNCIL MEMBERS LONERGAN
2 AND WOODARDS

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the use of City Council Contingency Funds, in the
4 amount of up to \$7,000, budgeted from the City Council Contingency Fund,
5 for expenses related to a Sister Cities Program assessment and strategic
6 plan development.

7 WHEREAS the City's Sister City Program ("Program") was created in 1959
8 with the goal of promoting deeper cultural understanding, international visitation,
9 and hospitality, leading to long lasting relationships, and

10 WHEREAS the City currently has 14 international sister cities, and these
11 sister city links have become an increasingly important conduit for economic
12 development, and

13 WHEREAS, given the *Tacoma 2025* core values of Economic Vibrancy and
14 Employment and Arts and Cultural Vitality, it is important for the City to leverage
15 international partnerships to strengthen its future and support these core values,
16 and

17 WHEREAS it would be beneficial to assess the direction of the Program to
18 advance the international objectives of the City by aligning Program priorities and
19 developing a strategic direction for future efforts, and

20 WHEREAS, at the July 12, 2016, City Council Study Session, Mayor
21 Strickland shared a Council Consideration Request to use up to \$7,000 of City
22 Council Contingency funds to pay for expenses related to a Program assessment
23 and strategic plan development, and
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WHEREAS the City is interested in entering into an agreement to conduct the Program assessment and assist with development of the strategic plan, and

WHEREAS, after discussion, there was consensus to bring this request forward to the City Council for its consideration, and

WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less than six members of the City Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund;

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That one-time funding in the amount of up to \$7,000, budgeted from the City Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for expenses related to a Sister Cities Program assessment and strategic plan development.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney