



RESOLUTION NO. 40994

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, DEPUTY MAYOR USHKA, AND
2 COUNCIL MEMBER WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$2,500,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to fund three LGBTQIA+
5 Pride painting projects, including temporary rainbow crosswalks, permanent
6 rainbow bricks, and temporary rainbow barriers.

7 WHEREAS, every July, the City joins in celebrating and honoring the
8 LGBTQIA+ community as valuable, creative members of a diverse population in the
9 south Puget Sound region through the annual Tacoma Pride Festival and affiliated
10 Pride events, and

11 WHEREAS the month of July in the City brings celebrations throughout the
12 month and includes a festival, block party, film screenings, a City Council
13 proclamation, and flying the inclusive Philadelphia Pride flag over municipal
14 facilities, and

15 WHEREAS, as part of the annual Pride celebrations, Downtown on the Go!
16 ("DOTG") has painted temporary rainbow crosswalks, and has heard from
17 community members how impactful permanent rainbow paint would be, since Pride
18 is a celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community, but seeing Pride colors outside of
19 July shows year-round acceptance of LGBTQIA+ community members, and there is
20 a communicated desire for it, and

21 WHEREAS the LGBTQIA+ community as a group is currently facing
22 discrimination and is a target for discriminatory legislation nationwide, and this is
23 one small way that the City can show it is not only an LGBTQIA+ friendly city, but
24 one that celebrates the community, and
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1 WHEREAS the funding of \$2,500 is requested to fund three Pride painting
2 projects led by DOTG in consultation with the City's Public Works Department and
3 Office of Arts and Culture, and in addition to the DOTG staff time required to
4 accomplish the projects, will include: (1) In collaboration with The Rainbow Center,
5 paint and supplies will support two years of temporary Pride crosswalks on Pacific
6 Avenue to coincide with the festivals, (2) In collaboration with The Mix, the curb
7 bricks at St. Helens Avenue and South 7th Street in front of The Mix will be painted
8 in randomized Progressive Pride Flag colors; this will be permanent, and supplies
9 will remain with The Mix for ongoing maintenance as needed; funds will support the
10 cleaning of the bricks, priming, supplies, painting, and maintenance, and (3) In
11 collaboration with The Mix and likely Artist & Craftsman Supply, the concrete
12 barriers on St. Helens Avenue extending north of The Mix from South 7th Street to
13 South 6th Avenue will be painted in Progressive Pride flag colors, with an additional
14 guided community painting event to finalize the content, and
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17 WHEREAS this proposal impacts all users of the public infrastructure at the
18 named intersections, with a particular focus on members of the LGBTQIA+
19 community, with an intent to foster a sense of belonging and support for LGBTQIA+
20 community members in the City, and
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22 WHEREAS, at the June 21, 2022, Study Session, Council Member Walker
23 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$2,500
24 from the Council Contingency Fund to fund three LGBTQIA+ Pride painting
25 projects, including temporary rainbow crosswalks, permanent rainbow bricks, and
26 temporary rainbow barriers, and



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WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the Council Contingency Fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of adopting the budget, and

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

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

Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$2,500, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved to fund three LGBTQIA+ Pride painting projects, including temporary rainbow crosswalks, permanent rainbow bricks, and temporary rainbow barriers.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with Downtown on the Go! for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney