



RESOLUTION NO. 41448

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BUSHNELL
2 AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$12,500,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to sponsor attendance of
5 Tacoma youth to a youth week event in Fuzhou, China.

6 WHEREAS the city of Fuzhou, China ("Fuzhou"), has proudly been the City
7 of Tacoma's Sister City for 30 years, and Tacoma's participation in this program
8 has resulted in significant economic development benefits for the City, including
9 foreign capital investment primarily from China, and

10 WHEREAS from June 21 to June 30, 2024, Fuzhou will be hosting a youth
11 week event that is a significant component of the 30th anniversary celebrations of
12 the Sister City relationship between the City and Fuzhou, and as part of this
13 momentous occasion, Fuzhou has extended a special invitation to the City to send
14 a delegation of up to ten students to participate in this unique cultural and
15 educational exchange, and

16 WHEREAS during this event, Tacoma students will have the extraordinary
17 opportunity to join approximately 150 students from various parts of the United
18 States, as well as about 160 Chinese students, at a gathering that aims to foster
19 international friendship, cultural understanding, and mutual learning among the
20 youth of our two nations, and

21 WHEREAS, although China as the host country will generously cover most
22 of the expenses associated with this event, some costs including certain fees and
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1 additional expenses, will need to be borne by the students and their families, and
2 may pose a financial barrier to participation for some students, and

3 WHEREAS to ensure full Tacoma participation in this important Sister Cities
4 event, Tacoma's funding will be concentrated on reducing necessary expenditures
5 such as visa applications and any travel costs that are not included in the
6 comprehensive invitation from Fuzhou, and
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8 WHEREAS, at the June 4, 2024, Study Session, Mayor Woodards shared a
9 Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$12,500 from the
10 Council Contingency Fund to sponsor attendance of Tacoma youth to Fuzhou
11 Youth Week, convening in late June 2024, and City staff will establish agreements,
12 terms, and deliverables for the City's investment in this economic development
13 effort, and
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15 WHEREAS, RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the
16 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
17 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
18 adopting the budget, and Tacoma Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote
19 of not less than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this
20 fund, and
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22 WHEREAS, the City Council finds that full Tacoma participation in this
23 extraordinary Sister City event which marks the 30th anniversary of the Sister City
24 relationship between Tacoma and Fuzhou is a fundamental governmental purpose
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within the City's authority to provide for economic development and investment in the City of Tacoma, and further that the maintenance of the relationship with Fuzhou will continue to promote economic activity in Tacoma which is sufficient consideration to the public to justify the City's investment; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as the City Council's legislative findings.

Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of \$12,500, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of ensuring full participation of Tacoma youth to a youth week event in Fuzhou, China, which commemorates the 30th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Tacoma and Fuzhou.

Section 3. That City staff under the direction of the City Manager will establish agreements, terms, and deliverables for the City's investment in this economic development effort.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney