



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Council Member John Hines and Policy Analyst Christina Caan
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney
SUBJECT: **Resolution – Council contingency fund request to support the 76th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Tacoma**
DATE: January 8, 2025

I ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support the 76th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Tacoma.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Council Contingency Fund Request: I am proposing a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support the 76th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament, presented by the Tacoma-Pierce Athletic Commission (TAC). This event is the longest-running amateur boxing tournament west of the Mississippi River and helps raise vital support for the TAC’s Golden Gloves Boxing program and the Tacoma Boxing Club, located in South Tacoma. The TAC’s Golden Gloves program and Tacoma Boxing Club are designed to encourage a positive lifestyle for at-risk youth and help provide low-income athletes across South Tacoma and citywide with access to financial assistance and support for engaging in boxing and athletic activity. The Tacoma Boxing Club offers conditioning exercises and boxing classes after school, five days a week.

- TAC is a non-profit organization dedicated to amateur sports and believes that young people learn important life lessons inside the boxing ring, including how to win graciously and how to accept defeat with the same maturity; being held accountable; what it means to work for something and attain it; to experience the self-empowering benefits of focus and determination; to not give up when the going gets tough; to live life with purpose, keeping their “eyes on the prize” for their future in any of their undertakings; and perhaps the greatest lesson is that of self-respect, which leads to respect for others.
- TAC has assisted many Tacoma and Pierce County athletes in national and international championships, including Olympic Gold Medalist Kay Hall, Boxing Gold Medalists Sugar Ray Seales and Leo Randolph, Bronze Medalist David Lee Armstrong, golfer Mark Sivara, gymnast Roni Barrlos, and track star Aaron Williams. Baseball star Ron Cey and football’s Ahmad Rashad (then Bobby Moore) began their careers in Boys and Girls Clubs programs aided by the TAC.

The City of Tacoma’s support would be acknowledged through the use of the City logo on advertising and promotion materials, as well as public recognition during the event. The event will not only raise awareness and support for helping low-income athletes and at-risk youth, but it is also expected to draw hundreds of spectators, athletes, and coaches from the surrounding region, generating income

for hotels, restaurants, and other local businesses. The publicity generated by the event can also serve as a powerful marketing tool for Tacoma, attracting further tourism and investment opportunities. In addition, this event will help strengthen Tacoma’s reputation as an inclusive, vibrant, sports-minded community.

FUNDING REQUESTED: \$10,000

DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: January 21, 2025

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The 76th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament is being promoted across Tacoma and past tournaments have been beloved community events. All proceeds from the event go to help TAC support local athletes in need and the Tacoma Boxing Club’s ability to assist low-income athletes.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Equity and Accessibility: This event will help expand TAC and the Tacoma Boxing Club’s ability to assist Tacoma athletes, enabling more low income and at-risk youth from South Tacoma and across the city to reap the rewards of participating in boxing and sports. Through the Golden Gloves program and Tacoma Boxing Club, young people gain opportunities to meet and work with great role models who authentically care about them inside and outside of the gym. In addition, this work helps foster youth violence prevention by providing mentally and physically rewarding alternatives to gang activity, as well as a place in a community that encourages positive behavior and hard work at school. In addition, sports help young people learn vital life skills, including how to manage stress, set goals, and navigate multitasking and problem-solving. Physical activity also promotes well-being and health, which in turn improve sleep quality, memory skills, and mood.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity
 Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity
 Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity
 Increase positive public perception related to the Tacoma economy.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Do not provide Council contingency funds	Council would preserve contingency funds for other priorities.	The event organizers would need to reduce the scope and scale of the event, making it potentially less accessible to the community and providing less community benefit.

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

The City of Tacoma will provide information on how to apply for the Special Events Funding Program Application in future years.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION

Sponsors recommend providing \$10,000 to support the 76th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Tacoma.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$10,000 from Council contingency funds.

If you have a question related to the Council contingency fund request, please contact Christina Caan, Policy Analyst, at (253) 219-0679 (phone) or ccaan@cityoftacoma.org.



SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:

Council Member John Hines

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES

1. 

POS#__ Deputy Mayor__



2. _____

POS#__3__

Mayor initials: 

Contingency Commitments

2025

\$

321,709.00

Study Session January 14, 2025

Council Requested - Golden Gloves Sponsorship

\$

10,000.00

Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support the 76th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Tacoma.

Starting Balance

\$

321,709.00

Total Amount Allotted

\$

10,000.00

Current Balance

\$

311,709.00