



## RESOLUTION NO. 40817

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

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$10,000,  
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for the purpose of supporting  
5 the upcoming Kinsey African American Art & History Collection to be  
6 featured at the Tacoma Art Museum and for the installation of a Black Lives  
7 Matter mural in Tollefson Plaza.

8 WHEREAS, in 2020, to express solidarity with the Black Lives Matter  
9 movement and the City's commitment to equity, Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor  
10 Blocker, and some of their colleagues engaged in initial discussion on the  
11 installation of a Black Lives Matter street tattoo or mural in Tacoma, and

12 WHEREAS, also in 2020, the Human Rights Commission similarly  
13 expressed a desire for a Black Lives Matter mural to be painted in Tacoma, and

14 WHEREAS, building on these conversations, staff from the Office of Arts  
15 and Cultural Vitality and Office of Equity and Human Rights engaged in initial  
16 discussions to determine how the Tacoma Arts Commission might support this  
17 work; however, the installation of a mural in 2020 was paused due to funding  
18 limitations and the inclement weather of late fall through early spring months, and

19 WHEREAS, in conversations with the Tacoma Art Museum ("TAM"), City  
20 staff learned that there were resources and a desire to commission a mural in  
21 conjunction with the upcoming Kinsey African American Art & History Collection to  
22 be featured at TAM from July–November 2021, and

23 WHEREAS the Kinsey Collection celebrates African American achievement  
24 and contribution from 1595-present, and strives to dispel the "myth of absence"  
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through authentic artifacts and fine art which help fill in the blanks of American  
1 history, and

2 WHEREAS the Human Rights Commission supports the collaborative effort  
3 of the Tacoma Arts Commission and TAM moving forward on the project in  
4 Tollefson Plaza, and  
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6 WHEREAS there is a shared desire that the mural express solidarity with  
7 the Black Lives Matter movement while celebrating the achievements and  
8 contributions of African Americans throughout history, and artists are encouraged  
9 to draw from Tacoma's history and imagined futures, and  
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11 WHEREAS the draft timeline has the mural being completed in Fall 2021,  
12 with an artist talk and reception hosted at TAM, and

13 WHEREAS, at the July 20, 2021, Study Session, Mayor Woodards shared a  
14 Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$10,000, budgeted  
15 from the Council Contingency Fund, for the purpose of providing a \$5,000  
16 sponsorship of the upcoming Kinsey African American Art & History Collection to  
17 be featured at TAM, and \$5,000 for the installation of a Black Lives Matter mural,  
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20 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the  
21 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of  
22 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of  
23 adopting the budget, and  
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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:

That one-time funding in the amount of \$10,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of providing a \$5,000 sponsorship of the upcoming Kinsey African American Art & History Collection to be featured at the Tacoma Art Museum, and \$5,000 for the installation of a Black Lives Matter mural in Tollefson Plaza.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney