



## RESOLUTION NO. 40179

1 A RESOLUTION supporting action to strengthen family violence prevention  
2 services in the City of Tacoma; and directing the City Manager to negotiate  
3 a revised Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County to improve the  
4 coordination and delivery of domestic violence victim services through an  
5 integrated, client-centered service model.

6 WHEREAS family violence is a major social, health, and public safety issue  
7 in the City of Tacoma and Pierce County, and

8 WHEREAS, since 1997, the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic  
9 Violence reports that more than 200 lives have been lost in Pierce County because  
10 of family violence, and

11 WHEREAS family violence contributes to a broad array of non-fatal physical  
12 injuries, trauma-induced behavioral health conditions, decreased academic  
13 outcomes, homelessness, crime, and incarceration, and

14 WHEREAS there is a growing need for family violence prevention services  
15 in the City, including services for an increasingly diverse client base, services for  
16 clients in Tacoma, low- or no-cost civil legal services, permanent affordable  
17 housing, and other essential services that ensure long-term safety, stability,  
18 treatment, and support for adults and children, and

19 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 36485, adopted April 26, 2005, the  
20 City and Pierce County entered into an Interlocal Agreement establishing a  
21 combined City of Tacoma and Pierce County domestic violence treatment and  
22 prevention center, known as The Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, and

23 WHEREAS the mission of The Crystal Judson Family Justice Center is to  
24 reduce the number of unreported domestic violence cases, ensure domestic  
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1 violence perpetrators are prosecuted, coordinate and consolidate existing  
2 community resources to better serve survivors of domestic violence, and offer  
3 appropriate civil legal assistance to survivors of domestic violence, and

4 WHEREAS the YWCA Pierce County provides comprehensive services for  
5 survivors of domestic violence, including an emergency safe shelter, 24/7 crisis  
6 line, civil legal assistance, therapeutic children's programs, counseling, support  
7 groups, housing, community education, and violence prevention, and

8 WHEREAS better coordination of victim services between The Crystal  
9 Judson Family Justice Center and community providers such as the YWCA Pierce  
10 County will result in more effective victim support, safety, perpetrator accountability  
11 and violence prevention services for residents throughout the City, and

12 WHEREAS opportunities exist to strengthen victim services and family  
13 violence prevention services by improving data collection and information-sharing,  
14 strategically aligning system and funder priorities, ensuring best practices, jointly  
15 planning overall system design, and innovating to serve diverse clients inside  
16 Tacoma city limits, and

17 WHEREAS the Interlocal Agreement may be amended at any time by  
18 mutual consent of the parties, and

19 WHEREAS the City Council finds it in the best interest of the public to  
20 strengthen family violence prevention services and to improve the coordination and  
21 delivery of victims' services through an integrated, client-centered service model;

22 Now Therefore,  
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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Section. 1. That the City Council supports action to strengthen family violence prevention services and to improve the coordination and delivery of victims' services through an integrated, client-centered service model.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to work with staff to negotiate a revised interlocal agreement with Pierce County in support of this purpose.

Section 3. That the City Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Pierce County Executive, the Director of The Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, the Chief Executive Officer of the YWCA Pierce County.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney