



RESOLUTION NO. 40819

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BEALE,
2 USHKA, AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use \$5,500, budgeted from the Council
4 Contingency Fund, for the purpose of supporting the general market
5 operations of the Eastside Tacoma Farmers Market.

6 WHEREAS the Tacoma Farmers Market operates on a slim budget and is
7 dependent on thriving farmers markets to sustain the robust and quality markets
8 residents have come to expect, and

9 WHEREAS the Eastside Farmers Market spends \$30,000 to operate each
10 year, running from June through August, and typically earns approximately \$5,000
11 in revenue from vendor fees, and

12 WHEREAS the 2021 season has been particularly hard on the Eastside
13 Farmers Market; from June to mid-July of this year, the market lost more than
14 50 percent of its vendors, resulting in reduced shoppers and reduced revenue, and

15 WHEREAS the Eastside Farmers Market is in a Census-designated
16 Low-Income, Low-Supermarket Access neighborhood, and provides an important
17 option for shoppers with limited access to healthy and fresh food, and

18 WHEREAS, compounding the need for assistance, the Eastside Farmers
19 Market has historically been supplemented by the prosperous Broadway Farmers
20 Market, which serves downtown patrons and relies heavily on daytime shoppers
21 who stop by the market on lunch breaks from work, and
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WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many downtown workers now telework from home, leading to reduced revenue at the Broadway Farmers Market and less supplemental revenue for the Eastside Farmers Market, and

WHEREAS, at the July 27, 2021, Study Session, Council Member Walker shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$5,500 from the Council Contingency Fund to support the general market operations of the Eastside Tacoma Farmers Market, and

WHEREAS this funding will ensure the Eastside Farmers Market will be able to sustain basic services through next year; without the funding, the Eastside Farmers Market will be less likely to provide activities at the market; provide fewer cooking demonstrations; provide fewer waived vendor fees, when necessary, to help struggling farmers; and would need to reduce the its outreach and marketing campaign, and

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:

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That one-time funding in the amount of \$5,500, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the general market operations of the Eastside Tacoma Farmers Market.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney