



RESOLUTION NO. 40241

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BEALE AND
2 IBSEN

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the
4 amount of \$20,000, for the purpose of supporting tenant outreach and
5 education services; and directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute
6 an agreement with the Tenants Union of Washington, outlining the scope of
7 work and deliverables for said funding.

8 WHEREAS, on November 20, 2018, the City enacted Tacoma Municipal
9 Code 1.95, "Rental Housing Code," to provide better protections for tenants and
10 provide specific guidance to landlords, and

11 WHEREAS the City's Office of Equity and Human Rights has budgeted
12 \$26,000 for public outreach to educate tenants and landlords on the new laws and
13 their rights under the laws, and

14 WHEREAS this public outreach will take place in each district of the City,
15 and will provide translation and other accessibility options, as necessary, to allow
16 for equitable outreach to as many tenants as possible, and

17 WHEREAS, at the February 5, 2019, Study Session, Council Member Beale
18 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of Council
19 Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$20,000, for tenant outreach and education
20 services, and

21 WHEREAS the proposed funding will allow for additional public outreach
22 services by the Tenants Union of Washington, through the Tacoma Tenants
23 Organizing Committee, to supplement existing efforts to connect tenants to
24 resources and advocate for their interests, and
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WHEREAS this proposal is aligned with the City’s Affordable Housing Action Strategy, which includes a strategic objective to “help people stay in their homes and communities,” and

WHEREAS the proposed outreach efforts will occur in 2019, and the deliverables, as identified by the Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee, include: (1) eight tenant-led public meetings in central, south, and east Tacoma, with 50 attendees per meeting; (2) “train the trainer” training for community groups and direct service providers who work with tenants, with a goal of reaching ten groups and at least 50 direct service providers; and (3) outreach to 5,000 tenants through 25 volunteers, and

WHEREAS the Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee is not able to directly contract with the City, and requires that the City contract with the Tenants Union of Washington for these services, and

WHEREAS the Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee has worked closely with the Tenants Union of Washington, and the committee would provide technical support and assistance for the project, and

WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services with the Tenants Union of Washington, outlining the scope of work and deliverables for said funding, and

WHEREAS RCW 35.33.145 and 35.34.250 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



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WHEREAS the need for additional tenant outreach and education services could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time the City adopted its biennial 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:

Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$20,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting tenant outreach and education services.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Tenants Union of Washington, outlining the scope of work and deliverables outlined in Section 1.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney