



RESOLUTION NO. 39948

1 A RESOLUTION appointing an individual to the Interim City Council District No. 2
2 position, for a term beginning March 21, 2018, until Council Member
3 Robert Thoms returns and resumes his duties as a Council Member or
4 December 31, 2018, whichever occurs first.

4 WHEREAS Council Member Robert Thoms, a veteran of the Persian Gulf
5 War who currently serves as a commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves, has been
6 involuntarily recalled to active duty for a six-month tour of duty in Kabul,
7 Afghanistan, beginning in March 2018, for Operation Resolute Support, and
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9 WHEREAS state and federal law allows for elected officials to take an
10 extended leave for involuntary recalls to military service, and

11 WHEREAS, at the conclusion of his deployment, Council Member Thoms
12 plans to return to Tacoma and resume the remainder of his term, and
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14 WHEREAS residents of District No. 2 have requested that the District be
15 represented during Council Member Thoms' absence, and

16 WHEREAS, at the February 13, 2018, City Council meeting, the Mayor
17 announced that the City would accept applications for the interim position from
18 February 15-22, 2018, and the City received 26 applications, and
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20 WHEREAS, at the February 27, 2018, Study Session, the City Council
21 discussed desired criteria and process options to determine which applicants would
22 move forward for interviews, followed by an Executive Session to evaluate applicant
23 qualifications, and

24 WHEREAS, at the February 27, 2018, Council meeting, each Council
25 Member had an opportunity to nominate one applicant to move forward for the
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1 interview process, which resulted in nine applicants being selected for interviews at
2 the March 6, 2018, Study Session, and

3 WHEREAS, at the City Council meeting of March 6, 2018, the City Council
4 will have an opportunity to make motions to appoint an individual to the Interim
5 District No. 2 position, and

7 WHEREAS Justin Camarata has been nominated for appointment to the
8 Interim City Council District No. 2 position, for a term beginning March 21, 2018,
9 until Council Member Thoms returns and resumes his duties as a Council Member
10 or the end of his term, whichever occurs first, and

12 WHEREAS it is in the best public interest that this individual be appointed to
13 the Interim City Council District No. 2 position, for said period; Now, Therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

15 That, in accordance with Tacoma City Charter 2.7, the City Council does
16 hereby appoint Justin Camarata to the Interim City Council District No. 2 position,
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1 for a term beginning March 21, 2018, until Council Member Thoms returns and
2 resumes his duties as a Council Member or December 31, 2018, whichever occurs
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8 Mayor

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11 City Clerk

12 Approved as to form:
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14 City Attorney

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