



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Council Member Catherine Ushka and Council Assistant Lynda Foster
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File
SUBJECT: Council Contingency Funds for 2019 Tacoma Reads Together Events
DATE: March 28, 2019

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of the Study Session:

I respectfully request City Council concurrence to direct the City Manager to allocate \$10,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund to support the 2019 Tacoma Reads Together events.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

“Tacoma Reads” is our local community reads program, where the larger community is encouraged to read, think, and discuss compelling and meaningful themes from a single book. The City works with Tacoma Public Library to develop programming and bring the author to Tacoma for a book reading, discussion and book signing. This year, in partnership with the Puyallup Tribe, we will be bringing award-winning author Tommy Orange to Tacoma this fall to discuss his bestselling and award-winning novel “There, There”.

This book touches on the concept of identity and how people’s lives are shaped by history, the passage of time and the impacts of trauma, poverty, and urban life. It was written by a Native American author who weaves the brutal history of American’s first nations through the stories of modern-day, city-dwelling indigenous people. Tacoma Public Library will work with the Mayor’s office, the Puyallup Tribe, and members of the Mayor’s Youth Task Force to plan rich and educational programming and make the book available in a wide variety of formats.

The total funding package for 2019 programming is \$55,000, with \$10,000 from Council Contingency, \$20,000 from Tacoma Public Library, and \$25,000 from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

State and briefly explain which strategic policy priority is best aligned to this action. Please remove the statements below you are not directly addressing.

- Encourage thriving residents with abundant opportunities for life-long learning.
- Cultivate a vibrant cultural sector that fosters a creative, cohesive community.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT PATH:

Request for Resolution

FUNDING REQUESTED:

Council Contingency Fund Request for \$10,000

*Please provide the Council Contingency Fund Biennial Budget Document if this request is for the use of this fund.

Does the request require some other type of funding? One-time Ongoing

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Lynda Foster at (253) 591.5166 or Lynda.Foster@cityoftacoma.org.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: 
Council Member Ushka

SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

1.  POS # Mayor

2.  POS# At-large

