



RESOLUTION NO. 40558

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$5,000,
3 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for the purpose of supporting
4 Tacoma's Sister Cities Council's mobilization to raise funds for the response
5 to the Covid-19 outbreak in China.

6 WHEREAS the World Health Organization has declared the outbreak of
7 Covid-19 a global health emergency, an acknowledgement of the risk the virus
8 poses to countries beyond its origin in China and of the need for a more
9 coordinated international response to the outbreak, and

10 WHEREAS historical accounts of influenza pandemics and contemporary
11 reports on infectious diseases clearly demonstrate that poverty, inequality, and
12 social determinants of health create conditions for the transmission of infectious
13 diseases, and existing health disparities or inequalities can further contribute to
14 unequal burdens of morbidity and mortality, and

15 WHEREAS, while public health officials in the City and across the United
16 States continue to closely monitor this global health crisis, efforts to prevent and
17 mitigate the spread of this outbreak reduce the likelihood that it will reach Tacoma,
18 which improves health outcomes and reduces disparities in our City, and

19 WHEREAS, in China, the majority of medical supplies needed to prevent
20 and control the contagion and treat infected patients have been supplied to key
21 epidemic areas, such as the Hubei province, and other provinces are suffering
22 from a shortage of all kinds of emergency resources, including prevention and
23 control supplies, and
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WHEREAS the City has grown deep and connected relationships with Mianyang, its Friendship City, and Fuzhou, its Sister City, and

WHEREAS the Tacoma Sister City Council (“TSCC”), whose membership includes a diverse representation of Tacoma-Pierce County residents, has mobilized to provide local community members who wish to help those affected by the Covid-19 outbreak in China with a secure way to contribute funds to this effort, and

WHEREAS the TSCC is acting in direct response to requests received from the Fuzhou and Mianyang governments, for funds to provide necessary medical resources and supplies to Mianyang and Fuzhou to address the sudden and surging demands created by the emergence of Covid-19, and

WHEREAS a liaison in the People’s Republic of China, Consulate General Office, is coordinating timely shipping of the supplies, and

WHEREAS Council Member McCarthy requests to authorize the one-time use of \$5,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for the purpose of supporting TSCC’s efforts to raise funds for the response to the Covid-19 outbreak in China, and

WHEREAS this action will provide vital resources to our partners to mitigate the impacts of this outbreak on our global community, 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 funding to support Tacoma’s Sister Cities Council’s mobilization to raise funds for the response to the Covid-19 outbreak in China 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:

That one-time funding in the amount of \$5,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting Tacoma’s Sister Cities Council’s mobilization to raise funds for the response to the Covid-19 outbreak in China.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney