



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

**ATTACHMENT B: Letters of Support**

Letters of support are attached from the following:

- Tacoma/Pierce County Black Collective Chairperson Lyle Quasim
- Tacoma Urban League CEO T'wina Nobles
- Tacoma Branch NAACP President Gregory Christopher
- Black Women's Caucus of Washington State President Susan E. Alexander
- A. Philip Randolph Institute Tacoma Chapter President Sherrilla BivensHenderson
- District 4 City Councilmember Catherine Ushka

# Tacoma / Pierce County Black Collective

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September 2, 2019

To: Mayor, City of Tacoma  
Tacoma City Council

Subject: Naming Request for the 34th Street Bridge spanning SR7 between East B Street and East D Street in Tacoma

Mayor and City Council Members,

The Tacoma / Pierce County Black Collective, a volunteer organization whose mission is to work until equity, inclusion and fairness are a reality, respectfully offer this letter in support of renaming the 34th Street Bridge in honor of Harold G. Moss.

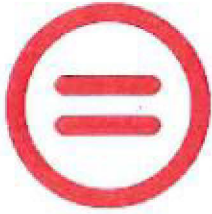
The Tacoma / Pierce County Black Collective is in full agreement with the resolution outlining Mr. Moss's civic, social and political contributions over the past fifty years. Mr. Moss is a "civic leader, civil rights activist, selfless citizen and a leading architect of civil rights in Tacoma."

The Tacoma / Pierce County Black Collective has been a witness to the courage and resolve that Mr. Moss demonstrates as he works until equity, inclusion and fairness are a reality.

Harold G. Moss has and continues to "Fight for Dreams that Matter" and as a result of his efforts many of our dreams have been realized. The Tacoma / Pierce County Black Collective respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council of Tacoma designate the 34th Street Bridge the "Harold Moss Bridge."

Sincerely,

Lyle Quasim  
Chairperson  
Tacoma / Pierce County Black Collective



Tacoma  
Urban League

*Empowering Communities.  
Changing Lives.*

September 9, 2019

To: Mayor Victoria Woodards & the Tacoma City Council

Subject: Letter of Support recommendation to rename the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge span over State Route 7 between East “B” Street and East “D” Street in Tacoma, WA. after Mayor Emeritus, Harold G. Moss.

Dear Mayor Woodards and Esteemed Council Members:

It is my pleasure to write you today to share the Tacoma Urban League’s support of the recommendation of the proposal to name the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge span over SR 7 between East “B” and East “D” Streets in Tacoma, Washington in honor of Mayor Emeritus Harold G. Moss.

As one of the founding members of the Tacoma Urban League, Mr. Harold G. Moss has been influential figure and has made a lasting imprint in his work in the community as a whole. He has been in the forefront of social activism in the Tacoma community for many decades.

He composed the majority of the Human Rights Commission Ordinance that laid the groundwork for the city’s affirmative action plan, and he was the first African-American to hold a public office in Pierce County as a city and county council members and as mayor of the city of Tacoma.

Mr. Moss has been a tireless advocate of fair and equal representation for minority groups that were underserved in education, employment, housing, and basic civil rights. He has been a leader, a voice of reason in the community, and a dedicated public servant.

The Tacoma Urban League would like to acknowledge the contributions of Mr. Harold G. Moss to the Tacoma community by fully supporting the efforts of naming the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge after Mayor Emeritus, Harold G. Moss.

Sincerely,

T’wina Nobles  
President/CEO  
Tacoma Urban League



# Tacoma Branch NAACP

September 6, 2019

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To: Mayor, City of Tacoma  
Tacoma City Council

Subject: Naming Request for the 34th Street Bridge spanning SR7 between East B Street and East D Street in Tacoma

Mayor and City Council Members,

Since 1913, The Tacoma Branch NAACP mission has been to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equity of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. We respectfully offer this letter in support of renaming the 34th Street Bridge in Honor of Harold G. Moss.

The Tacoma Branch NAACP is in full agreement with the resolution outlining Mr. Moss's ongoing civic, social and political contributions over the past fifty years. Mr. Moss is a "civic leader, civil rights activist, selfless citizen and a leading architect of civil rights in Tacoma."

The Tacoma Branch NAACP has been a witness to the courage and resolve that Mr. Moss demonstrates as he works until equity, inclusion and fairness are a reality.

The citizens of Tacoma continue to shape a better future as the result of Mr. Harold G. Moss's efforts to "Fight for Dreams that Matter". The Tacoma Branch NAACP respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council of Tacoma designate the 34th Street Bridge the "Harold G. Moss Bridge."

Sincerely,

  
Gregory Christopher  
President

Tacoma Branch NAACP



**Black Women's Caucus of Washington State  
Tacoma Chapter  
Tacoma, Washington**

September 5, 2019

To: Mayor, City of Tacoma  
Tacoma City Council

Subject: Naming Request for the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge spanning SR7 between East B Street and East D Street in Tacoma

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

The Black Women's Caucus of Washington State, Tacoma Chapter, a volunteer organization that was organized over 40 years ago to help break down barriers that prevented Black Women from fully participating in mainstream society, offer this letter of support in renaming the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge in honor of Harold G. Moss.

The Black Women's Caucus fully agrees with the resolution outlining Mr. Moss's political and civic contributions to our community over the past fifty years. His activities cover a broad range of efforts that include mentoring many young people in Tacoma and Pierce County through the years. He makes sure that equity, inclusion, and fairness becomes a reality for all.

Harold G. Moss has and continues to fight for all of us and we see his efforts realized in Tacoma and Pierce County every day. Because of his continuous courage and service to our community throughout the years, The Black Women's Caucus respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council designate the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge the "Harold G. Moss Bridge."

Sincerely,

Susan E. Alexander, President  
Black Women's Caucus of Washington State  
Tacoma Chapter



## APRI-Tacoma Chapter

September 3, 2019

To: Mayor City of Tacoma

Tacoma City Council

Subject: Naming Request for the 34th Street Bridge spanning SR7 between East B Street and East D Street in Tacoma.

Mayor and City Council Members,

The Tacoma A. Phillip Randolph Institute, a volunteer organization whose mission is to continue the fight, supporting efforts for social, political and economic justice for all working Americans.

Tacoma A. Phillip Randolph Institute respectfully offer this letter in support of renaming the 34th Street Bridge in honor of Harold G. Moss.

Tacoma A. Phillip Randolph Institute membership is in full agreement with this resolution outlining Mr. Moss's civic, social and political contributions over the past fifty years. Mr. Moss is a "civic leader, civil rights activist, selfless citizen and a leading architect of civil rights in Tacoma.

The Tacoma A. Phillip Randolph Institute has been a witness to the courage and resolve that Mr. Moss demonstrates as he works until equity, inclusion and fairness are a reality.

Harold G. Moss has and continues to "Fight for Dreams that Matter" and as a result of his efforts many of dreams have been realized. The Tacoma A. Phillip Randolph Institute respectfully request that the Mayor and the City Council designate the 34th Street Bridge the "Harold G. Moss Bridge."

Sincerely,

Sherrilla BivensHenderson

Tacoma Chapter President; A. Phillip Randolph Institute



## City of Tacoma

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Catherine Ushka

*Position 4*

September 9, 2019

To whom it may concern,

It is my honor and privilege to write a letter of support to rename the 34th Street Bridge after Mayor Emeritus Harold Moss. Mayor Emeritus Moss holds a special place in Tacoma's history as our first African American City Council Member, Mayor, and first African American member of the Pierce County Council. His dedication to civil rights, equity and empowerment are hallmarks of his time as Mayor and still pave the way for others following in his footsteps today.

In addition to his own renown, he has an unwavering focus on mentoring future generations, including many of us now in service. Tacomans from all backgrounds and communities have been inspired by Mayor Emeritus Moss to live lives of service and civic engagement. He has personally lit bridges to civic understanding throughout his lifetime, and continues to inspire unwavering focus for leaders to bridge differences and find solutions amidst our greatest challenges. His legacy can be seen anywhere in Tacoma where civic leaders gather, and we are better for it.

Given all of his service, I adamantly support this dedication in honor of Mayor Emeritus Moss. Naming the 34th Street Bridge, to be the "Harold Moss Bridge," will be a constant reminder of these legacies, and to we and future generations to bridge our differences and let the light of civility guide our paths towards greater justice and understanding in all that we do. I encourage your approval of this outstanding representation of Mayor Emeritus Moss's impact on the City of Tacoma.

Sincerely,

Catherine Ushka

Tacoma City Council Member, District 4