

RESOLUTION NO. 41697

SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BUSHNELL AND SCOTT

A RESOLUTION adopting the South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan, an implementation strategy of the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS the South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan ("Plan") is a guiding document outlining community-identified projects, ideas, and actions to enhance and strengthen the South Tacoma neighborhood, and

WHEREAS the Plan reflects the City's desire for a more equitable distribution of services, as well as increased equitable engagement, co-creation, and relationship building with the community, and

WHEREAS the South Tacoma neighborhood rates "very low" to "moderate" in the City's Equity Index, therefore, the neighborhood generally has quality-of-life disparities due to barriers and obstacles to opportunity within the area, and

WHEREAS the Plan reflects a multi-year and multi-faceted program focused on "on-the-ground" implementation of City policies and community priorities, and

WHEREAS the primary goals of the Plan fall into five categories:

1) transportation, mobility, and connectivity – increase safety on South Tacoma streets by reducing dangerous vehicle activity impacting drivers, pedestrians, people riding bikes, and property, and comfortably connect South Tacoma residents to amenities and the rest of the city by improving infrastructure for people walking, biking, and rolling (i.e., wheelchair, stroller), and transit network and service; 2) health and environment – create a sustainable, healthy, resilient,

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thriving community with clean air and water, a healthy tree canopy, and access to health and wellness facilities; 3) economic opportunity and development – activate the neighborhood center, reduce barriers for diverse businesses and strengthen community capacity to support daily needs, new amenities, and community events for all ages, promote socially responsible development, and encourage jobs in the green industry while limiting potential negative impacts of industry; 4) sense of place and community – enhance and showcase South Tacoma by creating an inviting, safe, accessible and beautiful neighborhood for all to enjoy, celebrate the neighborhood's many histories and identities, and ensure broad and equitable participation in neighborhood decisions, and foster a sense of safety in the community and at gatherings; and (5) affordability – ensure access to affordable and diverse services and housing, including renters, a mix of incomes, support for people experiencing homelessness, and opportunities to build generational wealth through home ownership, and

WHEREAS the Plan includes specific actions that support each of these goals, a summary of how these recommendations support and/or implement other key City policy documents, a summary of community engagement, and a detailed plan for implementation and action matrix, and

WHEREAS on April 16, 2025, the Planning Commission voted to recommend the Plan to the full City Council; the Planning Commission was also engaged in the development and review of the Plan, and also provided a briefing at Study Session on May 13, 2025; Now, Therefore,



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

That the South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan, an implementation strategy of the Comprehensive Plan, as on file in the office of the City Clerk, is hereby adopted; and the City Manager is hereby directed to take the steps necessary to implement the South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan. Adopted _____ Mayor Attest: City Clerk Approved as to form: Chief Deputy City Attorney