



RESOLUTION NO. 41386

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, COUNCIL MEMBERS BUSHNELL,
2 USHKA, AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in
4 the amount of \$10,000, to sponsor the Tacoma Refugee Choir's first annual
5 symposium, "From Welcoming to Cooperation."

6 WHEREAS the Tacoma Refugee Choir ("TRC") launched in 2016 in
7 partnership with Tacoma Community House and has since grown to create a
8 welcoming and affirmative learning experience for over 700 participants from 65
9 nations, along with diverse members from the United States, and

10 WHEREAS TRC's efforts have focused on community building and
11 education, as well as emphasizing the power of individuals to welcome and support
12 others and use their voice to make a difference through their choir program, and

13 WHEREAS the choir program meets every Tuesday night and is designed to
14 quickly help people make friends, overcome barriers, and engage in a communal
15 experience of music, food, and dance, and offers free membership without audition,
16 ensuring broad accessibility and inclusion, and

17 WHEREAS this Council contingency fund request would enable the City to
18 sponsor the TRC's first annual symposium, "From Welcoming to Cooperation", and
19 would provide funding for the symposium venue, audio and visual resources, food
20 and drink for participants, and participant materials to co-create a toolkit for all
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WHEREAS TRC hopes to welcome 80-100 attendees with breakfast and lunch provided, and will also offer complimentary tickets for City Council Members and a limited number of tickets to City staff members, and

WHEREAS the day-long symposium is open to all and aims to expand TRC's work in the community by bringing together people in Tacoma working in the space of arts programming, nonprofit, community-building, mental health research, public health, and any kind of institutional decision-making, and

WHEREAS TRC has received \$1,000 from Tacoma Special Events to help support the symposium and additional funding is needed as Tacoma Special Events funding fell short of the need because it had to be divided among a high volume of applicants this year, and

WHEREAS participants will learn about TRC's journey creating a welcoming community in Tacoma, while also discussing and sharing ideas that build on TRC's experiences to further foster a welcoming community and move toward expanding multicultural cooperation, and

WHEREAS participants will produce a relationship-building toolkit that will assist with identifying practices for the community that will enhance a spirit of welcoming and engender belonging and will also include guide sheets and diagnostic tools to help participants carry forward the symposium's discussions and apply the lessons to their work where practicable, and

WHEREAS, at the March 5, 2024, Study Session, Council Member Walker shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$10,000,



1 from the Council Contingency Fund for the sponsorship of the Tacoma Refugee
2 Choir's first annual symposium, "From Welcoming to Cooperation", and

3 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
4 with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, and

5 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the
6 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
7 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
8 adopting the budget, and

9 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less
10 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now,
11 Therefore,

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

14 Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$10,000, budgeted from
15 the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of sponsorship
16 of the Tacoma Refugee Choir's first annual symposium, "From Welcoming to
17 Cooperation."
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Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with Tacoma Refugee Choir for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney