



RESOLUTION NO. 39901

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR STRICKLAND AND COUNCIL MEMBERS CAMPBELL
AND MELLO

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of \$20,000, budgeted from the City
3 Council Contingency Fund, for the purpose of supporting the 2018 season of the
Tacoma Refugee Choir; and directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute
4 an agreement outlining the scope of work and deliverables.

5 WHEREAS the Tacoma Refugee Choir (“Choir”), a Washington non-profit
6 corporation, builds community through music, with a special emphasis on
7 welcoming refugees, and seeks to use music as a tool to support the City’s most
8 vulnerable residents, as well as educate and encourage actions of compassion
9 and kindness between people of diverse backgrounds, beliefs, ethnicities, and
10 languages, as part of creating a more welcoming Tacoma community, and

11 WHEREAS, in its first season, the Choir welcomed to its weekly practice
12 sessions more than 150 participants from 24 countries, and

13 WHEREAS the Choir established non-profit status and engaged the support
14 of a diverse cast of Tacoma-area recording artists to deliver its message broadly
15 through its first recorded song, and, further, performed 12 public events during its
16 first season, and

17 WHEREAS the Choir’s second season seeks to build on the success of the
18 inaugural season to uplift, inspire, and unite through the transformative power of
19 music, and

20 WHEREAS, at the December 12, 2017, Study Session, Council
21 Member Campbell shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the
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one-time use of \$20,000, budgeted from the City Council Contingency Fund, for
1 the purpose of supporting the 2018 season of the Tacoma Refugee Choir, and

2 WHEREAS the City's \$20,000 sponsorship level would assist the Choir in
3 providing free admission to events for City residents who may be disabled or
4 financially unable to attend, and also includes the following benefits for the City:
5 Eight VIP tickets to three stage events, invitations to free community outreach
6 events, recognition from the stage at all three events, the City's logo on posters
7 and printed programs, featured on the Choir's website, and recognition in the
8 annual report, and

9 WHEREAS, in addition, the Choir will advertise the following items:
10 opportunities for the community to contribute to the City's Deportation Defense
11 Subfund, for providing legal counsel to indigent Tacoma residents at deportation
12 hearings; participation on the City's Commission on Immigrant and Refugee
13 Affairs; and recognition of the City as a member of the Welcoming Cities and
14 Counties Initiative, and

15 WHEREAS RCW 35.33.145 and 35.34.250 authorize a withdrawal from the
16 City Council Contingency Fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent
17 of which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
18 adopting the budget, and

19 WHEREAS the need for sponsorship of the Tacoma Refugee Choir for the
20 2018 season could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time the
21 City adopted its biennial budget, and
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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:

Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$20,000, budgeted from
the City Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of
supporting the 2018 season of the Tacoma Refugee Choir.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to negotiate and
execute an agreement with the Tacoma Refugee Choir, outlining the scope of work
and deliverables for said funding.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney