



RESOLUTION NO. 40096

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with Alliance for South Sound Health
3 to provide \$1.5 million in the 2017-2018 biennium towards the construction
4 of a new behavioral health hospital on the Allenmore Hospital Campus in
Tacoma.

5 WHEREAS the Alliance for South Sound Health, a joint venture of MultiCare
6 Health System and CHI-Franciscan Health, has been granted approval to build and
7 operate a new \$41 million behavioral health hospital which would provide
8 year-round treatment for up to 5,000 patients, and would include 120 beds for
9 voluntary and involuntary admissions, and
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11 WHEREAS the state of Washington currently ranks 48th out of 50 states for
12 prevalence of mental health services and access to care, particularly when it
13 comes to inpatient capacity, and
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15 WHEREAS, while the national average for beds is 26.1 per 100,000
16 population, Washington State averages 8.3 and Pierce County averages 2.8 beds
17 per 100,000 population, and
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19 WHEREAS our community is critically underserved in this area, and we
20 must act to ensure citizens of Tacoma have access to necessary mental health
21 services, and
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23 WHEREAS the proposed facility would increase average beds to 16.6 beds
24 per 100,000 people, which, while still below the nationwide average, would
25 significantly expand current capacity in our community, and
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1 WHEREAS the City has repeatedly shown its commitment to expanding
2 mental health services, as evidenced by the implementation of the Mental Health
3 Sales Tax; however, mental illness continues to be an issue in our community, and
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5 WHEREAS untreated mental illness or substance use disorders and their
6 related problems have clear and negative impacts on businesses and urban
7 residential living, and often result in increased poverty, homelessness, and the
8 breakdown of families, and
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10 WHEREAS the ultimate costs of dealing with the issues of substance use
11 disorders and mental health are shared by all, and
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13 WHEREAS several local municipalities have pledged funds to ensure this
14 critical project moves forward to serve the residents of our communities, and
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16 WHEREAS the City agrees to provide a \$1.5 million contribution in the
17 2017-2018 biennium, budgeted from the Mental Health Chemical Dependency
18 Fund, for a one-time expenditure to the Alliance for South Sound Health for the
19 purpose of constructing the proposed facility, which is imperative in demonstrating
20 support for this project and for securing additional funding for the proposed facility;
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22 Now, Therefore,

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

24 That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into an
25 agreement with Alliance for South Sound Health in the amount of \$1.5 million,
26 budgeted from the Mental Health Chemical Dependency Fund, for the purpose of
constructing a behavioral health hospital on the Allenmore Hospital Campus in



1 Tacoma, said document to be substantially in the form of the document on file in
2 the office of the City Clerk.

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7 Mayor

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9 Attest: _____
10 City Clerk

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12 Approved as to form: _____
13 Deputy City Attorney

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