



RESOLUTION NO. 41881

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ, HINES, AND PALMER

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$15,000,
3 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to sponsor the Northwest
4 Immigration Rights Project's 2026 Gala, and making a public declaration of
5 solidarity with Northwest Immigrant Rights Project's values.

6 WHEREAS since declaring Tacoma a Welcoming City in 2015, the City has
7 sought tangible ways to support immigrants and refugees and those detained in the
8 Northwest ICE Processing Center ("NWIPC"), which includes funding phone card
9 access for detainees, supporting the Advocates for Immigrants in Detention
10 Northwest ("AIDNW") Welcome Center, and funding legal assistance for those
11 detained in the NWIPC, and

12 WHEREAS in 2025, while developing Resolution No. 41627, sponsors met
13 with a broad range of stakeholders to discuss and request feedback on this policy
14 and topics of importance to the immigration and refugee community, including the
15 Commission for Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, the Tacoma Healing Awareness
16 Committee, the Tacoma Refugee Choir, One America, AIDNW, Golden Bamboo
17 Walking Group, the Eastside Neighborhood Advisory Council of Tacoma, the South
18 End Neighborhood Council, and other local elected leaders, and

19 WHEREAS over the last year community members have continued to
20 advocate for support of immigrant rights, and specifically support of individuals
21 detained by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") and held
22 at the NWIPC, and
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1 WHEREAS by sponsoring the 2026 Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
2 (“NWIRP”) Gala the City makes a public declaration that it stands in solidarity with
3 NWIRP’s values of:

4 (1) Dignity: We all deserve to have our human dignity and fundamental
5 rights respected;

6 (2) Fairness: Laws and policies should be fair and equitable, and when
7 liberty or fundamental rights are at stake, all people are entitled to meaningful due
8 process and competent legal representation;

9 (3) Solidarity: We are connected by our common humanity, by global
10 forces that affect our lives, and by historic patterns of oppression, discrimination
11 and inequity, and for society to be just and whole, we must work together to undo
12 systemic oppression in its many forms;

13 (4) Self-Determination: Society thrives when all people have opportunities
14 to live their lives to their fullest potential;

15 (5) Safety: People and communities thrive when we all feel and
16 experience safety. Safety should never be used to justify oppression; and

17 (6) Inclusion: We see diversity and inclusiveness as a source of strength,
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19 WHEREAS the NWIRP will promote the City’s shared values by including the
20 City’s name in the event program and slideshow, in pre-event recognition on the
21 event website and emails reaching over 40,000 people, and in social media posts,
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WHEREAS, at the March 23, 2026, Study Session, Council Member Diaz shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$15,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to sponsor the NWIRP 2026 Gala, and making a public declaration of solidarity with Northwest Immigrant Rights Project’s values, and

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

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

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 the foregoing Recitals are hereby adopted as the City Council’s legislative findings.

Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of \$15,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the Northwest Immigration Rights Project’s 2026 Gala, and making a public declaration of solidarity with Northwest Immigrant Rights Project’s (“NWIRP”) values.



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Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with NWIRP for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney