



## RESOLUTION NO. 40310

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS MELLO  
2 AND USHKA

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of up to \$10,000 of Council  
4 Contingency Funds for expenditures related to the 2019 Tacoma Reads  
5 Together program.

6 WHEREAS each year, Mayor Woodards chooses a book for Tacoma  
7 Reads Together, the City's local community reads program, where the larger  
8 community is encouraged to read, think, and discuss compelling and meaningful  
9 themes from a single book, and

10 WHEREAS the Tacoma Public Library ("Library") works with the City to  
11 develop programming, and when possible, to bring the author to Tacoma for a  
12 book reading, discussion, and book signing, and

13 WHEREAS this fall, in partnership with the Puyallup Tribe, the City will  
14 bring award-winning author Tommy Orange to Tacoma to discuss his bestselling  
15 and award-winning novel *There, There*, which touches on the concept of identity  
16 and how people's lives are shaped by history, the passage of time, and the  
17 impacts of trauma, poverty, and urban life, and

18 WHEREAS the City desires to expand the Tacoma Reads Together  
19 program to reach a greater audience, and

20 WHEREAS the Library will work with the City, the Puyallup Tribe, and  
21 members of the Mayor's Youth Commission to plan rich and educational  
22 programming, and to make the book available in a wide variety of formats, and  
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1 WHEREAS, at the April 9, 2019, Study Session, Council Member Ushka  
2 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of  
3 \$10,000 from the Council Contingency Fund for the purpose of supporting the  
4 2019 Tacoma Reads Together program and related events, and

5 WHEREAS the total funding for the 2019 Tacoma Reads Together  
6 program is \$55,000, comprised of contributions from the Tacoma Public Library  
7 in the amount of \$20,000; the Puyallup Tribe of Indians in the amount of  
8 \$25,000; and the City in the amount of \$10,000, which will be used for the  
9 following expenditures: venues, marketing materials, licensing fees, and  
10 honorariums for speakers/artists/scholars, and

11 WHEREAS RCW 35.33.145 and 35.34.250 authorize a withdrawal from  
12 the Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent  
13 of which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of  
14 adopting the budget, and

15 WHEREAS the need for funding for this purpose could not have been  
16 foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time the City adopted its biennial budget,  
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18 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less  
19 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund;

20 Now, Therefore,

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

22 That one-time funding in the amount of \$10,000, budgeted from the Council  
23 Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for expenditures related to the 2019  
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Tacoma Reads Together program, including bringing the author of the book  
*There, There*, Tommy Orange, to Tacoma for an evening book reading,  
discussion, and book signing, and an afternoon youth-driven event.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney