



RESOLUTION NO. 41510

1 A RESOLUTION relating to neighborhood and community improvement; authorizing
2 the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma, in the
3 amount of \$30,000, and accepting and depositing said sum into the Special
4 Revenue Fund, for reimbursement of costs related to interpretive and
5 wayfinding signage and a viewfinder at the McKinley Overlook.

6 WHEREAS the City's McKinley neighborhood is a diverse and historically
7 under-served, underrepresented community, which ranks "very low" on the City's
8 Equity Index, and

9 WHEREAS as part of the McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan, the community
10 identified the McKinley Overlook ("Project") as a top priority, with the aim to reduce
11 the criminal activity that has historically negatively impacted the surrounding
12 community, and a new public space to enjoy the views of downtown, the Port of
13 Tacoma ("Port"), and Commencement Bay, and

14 WHEREAS the new public space will feature a walking path, separated from
15 the roadway by a planted landscape area, public art, viewfinders, garbage cans,
16 artist-designed seating, pedestrian-scale lighting, and defined parking spaces, and

17 WHEREAS the final project will also include accessibility improvements,
18 including Americans with Disability Act-compliant parking, new sidewalks, and new
19 curb ramps, and

20 WHEREAS this Interlocal Agreement ("ILA") with the Port of Tacoma Local
21 Economic Development Fund grant ("LEDIF") will further enhance the Project,
22 providing \$30,000 in funding for two interpretive signs to tell the history of the site
23 and neighborhood, as well as a viewfinder and wayfinding signage to direct people
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WHEREAS in addition to recognizing the community’s desire to see this site celebrated and enhanced, the Project responds to concerns about illegal dumping and other unsafe and criminal activities at the site, and protects recent plantings and restoration of the adjacent McKinley Slope, a City-managed open space and critical area, and

WHEREAS the LEDIF grant adds new amenities and interpretation to the planned Project, and the Project team will work in partnership with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and the Port, as well as City departments such as the Public Works department and the Office of Arts and Cultural Vitality, to develop signage content and design, and

WHEREAS the construction of the Project is fully budgeted and funded, having received both City Council and grant funding through the Transportation Improvement Board, and the Project has been designed, a contractor selected, and construction will begin in late summer or fall; Now, Therefore,

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

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Port of Tacoma (“Port”), in the amount of \$30,000, and accepting and depositing said sum into the Special Revenue Fund, for reimbursement of costs related to interpretive and wayfinding signage and a



1 viewfinder at the McKinley Overlook, as more specifically set forth in the
2 document on file in 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 Chief Deputy City Attorney

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