



RESOLUTION NO. 40167

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

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the expenditure of \$6,500, budgeted from the City
4 Council Contingency Fund, to fund tools to address and manage the
5 impacts of exploitation and sexual assault; and directing the City Manager to
6 negotiate and execute an agreement with the non-profit organization Rock,
7 Paper, Scissors, outlining the scope of work and deliverables for said
8 funding.

9 WHEREAS the “Me Too” Movement, founded in 2006 by Tarana Burke, was
10 created to address both the lack of resources for survivors of sexual violence and
11 to build a community of advocates, driven by survivors, at the forefront of creating
12 solutions that interrupt the sexual violence happening in their communities, and

13 WHEREAS the Me Too Movement became part of the national dialogue last
14 October, when the related hashtag – #metoo – went viral, accompanied by women
15 coming forward to share their stories of sexual harassment, violence, and assault,
16 and, since that time, the news has continued to be punctuated by stories of sexual
17 assault and harassment at local, state, and national levels, and

18 WHEREAS, at the November 13, 2018, Study Session, a Council
19 Consideration Request was shared to authorize the one-time use of \$6,500 from
20 the City Council Contingency Fund to fund tools to address and manage the
21 impacts of exploitation and sexual assault, and

22 WHEREAS this funding is intended to begin to address the lack of resources
23 available, acknowledge the deep impact that these traumatic events have on the
24 lives of Tacoma residents, and provide support for residents who have experienced
25 sexual assault or harassment, and
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WHEREAS the proposed funding would be allocated according to a proposal provided by the City Manager and Neighborhood and Community Services Director, and would provide up to 100 City residents with tools to address and manage the impacts of exploitation and sexual assault through a community event which will (1) specifically target women who have dealt with sexual assault on the job, in the military, in school, or in church; (2) connect women, including survivors, in dialogue on prevention, intervention, and overcoming sexual assault; (3) provide access to community experts, such as psychologist, medical doctors, legal professionals, counselors, advocates, and survivors, through panel discussion; (4) provide attendees with sexual assault and human trafficking resource guides and books; and (5) teach participants what to do when assault and abuse occur, and how to manage the impacts, and

WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services with the non-profit organization Rock, Paper, Scissors, outlining the terms and deliverables for said funding, and

WHEREAS RCW 35.33.145 and 35.34.250 authorize a withdrawal from the City 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 the need for tools to address and manage the impacts of exploitation and sexual assault could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time the 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 \$6,500, budgeted from the City Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved to fund tools to address and manage the impacts of exploitation and sexual assault.

Section 2. That the City Manager is directed to negotiate and execute an agreement with the non-profit organization Rock, Paper, Scissors, outlining the scope of work and deliverables for said funding.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney