



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Mayor Victoria Woodards and Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor Bucoda Warren  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** A resolution authorizing a Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$5,000 to sponsor the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma Travel to NLC- Requested for October 18, 2022  
**DATE:** October 12, 2022

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**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

A resolution authorizing a Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$5,000 to sponsor the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma Travel to NLC.

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Mayor Victoria Woodards, Deputy Mayor Catherine Ushka, and Council Member Kiara Daniels

**BACKGROUND:**

The Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma was formally established by Resolution 40502 in December of 2019 after a year of outreach and development with youth on what they would want to see in a youth-focused commission. Since then, the Youth Commission has engaged with students and organizations across Tacoma to address topics such as youth mental health, climate change, public safety in schools, and leadership development.

The youth commission also shown national leadership since its inception, having attended a United States Conference of Mayors youth convening, and the National League of Cities conference to join youth leaders from across the country to learn and grow together. Tacoma's youth showed great leadership, and brought back skills and ideas that have propelled them through the pandemic successfully. The opportunity to grow and learn from other cities is a unique opportunity that we can provide our young leaders so that they can continue to engage in conversations here at home. This funding would allow the City to send a couple of our student leaders and a chaperone to the annual conference this fall to engage with other youth commissions.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

The Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma focuses on outreach to historically underrepresented communities to ensure all students have the opportunity to engage in civic conversations and leadership opportunities. This year's leadership team is incredibly diverse in experience and representation, and shows the fruits of the efforts that the Youth leaders have put into recruiting and elevating leaders from across Tacoma.

**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility:**

The youth commission is focused on engaging in projects and programs that support anti-racism work and encourages courageous conversations and efforts to support marginalized communities in Tacoma. Their work with youth in Tacoma helped to provide more opportunities outside of school, and engagement with leaders across Tacoma that can provide mentorship, guidance, and co-creation of programs that impact their communities.



**Education:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of quality out of school time learning opportunities distributed equitably across the city.

**Civic Engagement:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting.

**Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).**

The youth commission has provided weekend and after school opportunities to learn from other organizations across the City and engage in government policy discussions. These opportunities give students opportunity to learn about their city and community while learning valuable leadership skills and engaging in volunteer opportunities on projects that are meaningful to them.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1.Do not fund this request	More funds available in the contingency fund for emerging issues.	Students will be unable to travel for this learning opportunity.
2.increase funding for this request	More students will be able to travel for this learning opportunity.	Less funding available in the contingency fund for emerging issues.

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:**

Following the conclusion of the conference, sponsors and staff will meet with youth commissioners to learn of their experience and how they will incorporate that into the commission’s work moving forward.

**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend approval of this request to support our youth.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Please provide a short summary of the fiscal impacts associated with the grant, agreement, policy action, or other action.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1.1030- Council Contingency Fund	660000		\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			5,000

**What Funding is being used to support the expense?**

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND

**Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium’s current budget?**

**NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW**

The Council Contingency Fund provides an established amount of funding each year for unbudgeted Council sponsored initiatives.

**Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**

No

**Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?**

No

**Will the legislation change the City’s FTE/personnel counts?**

No

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 2022-2023 council Contingency Commitments