



RESOLUTION NO. 40934

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, DEPUTY MAYOR USHKA, AND
2 COUCIL MEMBER HINES

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of \$10,000, budgeted from the
4 Council Contingency Fund, for expenditures related to the 2022 Tacoma
5 Reads Together programming and events.

6 WHEREAS "Tacoma Reads" is our beloved, local community reads program,
7 where the larger community is encouraged to read, think, and discuss compelling
8 and meaningful themes from a selected book, and

9 WHEREAS the City works with Tacoma Public Library to select titles for
10 adult, young adult, and children and their families around a shared theme; develop
11 programming; and arrange for a Tacoma event with the author of the adult
12 selection, and

13 WHEREAS, in alignment with Resolution No. 40622, the 2022 Tacoma
14 Reads program will engage the community in conversations and programming that
15 explore the topics of race, social justice, and healing, and after careful review, the
16 following titles have been selected for the 2022 Tacoma Reads program:

- 17 • The children's and families selection is "Thank you, Omu," by Oge Mora, a
18 beautifully illustrated picture book about the concepts of generosity and care
19 for one's community for our youngest Tacoma readers;
- 20 • The young adults selection is "We Belong," by Cookie Hiponia, an
21 immigration story of resilience with elements of Filipino folklore woven
22 throughout; and
- 23 • The adult selection is "Afterlife," by Julia Alvarez, and
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WHEREAS if approved, this would mark the fourth year that the City Council has provided a \$10,000 sponsorship of Tacoma Reads, and this support has expanded Tacoma Reads to include titles for readers of all ages and allowed a broader range of outreach and greater community conversation on the selected titles, and

WHEREAS Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Ushka, and Council Member Hines have shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$10,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the 2022 Tacoma Reads programming and events, 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 one-time funding in the amount of \$10,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for expenditures related to the 2022 Tacoma Reads Together programming and events.



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Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with Tacoma Public Library for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney