



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: City Council Members
FROM: Councilmember Conor McCarthy
COPIES TO: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager; Mark Lauzier, Assistant City Manager; Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant to the City Manager; Executive Leadership Team; File
SUBJECT: Naming a portion of State Route 509 as the Phillip Martin Lelli Memorial Highway
DATE: January 12, 2016

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

The following item will be scheduled on the agenda of the earliest available Study Session:

I respectfully ask for City Council approval of a resolution recommending the Washington State Transportation Commission name State Route 509 between Pacific Avenue and Taylor Way as the Philip Martin Lelli Memorial Highway.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

Starting in the 1960s, Phillip Martin Lelli played a key role in the economic success of Tacoma and its Port. Mr. Lelli was a longshoreman and the former president of the International Longshore Warehouse Union Local 23 (ILWU 23) in Tacoma. During his time with ILWU 23, Mr. Lelli worked with labor, private industry, and both sides of the political aisle to develop economic opportunity for the City of Tacoma, the Port of Tacoma, and the local people. He played a critical role in helping the Port of Tacoma transition to the modern crane-operated cargo unloading system we have in place today, and advocated for greater labor force efficiency on the docks, modernizing Tacoma's waterfront. Beyond his service to the Port and ILWU 23, Mr. Lelli was a philanthropist and volunteer, supporting food banks and hot meal sites throughout Pierce County.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: _____

Councilmember Conor McCarthy

SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

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DISTRICT# 1

2. _____

DISTRICT# 8