



RESOLUTION NO. 41109

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS HINES AND
2 WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$20,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the convening of
5 community conversations on homelessness in partnership with the
6 University of Washington Tacoma.

7 WHEREAS, on May 9, 2017, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28430
8 declaring a state of public health emergency, and has subsequently extended the
9 ordinance several times with the current metric for completion changing from a
10 fixed date until 95 percent of unsheltered individuals identified during the annual
11 Pierce County Point-in-Time count have access to shelter for three consecutive
12 years, and

13 WHEREAS homelessness and finding solutions to affordable housing
14 continue to be top priorities for the City Council, as shown in multiple City Council
15 priority setting meetings, biennial budgets, and through multiple community
16 surveys, and

17 WHEREAS the City Council has dedicated over \$101 Million during the
18 recent biennial budget to address these issues, and

19 WHEREAS, as the City Council continues to address homelessness across
20 Tacoma, there continues to be a strong need for community involvement, and

21 WHEREAS convening a community conversation provides the opportunity
22 for the City to bring new perspectives and engage people with lived experience
23 who can guide the efforts and improve the outcomes for our community, and
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WHEREAS positively impacting our homelessness response efforts can improve living conditions, not only for the many residents and businesses impacted, but for those experiencing homelessness, who are most often our most marginalized communities, and

WHEREAS a partnership with the University of Washington Tacoma (“UWT”) will convene the community to learn about the current state of homelessness in the new biennium, and seek solutions together to a common issue, and

WHEREAS, at the December 13, 2022, Study Session, Mayor Woodards shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$20,000 from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the convening of community conversations on homelessness in partnership with UWT, and

WHEREAS the funding would support the space to convene the community, food for participants, and materials for facilitation and support for the classrooms, 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:

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Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$20,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the convening of community conversations on homelessness in partnership with the University of Washington Tacoma.

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

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney