



RESOLUTION NO. 40318

1 A RESOLUTION relating to public safety and human services; ratifying the
2 2018 agreement with Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel, in the
3 amount of \$2,015,699, retroactive for the period of January 1, 2018, through
4 December 31, 2018; and the 2019 agreement with Pierce County
5 Department of Assigned Counsel in the amount of \$2,052,009, retroactive to
6 January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, budgeted from the General
7 Fund, to provide legal services for indigent defendants appearing in Tacoma
8 Municipal Court.

9 WHEREAS individuals accused of a crime have a right to legal
10 representation, which is guaranteed by the constitutions of the United States and
11 the state of Washington, and

12 WHEREAS it is the obligation of the public to bear the cost of such legal
13 defense for accused individuals who are determined by the court to be indigent, and

14 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 35979, adopted on October, 14,
15 2003, the City entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the Pierce County
16 Department of Assigned Counsel ("DAC"), for the provision of said services, which
17 agreement has been renewed on a yearly basis since 2003, and

18 WHEREAS DAC has provided, and is able to continue providing, valuable
19 legal services that are necessary to the proper disposition of misdemeanor cases
20 heard in Tacoma Municipal Court, and

21 WHEREAS, in addition to the services rendered by DAC, data is regularly
22 provided to the City's Office of Management and Budget in order to evaluate the
23 performance of the agreement, including, but not limited to, caseload per attorney,
24 types of cases handled by DAC, and outcomes, and

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WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the City to enter into the proposed agreements with DAC, in the amount of \$2,015,699, retroactive for the period of January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018; and in the amount of \$2,052,009, retroactive to January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, budgeted from the General Fund, for the purpose of providing legal services for indigent defendants appearing in Tacoma Municipal Court; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel ("DAC") in the amount of \$2,015,699, retroactive for the period of January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, for the purpose of providing legal services for indigent defendants appearing in Tacoma Municipal Court, as on file in the office of the City Clerk, and further, that the actions by City officials to implement said agreement are hereby ratified.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with DAC in the amount of \$2,052,009, retroactive to January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, budgeted from the General Fund, for the purpose of providing legal services for indigent defendants appearing in



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Tacoma Municipal Court, as on file in the office of the City Clerk, and further, that the actions by City officials to implement said agreement are hereby ratified.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney