



RESOLUTION NO. 41372

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ AND
2 SCOTT

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$5,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to sponsor the El Jadida
5 Sister City Committee Cultural and Economic Exchange.

6 WHEREAS the Sister Cities Council of Tacoma advances Tacoma as a
7 global city and promotes peace through mutual respect, understanding, and
8 cooperation through citizen diplomacy – one individual, one community at a time –
9 for the benefit of Tacoma and its Sister Cities, and

10 WHEREAS, to accomplish its mission, the Sister Cities Council of Tacoma
11 develops programs in the areas of cultural arts and tourism, global education,
12 government relations, and international business, and

13 WHEREAS El Jadida has been Tacoma's Sister City since 2007 and shares
14 many characteristics that make our communities ripe for cultural and economic
15 exchange, and

16 WHEREAS El Jadida is a port city on the Atlantic coast of Morocco, in the
17 province of El Jadida, has a beautiful long coastline that attracts over 10 million
18 visitors from around the world each year, a population of about 220,000, and is the
19 port for Marrakech and other Moroccan cities, and

20 WHEREAS, in 2024, the El Jadida Sister City Committee will be traveling to
21 Morocco to build relationships with our sister city and explore future partnerships
22 that might be available to increase our cultural and economic exchanges with our
23 sister port city, and
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WHEREAS this funding would support the overall trip and allow more of the members to travel and allow for more opportunities while in Morocco to connect with the people, businesses, and agencies that can open future opportunities for exchanges between Tacoma and El Jadida, and

WHEREAS, while we have had an ongoing Sister City relationship for many years, this is the first active Committee dedicated to engaging El Jadida since the early years, and the support of this reconnection with El Jadida is a welcomed opportunity, 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 \$5,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of sponsoring the Moroccan Sister City Committee Cultural and Economic Exchange.



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Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with the Moroccan Sister City Committee Cultural and Economic Exchange for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney