



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

TO: Deputy Mayor Ushka & Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Victoria Woodards and Interim Chief Policy Analyst Bucoda Warren
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Mgr; Bill Fosbre, City Atty
SUBJECT: **A Request for Council Contingency Funds for 2022 Tacoma Reads**
DATE: February 28, 2022

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

I respectfully request City Council concurrence for a \$10,000 City Council Contingency Fund request to support the 2022 Tacoma Reads Together events.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

“Tacoma Reads” is our beloved, local community reads program, where the larger community is encouraged to read, think, and discuss compelling and meaningful themes from a selected book. The City works with Tacoma Public Library to select titles for adult, young adult, and children and their families around a shared theme; develop programming; and arrange for a Tacoma event with the author of the adult selection. This year the following titles have been selected:

The children’s and families selection for the 2022 Tacoma Reads program is a Caldecott Honor, a New York Times Editors' Choice, and a Junior Library Guild selection, Thank you, Omu by Oge Mora, a beautifully illustrated picture book about the concepts of generosity and care for one’s community for our youngest Tacoma readers.

For young adults, this year’s selection is We Belong by Cookie Haponia, is an immigration story of resilience with elements of Filipino folklore woven throughout. The unique format of this book, as it’s told in verse, will inspire our teen readers to tell their own stories.

The 2022 adult title is Afterlife by Julia Alvarez, a trailblazing Latinx author who wrote the beloved novels “How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents” and “In the Time of the Butterflies”. In this brilliant book, Julia asks the meaningful question, “How do we live in a broken world without losing faith in one another or ourselves?” Tacoma Reads programming will include an event with Julia Alvarez that is tailored to the Tacoma community this fall.

In alignment with Resolution No. 40622, the 2022 Tacoma Reads will engage the community in conversations and programming that explore the topics of Race, Social Justice, and Healing. If approved, this would mark the fourth year that the City Council has provided a \$10,000 sponsorship of Tacoma Reads. 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, even as Tacoma Public Library has moved to virtual programming.

ALIGNMENT WITH TACOMA 2025 KEY FOCUS AREAS:

This legislation, program, project, or event is best aligned with the following:

Education: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of quality out of school time learning opportunities distributed equitably across the city.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* N/A

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT PATH:

Request for Resolution

FUNDING REQUESTED:

Council Contingency Fund Request for \$10,000

*Please provide the Council Contingency Fund Biennial Budget Document if this request is for the use of this fund.

Does the request require some other type of funding? One-time Ongoing

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Interim Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor Bucoda Warren at 253-318-0594 or bwarren@cityoftacoma.org.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:



Mayor

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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2022-2023 Council Contingency Commitments

2022-2023	\$ 250,000.00
(Remaining balance from 2021 that will be carried over)	\$ 88,592.09
Council Requested - Seed Internships	\$ 31,000.00
Resolution 40919	
<i>A Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$31,000 to fund the full or partial costs of five or more Tacoma-based small businesses or non-profits of hosting a Seed Internship.</i>	
Council Requested - Daffodil Parade	\$ 20,000.00
To Council March 8, 2022	
A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$20,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to be applied to the cost of in-kind services provided by the City of Tacoma such as traffic control devices and traffic control services.	
Council Requested - Tacoma Reads	\$ 10,000.00
Study Session Agenda Item March 8, 2022	
A request for City Council concurrence for a \$10,000 City Council Contingency Fund request to support the 2022 Tacoma Reads Together events.	
	\$ 338,592.09
Total Amount Allocated	\$ 61,000.00
Current Balance	\$ 277,592.09