



RESOLUTION NO. 40747

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, DEPUTY MAYOR BLOCKER, AND
2 COUNCIL MEMBER THOMS

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of \$12,000, budgeted from the
4 Council Contingency Fund, for City membership in South Sound Together,
5 for the year 2021.

6 WHEREAS South Sound Together (“SST”) is a community-focused group of
7 business and institutional leaders, formed in 2015, that promotes the South Puget
8 Sound as a good place for business and a great place to live, and

9 WHEREAS SST has undertaken a number of initiatives to showcase the
10 South Sound since their formation, including the “Live Like the Mountain’s Out”
11 campaign, with ongoing goals including engaging in partnerships and building
12 community that will positively impact the lifestyle and economy of the South Sound,
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15 WHEREAS in 2020, SST transitioned operation from The News Tribune (the
16 original host and facilitator of the initiative), recommitted to community projects, and
17 registered as a nonprofit corporation in Washington State; Greater Tacoma
18 Community Foundation has been engaged as a fiscal agent for SST and holds their
19 monetary assets, and

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21 WHEREAS building on the South Sound Proud brand and past campaign
22 success, SST will launch “Proud Moments” throughout the South Sound in the
23 spring of 2021, and

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1 WHEREAS a \$12,000 sponsorship/membership would provide the City with:
2 (1) a seat on the South Sound Together 2021 Board (“Board”), to be filled by the
3 Community and Economic Development Department Director or their delegate; (2)
4 sponsorship of a nonprofit to join the Board for a year; (3) the ability to help steer
5 the direction of 2021 projects; and (4) inclusion in all presentations, promotions and
6 marketing, including SST social media and the South Sound Proud website, and
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8 WHEREAS in fall of 2020, the Board created a list of nonprofits to invite
9 based on past participation and the 2021 priorities of youth engagement, broader
10 county engagement, and sector diversification, which were prioritized at their
11 December meeting, and then invited participation on a rolling basis as 2021
12 memberships were secured, and
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14 WHEREAS to date, SST will include the following sponsored organizations:
15 United Way of Pierce County, Bates Technical College, Tacoma Community
16 College, Tacoma Urban League, and Tacoma Arts Live, and
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18 WHEREAS RCW 35.33.145 and 35.34.250 authorize a withdrawal from the
19 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
20 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
21 adopting the budget, and
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23 WHEREAS the need for the City’s 2021 membership in SST could not have
24 been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time the City adopted its biennial
25 budget, and
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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:

That one-time funding in the amount of \$12,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for City membership in South Sound Together, for the year 2021.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney