



RESOLUTION NO. 40109

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS HUNTER
2 AND USHKA

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the use of \$10,000, budgeted from the City Council
4 Contingency Fund, for sponsorship of the 2019 Interfaith Women's
5 Conference scheduled for March 15-16, 2019.

6 WHEREAS the Interfaith Women's Conference began in 2017 as a
7 biennial conference hosted by Associated Ministries to bring women together to
8 experience the power of unity and to strengthen the community, and

9 WHEREAS the conference provides women with a forum to explore ways
10 to work together to assist people in need, and conference organizers are
11 dedicated to engaging all women, and

12 WHEREAS the conference achieves its objectives through a variety of
13 sessions over the course of the event, and

14 WHEREAS the conference will feature speaker Elizabeth Smart, who is a
15 survivor of child abduction; through her story, Ms. Smart shares what it takes to
16 overcome trauma and encourages those who have gone through similar
17 experiences to find the strength needed to reclaim one's life, and

18 WHEREAS Ms. Smart has also used her traumatic experience to
19 advocate for changes needed in child abduction, recovery programs, and
20 national legislation, and also helped promote The National AMBER Alert, The
21 Adam Walsh Child Protection & Safety Act, and other safety legislation to help
22 prevent abductions, and
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1 WHEREAS conference organizers are working with the Crystal Judson
2 Family Justice Center and the YWCA to distribute free tickets, supported by
3 event funding, to a number of domestic violence survivors to attend and briefly
4 meet with Ms. Smart following her presentation, and

5 WHEREAS, at the September 11, 2018, Study Session, Mayor Woodards
6 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of
7 \$10,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund for sponsorship of the
8 conference, and

9 WHEREAS the requested \$10,000 in funding will provide the following
10 benefits to the City: strengthen connections between diverse groups, increase
11 the ability of residents throughout the City to engage in public service, and
12 provide a healing resource to those who have been impacted by trauma so that
13 they may rise to their full potential, and

14 WHEREAS RCW 35.33.145 and 35.34.250 authorize a withdrawal from
15 the City Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or
16 extent of which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the
17 time of adopting the budget, and

18 WHEREAS the need for sponsorship of the 2019 Interfaith Women's
19 Conference could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time
20 the City adopted its biennial budget, and

21 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less
22 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund;

23 Now, Therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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That one-time funding in the amount of \$10,000, budgeted from the City Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for sponsorship of the 2019 Interfaith Women’s Conference scheduled for March 15-16, 2019.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney