



RESOLUTION NO. 41151

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR WALKER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
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3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$12,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for City membership in South
5 Sound Together, for the year 2023.

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

9 WHEREAS since its formation, SST has provided seed money and launched
10 projects no one else was doing: they provided funding alongside University of
11 Washington Tacoma to start the South Sound Alliance; helped bring Sue’s Tech
12 Kitchen to the City; funded industrial jobs and a cultural sector study to help
13 organizations define an audience and future action; and sponsored the Next
14 Leaders Initiative to support the civic engagement of youth, and

15 WHEREAS SST has also undertaken several initiatives to showcase the
16 South Puget Sound since that time, including the “Live Like the Mountain’s Out”
17 campaign, and the initiative’s ongoing goals include engaging in partnerships and
18 building community that will positively impact the lifestyle and economy of South
19 Puget Sound, and

20 WHEREAS a \$12,000 Mt. Rainier Sponsorship/Membership would provide
21 the City with: (1) a seat on the SST 2023 Board, (2) sponsorship of a non-profit to
22 join the SST Board for a year, (3) a voice to help steer the direction of 2023
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1 projects, (4) inclusion in all presentations, promotions, and marketing, including
2 SST social media and the South Sound Proud website, (5) a feature in an issue of
3 South Sound and South Sound Business magazines, and (6) 44 individualized
4 sponsorship messages on KNKX, and
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6 WHEREAS 2022 members of SST include Bates Technical College, CHI
7 Franciscan Health, City of Tacoma Economic Development, Columbia Bank,
8 JayRay, MultiCare Health System, Pacific Lutheran University, Rainier Connect,
9 Sound Credit Union, Tacoma Arts Live, Tacoma Community College, Tacoma
10 Public Schools, United Way of Pierce County, and University of Washington
11 Tacoma, and
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13 WHEREAS by bringing together key leaders from across the region and
14 leveraging our investment of time and resources, SST aims to advance community
15 and economic goals and tell the region's story, and
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17 WHEREAS, at the February 28, 2023, Study Session, Deputy Mayor Walker
18 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$12,000
19 from the Council Contingency Fund for City membership in SST, for the year 2023,
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22 WHEREAS, City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
23 with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, and
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25 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the
26 Council Contingency Fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of



1 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
 2 adopting the budget, and

3 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less
 4 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now,
 5 Therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

8 Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$12,000, budgeted from
 9 the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of City
 10 membership in South Sound Together (“SST”), for the year 2023.
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12 Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to
 13 confirm deliverables with SST for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and
 14 document as appropriate.

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 Mayor

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 City Clerk

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 Deputy City Attorney
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