



RESOLUTION NO. 41740

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

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$15,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to sponsor a “Grit of Destiny:
5 City of Tacoma” documentary to showcase the cultures, histories, and
6 aspirations of Tacoma.

7 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma is more than a city—it’s a living mosaic of
8 cultures, histories, and aspirations, with approximately 45 percent of its population
9 being Black, Indigenous, People of Color or two and more races, and

10 WHEREAS across its neighborhoods, from the Eastside to the waterfront,
11 the people of Tacoma are writing a powerful story of identity, resilience, and
12 transformation and as it nears its 150th anniversary, the city is defined by
13 resilience, creativity, and a deep sense of purpose, and

14 WHEREAS to showcase Tacoma, a “Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma” is a
15 documentary that will chronicle Tacoma’s journey— from its industrial roots to its
16 rise as a diverse, culturally rich, and forward-looking city, and

17 WHEREAS the documentary will demonstrate that Tacoma is a viable
18 location for film production and the contractor aims to use it to attract national and
19 international producers to Tacoma, and

20 WHEREAS this resolution directs the City Manager to negotiate a contract
21 with Syed K. Jamal, or an affiliated business, for the project, and

22 WHEREAS Syed K. Jamal will create a documentary to spotlight real
23 voices—artists, elders, small business owners, students, and community leaders,
24 capturing the energy and diversity that make Tacoma thrive, and
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WHEREAS through their stories and lived experiences, the documentary will
1 explore how Tacoma is evolving from the ground up, and

2 WHEREAS a centerpiece of the story will be the inaugural Festival of Light at
3 the Eastside Community Center, a vibrant celebration of intercultural unity, creative
4 expression, and community leadership, and represents Tacoma's emerging role as
5 a city that leads with both soul and substance while embracing global cultures, and
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7 WHEREAS the documentary will be presented both online, and during a
8 screening organized by the contractor, Syed K. Jamal, and
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10 WHEREAS Syed K. Jamal, will credit the City of Tacoma in all promotional
11 materials related to the project, and where possible, the City of Tacoma logo will be
12 used, and

13 WHEREAS Syed K. Jamal, as the author of the Artwork, shall retain all
14 copyrights to the Artwork, provided that the contractor grants the City of Tacoma
15 perpetual irrevocable license to reproduce, distribute, publicly perform, display and
16 create derivative works of the work, but only for noncommercial education, public
17 information, and other governmental purposes, and
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19 WHEREAS deliverables should be complete by end of year 2026, and

20 WHEREAS, at the August 5, 2025, Study Session, Council Member Sadalge
21 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$15,000,
22 from the Council Contingency Fund to sponsor a "Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma"
23 documentary, and
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25 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
26 with terms and deliverables for the City's investment, 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 the foregoing Recitals are hereby adopted as the City Council's legislative findings.

Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of \$15,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting a "Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma" documentary to showcase the cultures, histories, and aspirations of Tacoma.



Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to
confirm deliverables with Syed K. Jamal for the purposes hereinabove enumerated,
and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney