



## RESOLUTION NO. 39470

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR MELLO AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BLOCKER  
2 AND WOODARDS

3 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the creation of a new behavioral health  
4 hospital on the Allenmore Hospital Campus in Tacoma; and recommending  
5 a City contribution of \$1.5 million in the 2017-2018 biennium for said  
6 facility, contingent upon funds being available and subject to future City  
7 Council appropriation; and, further, that City funding is contingent upon the  
8 Alliance for South Sound Health securing other funds necessary to  
9 complete the project before the City's contribution is released.

10 WHEREAS the Alliance for South Sound Health, a joint venture of MultiCare  
11 Health System and CHI-Franciscan Health, has been granted approval to build and  
12 operate a new \$41 million behavioral health hospital which would provide  
13 year-round treatment for up to 5,000 patients, and would include 120 beds for  
14 voluntary and involuntary admissions, and

15 WHEREAS the state of Washington currently ranks 48th out of 50 states for  
16 prevalence of mental health services and access to care, particularly when it  
17 comes to inpatient capacity, and

18 WHEREAS, while the national average for beds is 26.1 per 100,000  
19 population, Washington State averages 8.3 and Pierce County averages 2.8 beds  
20 per 100,000 population, and

21 WHEREAS our community is critically underserved in this area, and we  
22 must act to ensure citizens of Tacoma have access to necessary mental health  
23 services, and

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WHEREAS the proposed facility would increase average beds to 16.6 beds per 100,000 people, which, while still below the nationwide average, would significantly expand current capacity in our community, and

WHEREAS the City has repeatedly shown its commitment to expanding mental health services, as evidenced by the implementation of the Mental Health Sales Tax; however, mental illness continues to be an issue in our community, and

WHEREAS untreated mental illness or substance use disorders and their related problems have clear and negative impacts on businesses and urban residential living, and often result in increased poverty, homelessness, and the breakdown of families, and

WHEREAS the ultimate costs for dealing with the issues of substance use disorders and mental health is shared by all, and

WHEREAS several local municipalities have pledged funds to ensure this critical project moves forward to serve the residents of our communities, and

WHEREAS the City supports a \$1.5 million contribution in the 2017-2018 biennium for a one-time expenditure to the Alliance for South Sound Health for the purpose of constructing the proposed facility, which is imperative in demonstrating support for this project and for securing additional funding for the proposed facility, and

WHEREAS the proposed funding by the City is contingent upon funds being available and subject to future City Council appropriation, and, further, is contingent upon the Alliance for South Sound Health securing other funding



necessary to complete the project prior to receiving the City's contribution; Now,

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Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby expresses its support for the construction and operation of a new behavioral health hospital which would provide year-round treatment for up to 5,000 patients, and would include 120 beds for voluntary and involuntary admissions, on the Allenmore Hospital Campus in Tacoma.

Section 2. That a one-time City contribution to the Alliance for South Sound Health, in the amount of \$1.5 million, is hereby recommended, contingent on funds being available and subject to future City Council appropriation; and, further, that City funding is contingent on the Alliance for South Sound Health securing other funds needed to complete the project before the City's contribution is released.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney