



RESOLUTION NO. 40387

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

3 A RESOLUTION expressing the City Council's commitment to making the City a
4 more age-friendly city under the criteria set forth by the World Health
5 Organization and AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities; and
6 directing the City Manager to take the steps necessary for that designation.

7 WHEREAS, according to *An Aging World*, a 2015 report from the United
8 States Census Bureau, the percentage of the global population aged 60 years or
9 over has increased from 8.5 percent in 1980 to 12.3 percent in 2015, and is
10 projected to rise further to 21.5 percent in 2050, and

11 WHEREAS, in order to address the growing proportion of an older
12 population, the World Health Organization ("WHO") and AARP in the United States
13 have created networks for cities to connect and pursue more age-friendly
14 communities, and

15 WHEREAS the WHO Global Age-Friendly Cities Guide identifies core
16 characteristics of an age-friendly city in eight domains of livability: (1) outdoor
17 spaces and buildings; (2) transportation; (3) housing; (4) social participation;
18 (5) respect and social inclusion; (6) civic participation and employment;
19 (7) communication and information; and (8) community support and health
20 services, and

21 WHEREAS, although many cities and communities are increasingly
22 engaging in age-friendly policies and programs, the older population continues to
23 face problems of ageism which impacts their quality of life, and
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WHEREAS it is important that the City engage its aging population to include their voices in the direction of Tacoma, and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish this, the City can engage in a continuous improvement process to align the domains of the WHO's eight domains of livability with *Tacoma 2025* through a three-phase approach, including issuing a letter of commitment to AARP, conducting baseline assessments and receiving feedback from residents, and incorporating age-friendly specific indicators and goals, and

WHEREAS activities and measures suggested by AARP to receive this designation are in alignment with *Tacoma 2025* and can be seamlessly integrated with some additional benchmarking; for this reason, staff recommends pursuing this designation and integration into the *Tacoma 2025* strategic planning process;

Now, Therefore,

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

That the City Council hereby expresses its commitment to making the City a more age-friendly city under the criteria set forth by the World Health Organization



1 and AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities; and directing the City Manager
2 to take the steps necessary for that designation.

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