



RESOLUTION NO. 40940

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR USHKA, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
2 BUSHNELL AND HINES

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of \$2,500, budgeted from the
4 Council Contingency Fund, to fund litter pick-up tools for the annual
5 volunteer-led Litter Free 253 event.

6 WHEREAS Litter Free 253 is a group of community volunteers who promote
7 the idea that everyone plays a role in keeping litter out of our streets, parks, and
8 neighborhoods through organized litter pick-up events, including an annual citywide
9 litter pick-up, and

10 WHEREAS this year, the South End, Eastside, and West End Neighborhood
11 Councils have teamed up to organize the City's third annual Litter Free 253 event
12 on April 16, 2022, and

13 WHEREAS teams or individuals who sign up through Litter Free 253 are
14 provided City-sponsored gloves, garbage bags, and safety vests through the City's
15 Adopt-a-Spot program, and last year, approximately 600 volunteers participated –
16 collecting about ten tons of litter, and

17 WHEREAS for this year's event, community organizers would like to
18 purchase litter grabbers to distribute to participants for use during the event, and
19 also to keep for future litter pick-ups, and

20 WHEREAS not having litter grabber tools is a barrier to picking up litter, and
21 since volunteers rarely have these tools, providing them will encourage more
22 people to join the event, will assist residents with mobility issues, and excite kids
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1 about novel tools; this financial contribution will fund approximately 350 litter
2 grabbers, and

3 WHEREAS, as of March 15th, organizers have fundraised \$4,150 from the
4 Community Council of Tacoma, Neighborhood Councils, local businesses, and
5 through online contributions to fund additional grabbers and litter pick-up kits for
6 each Neighborhood Council and to donate to the Tool Library, and

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8 WHEREAS litter pick-up kits consist of one five-gallon bucket, a minimum of
9 ten litter grabbers, gloves, bags, safety vests, and a pass to dispose of the refuse at
10 no charge at the Tacoma Recovery and Transfer Center, and

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12 WHEREAS, at the March 22, 2022, Study Session, Council Member Hines
13 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$2,500
14 from the Council Contingency Fund to fund litter pick-up tools for the annual
15 volunteer-led Litter Free 253 event, and

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17 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
18 with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, as well as a financial report
19 provided to the City which shows the source(s) of the funding prior to receiving the
20 \$2,500 contribution, and

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22 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the
23 Council Contingency Fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
24 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
25 adopting the budget, and

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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 one-time funding in the amount of \$2,500, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of funding litter pick-up tools for the annual volunteer-led Litter Free 253 event.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with Litter Free 253 for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney