



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Tacoma City Council
FROM: Mayor Woodards and Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor Bucoda Warren
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney
SUBJECT: **Resolution – Council Contingency Fund Request to support the Korean Association of Tacoma Building Renovation**
DATE: June 22, 2022

I ask for your support for a \$10,000 Council Contingency Fund expenditure to support the Korean Association of Tacoma building renovation.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

Council Contingency Fund Request:

The Korean American Association of Tacoma (KAA) is a nonprofit organization established in 1977 to support around 50,000 Korean Americans living in Tacoma and Pierce County. The KAA operates out of a building purchased in 1998 with the donations from members and local businesses. The building is located at 8645 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98444 in the South End Neighborhood. In the building, KAA provides various services to their members and the community at large including; English as a second language courses, computer proficiency classes, k-12 after school programs, senior fitness classes, cultural group practice spaces, and other seminars and workshops.

Over the years, the building has seen a great deal of wear and tear, and is in need of many renovations to keep it in peak condition for the community and safe for those using the space. Renovations will focus on repairing the leaking roof and replacing damaged floors, repairing the electrical system, replacing rotting exterior wood, and remodeling the restrooms. This funding will be in additional to other fundraising efforts to pay for the renovations totaling \$35,000.

FUNDING REQUESTED:
\$ 10,000

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):

The Korean American Association works closely with its members, and neighboring Korean communities in Pierce County to understand the needs of their communities and offer benefits that have more general benefits to neighbors. Through their efforts to engage their communities and partner with more established organizations like the Korean Women’s Association, the needs of their communities are well represented.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: *Equity Index Score:* Low Opportunity

The South End of Tacoma historically sees few community assets, and a higher concentration of lower opportunity neighborhoods and communities of color based on the Tacoma Equity Index. Ensuring that this facility is clean, safe, and available for Korean American communities and the

communities around it allows for training, learning, and cultural connection in an area of the city where this kind of community asset is needed.

Education: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of quality out of school time learning opportunities distributed equitably across the city.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Low Opportunity

Improve access and proximity by residents to diverse income levels and race/ethnicity to community facilities, services, infrastructure, and employment.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s)?

Supporting the renovations of this facility will provide community benefits through after school programming, and programming for all ages at a local facility in an area of the city devoid of many community assets.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1.Do not fund project	NA	Renovations will take longer due to funding needs and will delay use of the spaces.

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

Success for this project would be the completion of the renovations in a timely manner, and opening the space back up to the community. We will be in close contact with Ok Sun Wilson who is coordinating this work and support to watch the project, and visit when complete.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend the approval of this request to support the renovations of the Korean American Association of Tacoma’s building to allow for more use by the community for their programs and space.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$10,000 from the Council Contingency Fund account.

If you have a question related to the Council Contingency Fund Request, please contact Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor Bucoda Warren at 253-318-0594 or bwarren@cityoftacoma.org.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY Mayor Victoria Woodards

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

1.  POS# 4



2. _____ POS# 5