



RESOLUTION NO. 39817

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR STRICKLAND AND COUNCIL MEMBERS CAMPBELL
2 AND WALKER LEE

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the use of up to \$15,000, budgeted from the City
4 Council Contingency Fund, for expenditures related to the 2017 Tacoma
5 Reads Together Program.

6 WHEREAS, each year, Mayor Strickland chooses a book for the Tacoma
7 Reads Together Program ("Program"), and

8 WHEREAS the book selections are intended to be thought-provoking and
9 promote discussion about topics of interest to the community, and

10 WHEREAS City staff works with Tacoma Public Library to develop
11 programming and bring the author to the City for a book reading, discussion, and
12 book signing, and

13 WHEREAS, for 2017, Mayor Strickland has selected New York Times
14 bestselling author Roxane Gay's memoir, *Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body*, which
15 has been described as a searingly honest memoir of food, weight, self-image, and
16 the effects of trauma that explores our shared anxieties over pleasure,
17 consumption, appearance, and health, and

18 WHEREAS this year's Program will include a reading, lecture, and
19 discussion with the author on October 25, 2017, at Lincoln High School, and other
20 planned companion events, to include a book discussion at the Wheelock Library
21 and a film screening and discussion, and
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WHEREAS, at the of September 12, 2017, Study Session, Mayor Strickland shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of up to \$15,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund, for expenditures related to the Program, and

WHEREAS the proposed funding will be leveraged by a contribution from the Tacoma Public Library, of up to \$15,000, which will cover the costs of the author's honorarium and other expenses related to the events and promotional efforts, and

WHEREAS RCW 35.33.145 and 35.34.250 authorize a withdrawal from the City 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 the Council's request to use funds from the City Council Contingency fund, to support the Program is necessary and could not have reasonable been foreseen or evaluated at the time the Council adopted 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,



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

That one-time funding in the amount of \$15,000, budgeted from the City Council Contingency Fund, for expenditures related to the 2017 Tacoma Reads Together Program, is hereby approved.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney