



## RESOLUTION NO. 39900

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A RESOLUTION relating to the possible development of a professional soccer only stadium on property owned by the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma (“Metro Parks”) adjacent to the City-owned Cheney Stadium as proposed by a joint venture between the Tacoma Rainiers and Seattle Sounders FC (the “Sounders/Rainiers Joint Venture”); and expressing general support for such project, contingent upon further due diligence, and potential future agreements among the City, Metro Parks and the Joint Venture.

WHEREAS, participation in soccer, particularly among children and youth, as well as its popularity more generally, has soared locally and nationally, and

WHEREAS, if a professional soccer stadium were developed in Tacoma, soccer players and fans in South Puget Sound would enjoy more opportunity to access professional soccer matches and professional players which would foster the continued growth of the sport in our region, and

WHEREAS, the facility could open for public recreational use when not in use for professional soccer, and

WHEREAS, the development of a professional soccer stadium in Tacoma on Metro Parks’ property adjacent to Cheney Stadium could create a sports and entertainment nexus in Tacoma that would promote and support additional investment in the area, and

WHEREAS, the Sounders/Rainiers Joint Venture proposes that the Joint Venture, Metro Parks and the City work collaboratively to perform the necessary due diligence to determine the feasibility of developing a professional soccer stadium in Tacoma adjacent to Cheney Stadium, and the respective roles and responsibilities that each may undertake in such a project; Now, Therefore,



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

Section 1. The City expresses its general support for a professional soccer stadium in Tacoma adjacent to Cheney Stadium, contingent upon further due diligence, and potential future agreements among the City, Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma (“Metro Parks”) and the Sounders/Rainiers Joint Venture.

Section 2. The City commits to the good faith engagement of its proper officers with the Sounders/Rainiers Joint Venture and Metro Parks to further develop the professional soccer stadium concept, including the terms under which the principal parties to the proposed project would participate in its development and operation, for subsequent review by the City Council and Metro Parks Board.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney