



RESOLUTION NO. 40553

1 A RESOLUTION relating to legal services; authorizing the execution of an
2 agreement with Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel, in the
3 amount of \$4,305,291, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the General
4 Fund, for the provision of legal services for individuals who otherwise would
5 not be able to afford it, for an initial contract period of two years.

6 WHEREAS, legal proceedings affect individuals of all income levels, but not
7 all individuals have the ability to pay for legal advice, and the United States and
8 Washington Supreme Courts have found that the provision of legal services is
9 essential for those who may not be able to afford them, and

10 WHEREAS the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) works with the
11 Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel (“DAC”) to update this contract on
12 a yearly basis, and this contract is very similar to past contracts between the City
13 and DAC, and

14 WHEREAS, DAC regularly provides data to the OMB to evaluate the
15 performance of this contract, including, but not limited to, caseload per attorney,
16 types of cases handled by DAC, and outcomes, and

17 WHEREAS this contract ensures that individuals appearing before the
18 Tacoma Municipal Court who cannot afford a lawyer have access to legal advice;

19 Now, Therefore,

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

21 Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to
22 execute an agreement with the Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel, in
23 the amount of \$4,305,291, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the General Fund,
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1 for the purpose of providing legal services for individuals who otherwise would not
2 be able to afford it.

3 Section 2. That the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to take
4 and execute any additional measures or documents that may be necessary to
5 complete this transaction which are consistent with the approved form of the
6 documents referenced by this Resolution, and the intent of this Resolution.
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10 Mayor

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14 City Clerk

15 Approved as to form:
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18 City Attorney

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