



## RESOLUTION NO.

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR BLOCKER AND COUNCIL MEMBER USHKA

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in  
3 the amount of \$25,000, for the purpose of supporting gun violence  
4 prevention efforts in the City of Tacoma; and directing the City Manager to  
5 negotiate and execute agreements with (1) a facilitator, to convene  
6 workgroups to determine best practices for funding gun violence prevention  
7 efforts; and (2) a research team, to review best practices to address gun  
8 and youth violence reduction.

9 WHEREAS the City Council is committed to reducing violent offenses,  
10 including gun violence, and

11 WHEREAS, from 2014 to 2018, there was a 37 percent increase in the  
12 number of criminal offenses in Tacoma involving firearms; and of the 29 homicides  
13 in 2020, 21 involved a handgun or other firearm, and

14 WHEREAS 75 percent of all murders and approximately half of all suicides  
15 in the United States involved a firearm, and

16 WHEREAS, after years of meeting with community groups and supporting  
17 community-led actions, the City Council has heard the community's need for the  
18 City to dedicate resources to addressing the root causes of gun violence in  
19 Tacoma, and

20 WHEREAS a Council Consideration Request was shared to authorize the  
21 one-time use of Council Contingency funds in the amount of \$25,000 for the  
22 purpose of supporting gun violence prevention efforts, and

23 WHEREAS this funding will provide for (1) a facilitator, to convene  
24 workgroups to determine best practices for funding gun violence prevention  
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1 efforts; and (2) a research team, to review best practices to address gun and  
2 youth violence reduction efforts, and

3 WHEREAS the workgroup facilitation scope of work will include

4 (1) conducting 5-7 focus group discussions with various stakeholders, and  
5 (2) preparing a report identifying areas of consensus and key areas of divergence  
6 for City Council consideration, and

7 WHEREAS the research team scope of work will include (1) researching

8 gun violence prevention efforts and identifying financially sustainable best  
9 practices designed to save lives and promote community healing; (2) researching  
10 strategies to empower Tacoma communities impacted by gun violence, potentially  
11 in partnership with other agencies and entities, to support healing and increase  
12 resiliency, and identifying strategies for how the City and community members  
13 can work together to reduce gun violence; (3) researching and recommending  
14 resources and programming designed to prevent and reduce gun-related violence  
15 among youth and young adults; (4) recommending state and federal legislative  
16 priorities, as well as other measures which can be led locally, to improve gun  
17 safety and prevent gun-related violence; (5) identifying programs, best practices,  
18 and practices used in other cities to reduce gun violence; (6) reviewing potential  
19 sustainable funding and revenue sources to be used towards gun violence  
20 reduction programs; and (7) the impact of gun violence on race and the disparate  
21 impacts on persons of color, and  
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25 WHEREAS the outcomes of the research and outreach efforts will be

26 shared with the City Council by the end of 2021, and



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WHEREAS RCW 35.33.145 and 35.34.250 authorize a withdrawal from the 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 need for gun violence prevention efforts could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time the City adopted its biennial 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,

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

Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$25,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting gun violence prevention and gun and youth violence reduction efforts.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to negotiate and execute agreements with (1) a facilitator to convene workgroups to determine best practices for funding gun violence prevention efforts; and (2) a research team to review best practices to address gun and youth violence reduction, outlining the scope of work and deliverables outlined in Section 1.



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Section 3. That the outcomes of the research and outreach efforts shall be shared with the City Council by the end of 2021.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney