



## RESOLUTION NO. 39647

1 A RESOLUTION relating to public safety and human services; authorizing the  
2 execution of an agreement with Pierce County, Department of Assigned  
3 Counsel, in the amount of \$1,989,299, budgeted from the General Fund, for  
4 the period of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, for the purpose  
of providing legal services for indigent defendants appearing in Tacoma  
Municipal Court.

5 WHEREAS individuals accused of a crime have a right to legal  
6 representation, which is guaranteed by the constitutions of the United States and  
7 state of Washington, and

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9 WHEREAS it is the obligation of the public to bear the cost of such legal  
10 defense for accused individuals who are determined by the court to be indigent,  
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12 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 35979, adopted on October, 14,  
13 2003, the City entered into an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County,  
14 Department of Assigned Counsel ("DAC"), for the provision of said services, which  
15 agreement has been renewed on a yearly basis since 2003, and

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17 WHEREAS DAC has provided, and is able to continue providing, valuable  
18 legal services that are necessary to the proper disposition of the misdemeanor  
19 cases heard in Tacoma Municipal Court, and

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21 WHEREAS, in an effort to standardize the City's procurement process, staff  
22 desires to supplement the Interlocal Agreement with a professional services  
23 contract, which will allow for increased budget detail, workload measure data, and  
24 confirmation that both the City and DAC are meeting Washington State standards  
25 for providing indigent defense legal services, and  
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WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the City to enter into the proposed agreement with DAC, in the amount of \$1,989,299, for the period of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, for the purpose of providing legal services for indigent defendants appearing in Tacoma Municipal Court; Now, Therefore,

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

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Pierce County, Department of Assigned Counsel, in the amount of \$1,989,299, budgeted from the General Fund, for the period of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, for the purpose of providing legal services for indigent defendants appearing in Tacoma Municipal Court, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney