



RESOLUTION NO. 41416

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing our community's global ties and affirming Tacoma's
2 commitment to standing together against violence, and hate.

3 WHEREAS we recognize that the people of Tacoma are part of the fabric
4 of our great state and country, but also our global community, with ties woven
5 across borders to beloved family members, friends, and communities, and

6 WHEREAS these global ties mean that when there is violence abroad, many
7 in our community suffer here at home as well, and

8 WHEREAS our community is especially distressed by violence against
9 children and deeply concerned for the welfare of youth in conflict zones, and
10 those around the world, who lack access to basic human needs, and

11 WHEREAS we know how important it is that we stand together with peace-
12 loving communities around our state, country, and the world to help amplify the
13 chorus of those who praise peace, democracy, and human rights, and

14 WHEREAS in 2015, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the
15 City's membership in the Welcoming Cities and Counties Initiative, which
16 encourages communities to create a welcoming environment and celebrate cultural
17 diversity, and

18 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma further committed itself to anti-racist systems
19 transformation in 2020 when we adopted Resolution No. 40622, rejecting policies
20 and practices that marginalize, degrade, and dehumanize any group of people in
21 our city, and

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1 WHEREAS we recognize that our commitment to being a Welcoming City
2 and striving for anti-racist systems transformation is a declaration that we support
3 human dignity and human rights for all, and that this declaration of our values is
4 not bounded by our city limits, and
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6 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma believes that diversity is what gives us
7 strength and that all residents have the inalienable right to practice, embrace, and
8 celebrate their heritage and religious traditions without fear of persecution, and
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10 WHEREAS Tacoma does not accept violence or hate, and stands
11 forever united with our community members against such actions no matter
12 where they take place or who they target; Now, Therefore,

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

14 Section 1. The City of Tacoma unequivocally condemns all acts of violence
15 and hate targeting people due to their faith, ethnicity, race, or heritage, and we
16 stand against all abuses of human rights no matter where they occur.
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18 Section 2. The City of Tacoma affirms its commitment to build bridges and
19 support all its residents and condemn anti-Arab racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia,
20 and all forms of racism, xenophobia, and discrimination.

21 Section 3. The City of Tacoma will always stand in support of peaceful and
22 diplomatic conflict resolution, including President Biden's call for an immediate
23 ceasefire, the protection of humanitarian aid workers, and the provision of
24 humanitarian aid in Gaza. We ask our state and national leaders to recognize the
25 harmful impact foreign conflicts have on our residents and continue to use their
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1 diplomatic power to help bring about an end to violence against civilians, to ensure
2 the safe return of hostages and political prisoners to their families, and forge a
3 durable peace for Palestinian and Israeli civilians, and communities around the
4 world.

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6 Section 4. The City of Tacoma recognizes and cherishes every one of our
7 community members who is affected by violence in foreign countries, and we
8 reaffirm Tacoma's dedication peace and solidarity with community members who
9 are affected by conflicts abroad.

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11 Section 5. The City of Tacoma asks all state and federal leaders to continue
12 their efforts to share and amplify Tacoma's values of compassion and care to those
13 lacking access to basic human needs. We also ask that they use their diplomatic
14 influence with foreign governments to allow unrestricted entry of humanitarian
15 assistance into conflict zones, including in Gaza, to ensure that all civilians have
16 access to basic necessities, and do their utmost to protect aid workers. We stand
17 by all our residents who are extending neighborly kindness to one another to build
18 the bonds of peaceful coexistence and engaging in constructive dialogue to build
19 shared understanding.

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Section 6. The City of Tacoma mourns all the innocent lives that have been lost and forever impacted by violence in our city, state, and abroad. We especially call on all our residents and national leaders to ensure that young people in our global community are not only safe, but that we show them their future has value.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney