



RESOLUTION NO. 41162

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR WALKER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ
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3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$10,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the creation and
5 distribution of 500 care bags with essential hygiene items to youth and
6 young adults in the City.

7 WHEREAS the Raising Girls non-profit organization (“Raising Girls”), as a
8 trusted community resource, partners with schools and local organizations to
9 address hygiene insecurity and period poverty by providing and distributing care
10 bags with essential products to elementary, middle, and high school students and
11 young adults in need, in the Puget Sound area, and

12 WHEREAS Raising Girls believes that timely and reliable access to hygiene
13 and period supplies is vital for the health and well-being of young people, and along
14 with having access to essential hygiene products, aims to ensure that every youth
15 they serve feels pride in who they are and understands the power they have to be
16 unique individuals who can make a difference, and

17 WHEREAS, in 2022 alone, Raising Girls delivered 4,700 care bags, serviced
18 nine school districts, supported 74 schools, and had over 250 volunteers, and

19 WHEREAS as a City-based non-profit, Raising Girls fulfills requests for care
20 bags of hygiene products for girls and boys across 34 elementary, middle, and high
21 schools in the City of Tacoma, with a focus on those that have the highest census
22 of homeless and transitional students, as well as distributing care bags through a
23 number of City non-profits, community networks, and after school programs, and
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WHEREAS the care bags contain essential full-sized hygiene items, such as sanitary pads, tampons, body wash, lotion, combs, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, deodorant, scarves, hair brushes, nail polish, lip balm/gloss, socks, and more, and

WHEREAS the bags are customized to meet the needs of students who may or may not be menstruating, and each bag includes a handwritten inspiration card from a caring adult, reinforcing their aim for each recipient to feel personal power and pride in themselves, and

WHEREAS the requested funding would support the purchase of materials for 500 individual care bags that can be made available to youth in the City, and by supporting the purchase of items for Raising Girls to distribute, it becomes possible to eliminate humiliation, promote pride, and share love to thousands of youth in the community, and

WHEREAS providing essential items by way of care packages to underserved and vulnerable populations helps to achieve equity of access to essential hygiene products and messages of adult caring, advancing the City's goal to be a city where everyone is able to reach their full potential, and

WHEREAS, at the March 14, 2023, Study Session, Deputy Mayor Walker shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$10,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to support the creation and distribution of 500 care bags with essential hygiene items to youth and young adults in the City, and

WHEREAS City staff will execute a one-time donation in support of Raising Girls "One Bag Drive", and



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WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 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 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 \$10,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the creation and distribution of 500 care bags with essential hygiene items to youth and young adults in the City.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with Raising Girls for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney