



RESOLUTION NO. 41681

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS HINES, RUMBAUGH, SCOTT, AND
2 WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$10,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for sponsorship of Tacoma
5 Porchfest 2025.

6 WHEREAS Tacoma Porchfest ("Porchfest") is a beloved community festival
7 that has been growing steadily since its kickoff in 2022, drawing an estimated
8 8,000-10,000 attendees in 2024, with anticipated continued growth for 2025, that
9 will take place in Central Tacoma (south of 6th Avenue) and North Tacoma (north of
10 6th Avenue), and will be free for the public to attend, and

11 WHEREAS Porchfest offers a unique experience that pairs musicians and
12 performers with porch stages and private yards, embedding the festival experience
13 into neighborhoods and activating new relationships and community through
14 conversations and meaningful connections around a shared love of music and
15 performance art, and

16 WHEREAS Porchfest's mission is to build community, celebrate the City's
17 neighborhoods, and connect neighbors through a free, walkable, and accessible
18 celebration of diverse live music and performances in a six by six block festival
19 zone, where attendees have the opportunity to meet neighbors, take pride in their
20 neighborhood, and experience performances they may not usually encounter, and

21 WHEREAS every genre of music is welcome at Porchfest, from "main act"
22 bands to amateurs, and will also feature non-music performances such as stand-up
23 comedy and poetry readings, drawing in artists from all walks of life, and
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1 WHEREAS one street of the festival zone will be closed off to traffic to allow
2 for a family-friendly activity street administered by local youth development-focused
3 organizations, and

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5 WHEREAS Porchfest also helps advance a number of goals and priorities
6 outlined in several of the City's strategic plans:

7 (1) Porchfest aligns with several of the priorities of the City's ArtFull Tacoma
8 strategic plan, including increasing participation in arts and culture, embracing the
9 City's diversity, strengthening arts and cultural assets, and will help drive the City's
10 creative economy as well, especially by enabling musicians and performers to
11 reach new audiences and network amongst each other;

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13 (2) Porchfest advances key goals in the City's Economic Development
14 Strategic Plan, including expanding economic gains for local businesses by
15 activating and bringing thousands of people from across the City and beyond to the
16 6th Avenue area; and

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18 (3) Porchfest advances several of the City's livability and community building
19 goals outlined in the Tacoma 2025 framework, including nurturing community by
20 fostering connections that are made when neighbors walk into each other's yards
21 and introduce themselves and by inspiring yard sales and block party-style
22 cookouts during the festival, and

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24 WHEREAS the City's sponsorship would be acknowledged through the use
25 of the City's logo on advertising and promotional materials, and Porchfest is also
26 offering the City an opportunity to host a resource booth at no charge during the



1 festival, which would allow City staff to connect with thousands of festival attendees
2 to share resources and information about City services, and

3 WHEREAS, at the April 29, 2025, Study Session, Council Member Scott
4 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$10,000
5 from the Council Contingency Fund for sponsorship of Tacoma Porchfest 2025, and
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7 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
8 with terms and deliverables for the City's investment, and

9 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the
10 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
11 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
12 adopting the budget, and
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14 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less
15 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now,
16 Therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

19 Section 1. That the foregoing Recitals are hereby adopted as the City
20 Council's legislative findings.

21 Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of \$10,000, budgeted from
22 the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting
23 the Tacoma Porchfest 2025.
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Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with Tacoma Porchfest 2025 for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney