



RESOLUTION NO. 40923

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS

2 A RESOLUTION selecting Dennis Ball to fill the vacant judicial position in the
3 Tacoma Municipal Court, Department No. 3 until the State of Washington
4 General Election to be held in 2022.

5 WHEREAS Judge Dwayne Christopher vacated his position as judge for
6 the Tacoma Municipal Court (“Municipal Court”), Department No. 3, to accept an
7 appointment to the Pierce County District Court bench, and

8 WHEREAS the Municipal Court anticipates that a large backlog of cases
9 will be filed in the coming months with the lifting of many COVID-19 restrictions,
10 and needs an experienced judicial officer who can manage a heavy case load
11 immediately upon appointment, and
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13 WHEREAS this vacant judicial position will be up for election in Fall 2022,
14 with the filing deadline for candidates to occur in May 2022, and

15 WHEREAS Dennis Ball served for 29 years with distinction as a Tacoma
16 Municipal Court Commissioner, and recently retired from the Municipal Court in
17 June 2021, where at the time he was the most senior commissioner for all
18 Municipal and District courts in the State, and
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20 WHEREAS Mr. Ball has indicated his willingness to temporarily serve in
21 this position until the voters can elect a new judge; Now, Therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA

24 That Dennis Ball is hereby appointed as judge of the Tacoma Municipal
25 Court, Department No. 3, effective on the 9th day of March, 2022, and until a
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1 successor is elected and qualified under the State of Washington General

2 Election to be held in Fall 2022.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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City Attorney

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