



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

TO: Hyun Kim, City Manager
FROM: Mayor Anders Ibsen and Bucoda Warren, Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: A resolution Nominating and Electing Council Member Joe Bushnell as the Deputy Mayor of the City of Tacoma through December 31, 2026 – Requested for January 6, 2026
DATE: January 2, 2026

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution Nominating and Electing Council Member Joe Bushnell as the Deputy Mayor of the City of Tacoma through December 31, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Council Member Kiara Daniels' term as Deputy Mayor will expire December 31, 2025. Council Members who indicate interest in serving qualifies them as a candidate for Deputy Mayor.

Per Ordinance No. 26767, the Deputy Mayor shall be a member of the City Council and shall be elected by the Council at its first meeting after such office becomes vacant, or as soon thereafter as practical. The term of such office shall be for one year.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Any Council Member can indicate interest at the first meeting of year to be considered for the Deputy Mayor role.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

Electing a Deputy Mayor to act as the presiding officer in the Mayor's absence encourages and promotes an open, effective, results-oriented organization that is responsive to the needs of our community.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1.Delay appointment	NA	There will be no Deputy Mayor to stand in for when the Mayor is unable to Chair, and a presiding Officer will need to be appointed.
2.Nominate another Council member	NA	NA

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

The Deputy Mayor will serve through the year to support the City Council when the Mayor is unable to Chair. The Deputy Mayor may also attend events on the Mayor's behalf. The Deputy Mayor and Mayor will have regular meetings throughout the year to ensure all coverage needs are known.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of this resolution to appoint a Deputy Mayor.



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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact to adopting this resolution. The Deputy Mayor receives a small increase in pay for taking on the additional duties and covering for the Mayor, which is set by the Commission on Elected Salaries.