



RESOLUTION NO. 40975

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
2 BLOCKER AND DANIELS

3 A RESOLUTION relating to affordable housing; affirming the City's commitment
4 to ensuring all residents have a safe and affordable place to live by
5 joining House America.

6 WHEREAS affordable housing and supportive housing for our
7 community experiencing homelessness continues to be a priority of the City
8 Council and the City, and there is still a need to develop more affordable
9 housing options that can support individuals experiencing homelessness to find
10 the resources they need to stabilize themselves and find permanent housing
11 stability, and

12 WHEREAS House America is a federal initiative, led by Housing and
13 Urban Development ("HUD") Secretary Marcia L. Fudge; as Secretary of HUD
14 and Chair of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness
15 ("USICH"), Secretary Fudge invites mayors, county leaders, tribal nation
16 leaders, and governors into a national partnership to use the historic
17 investments provided through the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") to address
18 the crisis of homelessness through a Housing First approach, and

19 WHEREAS through the ARP, communities now have historic resources
20 to help more Americans obtain the safety of a stable home, including 70,000
21 emergency housing vouchers, \$5 billion in HOME grants, \$350 billion in state
22 and local recovery funds through the Department of the Treasury, and
23 significant investments to preserve and protect housing on tribal lands, and
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1 WHEREAS communities also have resources through the Coronavirus
2 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of
3 2021, and other state, tribal, and local resources to re-house people
4 experiencing homelessness and create additional dedicated housing units to
5 address homelessness; House America provides communities with the focus,
6 resolve, and technical know-how needed to deploy these resources to
7 maximize impact, and
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9 WHEREAS the City will partner with HUD to use ARP resources,
10 alongside other federal, tribal, state, and local resources to re-house households
11 experiencing homelessness through a Housing First approach, and to add new
12 units of affordable housing into the development pipeline by December 31, 2022,
13 and the City will set a goal of 96 units of new, permanent supportive housing in
14 the pipeline by the end of 2022, and
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16 WHEREAS this initiative and the affordable housing goal will be monitored
17 by the City's Community and Economic Development Department; Now,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the City Council affirms the City's commitment to ensuring all residents have a safe and affordable place to live by joining House America.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney