



RESOLUTION NO. 41471

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBERS BUSHNELL, DIAZ AND WALKER

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$10,000,
3 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the South End
4 Neighborhood Council’s (“SENCo”) 2024 Block Party & Resource Fair for
5 the purpose of sharing information about public resources offered by the
6 City of Tacoma and other organizations, and to build community
7 connections and increase participation in SENCo meetings and activities.

8 WHEREAS, at the June 26, 2024 Study Session, Council
9 Member Bushnell shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-
10 time use of \$10,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to support the South
11 End Neighborhood Council (“SENCo”) 2024 Block Party & Resource Fair, and

12 WHEREAS SENCo is hosting their 2024 Block Party & Resource Fair on
13 Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at South 72nd Street and
14 South D Street in Tacoma, and

15 WHEREAS this location was selected because SENCo is in year two of
16 the South 72nd Street and South D Street Green Space and Mural Project, and

17 WHEREAS this project came about as SENCo looked to find a solution
18 for a space that attracted nefarious activities and litter and dumping, and

19 WHEREAS SENCo began to engage neighbors, occupy space with
20 positive actions, and view the opportunities for green spaces differently, and

21 WHEREAS nearly two blocks of residential right of way have been
22 cleaned, soil amended, and trees and understory planting have been added,
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WHEREAS over 15 murals have been added to the retaining wall that runs along the space, and

WHEREAS neighbors volunteer to maintain and improve the area so it continues to be a positive community space, and

WHEREAS the Block Party & Resource Fair continues to celebrate this community transformation and gathers community to come together and celebrate what is possible when South End residents band together to improve their neighborhood, and promote public health, safety and welfare and economic development, and

WHEREAS the event will provide 300 free meals to community attendees and include South End and culturally relevant music, and

WHEREAS representatives from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Safe Streets, Tacoma Public Library, Environmental Services, Trust for Public Land, Impact Elementary, Pierce Conservation District, and others will host booths at the event and provide the community resources, and

WHEREAS this resolution will support the event by providing up to the following: 1) \$1,500 to pay for stage equipment, sound system, generator, and entertainment; 2) \$7,100 to pay for food truck meals and picnicware for 300 people; 3) \$900 to pay for special event insurance, and 4) \$500 to pay for unanticipated costs and art supplies/sustainable giveaways for block party activity, and

WHEREAS these services will support SENCo in their efforts to attract attendees to the event in order to share information about public resources



1 offered by the City of Tacoma and other organizations, and to build community
2 connections and increase participation in SENCo meetings and activities, and

3 WHEREAS this funding can be used to reimburse for services purchased
4 prior to the resolution being approved on July 16, 2024, and

5 WHEREAS additional background on City funding for SENCo's 2024
6 Block Party & Resource Fair: The South End Neighborhood Council has a
7 contract with the City for \$4,000 a year for operating costs; SENCo applied for
8 the City's special event funding and received \$2,500 for this event that will be
9 used for a community art activity during the event and funding for ice cream for
10 dessert, and
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12 WHEREAS the City will develop an agreement with SENCo for services
13 with terms and deliverables for the City's investment, and

14 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from
15 the Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent
16 of which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
17 adopting the budget, and
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19 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less
20 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund;

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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

Section 2. 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 South End Neighborhood Council's 2024 Block Party & Resource Fair on Saturday, July 20, 2024.

Section 3. That City staff under the direction of the City Manager will establish agreements, terms, and deliverables for the City's investment in this public health and economic development effort.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney