



RESOLUTION NO. 41533

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS DANIELS, RUMBAUGH, 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, with Alchemy Skateboarding,
4 to sponsor their expansion project and youth access fund.

5 WHEREAS Alchemy Skateboarding (“Alchemy”) is a non-profit organization
6 that currently operates the only public indoor skate park in Pierce County, and one
7 of only four in Washington State, and

8 WHEREAS in addition to providing regular and affordable access to this
9 indoor skate space, Alchemy also brings skateboarding to the community by
10 hosting or supporting public events with free skateboard programming, including
11 pop-up skateboard ramps, boards and safety equipment, and instructors who help
12 many first-time skaters safely experience the joy of skating, and

13 WHEREAS Alchemy has a track record of more than ten years of impactful
14 programs, innovative approaches to non-profit management, and a strong list of
15 community non-profit partners/collaborators, and their participant numbers are also
16 growing each year, and

17 WHEREAS Alchemy has served more than 6,500 participants in various
18 programs this year and has offered more than 2,400 hours of programming,
19 provides a much-needed positive outlet for youth in the City, and is an important
20 partner in efforts to reduce youth violence and build confidence, creativity, and grit
21 in our young people, and

22 WHEREAS Alchemy has also created skate-based curriculum for in and out
23 of school learning, partnered with local high schools to offer credit bearing skate
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1 classes, worked with Pierce County’s Juvenile Court system to provide positive
2 youth development programs to court-connected and at-risk youth, pioneered
3 career development skill building opportunities related to art, advocacy, building,
4 and design through an innovative after-school leadership program, and worked to
5 teach thousands of young people and adults how to skate, and
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7 WHEREAS Alchemy currently occupies a 3,000 square foot building, which
8 contains a 2,000 square foot skate space with ramps and skate features, a small
9 program workshop, and a 1,000 square foot skateboard shop for participants,
10 skaters, and community members to access high quality equipment, knowledge,
11 and support, and
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13 WHEREAS Alchemy is currently in the process of identifying and moving into
14 a larger facility better-suited to serve their continually growing community and
15 maintain itself as a regional hub for skateboarding, positive youth development
16 programs, and alternative creative-cultural community interests, and
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18 WHEREAS with expanded facilities, Alchemy could accommodate more
19 participants, reduce wait times, and offer a greater variety of youth programs, and
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21 WHEREAS a larger space would also enable Alchemy to host bigger
22 community events and workshops, fostering greater community engagement and
23 cohesion, and enhanced facilities would provide more opportunities for educational
24 outreach, integrating skateboarding with other disciplines like art, design, and urban
25 planning on a larger scale, and
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1 WHEREAS this expansion would not only support physical activity and
2 creativity, but also contribute to the personal and professional development of
3 participants, ultimately strengthening the cultural fabric of the City and beyond, and
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5 WHEREAS Alchemy’s youth access fund provides financial assistance for
6 Alchemy programming and park access to those in need under the age of 24, and
7 would also help ensure that all young people can access its programming and
8 resources, and

9 WHEREAS the programs and services offered to youth by Alchemy support
10 and advance the City’s public safety and economic development programs and
11 goals, and expansion of its facilities and programs will increase those benefits, and
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13 WHEREAS, at the September 24, 2024, Study Session, Council
14 Member Walker shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time
15 use of \$10,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to sponsor the Alchemy
16 expansion project and youth access fund, and would also include the City of
17 Tacoma logo and name as a sponsor, and
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19 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
20 with terms and deliverables for the City’s investment, and

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

WHEREAS the City Council finds that the City’s investment in the expansion of Alchemy’s expansion of facilities and services is a fundamental governmental purpose within the City’s authority to provide for economic development and investment in the City of Tacoma which is sufficient and appropriate consideration to the public to justify the City’s investment; Now, Therefore,

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

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 sponsoring the Alchemy Skateboarding (“Alchemy”) expansion project and youth access fund.



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Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with Alchemy for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney