



## RESOLUTION NO. 41609

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BUSHNELL,  
2 DIAZ, AND SCOTT

3 A RESOLUTION relating to law enforcement priorities; declaring the investigation,  
4 arrest, and prosecution of anyone engaging in entheogen-related activities  
5 to be among the City's lowest law enforcement priorities and stating the  
6 City Council's support for full decriminalization of these activities.

7 WHEREAS entheogen is a term that encompasses any living, fresh, dried,  
8 or processed plant or fungal material, including teas or powders, that may contain  
9 currently scheduled or analog psychoactive indolamines, tryptamines, or  
10 phenethylamines, including, but not limited to, psilocybin mushrooms, ayahuasca  
11 tea, mescaline, and iboga, and

12 WHEREAS a variety of jurisdictions in the United States, including Seattle,  
13 Port Townsend, Olympia, and Jefferson County, have supported decriminalization  
14 of entheogens, and Colorado, Oregon, and Washington D.C. have decriminalized  
15 some or all entheogens through successful ballot initiatives, and

16 WHEREAS depression, severe anxiety, problematic substance use,  
17 post-traumatic stress, end-of-life anxiety, grief, isolation, intergenerational trauma,  
18 and other physical and mental conditions are plaguing many communities, and  
19 scientific and clinical studies have shown the benefits of entheogens in treating  
20 these conditions, and

21 WHEREAS clinical trials sanctioned by the United States Food and Drug  
22 Administration ("FDA") show positive results that demonstrate the safety and  
23 efficacy of psilocybin-assisted therapy, and the FDA designated psilocybin-assisted  
24 therapy as a Breakthrough Therapy, and

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1 therapy as a breakthrough therapy for treatment resistant depression in 2018, and  
2 major depressive disorder in 2019, and

3 WHEREAS cultures around the world recognize entheogens as sacred, and  
4 have used them as part of their cultural, spiritual, and religious practices for  
5 generations, and

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7 WHEREAS communities face an unprecedented mental health crisis,  
8 unprecedented suicide rates, especially among veterans and marginalized groups,  
9 and a deepening opioid addiction crisis, and the City can contribute to removing  
10 stigmas through public education and supporting community mental health efforts,  
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13 WHEREAS decriminalization of entheogens does not undermine the  
14 seriousness of the opioid epidemic and impact of harmful substances on the lives  
15 of individuals, families, and communities, and

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17 WHEREAS our 2025 state legislative agenda includes a policy position  
18 regarding 'Psilocybin Substances,' and the City encourages the legislature to  
19 consider decriminalizing psilocybin substances in light of the growing research  
20 indicating potential medical uses for the substances, and the number of local  
21 jurisdictions and states that are decriminalizing the substance; Now, Therefore,  
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

1. That the City Council hereby declares and establishes the following as its policy:

(1) That the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of anyone engaging in entheogen-related activities, including, but not limited to the planting, cultivating, gathering, transporting, distributing, possession, or using entheogens by adults, should be among the City's lowest law enforcement priorities;

(2) This resolution does not:

- (a) Permit driving under the influence of entheogenic plants or fungi;
- (b) Permit the possession or distribution of entheogens in schools or parks;
- (c) Authorize or enable commercial manufacturing or sales of entheogenic plants or fungi;
- (d) Permit conduct that puts public safety at risk or causes a public nuisance that violates the law; or
- (e) Prohibit or discourage the investigation, arrest, or prosecution of crimes in sections (a)-(d); and

(3) The City Council states its support for continued research for alternative treatment modalities, as well as our support for structured medical models, and the City Council further states its support for the full decriminalization of entheogen-related activities at the federal level.



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2. That the City Council hereby directs the City Manager to implement the Council's policy adopted herein.

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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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Chief Deputy City Attorney