



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Marilyn Strickland and Chief Policy Analyst Anita Gallagher
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Mark Lauzier, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File
SUBJECT: Council Contingency Fund Request for Tacoma Reads Together 2017
DATE: August 28, 2017

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of the Study Session:

I respectfully request City Council concurrence to direct the City Manager to allocate up to \$15,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund to support the 2017 Tacoma Reads Together events in October and November, 2017.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

Each year, Mayor Strickland chooses a book for the Tacoma Reads Together. The book selections are intended to be thought-provoking and promote discussion about topics of interest to the community. The City works with Tacoma Public Library to develop programming and bring the author to Tacoma for a book reading, discussion and book signing. For 2017, Mayor Strickland has selected a book that has been described as a searingly honest memoir of food, weight, self-image and the effect of trauma that explores our shared anxieties over pleasure, consumption, appearance and health.

This year's program will include a reading, lecture and discussion with an author on October 25, 2017 at Lincoln High School. Mayor Strickland is also planning companion events for the program that will include a book discussion at one of the libraries, a film screening and a panel discussion. The requested funds will be leveraged by a contribution from the Tacoma Public Library of up to \$15,000 and will cover the costs of the author's honorarium and other event-related expenses.

This program is aligned with the Tacoma 2025 goal areas of Education, Arts and Cultural Vitality and Civic Engagement.

FUNDING REQUESTED:

Up to \$15,000 to be set aside for the Tacoma Reads Together 2017 program expenses.

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Anita Gallagher at (253) 591-5156 or anita.gallagher@cityoftacoma.org.

Mayor [Signature]

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:

Mayor

SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

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