



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

**TO:** Mayor & City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Woodards through Melanie Harding, Mayor's Chief Policy Analyst  
**COPIES TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File  
**SUBJECT:** Canoe Journey 2018 - Paddle to Puyallup Support  
**DATE:** July 5, 2018

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**ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following Council Consideration Request on the July 10, 2018 City Council Study Session agenda:

**BRIEF BACKGROUND:**

Since 1989, the Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest have held an annual Canoe Journey. Each year, a different Native Nation hosts canoe pullers, support crews, and other visitors from Alaska, British Columbia, Oregon, and Washington. Depending on distance, the trip can take up to a month. On arrival, visiting canoe families ask permission to land followed by the sharing of songs, dances, and gifts lasting a week.

The Puyallup Nation has been chosen as host for 2018. On July 28, 2018, over 125 canoes will land at 4224 Marine View Drive, to begin this celebration of Indigenous culture and a significant spiritual event, "Power Paddle to Puyallup, Honoring Our Medicine".

Since this is an important event to our community, we are seeking to take the following actions:

1. Allocate \$25,000 from the Council Contingency Fund, in addition to in-kind services, to support the Puyallup Tribe in hosting this journey and to support the costs of hosting an expected 12,000-15,000 visitors who will be coming to view the landing of the canoes and participating in the celebratory activities of the week.
2. Recognize and celebrate this important event by presenting a proclamation to the Puyallup Tribe on July 17, 2018.
3. In recognition of this event, with the Tribe's permission, fly the Puyallup Nation flag atop the Municipal Building for the duration of the event.
4. As the Paddle to Puyallup has reminded us that these are the traditional and accustomed lands of the Puyallup people, the flag will be retired to permanent display within the City Council Chambers at the conclusion of the event with the Tribe's permission.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

This event aligns with the City Council's strategic priority to cultivate a vibrant cultural sector that fosters a creative, cohesive community, by acknowledging and celebrating the important contributions of Indigenous Peoples to our City and region.

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT PATH:**

☒ Request for Resolution

Requesting a resolution on the July 17<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda, which will be the same evening the proclamation will be read to recognize the Canoe Journey.

**Please provide a brief explanation of deadline.** The Canoe Journey is July 28 - August 4, 2018; therefore, the City Council action to approve the use of Council Contingency Funds should be approved prior to the event. (As is customary for special events, funds will be provided to the Tribe following the completion of the event and receipt of an invoice from the Tribe.)

**FUNDING REQUESTED:**

☒ **Council Contingency Fund Request** \*Please provide the Council Contingency Fund Biennial Budget Document if this request is for the use of this fund.

Does the request require some other type of support? ☒ One-time in-kind services ☐ Ongoing

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Melanie Harding at 253-591-5156 (phone) or [melanie.harding@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:melanie.harding@cityoftacoma.org) (email).

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: Victoria R. Woodards  
Mayor Victoria Woodards

**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.)*

1.  POS # 2

2.  POS # 4

3.  POS # 1