



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

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Council Member Keith Blocker and Council Assistant Rebecca Boydston

COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Human Rights and calling for the reunification of the families

DATE: November 20, 2018

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 City Council:

I respectfully request City Council consider a resolution that supports and affirms the City of Tacoma's support for the human rights of all persons including immigrants and refugees who live, work, travel through, or seek services within its boundaries.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

The City recognizes that the United States was implementing a "zero tolerance" immigration policy that directly conflicts with the City of Tacoma's Welcoming Cities and Counties Initiative, resulting in separating minor children, including infants and toddlers, from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border. Some of those children are still separated from their parents.

The Human Rights Commission discussed a request for resolution at their June 21, 2018 meeting and the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs supported the resolution request at their September 24, 2018 meeting. At the urging of the City's Human Rights Commission and with the support of the City's Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, the City, consistent with its long-standing commitment to human rights and in support of the humane and equitable treatment of all persons within its boundaries and throughout the country, joins the state of Washington, the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and other public and private organizations and officials in calling for the reunification of the families of separated children and parents; the release from federal custody of all parents, children, and families, pending their misdemeanor and/or immigration proceedings, including all parents held at the Northwest Detention Center; and the following of asylum law for all those crossing the border and seeking asylum.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

State and briefly explain which strategic policy priority is best aligned to this action. Please remove the statements below you are not directly addressing.

This policy best aligns with the strategic policy priority to Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents, by affirming the City of Tacoma's support for the human rights of all persons including immigrants and refugees who live, work, travel through, or seek services within its boundaries.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT PATH:

☐ **Request for policy development and legislation**

This item is best aligned with the purview of the following Council Standing Committee (refer to Council Standing Committee Process Manual):

☐ Community Vitality and Safety

☐ Economic Development

☐ Government Performance and Finance ☐ Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability

☒ **Request for Resolution**

☐ **Is there a specific deadline for this request?** *(Note: All Council Consideration Requests will be expedited as soon as possible)* [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Please provide a brief explanation of deadline. _____

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 funding? ☐ One-time ☐ Ongoing

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Rebecca Boydston at 253-591-5164 or rboydston@cityoftacoma.org

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: _____


Council Member

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 # ____ Mayor ____

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