



RESOLUTION NO. 41800

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS SADALGE
2 AND SCOTT

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds, in the amount of \$25,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the Year of
5 Belonging initiative.

6 WHEREAS On September 9, 2025, the Mayor's Office announced the
7 establishment of the Year of Belonging in partnership with Tacoma Community
8 House and the Tacoma Public Library, and

9 WHEREAS the Year of Belonging is a year-long initiative, beginning on
10 Welcoming Week in 2025 (September 12-21, 2025) and extending through
11 Welcoming Week in 2026, and

12 WHEREAS the Year of Belonging initiative is a series of events, community
13 convenings and discussions, as well as a communications campaign to proactively
14 promote the feeling of belonging for every resident of the City, and will specifically
15 cultivate belonging among our immigrant and refugee community, our BIPOC
16 community, our LGBTQIA2S+ community, and all residents to embrace collective
17 unity, and
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19 WHEREAS Tacoma Community House is a nationally recognized non-profit
20 serving the immigrant and refugee community of the City, as well as long-time
21 residents seeking education, support, and pathways out of poverty, and also
22 provides extensive victim-advocacy and youth engagement programming, and
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24 WHEREAS there have already been three successful events under the
25 umbrella of the Year of Belonging including a community convening and discussion,
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as well as an educational symposium and lunch both hosted and supported by Tacoma Community House, and this year's Tacoma Reads program was also in partnership with the Year of Belonging, featuring an author interview with Valerie Kaur, and a large community event produced by the Tacoma Public Library, and

WHEREAS funding will support costs such as production of community events, advertising and program printing, invitations and mailers, production of an initiative website, and resources for community members served by Tacoma Community House, and

WHEREAS, at the November 12, 2025, Study Session, Mayor Woodards shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$25,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to support the Year of Belonging initiative, and

WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of adopting the budget, and

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; 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 \$25,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the Year of Belonging initiative.

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

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney