



## RESOLUTION NO. 41957

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ, SCOTT, AND WALKER

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$16,000,  
3 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the 2026  
4 SavorFest PNW.

5 WHEREAS the City is a multicultural city that celebrates its vibrant ethnic  
6 and culinary traditions, and

7 WHEREAS according to the Washington State Microenterprise Association,  
8 the vast majority of micro-businesses are owned by entrepreneurs with limited  
9 incomes who are part of historically marginalized groups such as Black, Indigenous  
10 and People of Color ("BIPOC"), immigrants, women, veterans, rural populations,  
11 tribal groups, LGBTQIA+ people, and people with disabilities, and these populations  
12 face significant barriers to business success due to lack of financing, training, and  
13 other business support resources, and

14 WHEREAS SavorFest PNW ("Festival") is a free, family-friendly annual  
15 festival, in partnership with local non-profit Mi Centro that celebrates the vibrant  
16 ethnic, culinary, and cultural traditions of the diverse communities who call the  
17 Pacific Northwest home, and

18 WHEREAS the 2026 event will occur on Sunday, July 19, with an anticipated  
19 attendance of 2,000 to 3,000 people, which brings together a rich tapestry of  
20 communities to showcase artistry, food, and music that define the region, and  
21 specifically aims to amplify and spotlight local BIPOC chefs, food vendors, artists,  
22 and performers, providing visibility and economic opportunities for  
23 underrepresented entrepreneurs, and



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WHEREAS the Festival will include:

- (1) Cooking classes: attendees will be able to learn how to create cultural dishes from top Chefs and bring these recipes home to share with friends and family;
- (2) Dance/music performances: attendees will be able to experience cultural songs, instruments, and movements that may represent them and/or those in their community creating an inclusive experience in the area;
- (3) Food vendors: attendees will be able to taste and enjoy foods and drinks from cultures around the world, all in one place; and
- (4) Kids zone: a kids zone along with character appearances make the festival accessible and enjoyable for all ages, and

WHEREAS funding will go towards: partial and full scholarships to food vendors, supporting chef led cooking classes, securing performers and entertainment for all ages, marketing and advertising, staging and entertainment equipment for performers, signage and décor, security and any equipment necessary for proper street closures to ensure safety for all attendees and vendors, and

WHEREAS the Festival did receive the City sponsored event designation, and

WHEREAS events designated as City Sponsored Events will be provided City-owned equipment on an as available basis to support the traffic and crowd



1 control and public safety of the event, and City Sponsored Events remain  
2 responsible for all costs associated with City personnel or other services, and

3 WHEREAS sponsors heard from several venders and community members  
4 about how much they appreciate the community built by this Festival and the desire  
5 for the City to continue to support more positive activation of activities in the Hilltop  
6 neighborhood, and  
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8 WHEREAS, at the June 30, 2026, Study Session, Council Member Diaz  
9 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$16,000  
10 from the Council Contingency Fund to support the Festival, and  
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12 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,  
13 with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, and

14 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the  
15 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of  
16 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of  
17 adopting the budget, and  
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19 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less  
20 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now,  
21 Therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

23 Section 1. That the foregoing Recitals are hereby adopted as the City  
24 Council's legislative findings.  
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Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of \$16,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the 2026 SavorFest PNW (“Festival”).

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

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney