



RESOLUTION NO. 41808

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BUSHNELL
2 AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$30,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for matching funds to support
5 the Sister Cities sign installation near Tollefson Plaza.

6 WHEREAS the intent of this funding request is to support the installation of a
7 permanent Sister Cities sign project that celebrates and visually represents the
8 City's longstanding international partnerships, and

9 WHEREAS the project is designed to highlight each of the City's sister city
10 relationships through an attractive, durable sign installation placed in a prominent
11 civic location, and

12 WHEREAS this initiative reflects the City Council's commitment to fostering
13 global understanding, cultural exchange, and economic cooperation through the
14 Sister Cities program. The installation will serve both as a public art feature and an
15 educational element, reinforcing the City's identity as a globally engaged
16 community and a welcoming destination for international visitors, delegations, and
17 residents alike, and

18 WHEREAS funding for this project aligns with the City's broader goals of
19 enhancing civic pride, promoting cultural diplomacy, and creating visually engaging
20 public spaces that reflect community values and international connections, and

21 WHEREAS \$25,000 in funds are intended to match funding put forward by
22 the Sister Cities Council for the development and installation of the signage, and
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the City is supporting the process to clarify permitting needs for the Tollefson Plaza site and will be supportive of the installation and future maintenance, and

WHEREAS \$5,000 in funding is to be provided to Public Works for ongoing basic maintenance costs and support in the near term, with a expectation that an Memorandum of Understanding with Sister Cities Council will outline their responsibility to fund damage, replacement, et cetera, in the future, and

WHEREAS, at the November 18, 2025, Study Session, Mayor Woodards shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$30,000 from the Council Contingency Fund for matching funds to support the Sister Cities sign installation near Tollefson Plaza, 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 \$30,000 for matching funds, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved to support the Sister Cities sign installation near Tollefson Plaza.



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

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney