



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Council Member Olgy Diaz and Senior Council Policy Analyst Lynda Foster

COPIES TO: Hyun Kim, City Manager; Allyson Griffith, Deputy City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney

SUBJECT: **Resolution - A resolution authorizing the flying a commemorative flag to recognize the 10th year of the Association of Washington Business's Manufacturing Week Bus Tour from September 30, 2026 to October 7, 2026 – August 11, 2026**

DATE: August 6, 2026

I ask for your support for a resolution authorizing the flying a commemorative flag to recognize the 10th year of the Association of Washington Business's Manufacturing Week Bus Tour from September 30, 2026 to October 7, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

In 2025, the City Council passed Resolution 41642, which created a new policy on commemorative flag displays at City Facilities. To request a flag be flown at City facilities that were not pre-approved as a part of the resolution, Council sponsors must either bring forward a resolution or a motion to request a flag be flown.

A commemorative flag raising provides an opportunity for the City of Tacoma to recognize and commemorate the values of the Tacoma City Council and Tacoma residents. The Association of Washington Business (AWB) annual Manufacturing Week bus tour and video series raises awareness of the important role manufacturing plays in our state, and supports the successful growth of our state's manufacturing sector as we work towards achieving the goal of doubling manufacturing in Washington by 2031. It shines a spotlight on Washington's makers and calls attention to ways policymakers, economic development groups, chamber of commerce leaders and others can support manufacturers.

The City of Tacoma works with community partners like the Economic Development Board and the South Sound Manufacturing Industrial Council to promote and enhance a positive business climate for manufacturing and related industries while remaining dedicated to safeguarding and improving people's lives, creating a sustainable environment, and providing the jobs that anchor Washington's economy.

The manufacturing sector provides high-paying, skilled, and fulfilling jobs for engineers, computer programmers, project managers, researchers, and others that are vital to the community and contribute to equitable economic development. Manufacturing is a major employer and job

creator in Washington State, with over 275,000 workers responsible for more than 8 percent of gross state product, and over 17,000 individuals working in the manufacturing sector in Pierce County. Manufacturing in Tacoma produces such varied products as aircraft components, precision robotics, batteries, components for the maritime industry, and craft beverages. Local manufacturing businesses lead the way in sustainable efforts to reduce energy and carbon emissions, such as the Port of Tacoma's Clean Air Strategy to reach zero emissions by 2040.

Recognizing the 10th year of the Manufacturing Week Bus Tour through a commemorative flag raising aligns with the City's practice of acknowledging moments, institutions, and symbols that reflect shared values, regional pride, and community cohesion. This ceremonial recognition is intended as a one-time observance connected to a milestone achievement.

Whenever a commemorative flag is displayed per the policy, it should be displayed at the following four locations:

- The Tacoma Municipal Building North (733 Market Street);
- The Tacoma Dome (2727 East "D" Street);
- The Tacoma Police Department Headquarters (3701 South Pine Street);
- The Tacoma Fire Department Headquarters (901 Fawcett Avenue).

The Association of Washington Business will procure commemorative flags for each location

DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: August 25, 2026

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):

Formal community engagement was not conducted for this commemorative flag-raising request, as the action is ceremonial only. The one-time flag raising is intended as a symbolic gesture acknowledging a moment of regional significance rather than a decision requiring public input.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

The proposed commemorative flag raising aligns with the City of Tacoma's Equity Framework by supporting community belonging, shared identity, and inclusive civic recognition. As a ceremonial, one-time observance, the action does not create barriers to access, impose costs, or result in disparate impacts across communities identified in Tacoma's Equity Index. The recognition reflects a broadly shared regional moment that brings together residents across neighborhoods, cultures, and backgrounds in a way that supports social cohesion and inclusive civic participation.

Livability: Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s)?

By celebrating a positive, shared community moment, the commemorative flag raising supports civic pride and social cohesion, which contribute to improved perceptions of safety and overall quality of life. Visible, unifying civic activities help reinforce a sense of belonging and shared stewardship of public spaces, supporting community well-being.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
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1.Do not raise flag	Fewer flag raises provide greater emphasis when commemorative flags are raised by the City.	Refrains from commemorating the role manufacturing plays in our local economy.
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EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

Following the approval of this resolution staff will facilitate the raising of the flag at approved locations per the 2025 commemorative flag raising policy.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend adoption of this resolution to share in commemorating the City's efforts to promote and enhance a positive business climate for manufacturing and related industries while remaining dedicated to safeguarding and improving people's lives, creating a sustainable environment, and providing the jobs that anchor Washington's economy.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is not direct fiscal impact to the city for procuring and raising the flags. Per the commemorative flag policy and timing of this resolution, the flags can be raised and lowered when most convenient to staff that does not require overtime.

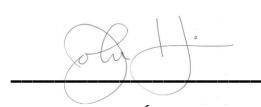
If you have a question related to the Council Contingency Fund Request, please contact Lynda Foster at 253.591.5166 or lfoster@Tacoma.gov.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: _____


Council Member Diaz

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS 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# 1

2.  POS# 5

Mayor's initials Anders Ibsen

(Mayor's initials for awareness only to ensure alignment and coordination of emergent policies.)