



## RESOLUTION NO. 41627

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, COUNCIL MEMBERS BUSHNELL,  
2 DIAZ, AND SADALGE

3 A RESOLUTION directing the City Manager to implement a policy to ensure the  
4 rights and dignity of all residents are maintained and protected.

5 WHEREAS approximately seven percent of the United States population, or  
6 22.8 million people, are non-citizens, and

7 WHEREAS according to the Washington State Budget and Policy Center,  
8 immigrants make up 15 percent of Washington's population and 19 percent of  
9 Washington's labor force, and are responsible for 21 percent of the state's Gross  
10 Domestic Product, and  
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12 WHEREAS the Washington State Legislature found in 2019 that 15 percent  
13 of all business owners in the state were born outside the country and that these  
14 business owners have a large impact on the economy through innovation and the  
15 creation of jobs, and make a significant contribution to the economic vitality,  
16 prosperity, and strength of the state, and  
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18 WHEREAS, as of 2022, over 12 percent of the City of Tacoma's population  
19 was born outside the United States, and nearly 20 percent speak a language other  
20 than English at home, and

21 WHEREAS today, immigrant communities are under threat of mass  
22 deportation, and  
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24 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma has a proud history of inclusivity, tolerance,  
25 and compassion for all residents and the diversity of our people and cultures is a  
26 critical part of who we are as a City, and



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WHEREAS the inclusivity of our immigrant and refugee community members aligns with the City's Equity and Empowerment framework, which strives to give everyone equitable access to the opportunities necessary to assert their human rights, satisfy their essential needs, advance their well-being, and achieve their full potential, and

WHEREAS this resolution adopts a policy consistent with RCW 43.17.425(1) which restricts state agencies, including law enforcement, from using agency funds, facilities, property, equipment, or personnel to investigate, enforce, cooperate with, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal registration or surveillance programs or any other laws, rules, or policies that target Washington residents solely on the basis of race, religion, immigration, or citizenship status, or national or ethnic origin, excluding the collection, use, or disclosure of information that is required to comply with state or federal law, or in response to a lawfully issued court order, and

WHEREAS additionally, RCW 10.93.160 is already applicable to the Tacoma Police Department as a local law enforcement agency and provides that local law enforcement may not: inquire into or collect information about an individual's immigration or citizenship status, or place of birth unless there is a connection between such information and an investigation into a violation of state or local criminal law; or provide information pursuant to notification requests from federal immigration authorities for the purposes of civil immigration enforcement, except as required by law, and



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WHEREAS everyone has the right to live peacefully and without fear, and the City of Tacoma condemns the persecution of many others around the world who face extreme barriers and inequitable treatment on account of their race, ethnicity, education level, economic status, gender, immigration status, sexual orientation, skin color, religion, political opinion, and other identities, and

WHEREAS by adopting a policy that implements the prohibitions already applicable to state agencies throughout Washington, the City Council will be making clear that the City of Tacoma, like these state agencies, will not participate in these actions, we build trust with the community, affirm fundamental dignity of immigrants and refugees and create a more welcoming environment; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That it is the policy of the City of Tacoma that no City funds, facilities, property, equipment, or personnel will be used to investigate, enforce, cooperate with, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal registration or surveillance programs or any other laws, rules, or policies that target individuals in Tacoma solely on the basis of race, religion, immigration, or citizenship status, or national or ethnic origin; provided that, this policy shall not prohibit the collection, use, or disclosure of information that is required to comply with state or federal law, or in response to a lawfully issued court order.



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Section 2. That the City Manager is directed to take appropriation action to ensure that the foregoing policy is implemented in all departments of the City.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney