



## RESOLUTION NO. 41844

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ, PALMER, AND SADALGE

2 A RESOLUTION relating to immigration; directing the City Manager to create a  
3 webpage to share resources for immigrants, community members, and  
4 businesses related to immigration issues impacting residents of the City,  
5 to include background on City Council legislation in support of the City's  
6 immigrant and refugee community, and the City's advocacy to restrict  
7 the use of for-profit detention centers; and directing the City Manager to  
8 create outreach materials and share this information with affected  
9 community members.

10 WHEREAS approximately seven percent of the United States population, or  
11 22.8 million people, are non-citizens, and in 2017, nearly 260,000 people sought  
12 asylum, or protection from persecution, within the United States, and

13 WHEREAS as of 2022, over 12 percent of the City's population was born  
14 outside the United States, with nearly 20 percent speaking a language other than  
15 English at home, and

16 WHEREAS today, immigrant communities are under threat of mass  
17 deportations, and anyone without secure immigration status may be subject to  
18 enforcement efforts, with people who were ordered deported in the past and  
19 people who have had contact with the criminal legal system being at particular  
20 risk, and

21 WHEREAS these immigrant populations experience unique risks to health,  
22 including pre-migratory trauma, unsafe and stressful migration experiences, and  
23 post-migration discrimination, and

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1           WHEREAS human rights abuses can occur across this spectrum of the  
2 immigrant experience, and additionally, these health behaviors and outcomes  
3 ripple throughout the communities to which immigrants belong, and

4           WHEREAS over the last year, the Federal Government has continued to  
5 promote actions and policies that sow fear and anxiety in our communities, and  
6 the City Council is deeply alarmed by reports documenting the far-reaching  
7 damage of these operations, including tragic accounts of individuals who have  
8 died while in federal custody, and

9           WHEREAS independent media investigations, including recent data  
10 published by ProPublica, indicate that these tactics have resulted in the wrongful  
11 detainment and mistreatment of over 170 United States citizens, and combined  
12 with reports of deaths in United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
13 ("ICE") custody, this statistic underscores a chaotic approach to enforcement that  
14 endangers everyone, regardless of status, and

15           WHEREAS when the government arrests or tries to arrest someone, or  
16 when a government official or police officer "just wants to talk," every person in  
17 the United States has certain basic rights, and these rights apply to everyone,  
18 regardless of citizenship, and

19           WHEREAS the City Council understands that, with some exceptions,  
20 businesses also have the legal right to restrict enforcement officers from entering a  
21 private space without a judicial warrant or an employer's permission, and believes it



1 is important that residents in the City be familiar with their rights, be encouraged to  
2 assert their rights, and help protect others by informing them of their rights, and

3        WHEREAS the City has a proud history of inclusivity, tolerance, and  
4 compassion for all residents, and the diversity of our people and cultures is a  
5 critical part of who we are as a City, and

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

11        WHEREAS Tacoma is a welcoming City that affirms the fundamental  
12 dignity of immigrants and refugees, commits to building welcoming communities  
13 and bringing together community members in a spirit of solidarity, and the  
14 inclusivity of our immigrant and refugee community members aligns with the City's  
15 Equity and Empowerment framework, which strives to give everyone equitable  
16 access to the opportunities necessary to assert their human rights, satisfy their  
17 essential needs, advance their well-being, and achieve their full potential; Now,  
18 Therefore,

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

20        Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby directed to create a webpage  
21 to share resources for immigrants, community members, and businesses related  
22 to immigration issues impacting residents of the City, including background on



1 City Council legislation in support of the City's immigrant and refugee community,  
2 and the City's advocacy to restrict the use of for-profit detention centers.

3                   Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to create outreach  
4 materials and share this information with affected community members.

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13 City Clerk

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16 City Attorney  
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