



RESOLUTION NO. 41979

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

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$1,225,
3 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to fund production and
4 installation of up to three wayfinding signs near East 56th Street and
Portland Avenue, for the Eastside Community Center.

5 WHEREAS the Eastside Community Center (the “Center”) is more than a
6 recreation facility, it is a cornerstone of the City's Eastside community, built through
7 years of grassroots advocacy and a shared commitment to creating a safe and
8 welcoming place for youth and families, and
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10 WHEREAS the Center reflects the resilience, strength, and aspirations of a
11 neighborhood that worked tirelessly to secure greater access to quality public
12 amenities, and since opening in 2018, it has become a hub for health, learning,
13 recreation, and connection, serving thousands of residents each month through its
14 pool, gymnasium, fitness center, youth and teen programs, senior services, arts
15 programming, and community gathering spaces, and
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17 WHEREAS as demand for these resources continues to grow, expanding
18 access to the Center represents an investment in the well-being, safety, and future
19 of the entire community, and ensuring that more residents can benefit from this vital
20 public resource will strengthen neighborhood connections, improve health
21 outcomes, and continue the vision that brought the Center to life, and
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23 WHEREAS the Center is accessed from East 56th Street directly east of
24 Portland Avenue East behind a crop of trees that hide the view of the building from
25 drivers down the main Portland Avenue East thoroughfare, and
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1 WHEREAS this resolution authorizes funds and directs the City Manager to
2 have the City create and install three wayfinding signs around this intersection to
3 direct visitors to the Center; the City's Public Works Street Operations provided the
4 cost estimation used for this request, and

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6 WHEREAS improved wayfinding signage to the Center will increase
7 awareness of and access to a key community resource in one of the City's lowest
8 opportunity areas, by making it easier for residents and visitors to locate the Center,
9 and will help connect more residents to recreation, educational programs, senior
10 services, and civic activities, supporting the City's goals of improving equity,
11 increasing community engagement, and enhancing quality of life, and

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13 WHEREAS, at the July 21, 2026, Study Session, Council Member Sadalge
14 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$1,225
15 from the Council Contingency Fund to fund production and installation of up to three
16 wayfinding signs near East 56th Street and Portland Avenue East, for the Center,
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19 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
20 with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, and

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

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:
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6 Section 1. That the foregoing Recitals are hereby adopted as the City
7 Council's legislative findings.

8 Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of \$1,225, budgeted from
9 the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved to fund production and
10 installation by the City of up to three wayfinding signs near East 56th Street and
11 Portland Avenue East, for the Eastside Community Center (the "Center").
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13 Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to
14 confirm deliverables with the Center for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and
15 document as appropriate.
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17 Adopted _____
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20 Mayor

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24 City Clerk

25 Approved as to form:
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Deputy City Attorney