



**TO:** Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager  
**FROM:** Council Member John Hines and Policy Analyst Christina Caan  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Council contingency fund request to sponsor the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Citywide Block Party  
**DATE:** February 25, 2026

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### SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

A resolution authorizing a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$25,000 to sponsor the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Citywide Block Party.

### COUNCIL SPONSORS

Council Member John Hines, Council Member Jamika Scott, and Council Member Latasha Palmer

**Council Contingency Fund Request:** We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$25,000 to sponsor the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Citywide Block Party, hosted by True Vine Community Church.<sup>1</sup> The event is scheduled to take place in August 2026 at Cheney Stadium and will serve thousands of residents and families throughout Tacoma by connecting them to critical resources, including healthcare enrollment, housing support, utility assistance, employment services, and educational opportunities. In addition, the event will distribute thousands of backpacks and school supplies to local youth in need of assistance. True Vine Community Church expects about 5,000 people from across the city to participate.

- This free event is open to the public and designed to provide a safe and engaging environment where neighbors can connect, enjoy entertainment, and access valuable community resources and services.<sup>2</sup> The event is youth and family friendly, offering activities such as free face painting, multiple bounce houses, a petting zoo, and more. Families can also enjoy free food, live entertainment, and interactive experiences designed to uplift and inspire.

The City of Tacoma’s funding for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Citywide Block Party would help advance key priorities identified in the 2035 Strategic Plan, including improving perceptions of community safety, helping community members thrive, and increasing access to event experiences.<sup>3</sup> True Vine Community Church will include top tier placement of the City of Tacoma logo on all major signage and promotional materials. City of Tacoma staff members will also have the option to host a resource table or booth at the event to interact directly with thousands of community members and families. Funding from the City of Tacoma would cover the Cheney Stadium rental fee, allowing a significantly increased capacity, accessibility, and overall event impact.

FUNDING REQUESTED: \$25,000

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<sup>1</sup> [True Vine Community COGIC](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Annual Block Party – True Vine Community COGIC](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Tacoma Strategic Plan | City of Tacoma](#)



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Council Member John Hines is receiving increased calls from community members and partner organizations asking for more support to nurture belonging and prosperity for all individuals, families, and neighborhoods.<sup>4</sup> As one of the original supporters of the Neighborhood Planning Program, Council Member Hines has heard firsthand from community about the importance of ensuring equitable access to assistance and service programs, as well as building relationships and trust through joyful celebrations.<sup>5</sup> Youth engagement is also a high priority for community members, who look to the City to provide a wide variety of programming support aimed at advancing education, violence prevention, and family support systems.

**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

**Equity and Accessibility:** The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Citywide Block Party is designed to welcome and celebrate all members of the community. By expanding this popular event to Cheney Stadium, True Vine Community Church aims to ensure all community members have equitable access to the festivities and an opportunity to engage with the vital resources and support systems that are available to them. Free activities for children also help ensure that families without childcare can attend.

**Civic Engagement:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity  
Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

**Livability:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity  
Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

**ALTERNATIVES**

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Do not support the 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Citywide Block Party.	Council would preserve the full amount of contingency funding for other priorities.	True Vine Community Church would need to find alternative funding and support, potentially reducing the scope and scale of the event and its community impact.
Support the 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Citywide Block Party at a higher amount.	The Citywide Block Party could provide greater resources for community members.	True Vine Community Church has not requested funding above \$25,000 and sponsoring at a higher amount would further deplete contingency funds.

**EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP**

The City of Tacoma will provide information on how to apply for the Special Events Funding Program Application in future years.

<sup>4</sup> [Community Safety Action Strategy | City of Tacoma](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Neighborhood Planning Program | City of Tacoma](#)



**SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION**

Sponsors recommend providing \$25,000 in Council contingency funds to sponsor the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Citywide Block Party.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. 1030 – Council Contingency Fund	660000		\$25,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$25,000

**What Funding is being used to support the expense?**

Council Contingency Funds

**Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?**

The Council Contingency Fund provides an established amount of funding each year for unbudgeted Council sponsored initiatives.

**Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**

NO

**Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?**

NO

**Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?**

NO