



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

TO: Tacoma City Council
FROM: Mayor Anders Ibsen
COPIES TO: Hyun Kim, City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney
SUBJECT: **A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$3,000, to sponsor the memorial service for former Mayor of Tacoma, Mike Crowley – requested for August 18th, 2026**
DATE: August 5, 2026

I ask for your support for a resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$3,000, to sponsor the memorial service for former Mayor of Tacoma, Mike Crowley.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

Mike Crowley served on the Tacoma City Council starting in 1994 and was appointed Mayor in 2001. Much of his tenure in service was focused on revitalizing the city's downtown core, including championing the construction of the Greater Tacoma Convention Center.

The family of the late Mayor Crowley would like to conduct a community celebration at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center for an estimated 300+ friends, family, civic leaders, and community members. The Convention Center is prepared to host the event rent free, but the estimated actual costs for labor and equipment will be approximately, \$3,000-\$5,000, depending on final celebration details.

This resolution will allocate up to \$5,000 in Council Contingency Funds to support the community celebration. Funds will only be expended to cover actual costs connected with the event. Additional private funding will also be solicited and will be used to pay expenses prior to Council Contingency Funds.

FUNDING REQUESTED:
\$ 3,000

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):

The family of Mike Crowley requested support through Mayor Ibsen's office. The City Manager confirmed date availability and estimated costs for use of the Convention Center with the Tacoma Venues and Events team. The Obituary for Mike Crowley was featured in the Tacoma News Tribune (link below) with additional community comments on his impact to Tacoma.
(<https://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/article316581643.html>)

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The work that Mike Crowley undertook on behalf of the City of Tacoma had far reaching implications to equity and accessibility. His efforts to revitalize the downtown and construct the Greater Tacoma Convention Center are critical to the ongoing success and growth of all segments of our community

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score: Low 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.

Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting.

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

Recognizing a long-time civic leader of Tacoma demonstrates the impact that one dedicated individual can have on our community.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1. Do not fund this request	More funding available for emergent issues.	Council will not be demonstrating their financial support this event.
2. Adjust funding for this request.	Could allow for more support for logistics and event support, adding to the event itself.	Less funding available for future issues.

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

The celebration will take place in mid-August. Staff will maintain contact with the family to share details and logistics.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend the approval of Council Contingency Funds to support the memorial for the late Mayor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$3,000 from the Council Contingency Fund.

If you have a question related to the Council Contingency Fund Request, please contact Ted Richardson at Trichardson@tacoma.gov.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: _____



Mayor Anders Ibsen

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES

1.  POS# 1

2. _____

3.  POS# 5