



RESOLUTION NO. 39642

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS CAMPBELL, LONERGAN AND
2 WALKER LEE

3 A RESOLUTION directing the City Manager to establish a convening of
4 immigrants and refugees and their advocates, and support them in creating
5 an Immigrant and Refugee Task Force, to further the City's vision as an
6 inclusive and equitable city.

7 WHEREAS the City wishes to be recognized as a livable and progressive
8 international city, regarded for the richness of its diverse population and natural
9 setting, and

10 WHEREAS recent federal executive orders have created fear and unease
11 among immigrants and refugees across the country and in our City, and

12 WHEREAS the City Council supports the rights and freedom of all
13 residents of the City and our nation to practice and embrace their heritage and
14 religious traditions without fear of persecution, and

15 WHEREAS the City Council believes in the dignity of all City residents,
16 regardless of immigration status, and recognizes the importance of their many
17 contributions to the social, religious, cultural and economic life of the City, and

18 WHEREAS the City passed the Welcoming Cities and Counties Initiative,
19 which encourages communities to create more welcoming, immigrant-friendly
20 environments that maximize opportunities for economic growth and vitality, and
21 supports all efforts to make the City more vibrant, inclusive, and welcoming for all
22 people, regardless of immigration status, and

23 WHEREAS, in 2016, the City supported the Center for Popular
24 Democracy's Anti-Hate Campaign, which condemns violence and hate speech
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and expresses solidarity with the campaign for Muslims and all those targeted for
1 their ethnicity, race, or religion, and

2 WHEREAS the City holds high the principles of building trust,
3 relationships, and legitimacy, and has worked to support an open dialogue
4 through undertakings such as Project PEACE, and
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6 WHEREAS the City passed an Equity and Empowerment Initiative that
7 seeks to have purposeful community outreach and engagement, and supports
8 human rights and opportunities for every person to achieve their full potential, and
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10 WHEREAS the City desires to foster a knowledgeable and safe community
11 by including immigrants in conversations, and

12 WHEREAS, at the January 31, 2017, City Council Study Session, Council
13 Member Campbell shared a Council Consideration Request, directing the City
14 Manager to establish a convening of immigrants and refugees and their
15 advocates, and support them in creating an Immigrant and Refugee Task Force,
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18 WHEREAS the Task Force will provide an opportunity for concerned
19 parties to work with the City to ensure all residents feel valued, secure, and
20 supported; Now, Therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:
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23 That the City Manager is hereby directed to establish a convening of
24 immigrants and refugees and their advocates, and support them in creating an
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1 Immigrant and Refugee Task Force, to further the City's vision as an inclusive and
2 equitable city.

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Mayor

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10 City Clerk

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13 City Attorney

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