RESOLUTION NO. 39642

BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS CAMPBELL, LONERGAN AND WALKER LEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS the City holds high the principles of building trust, relationships, and legitimacy, and has worked to support an open dialogue through undertakings such as Project PEACE, and

WHEREAS the City passed an Equity and Empowerment Initiative that seeks to have purposeful community outreach and engagement, and supports human rights and opportunities for every person to achieve their full potential, and

WHEREAS the City desires to foster a knowledgeable and safe community by including immigrants in conversations, and

WHEREAS, at the January 31, 2017, City Council Study Session, Council Member Campbell shared a Council Consideration Request, directing the City Manager to establish a convening of immigrants and refugees and their advocates, and support them in creating an Immigrant and Refugee Task Force, and

WHEREAS the Task Force will provide an opportunity for concerned parties to work with the City to ensure all residents feel valued, secure, and supported; Now, Therefore,

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

That the City Manager is hereby directed to establish a convening of immigrants and refugees and their advocates, and support them in creating an
Immigrant and Refugee Task Force, to further the City’s vision as an inclusive and equitable city.

Passed ____________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney