



RESOLUTION NO. 32415

BY REQUEST OF EVANS

WHEREAS the Tacoma City Council is dedicated to the elimination of racism and hatred, and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 1885, in the midst of anti-Chinese sentiment of the time, the City of Tacoma expelled its pioneer Chinese community, and the Tacoma City Council hereby acknowledges that the 1885 expulsion was a most reprehensible occurrence, and

WHEREAS, since September, 199², the Chinese Reconciliation Project Citizens Committee has been seeking a way to reconcile the expulsion of the Chinese community and, at the request of the Tacoma City Council, to recommend an appropriate memorial and site project proposal, and

WHEREAS, to commemorate the 1885 event, the Committee recommends a living memorial which will be an educational tool to prevent the recurrence of similar events and to promote a peaceful, multi-cultural community, and

WHEREAS the U.S. National Guard will vacate its Ruston Way site along the Commencement Bay shoreline and the site will be used by the City as a public park, and

WHEREAS the Chinese Reconciliation Project Citizens Committee has examined the National Guard site, which is in proximity to the former Chinese community, and finds it fitting that the memorial and site project occupy a portion of this site, and

WHEREAS the Tacoma City Council previously indicated its support of a Chinese Commemorative Park and International Pavilion, and

WHEREAS the Chinese Commemorative Park and International Pavilion will provide a center for learning opportunities for Chinese language, arts and crafts, and cultural activities, as well as an opportunity for expression and preservation of the



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history, art and culture of Tacoma's diverse cultures, and will also provide a gathering place for international visitors; Now, Therefore,

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

That the Tacoma City Council endorses the efforts of the Chinese Reconciliation Project Citizens Committee to continue planning construction of the heretofore-described project, to create an ongoing cultural program, and to seek and obtain public and private funds for this purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tacoma City Council authorizes the expenditure of \$25,000 from the Open Space Fund for preliminary site plans, preliminary cost estimates, and project programming for this project.

Adopted NOV 30 1993

Don Viall
Mayor

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Attest: City Clerk

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Approved as to form and legality:

[Signature]
Assistant City Attorney

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