RESOLUTION NO. 38906

BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BOE, IBSEN, MELLO, AND WALKER

A RESOLUTION relating to sustainability; establishing a Green Events Program to advance the City's commitment to implement sustainable practices.

WHEREAS the City recognizes its responsibility to minimize impacts on human health and the environment while supporting diverse, equitable, profitable, and vibrant community events, and

WHEREAS City staff developed the "Green Event Program" ("Program"), to be integrated into the City's special events permit process, and

WHEREAS the Program includes a Green Event Planning Guide ("Guide") which includes resources, tips, contacts, and other materials to assist event organizers, and

WHEREAS the Program will require pre- and post-reporting by event planners in 2014, and using 2014 results, staff will set minimum achievement levels for 2015 and beyond, and

WHEREAS Program participation can provide benefits to event organizers through reduced waste and increased promotion, and

WHEREAS special events meeting the Guide's green event criteria, including large, City-sponsored or funded events, shall participate in the Program to reduce environmental impacts created during the events, and

WHEREAS event-holders that participate in the Program will receive City recognition for their efforts to become a Green Event at the required level or beyond; Now, Therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the Green Events Program, substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk, is hereby established to advance the City's commitment to implement sustainable event practices.

Section 2. That said program shall be administered by the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability and the Community and Economic Development Department, and staff shall prepare and issue annual reports on the results and impacts of the Green Events Program.

Adopted MAY 13 2014

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney