RESOLUTION NO. 41817

BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ AND SADALGE

A RESOLUTION relating to use of City facilities; directing the City Manager to clarify the use of City-owned property for federal civil immigration enforcement operations, as directed in Resolution No. 41627.

WHEREAS approximately 7 percent (22.8 million people) of the United States population are non-citizens, with nearly 260,000 people seeking asylum within the United States in 2017, and as of 2022, over 12 percent of the City's population was born outside the United States and nearly 20 percent speak a language other than English at home, and

WHEREAS today, immigrant communities are under threat of mass deportations, and anyone without secure immigration status may be subject to enforcement efforts; people who were ordered deported in the past and people who have had contact with the criminal legal system are at particular risk, and

WHEREAS the U.S. Supreme Court's recent order *Vasquez Perdomo v. Noem*, stays the order of a California District Court which prohibited federal immigration officers from relying on any combination of four factors, including apparent race or ethnicity and speaking in Spanish or accented English, giving immigration agents a "green light" to once again stop anyone they guess to be in the U.S. illegally, even if a central reason for the stop was race, thereby sanctioning discriminatory racial profiling that erodes constitutional rights, destabilizes families, communities, and local economies, and targets entire communities of color, and

WHEREAS these immigrant populations experience unique risks to health, including pre-migratory trauma, unsafe and stressful migration experiences, and post-migration discrimination, and human rights abuses can occur across this spectrum of the immigrant experience, and

WHEREAS on February 25, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 41627 that states it is the policy of the City that no City funds, facilities, property, equipment, or personnel will be used to investigate, enforce, cooperate with, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal registration or surveillance programs or any other laws, rules, or policies that target individuals in the City solely on the basis of race, religion, immigration, or citizenship status, or national or ethnic origin, provided that this policy shall not prohibit the collection, use, or disclosure of information that is required to comply with state or federal law, or in response to a lawfully issued court order, and

WHEREAS to clarify how the City Manager should implement Resolution No. 41627 as applied to City-owned property, this resolution directs the City Manager to:

(1) Review and assess the potential for legislation to prohibit United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement from using City-owned property for the purposes of staging or other activities related to civil immigration enforcement, including a legal analysis of the possible enforcement options and necessary signage, as well as any other legal considerations; and

(2) Create a plan for identifying the City-owned property that could be used for enforcement operations staging purposes for signage purposes if signs are determined to be necessary, as well as other implementation considerations, and

WHEREAS every person has fundamental human rights and targeting people solely on the basis of race, religion, immigration, or citizenship status, or national or ethnic origin is a discriminatory action that harms our community, and efforts to strip civil rights from a portion of our community are designed to create fear and push communities into hiding and outside the social structure that holds our community together, and

WHEREAS by making clear that the City will not participate in these actions, we build trust with community and create a more welcoming environment, and this resolution seeks to further clarify implementation of Resolution No. 41627 and support its goals; Now, Therefore,

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

The City Manager is directed to clarify the use of City-owned property for federal civil immigration enforcement operations, as directed in Resolution No. 41627.

Adopted _____

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney