



# TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

## RESOLUTION 2016-08-24(6)

**Date:** August 24, 2016  
**To:** THA Board of Commissioners  
**From:** Michael Mirra  
Executive Director  
**Re:** THA Community Events

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize THA's Executive Director to make decisions about community events that THA may sponsor as part of its community engagement and consultation process for its programs, services and new development.

### **Background**

An attorney with the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) recently wrote an article referencing state law and guidance from the State Auditor's about municipalities sponsoring celebratory and related events. THA monitors these articles carefully, as requirements for municipalities often affect housing authorities. The author of the article advised that resolutions be adopted authorizing community events, even if those events match the powers and purposes of the local government.

The Tacoma Housing Authority often sponsors and/or leads community events as part of its community consultation and planning process. Most recently, THA has held a series of community events as part of its Hilltop Master Planning process. The events included work sessions with the "Homework Group" and neighborhood events that are open to the public. The neighborhood events are the focus of this resolution. The Board of Commissioners has been advised of these events and the overall planning approach.

Community events with structured activities, food and displays create an atmosphere that is lively, interesting and safe for those who attend. It allows for informal and in-depth conversations between staff, consultants and residents. Participants in these events are typically those who would not be interested in traditional planning and consultation processes.

### **Recommendation**

Authorize THA's Executive Director to approve community events that THA may sponsor as part of its community engagement and consultation processes for its programs, services and new development.



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## **RESOLUTION 2016-08-24(6) (THA Hilltop Related Planning Events for THA Properties Master Plan)**

A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma authorizing the Executive Director to make decisions about THA involvement in community events and activities that the agency will participate in and fund as part of its consultation process for development projects.

**WHEREAS**, The Tacoma Housing Authority is committed to authentic community engagement and consultation; and

**WHEREAS**, Community events are a proven way to solicit feedback and ideas from local residents, neighbors, businesses and others; and

**WHEREAS**, Community events hosted by the Tacoma Housing Authority are open to the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, THA consistently seeks input from a cross section of residents, neighbors and business; and

**WHEREAS**, Leading community events is in keeping with the Tacoma Housing Authority's mission of supporting neighborhoods to be attractive places to live, work, attend school, shop and play; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma, Washington as follows:***

THA's Executive Director has the authority to approve community events that THA may sponsor as part of its community engagement and consultation processes for its programs, services and new development.

**Approved: August 24, 2016**

Dr. Arthur C. Banks, Chair