

CENTRAL COUNCIL *Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska* Office of the President • Edward K. Thomas Building 9097 Glacier Highway • Juneau, Alaska 99801

## Executive Council of the Central Council TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC 23-54

Title: Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property on Village Street

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 35,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, under Article X of the Tlingit & Haida Constitution, the Executive Council is the governing body of Tlingit & Haida when the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

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WHEREAS, in March 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law, which provided federal fiscal recovery aid for government responses to impacts of the pandemic and established the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the LATCF is for use on any governmental purpose, including investment in activities undertaken by investments in infrastructure, providing services to tribal citizens, and to restore and bolster governmental capacity; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has consistently taken action to protect employees, clients and communities from the spread of COVID-19, and has thoughtfully, and in reliance in the scientific data, reintegrated the in-person conduct of tribal government business, such as inviting clients back into tribal offices, providing employees with safe working spaces, and encouraging cooperation and coordination between programs who serve the same overarching goals and work under the same division or department; and

WHEREAS, there is a valuable opportunity to purchase real property on Village Street, which property includes the Gajaa Hit building with two totem poles and one house screen, and is a facility located near the Tribe's primary government building, while only limited properties are available for lease or sale in downtown Juneau; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida currently has 34 Juneau based employees who lack offices due to limited office space in current Tlingit & Haida buildings; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's operations include Family Court Services, Reentry & Recovery, Tribal Government Administration, Youth Program and Elder Program who all operate under the same division or department and these programs are not currently located within one building; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of real property on Village street will allow for the expansion of the Healing Center, which provide additional clinic rooms for clients; and

WHEREAS, this property would provide additional office space, the ability for programs who work under the same division or department to be housed together, and allow for the expansion of the Healing Center;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes the Tlingit & Haida President, or designee, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, including any subsequent amendments, for the purchase and the proposed acquisition of the real property on Village street.

ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 3 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstentions and 1 absence.

**CERTIFY** 

President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata