

RESOLUTION R- 4468

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND IN SUPPORT OF LAKE WASHINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE'S PROPOSAL TO PILOT THE OFFERING OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN APPLIED TECHNOLOGY.

WHEREAS, research has shown that the single best predictor of unemployment is a lack of education; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council supports providing educational opportunities through which all its citizens can reach their highest potential; and

WHEREAS the Kirkland City Council recognizes the value of workforce education and the critical role it plays in the economic well being of this community; and

WHEREAS, Lake Washington Technical College has been a key provider of workforce education for the community since 1949; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council encourages training that is responsive to the needs of its residents, affordable, and close to their homes; and

WHEREAS, many Kirkland residents serve on advisory committees at Lake Washington Technical College helping to identify the skills needed by area employers and assisting in the design of appropriate education and training programs that lead to high demand/high wage jobs; and

WHEREAS, today's careers require employees with highly technical skills as well as skills in oral and written communications, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking and problem solving; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council supports "growing its own" skilled workforce for high demand/high wage jobs by locally providing appropriate training and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington has documented a critical shortage in its higher education capacity at all levels and further detailed that an additional 5,500 bachelor's degrees will be needed annually through 2010; and

WHEREAS, Lake Washington Technical College is ideally positioned to provide baccalaureate access for high demand fields efficiently and cost effectively; and

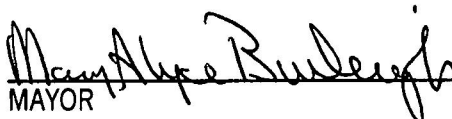
WHEREAS, the greatest need for bachelor's prepared graduates is in high demand fields which Lake Washington Technical College's graduates have pre-selected and thereby form a natural pipeline for the baccalaureate production of high demand majors.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Kirkland enthusiastically supports and endorses Lake Washington Technical College's proposal to expand opportunities for area residents to qualify for supervisory and managerial positions in high demand fields through the offering of a bachelor's of applied technology degree in technology management.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 5th day of October, 2004.

Signed in authentication thereof this 5th day of October, 2004.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk

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