

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

*By Council President Kenneth V. Cockrel, Jr*

WHEREAS, the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) was chartered by the Michigan State Legislature in 1967 to serve residents of Wayne County except in those areas served by the community college districts of Highland Park, Dearborn, and Livonia; and,

WHEREAS, in November 1998, the Wayne County Community College District won voters' support of its first permanent millage, further demonstrating public support and satisfaction with the college; and,

WHEREAS, Wayne County Community College (WCCC) is now well-positioned to meet the learning and skilled-training needs of this community and has used its resources to expand its programs and services; and,

WHEREAS, Henry Ford Community College was recently awarded a Michigan Technical Education Center grant to finance construction of a \$7 million technical adult training facility in Woodhaven; and

WHEREAS, the proposed site of Henry Ford Community College's facility falls outside of its district boundaries of Dearborn and Dearborn Heights and is also located near WCCC's downriver campus; and

WHEREAS, WCCC opposes construction of this facility in Woodhaven and sees this move as a violation of Michigan law as cited in Section 121 of the Community College Act of 1966(MCLA 389.121); and,

WHEREAS, the opening of Henry Ford Community College's technical training facility could siphon students from WCCC's downriver campus and might so severely diminish student enrollment there that it might have to close; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council fully supports the sovereign right of Wayne County Community College to serve residents within its legislated district and condemns the intrusion of Henry Ford Community College into its boundaries; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Board of Trustees of both Henry Ford and Wayne County Community Colleges as well as the governing bodies of Dearborn and Dearborn Heights as a statement of this Council's steadfast support of WCCC's efforts to educate the people of Wayne County.