

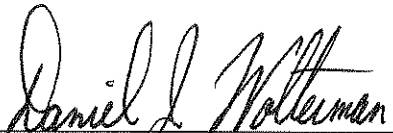
**Resolution of the Board of Directors Supporting the 2008 Houston  
Community College Proposed Service Plan for the Alief Community**

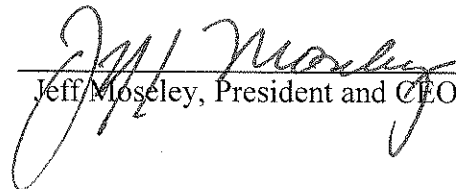
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Daniel J. Wolterman, Chairman

  
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Jeff Moseley, President and CEO

  
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Daniel G. Bellow, Secretary

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 20, 2008

**TO:** Greater Houston Partnership Board of Directors

**FROM:** Lori Vettters, Chairman  
Education and Workforce Development Advisory Committee

**SUBJECT:** Resolution in Support of the 2008 Houston Community College  
Proposed Service for the Alief Community

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### BACKGROUND

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### **Houston Community College's Historical Commitment to the Alief Community**

HCC has been serving Alief area residents since 1982.

HCC offers high quality, affordable education for:

- academic advancement;
- career and technical training;
- online classes and
- lifelong learning.

HCC has already made the following capital investments in Alief:

- \$32 million invested in the Alief Campus at 2811 Hayes Road;

- \$14 million invested in the Alief Center for Continuing Education at 13803 Bissonnet; and
- Created a new set of academic, workforce and continuing education facilities.

Funds for HCC's initial investment in Alief were drawn from state reimbursements and out-of-district tuition and fees paid by Alief residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The HCC Board of Trustees will vote to approve the Alief Service Plan at the August Board Meeting. The maximum property tax rate that the Board may adopt is \$0.092 cents per \$100 assessed value for residents living within the Alief school district boundaries.

The tuition rate that would apply after annexation for a student who resides in Alief or in other in-district areas is \$57.00 for one credit hour. The tuition rate that would apply for a student who resides outside the HCC district is \$104.00 for one credit hour. HCC has no proposed plans for a tax increase after annexation. The homestead exemption is a minimum of \$5,000 or 10% of the assessed value, whichever is greater.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

The measure will be placed before Alief area voters on the November 2008 ballot.

### **RESOURCES REQUIRED**

This recommendation can be implemented with available Greater Houston Partnership staff and within the current operating budget.