

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: Fwd: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Re: KPC funding

Public comment

Johni Blankenship, MMC
Borough Clerk
Kenai Peninsula Borough

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dave Atcheson <daveatcheson@hotmail.com>
Date: May 19, 2020 at 9:59:33 AM AKDT
To: "Blankenship, Johni" <JBlankenship@kpb.us>
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Re: **KPC funding**

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Ms. Blankenship,

Would you forward to all assembly members. I attempted to submit online, but believe for some reason this was not included in the public record. Please let me know you received this and if you need anything else.

Dear Assembly Members:

I am writing to you in regards to ordinance 2020-19, funding for Kenai Peninsula College. While I do work there and my job is funded through borough contributions, I likely would be writing in support of the college regardless. This funding affects untold numbers of Kenai Peninsula residents. I cannot tell you how many times in my 18 years at KPC that I've seen potential students, many who may have made bad decisions in the past, who fell victim to bad luck, or whose background and upbringing simply precluded a chance at a good education, come sheepishly into our building, looking for a fresh start. They may be in need of remedial training, may take Adult Basic Education classes, or might simply be looking to get their GED, but through encouragement and nurturing they take a chance and enroll in a class or two and see that yes, they can do it, they can succeed. A large number of these students, some who might have otherwise ended up taking the wrong path, who might otherwise have ended up even being a burden to society, have gone on to receive Associate, Bachelors, and even advanced degrees. Most of the programs and staff that work with these students, students who often begin in the margins but many of whom are now productive and contributing members of our community, are supported in some way through the borough. The success of these students is a direct result of borough funding, and cutting this funding would severely curtail the service the college now provides to the community.

Thank you,

Dave Atcheson
Box 145

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>2020-19 testimony

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From: Leslie Byrd [mailto:byrdlm@alumni.nsuok.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:34 PM
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Me Blankenship, I am struggling with the ecomment submission. Please accept this as testimony for tonight's general assembly meeting.

"I am in support of 2020-19, specifically section 1 - Post Secondary Education. I am incredibly great full for the continued Borough funding to Kenai Peninsula College. I moved to Alaska specifically to work for KPC and have not regretted it yet - even with the uncertainty of the times - in fact, especially in these uncertain times. The staff and faculty at KPC have been incredibly resilient and supportive, as always. I hope that you each see and feel this support and continue to fund your community college to your maximum ability. Thank you.

Leslie Byrd"

Sent from my iPhone