NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

To: Francis Benjamin, 600 SW Fountain, Pullman, WA 99163
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Evergreen, 122 Murrow Communications Center, Pullman, WA 99164 (335-7401)
Daily News, Moscow, ID 83843 (883-8205)
KZUU, CUB 3rd Floor, WSU, Pullman, WA 99164 (335-2493)
Spokesman-Review, 115 N.W. State #25, Pullman, WA 99163 (334-0402)
Local Government Access Channel, City Hall, Pullman, WA 99163
Whitman County Gazette, P.O. Box 710, Colfax, WA 99111 (397-4527)
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YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have called a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman to be held:

DATE: Wednesday, February 23, 2011
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: CUB Junior Ballroom, Compton Union Building, Pullman, WA 99163

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING IS:

See Attached Agenda

DATED this 18th day of February, 2011.

Glenn A. Johnson
Mayor

CITY OF PULLMAN | COUNCIL MEETING | FEBRUARY 23, 2011
CUB JUNIOR BALLROOM | AGENDA | 5:30 p.m.

City Motto: **HIGH** Tech, **HIGHER** Education, **HIGHEST** Quality of Life

City Mission Statement: The mission of the City of Pullman is to provide the highest quality of life through essential infrastructure, public safety, recreation, and welcoming growth within the constraints of fiscally responsible government.

The Pullman City Council welcomes you to tonight's meeting. The Council appreciates and encourages public participation. For regular agenda items, an opportunity for public comment is usually provided after the staff report. However, the formality of procedures varies with the purpose and subject of the agenda item; therefore, the Mayor may exercise discretion in deciding when to allow public comment during the course of the proceedings and limitations will be placed on the time allowed for comments. Citizens wishing to comment on business which is not on the agenda will be provided the opportunity to do so under NEW BUSINESS. If you plan to address the Council, you will find a list of "Tips for Addressing the Council" on the public information table in the City Council Chambers. Thank you for your interest in City government.

A. Roll Call, City of Pullman:

_____Francis Benjamin
_____Keith Bloom
_____Jeff Hawbaker
_____Bill Paul
_____Barney Waldrop
_____Nathan Weller
_____Pat Wright

B. Roll Call, ASWSU Senators

___Zach Coccoli, District 1
___Tim Kirima, District 1
___Aliysha Kaija, District 1
___Xiaodong (Eric) Lang, District 1
___Derrick Skaug, District 1
___James Cockburn, District 1
___Melissa Johnson, District 2
___Bryan Inglin, District 3
___Grant Eastey, District 4
___Rumeal Lovell, District 5
___Tristan Hanon, District 6
___Alex Smith, District 7
___Katie Bennett, District 8
___Sheresa Hooper, District 9
___Charlie Hammerich, District 9
___Gabriel Deupree, District 10
___Jonathan Osman, District 10
___Christina Turner, District 10
___Kyle Conboy, District 10

C. Regular Agenda

Discussion Items

1. Safety
   a. Road Repair (crosswalks, sidewalks, roads, street signs, security cameras)
   b. Energy Drinks

2. Higher Education and Funding

3. Environmental Issues
   a. College Hill Recycling
   b. Water Quality

4. Community Involvement
   a. College-age student representation on various City boards and commissions
   b. College Hill Beautification

5. ASWSU Update

D. Tentative Council Agenda for March 1, 2011
Public Hearing - Mader Annexation
Employee Recognition
Radio Lease
Confirmation of Appointment - Arts Commission
Award Pioneer Center/Fire Station II EECBG Project

Tentative Planning Commission Agenda for March 23, 2011
Urban Growth Area Public Hearing

Tentative Board of Adjustment Agenda for March 21, 2011
No business scheduled at this time

THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. PERSONS REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS, SHOULD CONTACT THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT BEFORE 5:00 P.M. THE MONDAY PRECEDING THE COUNCIL MEETING. THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT IS LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF CITY HALL, 325 SE PARADISE STREET, PULLMAN, WA 99163. TELEPHONE NUMBER 338-3209 or 338-3208, FAX NUMBER 334-2751, ADD NUMBER 7-1-1.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: John Sherman, City Supervisor

RE: Joint Meeting with ASWSU

DATE: February 15, 2011

ASWSU will host the joint meeting with the City Council at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23 in the CUB Junior Ballroom. For those wanting to carpool, please meet behind City Hall at 5 p.m. At the City Council meeting on January 26, the City Council suggested that we forward the following agenda items to ASWSU for their consideration for the joint meeting:

1. Discuss higher education funding and tuition concerns
2. Discuss security camera grant applications for high crime areas like Greek Row
3. Provide an update on proposed 2011 city projects such as the Grand Avenue project with its pedestrian link to College Hill, the continuation of College Hill sidewalk improvement projects, etc.
4. Discussion of self-regulation of energy drinks served by bars in Greek Row
5. Update on refuse and recycling on College Hill
6. Discussion of college age student representation on various city boards and commissions

ASWSU External Affairs Committee Chair and District 10 Senator Christina Turner contacted me via email on February 14 and listed the following topics that ASWSU had selected for the joint meeting:

1. Safety:
   a. Road Repair (crosswalks, sidewalks, roads, street signs, security cameras)
   b. Energy Drinks

2. Higher Education and Funding

3. Environmental Issues:
    a. College Hill Recycling
    b. Water Quality

4. Community Involvement:
    a. College-age student representation on various city boards and commissions
    b. College Hill Beautification

5. ASWSU Update

We are including background information on the agenda items you suggested. Since ASWSU is hosting this meeting, they have put together the final agenda.

Safety:

Road Repair

(crosswalks, sidewalks, roads, street signs, security cameras)

Energy Drinks

City of Pullman
Public Works Department
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mayor, City Council, ASWSU

FROM: Mark Workman, Public Works Director MW

RE: Road Repair (crosswalks, sidewalks, roads, street signs)

DATE: February 17, 2011

It is first important to know that many of the streets on WSU campus are not actually public right of way, but rather just roadways constructed across WSU property. These, as well as some of the actual public right of way streets on campus, are operated and maintained by WSU through a responsibility agreement honored by both the City of Pullman and WSU.

Crosswalks

Last fall, I had conversations of a general nature with ASWSU concerning crosswalks on College Hill. I suggested that the best approach would be for a list to be developed of where it was thought crosswalks should be added so I could review them all at one time. I noted at that time, and reiterate here, that crosswalks should not be used indiscriminately. Studies have shown that the overuse of any traffic control device causes it to be viewed casually by the public (ignored), lessening its impact. Crosswalks should be used at intersections where there is *substantial* conflict between vehicular and pedestrian movement. Also, particularly on a university campus, crosswalks can make an intersection more dangerous because pedestrians tend to have the attitude that they have the "right" to cross at a marked crosswalk and that the white lines somehow protect them, which or course they do not. This time of year also provides a glaring, but unavoidable, weakness with street painting, including crosswalks, when much of the street painting is severely diminished due to weather and wear. Weather conditions need to be relatively warm and dry to apply street painting.

Sidewalks

After first spending over $500,000 to address sidewalk tripping hazards throughout the City, a program was initiated whereby funds were budgeted each year to continue addressing sidewalk tripping hazards on a hill-by-hill basis. The intent is to do one hill of Pullman each year and then rotate to the next hill the following year. Under this program, sidewalk panel edges raised between ½-inch and 1-inch are ground to eliminate the abrupt edge and panels with an edge raised more than 1-inch are removed and replaced. The budget for this program is $40,000 a year. Even though the intent is to rotate hills annually, College Hill was address for three years in a row, 2007 – 2009. In 2010, the program finally moved on to Pioneer Hill, even though a sidewalk on California was included last year also.

In addition to a program to address tripping hazards, the City also budgets $40,000 annually for constructing sidewalks to infill gaps in the sidewalk system. This follows the expenditure of over $250,000 from the Parks and Path Bond Fund in 2007 and 2008 for sidewalk infilling throughout the City, including College Hill. Although not technically infilling, this money was spent last year to widen the sidewalk on B Street from California Street to Alpha Street. The work included modular block retaining walls, widening the sidewalk from 4 feet to 7 feet, and pedestrian rail on the outside edge. This summer this sidewalk improvement will be extended from Alpha Street to Michigan Street. B Street and the sidewalk will be closed for 30 days to accommodate this work.

Roads

Approximately $600,000 from the Street Fund is budgeted annually for the Accelerated Street Maintenance program. This is the primary avenue used to reconstruct street surfacing in Pullman and typically involves grinding the existing asphalt, mixing it with the underlying crushed rock, shaping and compacting the asphalt/crushed rock mixture, and repaving with new asphalt. If the existing street section has an insufficient thickness of crushed rock, then the entire street section needs to be excavated and rebuilt with all new materials. This is also the case with certain other streets on College Hill that were originally constructed with a large-aggregate asphalt.

Several criteria are used to select the streets to be reconstructed including the condition of the street surfacing, the average daily traffic, whether or not the street is part of a bus route, the extent of utilities in the street that need to be replaced, the potential for adjacent property to develop requiring utility trenches into the street, cost, the disruption of construction to the WSU population, the proximity of other streets to be resurfaced, and the potential for alternate funding. Streets on College Hill reconstructed in recent years include Whitman Street, Maiden Lane and Opal Street from Grand Avenue to Colorado Street; Terre View Drive from Merman Drive to North Fairway Drive; Lake Street from Harvey Road to Shaw Street; Hillside Drive from Valley Road to Wheatland Drive; and Juniper Way The streets to be resurfaced this year under the Accelerated Streets program are Rocky Way and South Street from Grand Avenue to Dilke Street, Dilke Street from Derby Street to Ridgeview Court, Bleasner Drive, and the intersection of Kamiaken

Street and Olsen Street including the approach to the bridge over the South Fork of the Palouse River. Streets on campus that are on the list for future resurfacing are Monroe Street from Colorado Street to California Street, California Street from B Street to Ruby Street, Ruby Street from California Street to Colorado Street, and A Street. Most, if not all of these streets were constructed with large aggregate asphalt so they will need to be completely excavated and reconstructed and will be more expensive than normal.

The City of Pullman's section of Stadium Way, from Grand Avenue to Colorado/Orchard Streets, is in need of repaving due to rutting and distress cracking. The total estimate for this repaving project is approximately $1,300,000. Beyond this high cost, further complicating this project is the fact that there is a 12-inch, cast iron water main under the street that needs to be replaced; it has broken at least twice causing substantial damage each time. There is also a large diameter storm drain line along the north side of the street that needs to be replaced. The storm drain project and the first phase of the water line replacement project are currently scheduled for 2012. For Stadium Way, it is also desirable to perform any traffic-disrupting work over the summer period when the student population is down. The concept being investigated is to do this project in phases over two or more years, performing utility work for a section of street followed by the paving work. The details and options are currently being evaluated in a preliminary engineering effort.

An ongoing project that may be of interest is North Grand Widening. With the assistance of a $1,216,000 grant from the state Transportation Improvement Board the City is widening Grand Avenue from the bridge over Missouri Flat Creek near UPS to Nye Street. Most of the widening will be to the east side, the street will be elevated to minimize the impact to adjacent properties, and Ritchie Street will be realigned. The project also includes significant channel improvements to Missouri Flat Creek to compensate for impacts to the floodway and the replacement of a water line and a sewer line that cross under Missouri Flat Creek and the railroad tracks east of the creek. A water line in the street will also be replaced as part of the project scope. A section of sidewalk along the east side of Grand at the Missouri Flat Creek bridge will also be replaced with an asphalt pedestrian path diverging from Grand Avenue along the east side of the creek and then crossing the creek back to Grand Avenue near Ritchie Street. The channel excavation work was completed last fall as well as the abutments for the pedestrian bridge crossing of the creek. A dilapidated building on Grand Avenue was removed and the installation of the water and sewer lines under the railroad tracks was also just recently completed. Other work that will not have a big impact on traffic will be performed this spring. Then, right after WSU graduation in May, the actual road widening work will begin with the aggressive schedule goal of finishing by August 20th. The pedestrian facilities being constructed with this project will provide a connection with College Hill via the path previously constructed up the hill to Maple Street Extension.

Street Signs

The policy that the City of Pullman has had in the past was to repair or replace regulatory and street name signs as the need to do so was noted by or reported to maintenance staff.

With new federal regulations, a more proactive approach is being implemented. By 2015 all regulatory and street name signs need to meet and maintain minimum reflectivity standards. To comply with this mandate, the City is doing mass replacements of signs on a hill-by-hill basis, starting with Military Hill. The new signs will be retroreflective, high intensity signs. These will all be entered into a maintenance program along with the manufacturer's life expectancy for the signs to prompt future replacement of the signs.

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Johnson and the Pullman City Council

From: Gary Jenkins, Chief of Police

Subject: ASWSU Meeting with Council

Date: February 23, 2011

This memo is intended to provide information about two of the items on the agenda for the ASWSU meeting with the Pullman City Council.

Security Camera Grant Applications for High Crime Areas like Greek Row

The Pullman City Council will soon be developing their goals for 2011. These goals are formulated through input from a variety of sources, including Councilors, City department heads, employees, and the public. One of the goals suggested by the Police Department is to review the potential for fixed security cameras at strategic locations. There are some public areas in the City prone to incidents frequently requiring a police response and/or investigation. The Greek Row area of College Hill is an example of an area that would benefit from the presence of security cameras. Fixed security cameras would not only provide critical information to law enforcement for successful investigations and subsequent prosecutions, but would also serve as a deterrent to criminal behavior and make Greek Row a safer place in the community.

The Pullman City Council adopted a similar goal in 2008; however no progress was made beyond a very preliminary assessment of a potential project. The objective of the goal for 2011 would be to conduct an analysis of existing and potential infrastructure to support the goal, cost assessment, and an aggressive search for funding, which will likely involve a grant. It should be noted that the police department is also suggesting a related Council goal for 2011 to review City-wide communications & mesh network capabilities and possibilities. This goal would be particularly beneficial to the infrastructure element of the security camera project analysis.

Self-regulation of Energy Drinks Served by Bars in Greek Row

During the October 12, 2010 joint meeting of ASWSU and the Pullman City Council, ASWSU Senator Bryan Inglin asked if energy drinks were a problem. I reported that we had seen negative impacts from energy drinks. One impact was a rise of blood alcohol levels reported at the hospital. Another impact was an increase in disturbances due to the prolongation of the time subjects are in an

inebriated state as a result of caffeine in energy drinks. ASWSU Senator Grant Eastey suggested talking with various bars and clubs about voluntarily terminating energy drink service at midnight.

Since that meeting, College Hill Beat Officer Don Heroff discussed Senator Eastey's suggestion with management from various bars on College Hill as well as the current impact of energy drinks. They reported that the demand for energy drinks is not what it was last semester. They believe the decline in demand is because energy drink usage was somewhat of a "fad" which is now on the downward trend. They added that the higher cost of energy drinks in comparison with other available drinks has also caused the declining use of energy drinks. Overall they do not feel energy drinks are currently a problem for them.

Our observations are not inconsistent with those expressed by bar managers on College Hill. While we did see an impact from energy drinks last semester, this impact seems to have tapered off, although it has not completely vanished. Other factors affecting this declining trend are the Washington State ban of commercially distributed energy drinks in November, 2010 and the colder weather that this time of year brings, reducing volume and frequency of outdoor parties and activities.

Higher education and funding

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: John Sherman, City Supervisor

RE: Discussion of Higher Education and Tuition Concerns

DATE: February 14, 2011

Given the dire financial situation facing the state of Washington, higher education funding support from the state has been on the chopping block and tuition rates have dramatically increased. This has resulted in program cuts and layoffs at WSU as well as substantial tuition increases in each of the last two academic years. More cuts and tuition increases are on the way in the current legislative session.

We are very concerned about the continuing cuts and tuition increases at WSU. On February 9 we sent the attached letters and resolutions to the Governor and every member of the legislature. We are very hopeful that the Governor and legislature will recognize the importance of higher education and the negative impact of additional substantial tuition increases.

Also attached are copies of two recent newspaper articles that detail the concerns about state cuts in higher education funding and increased tuition rates from a student perspective.

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February 9, 2011

The Honorable Christine O. Gregoire
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Gregoire:

We are writing this letter to again urge your support for higher education funding and reasonable tuition rates. We recognize that the financial outlook for the State of Washington remains extremely bleak as you are trying to deal with a major shortfall in the current budget before addressing the next biennial budget. The numbers are daunting as you wrestle with a $1.1 billion budget shortfall for the current biennium and face the need for $4.6 billion in savings for the 2011-2013 biennium.

How bad is the State of Washington's budget situation compared to other states? According to an article by Amber Gunn of the Evergreen Freedom Foundation:

> For fiscal year 2011, Washington has the third-largest deficit as a percentage of its budget in the nation, at 7.1 percent. Only Illinois and Arizona are in worse shape.

The state of Washington's dire financial situation will continue to have a very negative impact on Pullman's largest local employer, Washington State University. Budget cut after budget cut has been required from WSU in order to address the state budget shortfalls. Almost $25 million is being lost in the latest round of cuts. The cuts include a $13.5 million permanent reduction in state funding and a one-time, $11.2 million state holdback. The cumulative amount of all the cuts that WSU has had to absorb to date is $133 million since June 2009 according to according to WSU Chief Budget Officer Joan King.

It is true that enrollment at WSU continues to set all-time records. However, these high enrollment figures may fall as a result of continuing budget cuts. Excerpts from an article in the January 21, 2011, edition of the *Moscow-Pullman Daily News* stated:

> The state Office of Financial Management reports that every year more than 1,000 students don't get accepted to any state university and decide not to go to college.
>
> With the state facing a steep budget shortfall, student access to a bachelor's degree in Washington may get even scarcer, university officials say.

Because they cannot put off admissions decisions until the Legislature decides what to cut, state universities are planning to enroll fewer in-state students as freshmen next fall. They also will be offering fewer courses, which may make it more challenging for existing students to graduate.

"We need to make sure we are not pricing our students out of higher education," said WSU president Elson Floyd, during testimony to the Senate Higher Education Committee. "We also need to make sure we are maintaining access and opportunity."

The state's financial commitment to higher education has held steady in dollars – about $1 billion a year since two decades ago – but has eroded as a percentage of the state budget and as a fraction of the cost to run the state's colleges and universities, because both have continued to grow.

From the state's perspective, higher education is one of the most inexpensive – some say cheap – and most successful programs Washington taxpayers support, said Aldo Melchiori, staff attorney for the Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee, in testimony before the committee.

"We're third from the bottom in the state cost per degree," Melchiori said. Washington state spends about $33,000 per degree or certificate earned. The national average is more than $46,000.

We know as the "Education Governor" that you understand that investing in both K-12 and Higher Education are keys to our economic recovery. We are attaching two resolutions that our City Council passed within the last year that urge you and the legislature to adequately fund higher education and to keep tuition rates reasonable.

Thanks you for your consideration of these funding requests during your difficult budgetary challenges.

Cordially,

Glenn A. Johnson
Mayor

John Sherman
City Supervisor

RESOLUTION NO. R- 15 -10

A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROTECT HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING, LIMIT TUITION INCREASES, AND PROTECT EDUCATIONAL GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the state of Washington is currently experiencing tremendous budgetary challenges based upon an initial $9 billion shortfall that has now grown by $2.8 billion to a projected $11.8 billion shortfall for the current biennium; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize that there are only limited portions of the state budget that can still be cut in addressing this huge shortfall; and,

WHEREAS, under these dire circumstances higher education funding is particularly vulnerable; and,

WHEREAS, during an eight-year period that saw general state spending increase by nearly 38 percent, the state's investment in higher education dropped by more than seven percent; and,

WHEREAS, not including tuition and fees, the state now provides less than a quarter of Washington State University's operating budget revenues; and,

WHEREAS, due to the current cuts, WSU has already lost $54 million in state funding and 359 positions this biennium; and,

WHEREAS, investments in higher education have been documented to lower crime rates, increase individual income, provide upward career mobility, and greater job and financial security; and,

WHEREAS, one of the best investments for moving out of the recession and into the recovery is to provide increased funding for higher education because of this investment's payoff in employee skill improvement and job creation through technology transfer; and,

WHEREAS, in all probability every city and county within the state has individuals who would benefit from having improved access to higher education; and,

WHEREAS, this important access to higher education is diminished when the cost of tuition exceeds the ability of individuals to make this important investment in their future; and,

WHEREAS, as a land grant institution, part of the core mission of Washington State University is to provide affordable access to students for higher education; and,

WHEREAS, the 14 percent increase in this year's tuition raised the cost to $7,600 per year at WSU; and,

WHEREAS, federal and state funding for those needing grants and loans in support of their education are also now greatly at

risk due to the budget crisis at the federal and state levels; and,

WHEREAS, we are at risk of losing a generation of students due to higher tuition costs and reduced student access; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pullman that the Governor and Legislature should make the funding of higher education a high priority, limit the size of tuition increases, and support the continued availability of federal and state student grants and loans.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Pullman at a regular meeting held on the 23rd day of February, 2010.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2010.

Mayor Glenn A. Johnson

ATTEST:

Finance Director
William F. Mulholland

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney Laura D. McAloon

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RESOLUTION NO. R- 79 -10

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WSU, INCREASED HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING (INCLUDING FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES), AND REASONABLE TUITION RATES.

WHEREAS, the Pullman City Council adopted a 2010 City Council goal that stated, "Highlight WSU and support higher education, including community colleges"; and,

WHEREAS, Washington State University (WSU) is truly an institution that provides valuable services throughout the entire state due to its home campus in Pullman, its branch campuses in Spokane, the Tri-Cities, and Vancouver, plus its extension offices in all 39 counties; and,

WHEREAS, WSU is a major research university whose grants hit a record high of more than $218 million this year; and,

WHEREAS, WSU ranks among the 25 top favorite universities of companies recruiting new hires, according to a *Wall Street Journal* newspaper survey published on September 13, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, WSU in 2010 experienced a record fall semester enrollment, with a total of 25,996 students enrolling across the university's four campuses in spite of an enrollment cap that reduced the number of freshmen admitted to the Pullman campus; and,

WHEREAS, community colleges provide a great source of education and training throughout the state; and,

WHEREAS, all the state's four-year institutions and community colleges have experienced deep cuts in their state funding; and,

WHEREAS, if one takes the percentage of Washington's population between the ages of 17 and 64 and compares us with other states, we rank 48th in undergraduate enrollment and 49th in graduate enrollment; and,

WHEREAS, national completion rates are moving in the wrong direction with the U.S. ranking 12th worldwide in the percentage of young adults who have degrees; and,

WHEREAS, after already being cut $54 million this 2009-2011 biennium, WSU has now been directed to make two additional cuts of $13.5 million and $11.2 million; and,

WHEREAS, this has reduced the percentage of state support for the WSU budget to only 22 percent; and,

WHEREAS, WSU has already eliminated 359 positions before the two most recent budget cuts; and,

WHEREAS, tuition increased 14 percent in each of the last two school years; and,

WHEREAS, the traditional, on-campus experience is increasingly enjoyed primarily by children of the wealthy or the very poor who are very bright; and,

WHEREAS, as WSU President Elson S. Floyd has stated, "The nation will lose a generation of students due to higher tuition costs and reduced student access"; and,

WHEREAS, an investment in higher education will spawn research that will translate into job creation and economic recovery; and,

WHEREAS, an investment in higher education will equip us with a well trained, highly competitive workforce; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the city of Pullman that the Governor and Washington State Legislature make the funding of higher education a high priority in spite of the current economic challenges that the state faces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in funding higher education, the Governor and Legislature consider sources of funding other than drastic tuition increases.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the city of Pullman at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of October, 2010.

DATED this 13th day of October, 2010.

Mayor Glenn A. Johnson

ATTEST:

Finance Director
William F. Mulholland

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney Laura D. McAloon

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From: Jensen, Michol Ann
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