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Substitute resolution supporting the establishment of a Job Corps program in the City of Milwaukee. This resolution expresses the City's support for the creation of a federal Jobs Corps campus in the City of Milwaukee. There are now 118 of these campuses, which provide education and job-training to young people, most of whom are high-school dropouts, throughout the country. The City has offered to sell a 23-acre parcel of land between South Howell and South Nicholson Avenues on East College Avenue to the government for one dollar for use as a Job Corps campus.

Whereas, Since its creation in 1964, the federal Job Corps program has educated and trained tens of thousands of young people, most of them high-school dropouts, in the hope of preparing them to secure steady employment in positions that pay family-supporting wages; and

Whereas, This training takes place at the 118 campus-like residential centers, open 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, operated by the Job Corps, where students are afforded a supervised place to live as well as study; and

Whereas, According to statistics published by the State of Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development, the State in general and Milwaukee County in particular may face a severe worker shortage in the near future, with as many as 80,000 workers expected to retire annually over the next 20 years; and

Whereas, Despite being the largest city in the State of Wisconsin, and despite the fact that the metropolitan area has a demonstrable need for new, skilled employees, the nearest Job Corps campus to Milwaukee is actually more than 200 miles away at the Blackwell Job Corps in Laona, Wisconsin, in the Nicolet National Forest; and

Whereas, The State of Wisconsin ranks 46th nationwide in terms of the percentage of low-income youth and young adults served by Job Corps sites; and

Whereas, The Department of Labor is currently searching nationwide for a location on which to build 2 new Job Corps campuses; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee has offered to make a 23-acre site perfectly suited to accommodate the "footprint" of a Job Corps campus available to the government for the purchase price of one dollar; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City supports the establishment

of a Job Corps site in Milwaukee and urges Richard C. Trigg, National Director, Office of Job Corps, to favorably consider the City's application in this regard; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to all the members of the City of Milwaukee's Congressional delegation.

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