



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

April 2, 2024

SPONSORED BY

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AGENDA ITEM

24-065 - Resolution to Support the CHERISH Act and Our Public Colleges

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, The public colleges and universities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are the foundation of our communities and democracy; and

Whereas, the State Legislature has devastatingly underfunded Massachusetts public colleges and universities, creating a student debt crisis, limiting access to higher education for poor and working-class students, and forcing many adjunct professors and staff members to be overworked and underpaid; and

Whereas, the revenue from the Fair Share Amendment can be allocated towards transformative investments in public colleges and universities to support students, families, and our communities; and

Whereas, the CHERISH Act has overwhelming co-sponsorship among members of the State House and State Senate; now, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we support the CHERISH Act (S.816/H.1260) to reinvest in our public higher education system and urge the legislature to pass it this term.

Be it Further Resolved that we thank Representative Garballey as a lead sponsor and Senator Jehlen, Representative Barber, and Representative Donato for being co-sponsors.

Be it Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be distributed to our state delegation and to the offices of Senate President Spilka, House Speaker Mariano, and Governor Healey.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None