COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Administration	Presenter(s):	County Administrator Jack Krakeel
Meeting Date:	Thursday, August 25, 2011	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of a request for support of efforts to establish a "Certified Literate Community" Program in Fayette County.

Background/History/Details:

For many years efforts have been underway to provide adult education opportunities in our community, including GED classes and literacy programs. Currently, Southern Crescent Technical College (formerly Griffin Tech) offers classes at the Lafayette Learning Center weekly, both days and evenings.

Sponsors of the program and others are seeking to attain status as what is known as a "Certified Literate Community" for Fayette County. Part of attaining certification includes gathering support of leadership throughout the local community, from both private and public sector leadership.

The Commissioners are being asked to support their cause by passing a resolution stating so. No funding is requested and there is no obligation to the County for funding in the future.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Adopt Resolution No. 2011-14 supporting efforts to establish a "Certified Literate Community" Program in Fayette County.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

None

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

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August 15, 2011

Ms. Judy Cook-Snider
Executive Director
Fayette County Certified Literate Community, Inc.
Lafayette Educational Center
205 Lafayette Avenue, Building E
Fayetteville, GA 30214

Dear Ms. Cook-Snider:

The Fayette County Board of Commissioners would like to endorse your efforts to make Fayette County a Certified Literate Community. As a local government, we certainly realize that there is a great need for making literacy a community-wide commitment. Our leadership understands that the fight against illiteracy must be a collaborate effort and must involve all aspects of our community.

We, the Fayette County Commissioners, vow to do our part in making Fayette County a more literate community. We could do this by giving moral support and, by allowing a speaker to give an informative talk at one of our meetings.

Illiteracy in our County is linked with many social ills such as welfare dependency, high school dropout rates, and a low-functioning workforce. Hopefully, we can remedy all of these maladies by working together as a strong and supportive Certified Literate Community.

Sincerely,

Herb Frady, Chairman
Fayette County Board of Commissioners

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RESOLUTION NO. 2011-14

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CERTIFIED
LITERATE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The level of adult literacy within any community has a great impact on employability and overall productivity and success of that community; and

WHEREAS, Functional literacy skills contribute to the emotional, physical, and economic well-being of our local citizens and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County concurs with local effort to improve the literacy levels of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, The "Certified Literate Community Program" will assist greatly in increasing adult literacy skills of the citizens of our community, thereby enhancing the socio-economic wellbeing of our community as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA hereby endorses efforts currently underway to establish our community as a "Certified Literate Community". Further, in keeping with the intent of the certification process, the Board of Commissioners hereby acknowledges and recognizes Fayette County's Certified Literate Community Program Committee and the on-going work of the Committee. We extend our appreciation and best wishes to those who unselfishly work to provide education opportunities to our local citizens who are in need.

So resolved this 25th day of August, 2011 by the

BOARD OF COMMISISONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Herbert E. Frady, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Deputy Clerk