

Gwinnett Technical College Resolution

Mayor Galambos Position

I favor the city of Sandy Springs competing against Roswell and Alpharetta in the competition to land a campus of the Gwinnett technical college in our community for the following reasons:

1. an educational institution is a huge generator of economic growth. Employers choose locations where they can obtain trained staff, or send current staff for more training. This will help fill our office buildings and attract more firms to the Sandy Springs office and health services market.

2. Nobody wanted Northside Hospital when it sought zoning in the 1970's. Everyone was afraid of traffic and change. That is a natural human reaction, but not in keeping with vision for a healthy community. People also objected violently in Sandy Springs to Ga 400. Where would we be without it today in terms of the healthy tax base for Sandy Springs?.

3. We are planning a \$2.5 million investment from the City, matched by similar amt. from the business community. We can continue in the future on our path with infrastructure improvements and capital plans and still make this expenditure. Our fund balances are sufficient to allow this.

4. The MARTA site is already zoned for over 1 million sq.ft of offices. There will be more traffic regardless of whether it is a college or an office complex. We will have to improve the road in either event.

5. This will provide for dual enrollment at North Springs HS for high school students who can begin their occupational certificate of associate degrees at the same time they finish high school. We have a large population in Sandy Springs that needs this program.

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