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|  | Senate of the  Student Government Association at Bakersfield College |

**So Stated by the Senate Resolution**

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Date Passed: DATE

Vote Count: Favorable: 0; Unfavorable: 0; Abstained: 0

**RESOLUTION- Extension of Dining Common Hours to Support On-Campus Housing**

***WHEREAS****, Many formerly incarcerated individuals encounter substantial challenges in proving their residency status and community ties due to the constraints of their prior incarceration, which affects their ability to access in-state tuition and essential educational resources [[1]](#footnote-12770) [[2]](#footnote-17691) [[3]](#footnote-76) [[4]](#footnote-30300) [[5]](#footnote-12413) [[6]](#footnote-29031); and*

WHEREAS, Bakersfield College serves a diverse population of students, many of whom are living in on-campus housing and balancing academic and personal responsibilities; and WHEREAS, students residing in campus housing often have varying schedules due to work, family, and academic commitments that extend beyond traditional operating hours; and WHEREAS, extended library hours are essential for supporting these students in meeting their academic needs, providing them with the necessary time and space for study, research, and collaboration; and WHEREAS, enhancing access to library resources during non-traditional hours can help alleviate the stress students face, improve their academic performance, and promote overall well-being; and WHEREAS, the availability of a supportive academic environment contributes significantly to student retention and success at Bakersfield College; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bakersfield College Student Government advocates for the extension of library hours to provide equitable access for all students, particularly those in on-campus housing, who rely on these resources for their studies; and AND FURTHER, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Bakersfield College administration work collaboratively with student representatives to identify funding sources and develop a timeline for implementing these extended library hours in a manner that prioritizes student needs.

*I, BCSGA Secretary, certify that this resolution originated by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association on December 6th, 2024.*

*BCSGA Secretary Date*

*We the Bakersfield College Student Body support this resolution on DATE.*

*BCSGA Vice President Date*

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