

From: [Turner, Michele](#)
To: [Ward, Tamera](#)
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fwd: Resolution 2023-048 ballot measure to move borough elections to November
Date: Monday, July 3, 2023 1:33:54 PM

Public comment for Resolution 2023-048

Michele Turner, CMC
Acting Borough Clerk
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From: **Donna Aderhold** <donnagrace99@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 3, 2023 at 1:22 PM
Subject: Resolution 2023-048 ballot measure to move borough elections to November
To: <bhibbert@kpb.us>, <rderkevorkian@kpb.us>, <pribbens@kpb.us>, <tysoncox@kpb.us>, <belam@kpb.us>, <cecklund@kpb.us>, <bjohnson@kpb.us>, <mtupper@kpb.us>, <assemblyclerk@kpb.us>

Dear Assembly Members,

I request that you slow down and take time to consider Resolution 2023-048 which would add a ballot measure to the October election to move borough elections to November. I am elected to the Homer City Council but I am writing as an individual because the city council just learned of this resolution at our last meeting and there is not time for us to weigh in as a body before you consider this resolution at your July 11 meeting. The issue of elections timing is complex and should be fully explored before including a ballot measure on the regular election ballot.

Within cities, borough and city elections are conducted together, and I am grateful that our borough and city clerks' offices work closely together to make those elections happen. Voters in cities barely notice that two separate elections are taking place because the coordination is so seamless. Behind the scenes there is a lot of work happening to make this possible, including cost-sharing agreements.

If the borough assembly is interested in asking the voters about moving elections to November, the assembly should work collaboratively with each of the cities within the borough so that similar ballot measures may be included on city ballots at the same time the measure is placed on the borough ballot. The majority of the assembly and all city councils should be on board with these ballot measures and the change in election timing so that all bodies may advocate for the change based on the same talking points. It would be unfortunate for the ballot measure to pass in some but not all cities and the borough.

Assemblymember Derkevorkian has prepared a memorandum with pros and cons of making the change, and I appreciate that he has thought out some of the issues. The various elected bodies in

the borough, along with clerks, election workers, and borough and city residents, should all be engaged in discussion of the various pros and cons to vet them, add data to them, and make a collective determination as to whether the pros outweigh the cons to the extent that the ballot measure(s) should go to the voters.

At this point in time, I am not for or against a ballot measure to move the borough election date, but I do believe the assembly, and associated city councils, should be very deliberative in assessing the appropriateness of asking the voters to decide on the change. I ask you to slow this down, work with city councils across the borough, and possibly reserve the ballot measure for the 2024 election based on the outcome of a thorough vetting.

Thank you for your service to our borough and for considering my comments.

Donna Aderhold
Homer City Resident
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Public Comment Resolution 2023-048

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Cc: Mayor Peter Micciche <pmicciche@kpb.us>; Turner, Michele <MicheleTurner@kpb.us>
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Resolution 2023-048

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Hello All,

I'm writing to request that Resolution 2023-048, which would put a question on the October KPB ballot to change Borough election dates from October to the first Tuesdays of November, be postponed or defeated at your July 11, 2023 Assembly meeting.

While the question has merit and is worthy of public discussion and debate, the timing of this resolution prevents meaningful public input, especially from the Cities in the Borough whose election processes would be seriously impacted by the changes if adopted.

By postponing this resolution you would give time for the voters to fully understand the consequences and give more meaningful input to the Assembly. Postponement would also give the Cities adequate time to review, discuss and provide their respective Councils to schedule discussions and public hearings.

Thank you for considering postponing this resolution which, if adopted, could have serious and potentially unintended consequences.

Willy Dunne
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From: [Turner, Michele](#)
To: [Ward, Tamera](#)
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Res. 2023-048
Date: Friday, July 7, 2023 9:05:02 AM

Public Comment Resolution 2023-048

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From: Bob Shavelson <bobshavelson@gmail.com>
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Dear Assembly Members -

Please postpone your vote on Resolution 2023-048 until you and members of the public can better understand the cost and feasibility implications of changing the KPB election date. It's important to keep our local elections nonpartisan and coordinated with municipal elections.

Thank you -

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Bob Shavelson
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Homer, AK

From: [Turner, Michele](#)
To: [Ward, Tamera](#)
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>re: Res. 2023-048
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Public Comment Resolution 2023-048

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Dear AssemblyPresident Johnson and Members.

I believe the above Resolution should be carefully considered, and postponed,' until you can hear from the impacted cities.

It is a great idea, but one wrought with many problems, people go to vote and have to stand in two lines?

Why not go to a mail in ballot, that seems to have worked well for Anchorage, and should do well on the Kenai.

It is too bad you no longer have Johni Blankenship in the Clerks Office, she would have been a great resource for you. Am sure Mochelle Turner is too.

Please post pone this resolution, it does not belong on the ballot this year. Give it more time and input.

Thank you.

Milli Martin
P.O. Box 2652
Homer, AK 99603

From: [Turner, Michele](#)
To: [Ward, Tamera](#)
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fwd: Resolution 2023-048
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Public comment Resolution 2023-048

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From: Franco Venuti <fcvenuti@gmail.com>
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From: **Franco Venuti** <fcvenuti@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jul 7, 2023 at 9:44 AM
Subject: Fwd: Resolution 2023-048
To: assemblyclerk@kpb.us <assemblyclerk@kpb.us>

Hello Assembly Clerk Michelle Turner,
(FYI)

I sent this letter to the assembly members and cc'd you at michelleturner@kpb.us. It was returned. I just wanted you to have a copy of what was sent to the assembly members through the KPB email. Thank you for working so hard to get the public information regarding meetings.

Caroline Venuti
907-399-8728

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From: **Franco Venuti** <fcvenuti@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 1:06 PM

Subject: Resolution 2023-048

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6 July 2023

Dear Assembly Members,

I proudly serve as an elected member of the Homer City Council, but I am writing this letter as an individual. The Homer City Council first heard of Resolution 2023-048 at our June 26th meeting. We do not meet before this important Resolution goes before the Borough Assembly on July 11. This does not allow us as a council body to discuss this change to voting dates and consider all the ramifications of this change.

Our meetings are taped as part of KBBI radio service, and the listening audience depends on this way to keep informed on city and borough issues. With the quick turnaround of the Resolution, the public is not kept informed.

This is alarming to me as a voter.

I am suggesting that this complex issue be given more time for all entities that are involved to have a public discussion to consider if this is ready to be a ballot measure on this year's ballot. What is the rush? Time for collaboration between the Assembly and all the cities in the borough so everyone can be on board

for the pros and cons of such a measure is critical. Getting that understanding of the pros and cons to the voters is the key to this change in voting dates.

The clerks, election workers, and residents need to be able to look at this Resolution to determine the pros and cons to the budget and voting turnout. Those might be reasons for this change- less money spent and an increased voting turnout are what would interest me. I don't see that addressed in the pros and cons put forth by the Resolution sponsor. Data is needed for those points to be true.

I do not have a position on the amendment, but moving quickly on this without getting the maximum amount of involvement from the voting public is not transparent.

Please consider reserving this resolution for the election in 2024. This would be a prudent, wise action to take so that the cities, election workers, and voters can be informed. That is what we expect from the Assembly.

I thank you for your service to the Borough.

Caroline Venuti
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From: [Turner, Michele](#)
To: [Ward, Tamera](#)
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Regarding Resolution 2023-048
Date: Monday, July 10, 2023 8:41:57 AM

Public Comment Resolution 2023-048

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ouida Parker <ouidaparker@gmail.com>
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I applaud the Assembly for seeking ways to increase voter turnout. This is indeed a problem. In PROBLEM SOLVING the first step is to identify the problem. That's done. The next step SHOULD be to generate as many potential solutions as possible. You have before you one possible solution. There need to be many more ideas brought forth. They all need to be considered before choosing pieces that form the best solution. I believe, in setting forth a specific Advisory Question, you undermine the process. The public will likely assume the Assembly has already done the due diligence search and that is simply not the case.

I believe in the course of looking at pros and cons of all suggestions certain difficulties will come up regarding this particular solution. I was an election worker for a number of years in Soldotna. In those elections when we had two registers to be signed and not everyone got the same ballots, there was always much confusion among the voting public and the staffing needs for election workers was significantly increased.

However these concerns are not paramount at this point. Please allow the PROCESS of finding the best solution to work its magic.

Thank you
Ouida Parker, Soldotna

From: [Turner, Michele](#)
To: [Ward, Tamera](#)
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Resolution 2023-048
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Public Comment Resolution 2023-048

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From: Tim Whip <outlook_985E738C48F9D59B@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 8:59 AM
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Hello Assembly Members,

I am writing in response to Resolution 2023-048 a ballot measure to move borough elections to November. As a member of the Borough, I would like you to vote “no” on this resolution as there is not adequate time for the public to weigh in on the issue.

I would like to have a cost analysis to both the Borough and the Cities. This analysis needs to include the communities that will be affected within the Borough such as Cooper Landing, Moose Point, Hope, Tebugna, Nanwalek, Port Graham and others.

I think this resolution is a good entry point for the KPB Assembly to start a working group that will make recommendations on increasing voter turnout throughout the Kenai Borough.

Thanks for your time and your service to the Kenai,

Tim Whip

Fritz Creek, AK

907-299-2539

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July 10, 2023

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members, Madame Clerk and Mayor,

I write regarding Resolution 2023-048 on the July 11 Agenda.

I urge the Assembly to put this Resolution aside. Please consider my comments and observations.

I am an election worker for the Diamond Ridge precinct in the Homer area. When I was first asked to work in 2020 it was difficult to recruit election workers. It is a long day, 14-16 hours not including the day before set-ups, receiving and picking up of ballots and equipment, coordinating your workers.

Holding a Borough election on the same day would mean 2 sets of workers, 2 tabulators including 2 boxes they sit on, 2 handicap computers/printers. Usually, the City of Homer is the drop-off for all the equipment. Two sets of everything for each precinct, do they have the storage space? They are responsible at the end of the day, between 9-10pm depending, to take equipment back. It seems a large amount of work and potential chaos for 2 City of Homer clerks.

Currently the state's results are submitted digitally. The Borough is attempting to move from submitting via phone lines to digital. Will that overcrowd and lock things up as results are sent in. Know that all results are also on 2 sets of discs and of course the paper ballots.

My precinct votes at the Chamber of Commerce. They are able to stay open for business while the election is held. Having two sets of everything in their facility may not fit well.

Confusion for the voter. You are asking voters to be prepared for multiple elections on one day. A municipal election is a community election – there may be school district, service board members, along with mayor and assembly members and resolutions on the ballot. Voters need to be informed, will they be prioritizing state/federal election information over paying attention to community information? Imagine double the amount of election mail, election signs, election news reports. OVERLOAD: many will simply tune out.

Increasing voter turnout, maybe. But will this decrease City election turnout?

The city councils and clerks need to be more fully informed of the additional work for them, including costs. And if the Borough election is moved away from City election, will they even want to offer their services for it anymore?

Municipal elections are non-partisan. They are not run on party campaigning. I believe holding these elections on the same date would bring added tension and misinterpretations to the elections.

With respect,

Therese Lewandowski

From: [Turner, Michele](#)
To: [Ward, Tamera](#)
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Oppose Resolution 2023-048
Date: Monday, July 10, 2023 1:21:27 PM

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Dear Assembly Members,

I am very concerned about Resolution 2023-048. There are too many unknowns and, perhaps, unintended consequences to putting this on the ballot before the public and municipalities have time to consider this subject.

Once the public votes - no matter how uneducated they are, they will expect that their advisory vote will be carried out. The time to do the research and find out the answers is BEFORE an advisory vote - not after!

The stated purpose behind this resolution is to increase voter turnout. The Mat-Su Borough has been held up as an example of this change that has worked, but in fact, the municipalities lost voter turnout after the change. Increasing voter turnout for one level at the cost of voter turnout on another level does not make sense. Though you are working for the borough you must also work for solutions that work for all the residents and this is one that does not seem to work for municipalities.

There are other ways to work on increasing voter turnout. There are many people and some organizations that would be very interested in helping to increase voter turnout. A task-force of stakeholders should be formed to work on this important issue and make sure all concerns are explored.

Tina Seaton
Kachemak City

From: [Turner, Michele](#)
To: [Ward, Tamera](#)
Subject: FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 9:04:48 AM

Public Comment Resolutions 2023-048 & 2023-049 and Ordinance 2023-15

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From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 10:44 PM
To: BoroughAssembly <Borough-Assembly@kpb.us>; Mayor's Department <MayorDepartmental@kpb.us>
Cc: Turner, Michele <MicheleTurner@kpb.us>
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Joan Corr

Your Email: corrjoan@hotmail.com

Subject: 2023-048, 2023-049, 2023-15

Message:

Picking up my son and his wife in Anchorage tomorrow night, so will miss the meeting tomorrow night. If 2023-048 wants to change our election day from October to our national election day, I am all for it! If 2023-049 wants to prohibit males from competing in women's sports, I am all for that. If you're born with a penis, you don't play in women's sports, even if you cut it off. And then Ordinance 2023-15 is a big disappointment. Needs to go back to the drawing board. It is less clear and does not incorporate any of the suggestions and safeguards recommended in the recent past. Very disappointing. Joan Corr

From: [Turner, Michele](#)
To: [Ward, Tamera](#)
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Resolution 2023-048
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From: Adam Sanchez <adamsremodeling@icloud.com>
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I support resolution 2023-048 to place an advisory question on the ballot.

Please pass this on to the assembly members.
Thank you

Adam Bertoldo

From: [Turner, Michele](#)
To: [Ward, Tamera](#)
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Elections
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From: Hal & Susan McLaneSmith <macsmith869@gmail.com>
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Clerk, Please pass this email to the Assembly members. Thank you.

Please do not pass this resolution re Borough elections. Changing the date will have major repercussions, mostly negative, and needs much more thought and consideration before taking an action like this. Thank you, Hal Smith MD, Homer.