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ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS
RESOLUTION 2013-072

- 22. Stacy Oliva..... Port Nikiski
- 23. Cliff Alston.....Soldotna
- 24. Susan Stephenson, Richard Totten, Marylou Totten Sterling

Date: October 22, 2013

Subject: Resolution 2013-072 Hospital Revenue Bonds

To: KPB Assembly, Mayor, Clerk

There are many unanswered questions in the proposed referenced resolution. The first one is, "why is this item placed on the consent agenda?" How responsible is it not allowing full public debate before a decision of this magnitude is made? There should be at least two public hearings to fully examine this issue. If the Assembly cannot explain terms of the bond sale or operating agreement, then they should not be voting on it!

Forty three million dollars is a lot of money especially when added to the Boroughs previous bond balance. Voters should be consulted before encumbering the hospital and future revenues of our hospital. Whether required or not, why was this not on the recent municipal election ballot? The next acceptable election to vote on these bonds is October 2014. A special election on this issue is NOT acceptable.

The hospital has a healthy fund balance which could be used to reduce the bond amount and does not seem to be offered at this time. Why?

Please vote NO on Resolution 2013-072 until you, as a governing body, can answer all these reasonable questions and consult with KP Borough Voters.

Thank you,

Stacy A Oliva

Port Nikiski

From: Alston, Clifford J. <calston@cpgh.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 4:02 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Support for the Cancer Center

Hello,

I wish to voice my support for the proposed cancer center and specialty clinics being proposed by Central Peninsula Hospital. I should note that I have only been with CPH for 8 weeks and in Alaska for 8.5 weeks so I offer insight from outside. Growth is going to happen within the community as more individuals each year move to the state of Alaska. With that growth comes individuals with multiple medical problems and sadly cancer is one of those disease processes that our local citizens and even tourist to the area have to face. While some of the patients can be treated here, CPH currently does not have the resources to treat all individuals that need the treatment and as such must refer them out to Anchorage. This causes undue stressors on the patients and the families and the local economy as individuals are faced with moving closer to treatment. In the case of tourist, individuals research where they are going to ensure that there are resources available to treat their needs and if not, then they are likely to chose to go elsewhere for vacation.

Coming from a larger organization to a much smaller facility, I am nonetheless impressed with the commitment CPH and the leadership and staff have for the local community. The door is never closed to anyone and the care provided here is second to none. This facility has some of the highest marks in standards in the country and one of the few Planetree facilities within the nation. When I was considering going somewhere for my new job, I looked for several factors and CPH and Soldotna attracted me for the compassion and warmth they offer the individual. We need to grow to meet the needs of the community now but especially to prepare for the future. The future will bring change and we need to be ready to embrace it and not deny the need. Please support CPH as they strive to meet the needs. One day those needs may be your own if it is not already.

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From: Susan Stephenson <scstephenson@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 3:11 PM
To: Wolf, Kelly; Smalley, Hal; Tauriainen, Ray; Murphy, Linda; Pierce, Charlie; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Smith, Bill; Haggerty, Mako; Blankenship, Johni
Subject: \$43Million Bond Package for new CPGH addition

We are in Assembly member Pierce's district and are for the subject approval. The hospital and its growth is important to us and to the area covered by the CPGH. We unfortunately still must travel to Anchorage for back, heart and cancer specialties even with the growth of some new practices in cancer, urology and back. With improved hospital access, more specialty doctors will locate here. The CPGH is financially stable and provides excellent care and services allowable under present circumstances. VOTE to APPROVE October 22, 2013.

Additionally, please take note that the voters in Mr. Pierce's district support his actions, priorities and common sense on the Assembly. He does not just go with the consensus; or use his position to represent his own interests; or disclose proprietary info to the press or friends. He is a listener, however will strongly voice his views and outrage when common sense has been lost or politics and/or, personal interests seem to be influencing assembly decisions. He is a strong advocate for seeing things done right and in the best interests of the borough as a whole!!!!

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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