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FW: Public Testimony in SUPPORT of KPB Ordinance 2015-15

From: M & M <akmatrix2010@yahoo.com>

Date: June 14, 2015 at 3:24:36 PM AKDT

To: Johni Blankenship <jblankenship@kpb.us>

Subject: Public Testimony in SUPPORT of KPB Ordinance 2015-15

Reply-To: M & M <akmatrix2010@yahoo.com>

To All KPB Assembly Members:

I support passage of KPB Ordinance 2015-15 and urge you to do the same.

Every issue has two sides and when it comes to voting on borough ballot propositions the public has a right to know what the two sides are. That's how people make informed decisions.

A fully informed voter is essential to the continuation of our form of government. Anything done to limit information to the voters should be rejected at every opportunity.

KPB Ordinance 2015-15 is an opportunity to correct a bad section of code that makes no sense at all to a regular thinking person.

Let all KPB elections be open, transparent and informed. Not something more dark and sinister.

Please vote YES on KPB Ordinance 2015-15. It's the right thing to do!

Thank you,

Mike McBride
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FW:

From: John C. Davis [<mailto:jcdavis@gci.net>]

Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 4:34 PM

To: Blankenship, Johni

Subject:

Dear Ms. Blankenship: Please read this into the record and deliver to all Assemblymen. Thank You.

To all Assemblymen.....The time has come to pass KPB Ordinance 2015-15. As your constituents we all have the right to know both sides of any issue on which we are asked to vote. Please vote to pass this Ordinance.

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Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenneth Brown <kenmoose60@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 1:23 AM
To: Wolf, Kelly; Gilman, Blaine; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Cooper, Kelly; Haggerty, Mako; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
Subject: Ordinance 2015-15

Dear Assembly Member,

Please **Vote YES on Ordinance 2015-15** which would restore the right to include pro and con statements for ballot propositions in the Voter Information Guide. Citizens deserve to hear both sides of the issue when voting for a ballot proposition.

Last year Assemblyman Bill Smith introduced Ordinance 2014-24 to repeal the capability of submitting a pro and con statement. The assembly unfortunately passed Mr. Smith's ordinance. This took away citizens' rights from the voters, and the sponsors of initiatives and referendums: **Ordinance 2015-15, introduced by Assemblyman Dale Bagley and co-sponsored by Assemblyman Kelly Wolf, would correct this and restore the right to include pro and con statements in the Voter Information Guide.**

Please Vote YES on Ordinance 2015-15:

- Having the capability to provide a pro or con statement for a ballot proposition in the Voter Information Guide **will likely help voters make a more informed voting decision.**
- It **restores freedom of speech** in our election process and **strengthens the democratic process.**
- This ordinance very closely **aligns with the State of Alaska's election codes.**
 - The State of Alaska Division of Elections **allows for both pro and con statements** AND rightly **does NOT require a con statement** for a pro statement to be printed. So if only a pro statement or only a con statement is submitted, then it shall be printed. Also, if both a pro and con statement are submitted, then both will be printed. This allows for an individual or group who is in favor OR opposition of a proposition to **exercise their freedom of speech** and at the same time **allows voters to make a more informed decision.**
 - The Borough Clerk would **offer the pro statement to the initiative or referendum sponsor. The borough would have the option of following state procedure for con statements.** The state checks with APOC (Alaska Public Offices Commission) to identify any group that opposes the ballot proposition. If an opposing group is registered with APOC, authorship of a con statement is offered to such a group that has registered the earliest with APOC. If no opposition is identified, then the state checks with the Lt. Governor's Office for any individual or group that opposes the proposition. If nobody has interest in submitting a con statement, then only a pro statement is printed if one was submitted.

Again, I urge you to **Vote YES on Ordinance 2015-15.** Thank you.

Sincerely, Ken Brown

Subject: FW: please support ord. 2015-15

From: joalaska <joalaska@ptialaska.net>
Date: June 16, 2015 at 3:20:01 PM AKDT
To: <kwolf@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Subject: please support ord. 2015-15

To All KPB Assembly Members:

I support passage of KPB Ordinance 2015-15 and urge you to do the same.

Let all KPB elections be open, transparent and informed. Give us the information on BOTH sides, so that we can make an informed choice.

Thank you,

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