

PUBLIC COMMENTS
ORDINANCE 2017-02
March 21, 2017 Assembly Meeting

1. Karen Martin Tichenor..... Oppose
2. Rev. Jon Watson Oppose
3. Rev. Stephen Brown* Oppose
4. Mary Huff* Support
5. Janice Higbee Support
6. Jason Herreman* Support
7. Duncan Wanamaker Support
8. Harold Spence..... Support
9. Camille Rohrer Support
10. Melissa Reichman Support
11. Angela A. Head Support
12. Robert Archibald..... Support
13. Bjorn Olson Support
14. Kimberlee McNett Support
15. Jennifer Edwards Support
16. Peg Peterson..... Support
17. Dave Swarthout Support
18. Amy Christiansen Support
19. Justin Nusunginya Support
20. Gloria Mumm..... Support
21. Douglas Caldwell..... Support
22. Katie Gavenus Support
23. Josephine Rice Support
24. Scott Burbank Support
25. Marianne Aplin Support
26. Nicole McKenney Support

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- 27. Sue Mauger..... Support
- 28. Jeanne Parker Support
- 29. Roy J. Wilson Support
- 30. Donna Beran Support
- 31. Ingrid Harrald..... Recommendations
- 32. George Overpeck Support
- 33. Ann Oberlitner Support
- 34. Luke Ringenberg Oppose
- 35. Andy Layton Oppose
- 36. Rodney Sawyer Oppose
- 37. Sean Hoffbeck..... Oppose
- 38. Peter Neumann..... Oppose
- 39. Bryon Bruckner Oppose
- 40. John R. Brown Oppose
- 41. Jon Blankmeyer..... Oppose
- 42. Richard Steele Oppose
- 43. Tyler Ideker Oppose
- 44. David Helwig Oppose
- 45. Andy Robblee..... Oppose
- 46. Jim Pellgren..... Oppose
- 47. Tim Hedberg Oppose
- 48. Aida Brown Oppose
- 49. Adam London..... Oppose
- 50. Matthew Mooney..... Oppose
- 51. Greg Houser Oppose
- 52. Brent Martin Oppose

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- 53. Rich Van Pelt Oppose
- 54. Kyle Rudy Oppose
- 55. Doug Ideker Oppose
- 56. Richard Page Oppose
- 57. Greg Magione Oppose
- 58. Chris Williams Oppose
- 59. Jeremy Hyra Oppose
- 60. Louise Lyon Recommendations
- 61. James Fields Oppose
- 62. Eric Rozenboom Oppose
- 63. Jeremiah Emmerson* Recommendations
- 64. Brian Olson Recommendations
- 65. Douglas Westphal Recommendations
- 66. Denise Jantz Recommendations
- 67. Marylou Burton Recommendations
- 68. Colleen Prevost Support
- 69. Carol Harding Support
- 70. John Bushell Support
- 71. Eric Knudtson Support
- 72. Kathleen Gustafson Support
- 73. Shawn Aspelund Oppose
- 74. Jacqueline (Jackie) Smith Oppose
- 75. Barbara West Oppose
- 76. Eric Skjold Oppose
- 77. Joy Skjold Oppose
- 78. Deborah Sonberg Oppose

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- 79. Ben Schoffmann..... Oppose
- 80. Martha Schoffmann..... Oppose
- 81. Chris Anderson*..... Oppose
- 82. Paul Dungan..... Support
- 83. J. Matthews..... Support
- 84. Derek Reynolds..... Support
- 85. Jessica Tenhoff..... Recommendations
- 86. Linda Gorman Support
- 87. Barrett Fletcher Support
- 88. Frank Alioto..... Oppose
- 89. Tom Wofford Oppose
- 90. Andy Anderson Oppose
- 91. Kate Miley Oppose
- 92. Jessica Martin Oppose
- 93. Chris Hamilton Oppose
- 94. Joyce Wesselman..... Oppose
- 95. Wilma Morgan Oppose
- 96. Vic Sneed Oppose
- 97. Robbi Mixon..... Support
- 98. Sean Wedemeyer Support
- 99. Brandon Grosvenor Oppose
- 100. Michelle Short..... Support
- 101. Kristy Miller* Oppose
- 102. Pastor Andrew Miller* Oppose
- 103. Laurie A. Benson Support
- 104. Sylvia Oppose

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105.	Ken Landfield*	Support
106.	Elizabeth Kandror	Support
107.	zeboelizabet@gmail.com	Support
108.	Jim Chipman	Oppose
109.	Rex Lauber	Oppose
110.	Carolin Keith Wade	Oppose
111.	Ann Agosti-Hackett	Support
112.	David Anderson	Support
113.	Karen Berger	Support
114.	William D. and Marianne Schlegelmilch	Support
115.	Charles Grimsley	Oppose
116.	Julie Anderson	Oppose
117.	Scott and Kathryn Meyer	Support
118.	Jim Reiser*	Support
119.	Richard Giessel	Oppose
120.	Eric Johnson	Oppose
121.	Robert K. Wall	Oppose
122.	Lawrence Brown	Oppose
123.	Victor M. Sneed III	Oppose
124.	Emily Garrity	Support
125.	Dennis Linnell	Oppose
126.	Scott Torrison	Oppose
127.	Mark Froeschner	Oppose
128.	Rhonda Ecker*	Support
129.	Ryan Maxwell*	Oppose
130.	Jack Porter	Oppose

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131.	Jim Hamilton	Oppose
132.	Ruth and Bob West.....	Oppose
133.	David Bunts	Oppose
134.	Larry Wood	Oppose
135.	Anna Marie Oudal.....	Oppose
136.	Mike Byerly	Support
137.	Maylil Spady.....	Oppose
138.	Tracey Bunts	Oppose
139.	Jay Hill	Oppose
140.	Michael Emerson	Oppose
141.	Billy Bruce*	Oppose
142.	Larry Semmens	Oppose
143.	Lisa J. Roberts*	Oppose
144.	Diane Koch	Oppose
145.	Clara Torrison.....	Oppose
146.	Greg Krieger	Oppose
147.	Leann McCaughey*	Oppose
148.	JoAnne Noyles	Oppose
149.	Andrew Stemp	Oppose
150.	Lisa Hamilton	Oppose
151.	Brad Rud	Oppose
152.	Al Nelson	Oppose
153.	Judy Nelson.....	Oppose
154.	Kathryn Kole*	Oppose
155.	Michele Hartline*	Oppose
156.	Bill Hartline*	Oppose

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157.	Juanita Ross	Oppose
158.	Mike Barlow	Oppose
159.	Dan Spooner	Oppose
160.	Holly VanPelt	Support
161.	Joann Odd*	Oppose
162.	Marjorie Ringer	Support
163.	Ross Skjold	Oppose
164.	Monica Skjold	Oppose
165.	Sandy King.....	Oppose
166.	Norm Olson.....	Oppose
167.	Diana Carbonell*	Support
168.	Mark Swensen	Oppose
169.	Christina Scott.....	Oppose
170.	Will Files.....	Recommendations
171.	Willaim Bruce Hardesty	Oppose
172.	Rachel Pioch.....	Oppose
173.	Ed Oberts	Oppose
174.	Rex Murphy.....	Recommendations
175.	David R. Martindell	Support
176.	Eric Knight	Oppose
177.	Katie Olson.....	Oppose
178.	Casey Olson.....	Oppose
179.	Levi Benner	Oppose
180.	Lia Benner	Oppose
181.	Carmen Olson	Oppose
182.	Nancy Thomason	Oppose

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- 183. Susan Amundson Recommendations
- 184. Lolita Brache Support
- 185. Albert Arakelian Support
- 186. Rebecca Benz Oppose
- 187. Bob Shavelson..... Support
- 188. Judy Gonsalves..... Support
- 189. Kevin Walker Support
- 190. Daniel Layland..... Support
- 191. Brenda Crim Oppose
- 192. Cynthia Antonelli Oppose
- 193. Eric Clarke Recommendations
- 194. Paul Bratton Recommendations
- 195. Karen Murdock Support
- 196. Terrie Ideker Oppose
- 197. Craig Phillips..... Recommendations
- 198. Jane Miles Support
- 199. Kate Finn Support
- 200. Ruby Denison* Oppose
- 201. Barbara Wyatt* Support
- 202. Karolee Hansen* Oppose
- 203. Jo Going Recommendations
- 204. Lynn Spence Support
- 205. Kathy Smith..... Support
- 206. Tom & Cleta Elefritz Oppose
- 207. Jenny Stroyeck* Support
- 208. Dale W. Soldberg Oppose

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209.	Elisa Russ.....	Support
210.	Bill Marshall	Support
211.	Vivian Finley and Clyde Boyer	Support
212.	Janet McIntyre	Oppose
213.	Daniel Del Missier	Support
214.	Steve Gibson	Recommendations
215.	Brad Janorschke.....	Oppose
216.	Michael Seine.....	Oppose
217.	Tom Burg.....	Oppose
218.	Judy Roe	Oppose
219.	Jerry Roe	Oppose
220.	Terry L. Gifford*	Oppose
221.	Kelly Wolf*	Oppose
222.	Tara Schmidt	Support
223.	Fred Braun*	Oppose
224.	Mako Haggerty	Support
225.	M. Frische*	Support
226.	Angela Davis.....	Oppose
227.	Pam Bruce*	Oppose
228.	Doug Van Patten	Support
229.	Ameye Carpenter.....	Oppose
230.	Travis McCullough	Oppose
231.	Wayne Coggins	Oppose
232.	Rev. Paul Hartley.....	Oppose
233.	James Walsh	Oppose
234.	Debbie Hamilton.....	Oppose

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- 235. Kathy Close Oppose
- 236. Kay E. Brown Oppose
- 237. Wendi Okerlund..... Oppose
- 238. Tricia Caron Recommendations
- 239. Elaine Burgess Recommendations
- 240. Kathy Sexton Oppose
- 241. Jeff Koons..... Oppose
- 242. Marianne Merrill..... Oppose
- 243. Marjorie Smith Oppose
- 244. James Spencer Oppose
- 245. Pamela Lynn* Oppose
- 246. Bob Thwing Oppose
- 247. Kathryn MacLeod..... Oppose
- 248. Rob Smaus Oppose
- 249. Daphne Hofschulte Oppose
- 250. Don Devore Oppose
- 251. Lindsay Collier* Oppose
- 252. John Slone..... Oppose
- 253. Melinda Hofstad* Oppose
- 254. Kristi Norman Oppose
- 255. Larry Casey..... Oppose
- 256. Carmen Jameson Oppose
- 257. Stacy Oliva..... Oppose
- 258. Pamela Castenholz..... Oppose
- 259. Donna Moss Oppose
- 260. Kevin K. Chambers Oppose

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261.	Ken Moss.....	Oppose
262.	Doug Gordon	Oppose
263.	Sharon Knowlton	Oppose
264.	Mike Short*	Oppose
265.	John and Lyn Lofquist	Oppose
266.	Mary Maly.....	Support
267.	Katherine Rostad	Oppose
268.	Bruce Wolf	Oppose
269.	Sallie W. Rediske.....	Support
270.	Mary Rowley	Oppose
271.	Melisse Reichman*	Support
272.	Rebecca J. Fuoco*	Oppose
273.	Janel Klein*	Support
274.	Heidi Covey*	Oppose
275.	George R. Siter, Jr. and Shirley A. Siter*	Oppose
276.	Teresa Sundmark*	Support
277.	Jennifer Scheller*	Oppose
278.	Amy Puentes*	Oppose
279.	akhiker73@gmail.com*	Oppose
280.	Richard Minster*	Oppose
281.	Jim Levine*	Recommendations
282.	Sue Post*	Support
283.	Barbara Wyatt*.....	Support
284.	Philip Brown.....	Oppose
285.	Kristi Duffey	Oppose
286.	Mona Hundrup	Oppose

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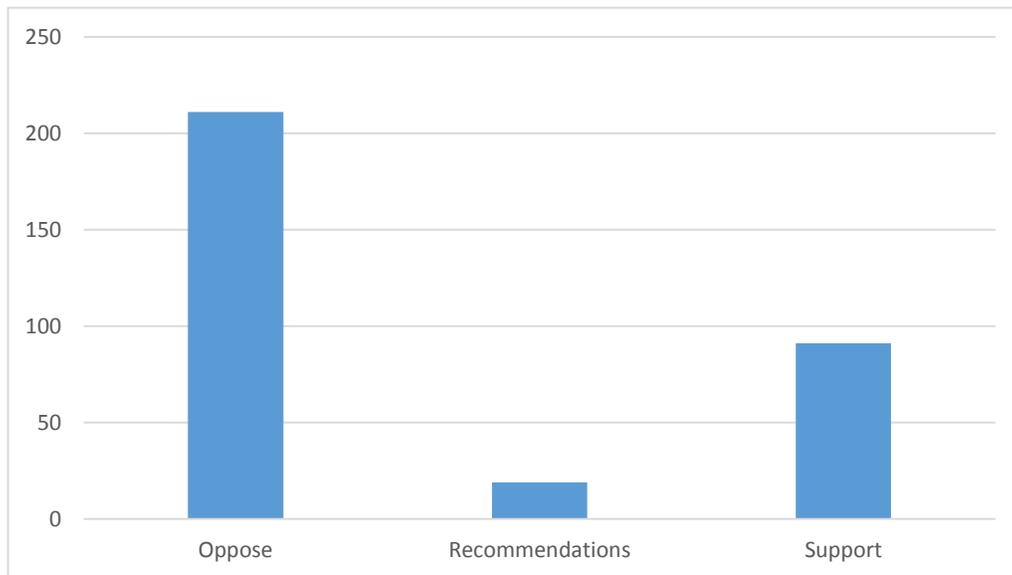
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287.	Michael Mackowiak	Oppose
288.	Rod Perry	Oppose
289.	Grant W. Hunter	Oppose
290.	Renee Sanders	Oppose
291.	John Todd	Oppose
292.	Thomas Wadzinski	Oppose
293.	Joshua B. Smith	Oppose
294.	Lora Reinbold	Oppose
295.	David Kingsland	Oppose
296.	Greg DeHart	Oppose
297.	Tony Roof	Oppose
298.	James and Janice Preston	Oppose
299.	Daniel Gallahorn	Oppose
300.	Karen Davis	Oppose
301.	Kelly Caraway	Oppose
302.	Andrew Brewer	Oppose
303.	Linda Allen	Oppose
304.	Colleen Ward	Oppose
305.	Josiah Alexander	Oppose
306.	John Scott	Oppose
307.	Steve Raney	Oppose
308.	Florie Wilcoxson	Oppose
309.	Susan Jordan	Oppose
310.	Graydon Cowgill	Oppose
311.	Rhoda Myers	Oppose
312.	Richard and Larua Inqlima*	Support

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- 313. Rebecca Hinsberger Oppose
- 314. Dianna Prior* Oppose
- 315. Sarah Rozak..... Oppose
- 316. Constance Schnicke*` Oppose
- 317. Pamela Ables Oppose
- 318. Teresa Winter Support
- 319. Chris and Pat Moss Support
- 320. Durainey Rawls* Oppose
- 321. Gail Sorrels* Oppose
- 322. Donna Lohrke* Oppose



Oppose	211
Recommendations	19
Support	91

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Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 9:00 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Karen Martin Tichenor

Your Email: hope4glory.kmt@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

It is my hope that you will continue having an Invocation at the beginning of your Assembly meetings. It is a sign of wisdom that you put your trust in One greater than yourselves. "In God we trust." Thank you.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 5:34 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Rev Jon Watson

Your Email: jjjet77656@ymail.com

Subject: invocation

Message:

Dear Assembly Members,

I wish to address the subject of the invocation.

This privilege which has a long standing tradition should not be influenced nor abandoned by outside forces. I suggest a policy to be implemented that only allows religious institutions that consistently invest in this community. Our churches have earned that right. We feed the hungry, we provide heating fuel, we provide physical as well as spiritual comfort to this community. ONLY those with an investment in this community should be able to lead the invocation.

This community and the state was outraged and shocked by the satanic publicity stunt of last year.

You must hold to what is right, just and beneficial for our community.

Some things need to never change and prayer to our Sovereign God is one of those.

Sincerely,

Rev Jon Watson

Peninsula Christian Center

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March 9, 2017

Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members:

Greetings.

As the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly once again takes up the thorny issue of invocations at KPBA meetings, I would like to offer this perspective.

Christian representatives have been offering invocations at the invitation of the Assembly for many years. I have had the honor of participating since about 1988. I do so to offer positive, constructive support for the collective efforts of the KPBA and our peninsula citizens. Myself along others who have offered Christian prayers have offered them to this end and not to proselytize, condemn or criticize other belief systems or those who do not identify with faith systems.

Further, something that is rarely part of the discussion is that Christian efforts and organizations have earned the right to be heard. Benevolent outreaches offering clothing, pregnancy support, food, rent, counseling, addiction help, medical expense help, etc. are largely Christian and either no cost or low cost to those being helped. Christians seek to raise the quality of life of our communities and are making this happen with their own money, time and concern. I feel this is the basis on which Christian representatives have been given the invitation to participate. If other religious system representatives demonstrate the commitment of time, money and concern as Christians have, they too can earn the right to be heard.

To make anyone with an ax to grind, compete for attention or to prove some kind of point equal to those who have given, worked and support the good in our communities is patently un-fair and a statement of devaluing the contributions of Christians and Christian organizations. Let those who wish to participate in civic invocations demonstrate their commitment to making the Kenai Peninsula a better place to live and raise our families. This would be fair.

I appreciate your consideration.

Thank you,

Rev. Stephen Brown
47252 Birchrim Lane
Kenai, AK 99611

Blankenship, Johni

From: Mary Huff <flatfish@gci.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 9:43 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ordinance 2017-02

I am asking the Assembly members to please vote yes to do away with the controversial invocations at the beginnings of each Kenai Peninsula Assembly meeting.

I do not want my tax dollars spent on a lawsuit defending a religious based policy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Huff
PO Box 269
Homer, Alaska 99603

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 5:25 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Janice Higbee

Your Email: jambolaya13@yahoo.com

Subject: Invocations

Message:

Dear KPB Assembly Members,

I urge you to vote yes on ordinance 2017-02 to repeal invocations before assembly meetings. The invocation policy is divisive in our community, a waste of borough time and taxpayer dollars. More importantly, it discriminates against borough residents. Unless of course you are of an "approved" religious association and other criteria.

If the intent of an invocation is to accommodate the spiritual needs of the public officials (not the public), perhaps your spiritual needs could be met elsewhere (at your church, temple, synagogue, mosque or in nature).

The borough has important issues to address, most importantly funding borough services without raising taxes. Already \$50,000 has been allocated to defend a lawsuit filed by the ACLU. Win or lose, it could potentially cost taxpayers a lot of money.

Please focus on your responsibility as elected officials to deal with roads, landfills, emergency services, schools and hospitals. Not be the arbiters of religious speech.

Sincerely,

Janice Higbee

Blankenship, Johni

From: jason <jkherreman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 1:03 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: ordinance 2017-02

I would like to ask our assembly members to vote yes on ordinance 2017-02 to do away with the invocations at the beginning of each Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meeting. This issue has been very time consuming and expensive for the Borough and has gotten out of control. Our constitution calls for a clear separation of church and state and the current policy does not represent such a condition. Currently the policy restricts who can give an invocation based on arbitrary rules and as such, we are being sued. this suit will cost more of my hard earned tax dollars for a ridiculous issue. If the assembly had simply gone back to a policy of a moment of silence, we would not be in the situation we are today wasting precious time and money on this issue defending a policy that reflects the beliefs of only a vocal portion of the Assembly's constituents. Please vote yes on 2017-02.

thank you,

Jason Herreman
Kenai Borough Resident

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:28 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Duncan Wanamaker

Your Email: dewanamaker@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

It's time to stop wasting time and resources on this invocation issue. It is not the assembly's business to involve any kind of religious activity in meetings. Drop it. Your religion is a private matter, between you and whatever you believe runs the show. A moment of silence? Sure. Get back to business please.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:42 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Harold Spence

Your Email: hobig@yahoo.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Dear Assembly Members,

Concerning the invocation matter, I recognize this may be a difficult and conflicting matter for some of you, but I must urge you to do away with any formal invocation at the top of Assembly meetings. In my opinion, there simply is no way to have them unless everyone and anyone is equally accommodated, no matter their religion or lack thereof. The constitutionality of any system restricting access in any way would and likely will be challengeable in court and costly to taxpayers. A simple moment of silence would be the best option.

Respectfully,
Harold Spence
Homer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 1:23 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Camille Rohrer

Your Email: candy@xyz.net

Subject: prayer

Message:

Greetings, Please put an end to prayer at assembly meeting and stick to the business of this great Borough. Concensus will not be as we live in too divisive time, so the only solution is to put the prayer to rest and have a moment of silence, so that people can pray to themselves or not. Sincerely, Camille

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 2:15 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Melisse Reichman

Your Email: dyliedog@earthlink.net

Subject: invocation

Message:

I feel strongly that the invocation before Assembly meetings be canceled and am in favor of a proposal to set this action in motion. Prayer is a private matter, not appropriate for public GOVERNMENTAL meetings where people from many different backgrounds should feel included. There should be separation of church and state. Delivery of an invocation and the process of choosing who can and can not deliver one divides rather than unites our community. wastes time and money and serves no practical benefit to the business at hand.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 2:49 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Angela A Head

Your Email: angela.a.head@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation brew hahah

Message:

Please stop wasting valuable borough resources on this issue. The vast majority of the populace don't care how the meeting starts, just get rid of the entire thing so no one has anything more to fight about!
Let's move on to more important issues like education!!!!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 2:52 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Robert Archibald

Your Email: robert.e.archibald@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Dear Assembly Members,

I would like to express my displeasure at the time and money you are spending on this issue. I feel that if you need help from the Lord, have a chat before the meeting. I feel that the separation of church and state is just that. The forefathers meant to separate the feelings so government can move on with business. I urge you to have the Pledge at meeting beginning and forget about causing further community division. Please do away with the invocation and get on with borough business.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 2:54 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Bjorn Olson

Your Email: fatbikebjorn@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

The separation of church and state is a solemn tenant of Americanism and our distinctive tradition of being an enlightened liberal society. America is a land of freedom – freedom of choice, identity, and religion – and no American has the authority to force their beliefs on another. This would be counter to our principal of freedom.

Keeping religious services out of politics is the simple solution, for if you invite one religion into politics you must invite ALL religions into politics.

“...the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between Church & State.” -Thomas Jefferson

Thank you for your time.

-Bjørn Olson
Homer, AK

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 3:13 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kimberlee McNett

Your Email: kmmcnett@gmail.com

Subject: End the Invocation

Message:

Please remove all invocations from public city and borough affairs. Offering prayers is disrespectful to our rights of freedom from religion and the separation of church and state.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 3:19 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jennifer Edwards

Your Email: Jedwardslat59@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

My request is simple: please conduct borough business following the guiding principle of separation of church and state. There should be no invocation, no moment of silence, no ritual. Too much time and money is being wasted on this issue. Please eliminate the invocation and move on to more important business.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:01 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Peg Peterson

Your Email: pspet3rs@yahoo.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

The separation of religion and government is a founding principle of our government. It protects government as well as religion. Promoting one religion over another is anathema to the laws of this state and the nation. While reasonable people of every religious persuasion want to change to a moment of silence are being ignored, a minority of religious zealots are dragging the borough into an expensive lawsuit. Please listen to the reasonable voices in our community. Drop the lawsuit. Change to a moment of silence.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:08 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Dave Swarhout

Your Email: daveswarhout@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

The founders of our democracy firmly believed in a full separation of church and government. I believe this too.

I respectfully submit my request to bar the recitation of any sort of invocation to god or allah, or indeed, any deity, during meetings of the assembly. Those invocations belong in a place of worship, not our government.

Respectfully,
Dave Swarhout
Homer, Alaska

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:10 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Amy Christiansen RN

Your Email: justamyc@gmail.com

Subject: 2 items

Message:

The separation of Church and State is VERY much needed in all forms of government. DROP THE PRAYERS.. Simple. Drop the INVOCATION invocations are for CHURCH services NOT for Assembly meetings!

Also... Keep the resolution and drop the case trying to impeach Catrianna --she did NOTHING wrong. I am PROUD of that resolution she brought forward. Just because a few are upset doesnt mean there was ANYTHING wrong with it!!! Times are changing and we need to speak up against racism! Be strong.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:46 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Justin Nusunginya

Your Email: Haltbar@live.com

Subject: The Invocation Matter

Message:

Our forefathers came to this nation in the early 1600s knowing that they'd be escaping away at least in part, religious persecution and theocracy. The Revolution cemented this concept.

End the invocations. Separate church from state.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:53 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Gloria Mumm

Your Email: glomumm@hotmail.com

Subject: Invocation policy

Message:

I would prefer to have the invocation stopped. Seems a bit crazy to spend the money to defend it when our aim should be the separation of church and state in government matters.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 5:02 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Douglas Caldwell

Your Email: dcalaska@hotmail.com

Subject: Invocation at borough assembly meetings

Message:

You must stop this NOW ! I vote for NO invocations.
Thank you; DC

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 5:55 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Katie Gavenus

Your Email: katie.aspen@gmail.com

Subject: invocation

Message:

Hello,

I am writing to request that you stop the practice of having an invocation before assembly meetings. Keeping religious services and messages out of politics is the simple solution; if one religion is included, then all must be, and defining what constitutes a religious invocation is a very tricky process indeed. And this is a process, as we have seen, that can lead to controversy and division, which is precisely the antithesis of what I feel the invocation is designed to do. The best way forward at this point is removing the invocation time.

Thank you,
Katie Gavenus
Homer, Alaska

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 6:18 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Josephine Rice

Your Email: Jmrinak@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I am writing to request that you please keep religion and government separate, in accordance with the laws and traditions of our country. I am a Roman Catholic and I am respectful of other peoples' beliefs, but I also honor and uphold the laws of the United States. In order to promote fairness and inclusion, I respectfully request the Borough Assembly stop all this fighting about who may (and who may not) pray aloud before your meetings; stop inviting lawsuits and accusations of hate & discrimination; and begin inviting all present at your meetings to respectfully share a moment of silence. Call it what you will - silent prayer, silent contemplation, silent meditation or just plain SILENCE. If people continue to insist on praying aloud before the Assembly meeting, why not suggest they do so in an adjacent room? Surely they will have no problem believing that God can hear their prayer just as well from the room NEXT to the Assembly Meeting. Their location will not make their prayer any less valid, and it will be much easier for them to practice meekness and humility when they are not forcing their religious beliefs on everyone who attends the Assembly. Respectfully submitted, Josephine Rice, Anchor Point

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:02 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: scott burbank

Your Email: homerkayaking@gmail.com

Subject: Separation of religion and state

Message:

I strongly urge the assembly to honor our long tradition of the separation of church and state.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:13 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Marianne Aplin

Your Email: marianne.aplin@gmail.com

Subject: Stop the Invocation Please

Message:

I respectfully request that the Borough Assembly stop the invocation at the borough meetings. I strongly favor the separation of church and state and think that the ACLU was correct in their challenge of the invocation policy. Please reserve prayers for private time when you aren't serving as my elected representative.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:37 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Nicole McKenney

Your Email: Nicole.d.mckenney@Gmail.com

Subject: Invocation policy

Message:

The separation of church and state is one of the principles on which the US was founded. We must continue to welcome people of all faiths. An invocation policy at KPB meetings that excludes some faiths is unfair and against the standards of freedom and equality that binds all American citizens together. So many have fought and died for these freedoms, please do not take them for granted. Respect the separation of church and state with the simple solution of eliminating the invocation from borough assembly meetings.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:41 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Sue Mauger

Your Email: s_mauger@yahoo.com

Subject: invocation

Message:

Dear KPB Assembly Members,

I support removing the invocation before Borough meetings. This issue is distracting you and borough residents from the important work you were elected to do, like preparing a budget and ensuring community safety. I encourage you to look for ways to avoid costly and divisive issues which do more harm than good for the Borough. The invocation, which was originally intended to be inspirational and motivating, now represents intolerance and unfairness. Please remove the invocation from the borough agenda and get on with your jobs as representatives of all borough residents.

Respectfully, Sue Mauger

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 9:18 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jeanne Parker

Your Email: jeannemena@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Please honor the separation of church and state. If you invite one religion into politics you must invite ALL religions into politics. Therefore I strongly support the effort to END the invocations at Borough Assembly. We are wasting borough money on legally trying to defend something that should not be offered to select groups and not others

“Thank you for your time,
Jeanne Parker,
Homer, ALSAKA.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 9:33 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Roy J wilson

Your Email: fallrun@sonic.net

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I don't believe you can limit who gives the invocation if you are going to have one. I don't want to listen to someone else's version of God and I doubt they are interested in mine. The best thing to do would be o stop wasting time on this issue and go back to work on the business of the Borough. So I say no invocation to anyone's' God.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:03 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Donna Beran

Your Email: donna.beran@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

The separation of church and state is a solemn tenant of Americanism and our distinctive tradition of being an enlightened, liberal society. America is a land of freedom – freedom of choice, identity, and religion – and no American has the authority to force their beliefs on another. This would be counter to our principal of freedom.

Keeping religious services out of politics is the simple solution, for if you invite one religion into politics you must invite ALL religions into politics.

“...the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between Church & State.” -Thomas Jefferson

Thank you for your time.

-Donna Beran
Homer, AK

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:37 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: ingrid harrald

Your Email: iharrald@hotmail.com

Subject: invocation

Message:

Hello! Thank you for all your hardwork. I really appreciate the things you do to make the borough a safe and healthy place to live. I would like to encourage you to save time and money when it comes to the invocation. Please be guided by reason. It is clear to me that the ACLU has shown that having just official religious entities allowed to speak is unlawful. I feel that it is only right to either let any borough resident regardless of affiliation speak at invocation, or not have it at all. I have been a resident of Homer for 16 years and have never been against or for the invocation. I have no hard feelings either way. But I do think we need to hold true to free speach and let all poeple participate or not have it occur at all. Thank you for you time.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:38 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: George Overpeck

Your Email: geopeck@yahoo.com

Subject: invocation

Message:

Please do away with the practice of having an invocation at meetings.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:00 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Ann Oberlitner

Your Email: annobe@gmail.com

Subject: Borough Assembly Invocation

Message:

Please respect our diversity and vote to remove all invocations at Assembly meetings. We don't need the divisiveness they invoke. We can't afford the lawsuit. Please!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:25 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Luke Ringenberg

Your Email: luker@lamwood.com

Subject: Borough Assembly Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:38 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Andy Layton

Your Email: andyl@worldconcern.org

Subject: I Support the Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:47 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Rodney Sawyer

Your Email: iditarodey@gci.net

Subject: Borough's Assembly meeting prayer

Message:

I very strongly support the Invocation prayer at your meetings!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 3:34 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: sean hoffbeck

Your Email: shoffbeck@gmail.com

Subject: borough prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer. Please keep this at your meetings.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:58 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Peter Neumann

Your Email: peterneumannmusic@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer at Assembly meetings. Please keep this exercise of religious freedom going.
Thank you! -Peter

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 5:28 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Byron Bruckner

Your Email: byron@cyak.org

Subject: Invocation in borough meeting

Message:

I support the invocation prayer!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 5:29 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: John R Brown

Your Email: jrbrown123@hotmail.com

Subject: Prayer in Public

Message:

I support the invocation prayer. Our country was built on prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 5:55 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jon Blankmeyer

Your Email: jonbmeyer@yahoo.com

Subject: Invocation at your meetings

Message:

I support your assembly in providing time at each meeting for a simple prayer and a time to quiet your hearts and minds as you conduct the affairs and bussiness of your constituents.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:00 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Richard Steele

Your Email: steeleacpa@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:01 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Tyler Ideker

Your Email: tyler.ideker@gmail.com

Subject: Kenai Peninsula Borough Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:04 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: David Helwig

Your Email: davidhelwig@yahoo.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:12 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Andy Robblee

Your Email: arobblee@sixrobblees.com

Subject: invocation prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer. We live in a great country with great freedoms. May God continue to bless you and the USA.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:17 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jim Peelgren

Your Email: jim.peelgren@gmail.com

Subject: I support the Invocation Prayer

Message:

Please retain the invocation prayer at the Burroughs meeting.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:20 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: tim

Your Email: hedberg.tim@gmail.com

Subject: i support the invocation prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer in the assembly!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:21 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Aida Brown

Your Email: aidab@changepointalaska.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer!!!!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:30 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Adam London

Your Email: adam@cyak.org

Subject: I support the Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:36 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Matthew Mooney

Your Email: rockinmoon@hotmail.com

Subject: support assembly prayer

Message:

I hope that you will keep the assembly prayer. I believe that we wouldn't be where we are without God. Everyone needs to be loved for who they are, and Jesus shows us how to do that. Set the example and keep the assembly prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:44 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: greg houser

Your Email: GREG.HOUSER@SIXROBBLEES.COM

Subject: I support the invocation pryer

Message:

God is always first

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 9:09 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: brent martin

Your Email: brent.r.martin888@gmail.com

Subject: invocation prayer-I support

Message:

I support the invocation prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 9:16 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Rich Van Pelt

Your Email: rvanpelt@us.ci.org

Subject: Invocaton Prayer

Message:

Just a note to say that I support the invocation prayer and trust that you will allow it to continue.
Thanks for your consideration.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 9:21 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kyle Rudy

Your Email: Kylearudy@gmail.com

Subject: I support the Invocation Prayer

Message:

Dear Assembly Members,

Plain and simple, I support the Invocation Prayer. Thank you for seriously considering the task before you. Continue to lead well.

Sincerely,
Kyle Rudy

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 9:35 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Doug Ideker

Your Email: Dideker@gmail.com

Subject: Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 9:52 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Richard Page

Your Email: RichardPage@soarinternational.org

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:54 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Greg Mangione

Your Email: mangione@soarinternational.org

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I would like to inform you of my support of the Invocation Prayer at the beginning of Assembly Meetings.
Thank you
Greg

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:03 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: chris williams

Your Email: chwgolf@gmail.com

Subject: invocation prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:29 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jeremy Hyra

Your Email: jeremy@predictive-inc.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation parayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:34 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: louise lyon

Your Email: davelouiseandgalen@gmail.com

Subject: invocation

Message:

Leave the invocation open to anyone who wants to give it, no matter their religion or whether they belong to an "established" church.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:01 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: James Fields

Your Email: james@avak.biz

Subject: Invocation of Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation of prayer before Assembly meetings. To continue to remove traditions is unnecessary and petty and is hurting our country the more we do it. Keep the invocation of prayer in place. Respectfully,
Thank you.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:02 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Eric Rozeboom

Your Email: ericrozeboom@msn.com

Subject: I support the invocation prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer. Please don't allow the ACLU to bully you into leading our community in the wrong trajectory.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Jeremiah Emmerson <ezjtharocka@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 1:22 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Please Forward to Assembly Members

Greetings KPB Assembly Members,

I want to take a moment to thank those of you who have tried to end the invocation policy debate. I know that it hasn't been easy and I as a resident and registered voter on the borough support your efforts in crushing this divisive policy.

The financial damage has already been done as now the borough is engaged in defending a lawsuit. If the policy stays in place and more people are denied that will result in more lawsuits in the future. Furthermore, your sending a direct signal to non-religious groups that they don't matter and that they must stand in submission while a prayer is given.

You may say, oh, you don't have to participate, but the issue is, nobody wants to walk out in shame right before a prayer. The optics that this sends to believers is that those walking out are non-believers. Then the assumption is made that they are sinners and bad people.

This is not good policy no matter what way you look at it as it just divides believers from non-believers.

There are three appropriate choices and directions you could go to resolve this;

1. Open the invocation to everyone who signs up.
2. End the invocation altogether.
3. Change the invocation to a moment of silence.

Please restore religious freedom on the peninsula for all and please stop wasting everyone's time and money.

Warm Regards,

Jeremiah Emmerson



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www.avast.com

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:29 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Brian Olson

Your Email: kwp@acsalaska.net

Subject: invocation

Message:

The invocation debate has caused a major rift in our community. Taxpayers monies are being spent on a lawsuit that you, the assembly ordered. Many in our community are angry and upset that our assembly has refused to either allow any and all to offer the invocation, or just have a moment of silence, or do away with it entirely. These are the best 3 options to be fair and equitable to everyone. I ask that you drop the lawsuit and choose any of the 3 options listed above. To continue as your are will only keep our community deeply divided and result in additional lawsuits that none of us wish to pay for.

Sincerely,

Brian Olson
Soldotna, AK

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 6:49 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Douglas Westphal

Your Email: dwestphal5@gmail.com

Subject: Borough Assembly Invocation

Message:

In these times when our country is fraught with deisiveness I urge The KPB Assembly to stand up for inclusivness and recognize that we are not all christians and that does not make us any less. We can use this issue to demonstrate to all of our citizens that we recognise, respect, and honor everyone's right to worship whom and what they choose. I am ashamed to live amongst those who refuse to acknowledge that there are many paths to the top of every mountain, and I will not choose your path anymore than you shall choose mine. Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Westphal
PO Box 3508 Homer 99603

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:31 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Denise Jantz

Your Email: denisejantz@ymail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Hello Assembly,

If one religion is invited into politics, then ALL religions should be invited. If all are not welcome, removing them completely is the answer. All or nothing, because it's the right thing to do.

Thank you for your service.

Kind regards,

Denise Jantz

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 9:17 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Marylou Burton

Your Email: burtons@mosquionet.com

Subject: The invocation

Message:

To the members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Council:

Thank you for all your hard work. But with all due respect, you ought to be spending your (our) time on something else than imposing one set of religious beliefs on the entire population of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. I have no trouble at all with some words of wisdom at the beginning of the Borough meetings (which I listen to regularly), but they either ought to be open to a wide variety of voices or not included at all. Please consider either opening the invocation to anyone (and YES, you will get some rude, unpleasant voices) or substituting 30 seconds of silence instead. You'd be amazed at how effective a few moments of introspective silence can be.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:59 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Colleen Prevost

Your Email: colleen@dancingraindrops.com

Subject: Invocations

Message:

Do away with invocations!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:11 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Carol Harding

Your Email: carolgharding1@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

The whole controversy regarding the invocation is a waste of time and money. A separation of church & state should be respected and any religious references during the invocation should not be acceptable.nor tolerated.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:05 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: John Bushell

Your Email: roadtunes@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Hello, I'm a borough resident since 1984. I am opposed to an invocation before any public meeting. There are too many religions, gods and beliefs that should be represented. Please, also, allow for Willy Dunne to explain himself in this matter. Thank you.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:11 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Eric Knudtson

Your Email: epknudtson@gmail.com

Subject: invocation issue

Message:

Thank you for your work. I don't think it is the Assembly's job to decide whether any faith or group should be allowed to perform an invocation before the Assembly. Please don't waste more borough time and money on this issue.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:13 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kathleen Gustafson

Your Email: missmemphis@hotmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Please drop the lawsuit regarding the invocation. It is a waste of money and time. Aligning yourself with the Alliance for Defending Freedom is a terrible mistake.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:11 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Shawn Aspelund

Your Email: SAspelund@bbnc.net

Subject: Prayer

Message:

I support Invocation Prayer- we start every business meeting with an invocation.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:18 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jacqueline (Jackie) Smith

Your Email: jackiesinak@gmail.com

Subject: Prayer at the Borough Assembly Meetings

Message:

I support the continuing of prayer at the assembly meetings. I understand that the current controversy is a terrible distraction, but I continue to pray for our leadership and the work that you do. I find it interesting that there is a such a huge dispute about doing something that folks don't believe works. I'd rather risk discovering I'm wrong than risking being right. However this comes out, you have my full support. I may be one of few who regularly listen to the meetings on KDLL, but thanks for what you do. Jackie Smith (Soldotna)

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:19 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Barbara West

Your Email: twest90731@aol.com

Subject: I support Invocation Prayer

Message:

Why change a great way to
open a meeting and entrusting
God to help in its performance.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:26 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Eric Skjold

Your Email: eskjold@hotmail.com

Subject: I support the invocation.

Message:

Invocation prayer at local government meetings has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. Don't let the ACLU silence lawful speech.I

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:46 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Joy Skjold

Your Email: jms.skjold@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I support the invocation prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 9:52 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Deborah Sonberg

Your Email: debbie_sonberg@yahoo.com

Subject: I support the Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 9:55 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Ben Schoffmann

Your Email: benno@gci.net

Subject: Assembly Prayers

Message:

I strongly support continuation of opening assembly meetings in prayer, which has been a long-standing practice and tradition. I urge you to stand up against the assault of traditional values and traditions that are being fostered by anti-free speech voices that are growing louder and less tolerant every day.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:06 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Martha Schoffmann

Your Email: bennomartha@ak.net

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I support the prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Chris Anderson <ChrisA@lamwood.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:08 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Please keep invocation prayer!

Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 2:29 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Paul dungan

Your Email: Icybay1@gmail.com

Subject: Invocations

Message:

Hello members of the borough council.
Please respect our constitution and maintain the separation of church and state. Please get rid of the religious invocations at the beginning of your meetings. I understand and respect the idea that you are all there offering your time and energy for our community and I am sure that we could come up with an invocation that supports that idea but is not a religious prayer.
Thank you. Paul Dungan.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 4:36 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: J Matthews

Your Email: commissarjon@gmail.com

Subject: Moment of silence

Message:

The separation of religion is a founding principle of our government. It protects government as well as religion. Promoting one religion over another is anathema to the laws of this state and the nation. While reasonable people of every religious persuasion want to change to a moment of silence are being ignored, a minority of religious zealots are dragging the borough into an expensive lawsuit. Please listen to the reasonable voices in our community. Drop the lawsuit. Change to a moment of silence.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 4:52 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Derek Reynolds

Your Email: derekvinsonreynolds@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Given the divisiveness of the invocation and its contradictory nature to the separation of church and state, I ask that you simply remove it from meetings entirely as this serves everyone equally. Thank you for your consideration.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:12 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: jessica tenhoff

Your Email: nomadshelter@gmail.com

Subject: invocation

Message:

anything except a minute of silence is an act of propoganda . No one should dictate faith or prayer especially not at a public meeting. Just a full minute of silence would give the appropriate spirit. each can call on their own. No prayers out loud!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:27 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Linda Gorman

Your Email: akbearnut@gmail.com

Subject: Praying before meeting

Message:

What ever happened to separation of church and state? Government in other words. I personally think this is a waste of money and time to keep bringing this subject up. Why don't just have a minute of silence so you all can collect your thoughts or do your own prayer if that is what you need to so to conduct business of the borough.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:39 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Barrett Fletcher

Your Email: akfletchers@hotmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

It has come to my attention that there's a coordinated effort to inundate you with 'pro' invocation messages. Be assured that, though less easily organised, many of us strongly disapprove of the invocation, and the attitude of exclusion implied in the rules regarding who is qualified to give it. Please follow both the letter and intent of the constitution and eliminate this unnecessary and absurdly expensive anachronism.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:58 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Frank Alioto

Your Email: aliotoalaska@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation Support

Message:

I thank you assembly for all your hard work in our community. As a resident, I am in full favor of the prayer before our Borough Meetings.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 5:07 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Tom Wofford

Your Email: Tomwofford1@icloud.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer.

Tom Wofford

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 5:08 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Andy Anderson

Your Email: anan9000@colorado.edu

Subject: Invocation of Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation of prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 5:32 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kate

Your Email: Kate.j.miley@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I support the invocation prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 7:22 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jessica Martin

Your Email: jessicamartin104@gmail.com

Subject: I support the Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 7:32 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Chris Hamilton

Your Email: Chriskhamilton1@gmail.com

Subject: borough of assembly

Message:

I support the invocation prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 7:37 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Joyce Wesselman

Your Email: jwesselman@kfh.org

Subject: Invocation Prayer vote

Message:

I support the invocation prayer. And may God bless and direct your decision.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 10:13 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Wilma Morgan

Your Email: wilma4morgan@yahoo.com

Subject: Alaska Christian College

Message:

I support the Invocation Praye

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 9:34 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Vic Sneed

Your Email: vicsneed2@yahoo.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer. I urge all members to stand for a cause! Why, after 16 years, should this practice be abandoned now?

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 10:57 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Robbi Mixon

Your Email: ninjaginja@gmail.com

Subject: In support of Invocation Elimination

Message:

Hello,

I'm writing in support of eliminating the invocation before Assembly meetings. In a nation founded on religious freedom, its appalling to have it forced on citizens, especially when it is so Christian focused. Religion has no place in government.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 10:43 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Sean Wedemeyer

Your Email: seanwedemeyer@hotmail.com

Subject: Please don't waste our \$

Message:

Please do away with the invocation nonsense and focus on important issues. I strongly oppose your contract with ADF and it's censorship of assembly members.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 11:25 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Brandon Grosvenor

Your Email: bgrosvenor@sixrobbles.com

Subject: Borough's Assembly meetings

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 12:09 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Michelle

Your Email: michelle.r.shortt@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

The separation of religion is a founding principle of our government. It protects government as well as religion. Promoting one religion over another is anathema to the laws of this state and the nation. While reasonable people of every religious persuasion want to change to a moment of silence are being ignored, a minority of religious zealots are dragging the borough into an expensive lawsuit. Please listen to the reasonable voices in our community. Drop the lawsuit. Change to a moment of silence.

Blankenship, Johni

From: AndrewKristy Miller <amankk.miller@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 12:18 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ordinance 2017-02

Dear Assembly member,

I ask that you please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02.

Kristy Miller

Blankenship, Johni

From: Andrew Miller <pastorandrewsbc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 12:17 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ordinance 2017-02

Dear Assembly member,

I ask that you please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02.

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Pastor Andrew Miller
Sterling Baptist Church

(864) 436.5610
pastorandrewsbc@gmail.com

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 12:36 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Laurie A. Benson

Your Email: poppyb.ak@gmail.com

Subject: Prayer at the Assembly

Message:

Give it up. A moment of silence would be fine but trying to decide who is OK to give an opening prayer and who isn't is ridiculous. And the legal fees for the defense? More ridiculous. In favor of Dunne's ordinance to do away with the whole mess.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 1:28 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Sylvia

Your Email: sylnezandrew14@yahoo.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer. God bless

Blankenship, Johni

From: Ken Landfield <keng2013@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 3:29 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: The Invocation

Dear Assembly representatives,

The Invocation is an anachronism. No City Council on the Peninsula has one. Other than the fact that "it's the way we've always done it" and that it's enshrined in the rules, I know of no reason why we should have one. It is divisive and noninclusive. A non-denominational moment of silence would be an appropriate alternative, if an alternative is deemed necessary; at the very least, allow anyone to speak who so desires. The cleanest solution is clearly to join the 21st century and dispense with religion at Borough government events. Thank you for all your good work.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 3:04 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Elizabeth Kandror

Your Email: zeboelizabet@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Separation of church and state is there for a reason. Do away with invocation completely.
Thank you.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 3:05 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: zeboelizabet@gmail.com

Your Email: zeboelizabet@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Do away with the invocation ceremony. Separation of church and state is there for a reason.
Thank you.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:02 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jim Chipman

Your Email: chipman_01@hotmail.com

Subject: prayer

Message:

Don not cave to the ACLU on this prayer issue.

Next it will be Remove Churchs, or Marriage ...OR...

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 7:37 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Rex Lauber

Your Email: heatermanak@yahoo.com

Subject: prayer

Message:

I am proud that an Alaskan community starts a meeting with prayer. Keep it up.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 7:17 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Carolin Keith Wade

Your Email: carolin.keithwade@gmail.com

Subject: Prayer in Public Forums

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer in the Borough's Assembly meetings. Seeking His blessing and wisdom is essential to all we do!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 5:21 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Ann Agosti-Hackett

Your Email: homeraha@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Dear Borough Assembly Members,
I write to reiterate my support for Willy Dunn's proposal to eliminate the opening prayer at Assembly Meetings. I support the principle of separation of church and state. While I respect the religions of those whose faiths are represented by the prayers, it is an indisputable fact that many residents of our borough do not practice the religions represented by the invocations. A moment of silence, to be used in whatever manner each individual chooses, according to their own beliefs and conscience is a much fairer way to begin the meetings. And I am adamantly opposed to using tax dollars to defend the practice in court! And shame on Mayor Navarre for contracting for legal services with a group identified by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group, and for allowing the gag order imposed on assembly members by the contract!

Sincerely,
Ann Agosti-Hackett

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 5:19 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: David Anderson

Your Email: mondorosa77@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Time to move on, folks. Drop the invocation and get back to work. You'll likely be glad you did.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 4:03 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: karen berger

Your Email: homerbrew96@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I am writing to oppose the use of an invocation at the beginning of Borough Assembly meetings. It does not fairly represent the entire population of the Borough and is not needed to conduct an Assembly meeting. Additionally, the amount of time, money and notoriety this topic has brought to the Kenai Peninsula Borough has been an inefficient use of both the official's time and the citizens of our Borough. Please call the meetings to order and get the business at hand attended to as you were elected to do so. Thank you.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Marianne and Bill <mlswds@gci.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:24 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: public comment on ordinance 2017-02

To the Kenai Peninsula Borough Clerk

Please submit our public comment for the 03/21/2017 Borough assembly meeting regarding ordinance 2017-02 Invocation Policy

Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

Please be advised that we support the resolution to remove any and all invocations prior to all Borough Assembly meetings. We would like to be clear that this is directly and fully because we oppose and decry any and all attempts to invoke the name of satan in any way, shape, or form in relationship to public business.

Please also be advised that we consider the distraction created by this situation to have been avoidable through the intelligent and diligent performance of your collective duties, and feel it has been unduly divisive, time wasting, and costly for our Borough.

We implore you to be more proactive in avoiding the overt attempts of outside special interest groups whose main goal seems to be disruption of all forms of government. That is not what Alaska and real Alaskans are about.

William D. and Marianne Schlegelmilch
4470 Kachemak Way
Homer, Alaska 99603

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 12:03 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Charles Grimsley

Your Email: cmgrimsle@verizon.net

Subject: Continue praying

Message:

Go for it, I support you all 100%

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 7:10 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Julie Anderson

Your Email: jzackanderson@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer. Please do not discontinue this practice.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:01 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Scott and Kathryn Meyer

Your Email: ksmalp@gmail.com

Subject: Invocations

Message:

We support the proposal to eliminate invocations from the Borough Assembly meetings. The Assembly's job is to do the business of the people of the Borough. If any individual Assembly member needs to pray to guide her/his decision making, they are welcome to do so on their own before (or silently during) the meeting. Getting rid of the invocations is not an infringement on anyone's freedoms, while keeping it is. There is no need for everyone in the room to hear who any individual assembly member might be praying to, or what they are saying. Many of the people in the room may not agree with what they are saying or who they are praying to. They may even be made uncomfortable because it appears that the Borough is endorsing a particular religious viewpoint. For example, several borough assembly members were made uncomfortable when an invocation was made to Satan.

We have always been uncomfortable with the invocations, and appreciated the proposal to end them. The Tenth Circuit Court ruled that state endorsement of any religion is unconstitutional, and the Supreme Court declined review of that decision. We feel that too much time and public funds have already been wasted trying to defend this completely unnecessary practice. Please spend no more time or money debating this issue and end the practice of including invocations in Borough Assembly meetings.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Jim Reiser <reiser.jim@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:21 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Message for the assembly: Ordinance 2017-02

We just had half our PFDs stolen, with no guarantee of receiving it at all in the future. The government is run by corrupt politicians, too busy lining their pockets and greasing the palms of the corporations who bought them to care about the people they are supposed to represent. To compound this issue, you continue to fight against changing your discriminatory, unconstitutional invocation policy, wasting taxpayer money in the process. \$50k has been earmarked in the budget, and according to my research, almost \$20k has already been spent. To rub salt into the wound, you hired an anti-LGBT, anti-women's rights *hate group* to represent you. What is wrong with you people? How much more taxpayer money are you going to waste in a time when the government is supposed to be making cuts to unnecessary expenses and reeling in their out of control spending? You have gone as far as to attempt to silence one of your own members. It is no coincidence he is the only one who has any sense and has been trying to make this entire problem go away by ending the invocation all together. Now there is *another lawsuit* against the borough! Seriously, what the hell is wrong with you people?

If you are unable to leave your mythology when you step into your government position, you should not be allowed to hold your position. You are a representative of the people, not a preacher, and if you are going to act like a preacher, maybe you should step down from your government position and work for a church or other religious organization. I'm looking at you, Stan Welles! This country was founded on the freedom of AND FROM religion, and through your invocation policy, it is extremely obvious you are using your power to further your beliefs and silence anyone who does not share them. Then, when the assembly is represented in the newspaper saying "electorate would absolutely insist upon an Assembly that strongly supported prayer to the Lord our God who blessed us with our Republic" while explicitly stating christianity, is absolutely, unquestionably favoring one religion over others. The fact that you can't see how unconstitutional this is astounds me and legitimately causes me to question your competence:

For people who are elected into their positions, some of whom are up for reelection in 2017, you should be working a little harder to earn the votes of the people you are supposed to represent.....

Please, pull your heads out of your asses and stop throwing our hard earned money at this so it can be used on something important,
Jim

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:57 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Richard Giessel

Your Email: rich@giessel.org

Subject: Prayer for Assembly Meetings

Message:

I strongly support public prayer before Assembly Meetings.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:16 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Eric Johnson

Your Email: edj72alaska@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer...

Blankenship, Johni

From: Robert Wall <rkwallak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 11:55 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Invocation at the Bourough assembly

To the entire Assembly: 3/16/2017
From Robert K Wall of Sterling:

Subject: Invocations and the meetings.

The Assembly should continue to run the meetings as per Robert's rules of Order.

Pray,

Pledge of Allegiance

Review the last meetings minutes

New agenda.

Do not be swayed by any whim of public sentiment to try and remove GOD from all public discourse. Freedom of religion applies to our Assembly, and I support keeping the tradition going forward in perpetuity. All of my family members and friends are in agreement that it is an important battle to win against the ACLU. The ADF has been winning 90% of their cases, let's hold the line here in Alaska. You have our full support in this matter.

Robert K. Wall of Sterling

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 12:03 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: lawrence brown

Your Email: lbinak@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 8:03 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Victor M Sneed III

Your Email: victor.sneed@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:11 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Emily Garrity

Your Email: egarrity907@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I humbly request to remove the religious invocation requirement from our Borough Assembly Meetings. I'm a firm believer in the separation of church and state.

Thank you,
Emily

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 12:55 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Dennis Linnell

Your Email: dlinnell@hdlalaska.com

Subject: Ord 2017-02

Message:

I would urge you to not support Ordinance 2017-02 and keep the invocation as part of the opening of the assembly meeting.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:59 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Scott Torrison

Your Email: n5936b@gmail.com

Subject: Invocations at Meetings (supportive)

Message:

I understand that the ACLU is attempting to stop the assembly. I support the Invocation Prayer. The prayer should be of the predominant religion of the borough, which I believe is Christian. This is a positive thing to do and is an appropriate expression of free speech and not a government/religious conflict which I'm sure is the ACLU's position. They don't speak for me or the vast majority Alaska.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 11:10 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Mark Froeschner

Your Email: markfroeschner@yahoo.com

Subject: opening invocations

Message:

I support and wish for the opening invocations to continue. Thank you!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Rhonda Ecker <recker60@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Invocations

I feel the vote should be yes for the Ordinance 2017-02. It has caused division in the community. I feel it is unfair to approve only certain religious groups. I certainly do not want my tax dollars spent on law suits for this.

I think a moment of silence is an intelligent solution to this problem. People can silently pray to whatever they want and those that don't want to, don't have to!

Thanks,
Rhonda M Ecker
Homer

Blankenship, Johni

From: David Sanderson <dash2air@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 11:32 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Invocation

Hi,

I feel the vote should be yes on Ordinance 2017-02. This issue has caused division among the community. I believe it is wrong to only approve certain religious groups. I certainly don't want my tax dollars spent on lawsuits over this. I believe an intelligent solution would be to have a moment of silence. People can pray to whomever they choose, and those that don't want to...don't have to.

David C Sanderson
Homer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Godslittlegizmoguy96 . <ryanmaxwell96@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 12:18 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Please Vote NO on Dunne's Ordinance 2017-02

Hello Ms. Blankenship,

My name is Ryan Maxwell and I am writing you and the Kenai Borough Assembly to please vote no on Willy Dunn's Ordinance 2017-02. If we continue to remove God from our nation, His blessings and guidance to us as a nation are sure to leave us as well, and we will feel the consequences as many nations before us already have.

Thank you and please distribute this note to all Borough Assembly Members.

Ryan Maxwell

Blankenship, Johni

From: jacknbon@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 12:36 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Invocation

I would like to express my support for the invocation, I was born here in 1946 and consider myself a lifetime member of the Kenai Peninsula. If one does not believe in God why are they so intent on removing something that does not exist and therefore cannot harm them? For those of us who do believe in God we have a right to express that belief and to seek guidance from him.

Jack Porter

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 9:06 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jim Hamilton

Your Email: jimh@arcticbarnabas.org

Subject: invocation

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 9:16 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Ruth and Bob West

Your Email: farwestcs57@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation prayer

Message:

We support the invocation prayer and religious freedom. Thank you.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 9:17 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: David Bunts

Your Email: Dbunts@alaska.net

Subject: Prayer

Message:

Please support prayer before the assembly Meetings

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 9:53 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Larry Wood

Your Email: ldwood1225@gci.net

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer prior to Assembly meetings. Please retain it. Justice Kennedy wrote in 2014: "As a practice that has long endured, legislative prayer has become part of our heritage and tradition, part of our expressive idiom, similar to the Pledge of Allegiance, inaugural prayer, or the recitation of 'God save the United States and this honorable court' at the opening of this court's sessions." I concur and ask that this important practice be preserved which is part of our heritage and tradition in America, including Alaska. Thank you. Larry Wood.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:32 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Anna Marie Oudal

Your Email: oudal@gci.net

Subject: Assembly prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:33 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: mike byerly

Your Email: byerly.mike@gmail.com

Subject: Urge support of Ordinance 2017-02

Message:

Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly,

I'm writing in support of Ordinance 2017-02 that would do away with the invocation at the beginning of each KPB assembly meeting. I believe this is the best way to put this controversial issue to bed. As it is now, the assembly has spent valuable time at numerous meetings trying to come up with a solution to please one group or another. Being an assembly member, you know how valuable your time is and what a sacrifice it is to serve on the assembly and I'm sure that everyone has made that sacrifice to work on nuts and bolts issues to keep the borough running smoothly. This issue has diverted that attention too long and it's not going to go away in its current form. The current lawsuit against the invocation as it stands is going to further divert attention from your more pressing business and will continue to cost our hard earned tax dollars to fight.

This is a fight the borough doesn't need. There are only two other communities in the state that have invocations. There's a good reason for that. It's because we are a super diverse state. Injecting one's beliefs above someone else no matter how strongly that belief may be, is going to offend those that follow a different path. There is now winning this by trying to craft an invocation that will work for everyone. Working in that direction is only driving more division in the borough and I know none of you wants to do that. The only way to move on and leave this controversy behind is to do away with it altogether like most all other communities in the state have chosen to do. I urge you to pass this ordinance so you can continue to work hard on all the other borough business.

Thank you,

Mike Byerly

POB 1161

Homer, AK 99603

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:35 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Marylil Spady

Your Email: alaskaspadys@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation prayer

Message:

I support the keeping of the invocation prayer for assembly meetings.
Thank you

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 11:17 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Tracey Bunts

Your Email: tbunts@alaska.net

Subject: Prayer

Message:

Please keep prayer as part of the assembly meetings.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 1:39 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jay Hill

Your Email: hjayhill@aol.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support Invocation Prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 2:36 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Michael Emerson

Your Email: Moe@northpark.edu

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: pam bruce <pamandbilly@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 4:35 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: GOD

"I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. Please vote no on Ordinance 2017-02. "

Soli Deo Gloria

Billy Bruce

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 5:28 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Larry Semmens

Your Email: Lasemmens@gmail.com

Subject: Prayer invocation support

Message:

I support public prayer to begin assembly meetings.
Removing God from our society has negative consequences on our quality of life.
Please support prayer to begin assembly meetings.
Thank for the work you do on the assembly!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Lisa <lisaroberts62@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 6:41 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ordinance 2017-02

Prayer, it is a personal thing. Each individual has their own way of asking a higher power for blessings. I believe that there is one true God the God of the Bible. Praying for God's will on our Borough is very important to me. I know I do not stand alone on this issue. Please do not take God out of your meetings. The other side will fight hard to defeat the good that we have here in our area. I ask that you consider prayer as something we keep in our meetings.

Thank you for listening,

Lisa J. Roberts

Sent from my iPad

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 6:46 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Diane Koch

Your Email: Kndkoch@yahoo.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer prior to the Borough Assembly meetings. Please don't take away our religious freedom.

God Bless You

Diane Koch

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 8:27 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Clara Torrison

Your Email: clarabel@alaskan.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer before meetings. Just like the pledge it is completely voluntary and supports freedom "of" religion not "from" it. Our country was founded on such principals and by eliminating such freedoms, in effect, is both eroding that freedom and creating hostility toward it.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 8:51 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Greg Krieger

Your Email: Gregk@rockharboronline.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Leann McCaughey <leannmccaughey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Vote no Ordinance 2017-02

Vote no on ordinance 2017-02 I support invocation before assembly meetings.

Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 9:12 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: JoAnne Noyles

Your Email: Mydogs bark@gci.net

Subject: Invocation prayer

Message:

I request that the invocation prayer remain. It is necessary.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 9:28 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Andrew Stemp

Your Email: a_stemp@hotmail.com

Subject: Invocation at Public Meetings

Message:

Please keep the prayer scheduled at each meeting. It's very important to acknowledge the need for divine help when wrestling with the many issues that confront our community.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 9:52 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: lisajhamilton

Your Email: lisajhamilton@aol.com

Subject: Prayer

Message:

I am in support of prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 10:27 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Brad Rud

Your Email: barud@crossingtonewlife.org

Subject: Assembly Prayer

Message:

We support the prayer! Righteousness exalts a nation...

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 10:55 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Al Nelson

Your Email: acnelsonalaska@yahoo.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I support the prayer invocation as it has been over the years

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 10:59 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Judy Nelson

Your Email: acnelsonalaska@yahoo.com

Subject: Invocation prayer

Message:

I support the necessity of the invocation prayer before assembly meetings begin.

Blankenship, Johni

From: kkole@ptialaska.net
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 11:33 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Invocation

I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. PLEASE VOTE NO on Ordinance2017-02!

Please distribute my public opinion email message to each assembly member asap.

Kathryn Kole

Blankenship, Johni

From: Michele Hartline <hartlines@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 11:40 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Vote No on Ordinance 2017-02

To all KPB Assembly Representatives:

I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. Please vote **NO** on Ordinance 2017-02.

Michele Hartline

Blankenship, Johni

From: Michele Hartline <hartlines@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 11:48 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Vote NO on 2017-02

To All Assembly persons,

The devil is working overtime to tempt good-intentioned people to take God out of America - and he's targeted the Kenai Peninsula to help in his effort. Please resist this temptation and **VOTE NO** on Ordinance 2017-02 - and send the message to stop these shenanigan's of reintroducing his redundant efforts to all assembly members.

Bill Hartline
Nikiski

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 11:50 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Juanita Ross

Your Email: juanita99669@gmail.com

Subject: Invocations

Message:

I strongly urge you to retain the invocation. Please don't be intimidated to discontinue this practice.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 12:05 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Mike Barlow

Your Email: Mbarlow@samaritan.org

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I support the invocation prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 12:07 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Dan

Your Email: danielspooner@att.net

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I am for invocation

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 12:58 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Holly VanPelt

Your Email: hvpmak@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Please stop the controversy and eliminate the invocation from borough assembly meetings. I am disappointed and displeased at the amount of time and money already spent on this issue. Please note that this is a brief message out of respect for your time. I hope that the public's time will be similarly respected by putting this issue to rest.

Blankenship, Johni

From: joodd1 <joodd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 1:13 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Ordinance 2017-02

Dear Clerk, please put a copy of my email into the Assembly package for all members. Thank you.

Dear Assembly Member,

Please support Ordinance 2017-02, to retain the invocation held at the Assembly meeting.

I don't know who wants this removed, or how many are willing to support this, I wish those people would be identified,,,,, but MY feelings are, I still believe IN GOD WE TRUST and that a majority of my friends and neighbors are not willing to see this as an appropriate time to reject help from Him, to guide us in these troubled times.

If there ARE some who object, why can't they just ignore the invocation and not deny others, the RIGHT to ask for help from a Higher Source? WHY do they insist that OUR wishes be denied? Why should THEIR voice be heard, but not those who approve of having an invocation?

If THEY want to have some recognition of a different religion, let them have a turn! I would NOT suppress their wishes, as I would hope they would not deny me, MY religion. Doesn't that seem fair to all?

Maybe the meeting should warn them that the word of that invocation might offend some, and if so, they should have time to leave the room until the objectionable words have ended. Then, those in the audience who MIGHT be 'offended' have the opportunity to go outside until it is over.

Please support Ordinance 2017-02, to retain the invocation held at the Assembly meeting.

Thank you,

Joann Odd
P.O. box 62
Clam Gulch, AK 99568

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 1:29 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Marjorie Ringer

Your Email: shasta@xyz.net

Subject: approval of ordinance 2017-02

Message:

I am a kenai peninsula resident and I urge you to approve Ordinance 2017-02 to remove the Invocation at the beginning of borough assembly meetings. I believe that the current ruling is unconstitutional and discriminatory. By saying yes to this ordinance you can restore trust in the borough assembly for resolving a situation that only serves to create alienation. By eliminating the invocation entirely, you will reduce division and friction within the community save taxpayers a lot of money. There is no need to continue the practice of invocation as it has become a legal battle that distracts you, the members we have elected, from doing the real work of government and that will cost us wasted time and money. We want you to focus on doing your job and not drag this out in court. Furthermore, you must recognize and honor the first amendment that states no establishment of religion in government. Eliminate the prayer invocation and put out the fire that divides people. Please vote yes on this ordinance.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 2:12 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Ross Skjold

Your Email: ross.skjold@mailbox.ciu.edu

Subject: invocation prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 2:14 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Monica Skjold

Your Email: mkskjold@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 2:23 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Sandy King

Your Email: Sandy.g.king@gmail.com

Subject: Prayer

Message:

I support having an invocation at the beginning of assembly meetings. Please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02. "

Blankenship, Johni

From: Norm Olson <norm.mary.olson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 5:56 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Invocation -- Please Distribute

Yes, keep the invocation as it is. If there is to be an Invocation it must be restricted in some way. The very fact that its continuance is being debated should spur our thinking and reasoning as Americans, and as the descendants of free people both living and dead.

If the invocation is open to anyone wishing to say anything, what shall remain? If the invocation cannot be contained within logical and reasonable guidelines, then the best way to protect the sensibilities of those assembled is to throw out the invocation altogether.

BUT BE WARNED! Before you do that, consider that history urges lawmakers and judges in the future to make decisions based NOT UPON expedient and immediate reasoning, but upon the sage and perspicacious reasoning of thousands who have served before them. Our entire system of government is based upon precedent -- that which has stood solid in the past is used in the present to base decisions upon. In fact, legislative and judicial bodies of nations throughout history have made decisions based on the reason and logic of past decisions. That why we call it precedent. Court decisions are based on Statute laws that have been written and settled, in some cases by laws made and established thousands of years ago.

WHAT HAS CHANGED? It's only within the recent past that issues once settled have become debated and tangled in controversy. Our country is being assaulted by the unhealthy and variable winds of situational ethics and morality. Our long established values and standards are being ripped to shreds in raucous and crude debate across the land.

It is time that that we accept the bold task given to us FROM HISTORY. We MUST make fast the standard against the storms that threaten who we are as a people. We must stand lest we dissolve into a nation of amoral meaninglessness. It is not your decision to eliminate the invocation. Rather, it is your decision to stand where thousands have already stood or to disgrace yourselves and deny you own heritage and erase the chronicle you have received from history.

Norm Olson

Blankenship, Johni

From: Diana Carbonell <carbonell.diana@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 3:28 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ordinance 2017-02

I urge the assembly members of the Borough to vote yes on ordinance 2017-02. Enough time and money has been wasted on this Christian crusade. If assembly members want spiritual guidance, they should do it on their own time. Much like the Homer "inclusion ordinance", this controversy is unnecessary and divisive. People just do not like being told what they should think or feel no matter how anodyne or well meaning the sentiments. Local government should be in the business of wise budgeting and providing services efficiently and stay out of people's personal beliefs.

Sincerely,
Diana Carbonell
P.O. Box 15022
Fritz Creek AK 99603

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 3:42 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Mark Swensen

Your Email: mmswensen@alaska.net

Subject: Invocation at meetings

Message:

I support the invocation prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 3:49 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Christina Scott

Your Email: Chrisscott356@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I support Invocation prayer. It is important to keep it.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 3:51 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Will Files

Your Email: will@wfiles.us

Subject: invocations

Message:

Our country is founded on the separation of Church and State. If invocations are to be a part of Borough Assembly meetings, then they need to be respectful of all religions, and be given by representatives of any religious group wishing to present. When I go to a Chamber of Commerce meeting there is not generally an invocation. Certainly most "secular" meetings do not begin with an invocation. The Borough Assembly does not need an invocation to conduct business. An occasional moment of silence would be fine. Please do not waste taxpayers' money on this issue. If our citizens cannot agree on who should give an invocation, then not giving one is entirely appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 4:32 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Wm. Bruce Hardesty

Your Email: wbhardesty@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation at Borough Meetings

Message:

I believe that prayer is a significant part of our national heritage. Invocations are given at our National and State Assemblies. To discontinue opening prayer at the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meetings would be a sad mistake. I want to clearly state that I am against any attempt to discontinue the invocation. Vote down this ordinance that seeks to do away with it. Keep the Invocation!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 4:40 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Rachel Pioch

Your Email: rachelandmitch@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Dear Assembly Members,
Please continue to have invocations during Assembly meetings. This is a time-honored tradition that represents the population of our borough. Doing away with it would be a mistake.

Thank you for your service to our borough and for your consideration in this manner.
Sincerely,
Rachel Pioch

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 4:54 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Ed Oberts

Your Email: ed@redoubtrealty.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

The invocation is a tradition that needs to stay part of our borough assembly meetings.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 5:11 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Rex Murphy

Your Email: rex.murphy.ak@gmail.com

Subject: Borough Assembly Religious Invocation

Message:

Stop wasting my tax dollars on this idiotic subject. Drop the entire invocation and replace it with a moment of silent reflection, where all can quietly think what they want without foisting their beliefs on others.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 5:51 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: David R Martindell

Your Email: davidmartindell@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I would like no invocation at the start of the meetings. I appreciate Mr. Dunne and his standing up for me and my neighbors. Good job Willy!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 6:37 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Eric Knight

Your Email: ekeoniknight@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation prayer

Message:

I'm writing to express my support for Kieth Hamilton and the Invocation Prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 8:08 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Katie Olson

Your Email: Kolson@alaskacc.edu

Subject: Innovocation

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 8:11 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Casey Olson

Your Email: Casey.olson@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

"I support the Invocation Prayer"

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 8:13 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Levi Benner

Your Email: Levi.benner@g.kpbsd.org

Subject: Invocation

Message:

"I support the Invocation Prayer"

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 8:15 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Lia Benner

Your Email: Lia.benner@g.kpbsd.org

Subject: Invocation

Message:

"I support the Invocation Prayer"

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 8:17 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Carmen Olson

Your Email: Akmontessori@yahoo.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

"I support the Invocation Prayer"

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 8:30 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Nancy Thomason

Your Email: nsthomason@yahoo.com

Subject: Prayer

Message:

I absolutely support having an invocation prayer. Our country was founded on prayer. There is no constitutional statement of separation of church and state.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 8:33 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Susan Amundson

Your Email: susie.amundson@gmail.com

Subject: Invocations

Message:

Dear Assembly. As a borough tax payer, I believe you are spending too much time on the invocation. How about just 30 seconds of silence before a meeting and everyone can take care of their own spiritual and personal needs? No need for any clergy of any order. Let's remember the separation of church and state.

Thanks,
Susie Amundson
1060 E End Road
Homer AK 99603

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 8:39 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Lolita Brache

Your Email: lolitagrace@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation REPEAL

Message:

I am appalled that the borough is allowing the "Alliance Defending Freedom" (an ironic name!) to defend it in the case regarding the use of invocations before borough meetings.

I am in agreement with the ACLU and with Willy Dunn. I urge you to STOP having any invocations at all. Individuals who would like to pray or meditate or otherwise prepare themselves for the work ahead are free to do so on their own. There is no reason to subject others to any one person's religious views prior to a business meeting. Please stop wasting our time and money on this issue.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 9:00 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Albert Arakelian

Your Email: albertalaska@usa.net

Subject: Self gratification (Invocation)

Message:

Stop jerking off and get to business. We don't need no stinkin' waste of time moments of anything. You are paid to take care of the people of the Kenai Peninsula. Do you damn best and quit sniveling and squabbling over minutia and imaginary concepts.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 9:12 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Rebecca Benz

Your Email: rebeccabenz2@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 9:38 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Bob Shavelson

Your Email: bobshavelson@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

The invocation issue has become a black eye to the KPB, and a distraction to the more important work you need to do. If you want to comply with the state and federal constitutions, then all voices should be heard, or none. Please get past this divisive issue and attend to issues that affect our roads, school, kids and seniors.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 9:56 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Judy Gonsalves

Your Email: judydan86@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation issue

Message:

I strongly urge the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly to eliminate any formal invocation proceedings directly before or during any time during borough meetings. Your role as an assembly member is to do the business of the borough. And I thank you for that. Eliminating invocations altogether is a clean, neutral solution in light of all the recent controversy. This issue has become costly, both in time and money, and has turned into a no-win situation. Nobody should be offended if invocations are eliminated. Borough meetings are not religious events. They are governmental-doing-business events. If you as a borough member happen to have spiritual guidance needs, which is totally fine in my book, then just do what you need to do to meet those needs, on your own, before the meeting starts. Please think of the big picture of what is needed and necessary in order to do the business of the borough government. An invocation is not needed, nor is it necessary in order to do good business for the borough.

Please eliminate invocations from Kenai Peninsula Borough meetings. Thank you.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 10:02 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kevin Walker

Your Email: homerkev@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Forget the invocation. If people need a mini sermon, go to the church of your choice. We elect you people to govern, and don't appreciate "chosen" secular messages taking up valuable time at meetings. Not to mention the cost to all taxpayers to fight this unconstitutional selection of preachers.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 10:21 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Daniel Layland

Your Email: cohoconst96@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation issue

Message:

Why are you wasting our money and your time on this invocation issue? If you can't allow participation by all your constituents equally, then you need to eliminate it.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 12:46 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Brenda Crim

Your Email: brenda.crim@gmail.com

Subject: I support invocation prayer

Message:

Please register my support for the invocational prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 4:12 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Cynthia Antonelli

Your Email: cynthiaant@bellsouth.net

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I SUPPORT THE INVOCATION PRAYER!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 7:01 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Eric Clarke

Your Email: hippieprophet@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I support a moment of silence instead of an invocation. This will give everyone the space to pray or not. I also support separation of Religion and State. Please spend your time dealing with issues of the borough and not how a borough meeting starts. Thanks

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 8:38 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Paul Bratton

Your Email: phbratton@gci.net

Subject: invocation policy

Message:

An invocation should either be open to all faiths (or lack of faiths) or simply done away with, The nonestablishment clause is clear. Our tax money should be spend on real needs and not on promoting the personal agendas of assembly members.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 8:46 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Karen Murdock

Your Email: marshall@xyz.net

Subject: Invocation Ordinance 2017-02

Message:

I urge the Assembly to vote yes on the Invocation Ordinance. The current policy has become a political football, wasting borough time and costing the taxpayers money. Invocations have no place in Assembly business. The role of the Assembly is to govern our borough, not be involved in the "spiritual needs of the Assembly members. That can be done outside of Assembly meetings. How about offering a minute of silence instead of invocation? Please support this Ordinance and stop wasting time and money! Thank you?

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 9:59 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Terrie Ideker

Your Email: dti9977@me.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 10:02 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Craig Phillips

Your Email: wizardousone@hotmail.com

Subject: invocation

Message:

I would prefer the assembly meeting open with the sound of a gavel and the voice of the leader of the meeting saying "The meeting of the borough assembly is now open."
What hubris to think any person could invoke the imaginings of their mind to guide the actions of others.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 10:45 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jane Miles

Your Email: janeflyfish@gmail.com

Subject: invocation

Message:

Let's end the divisiveness, let's end the lawsuit, let's end the senseless waste of our hard earned tax dollars.
Let's repeal the rules requiring an invocation.
I agree with Willy Dunne!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 10:54 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kate Finn

Your Email: hundredthmonk21@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation quagmire

Message:

Inside each one of us is a place of stillness and truth. I strongly suggest that each of us go there silently for a few moments before each Assembly meeting for inspiration on how best to work with each other and move forward with kindness and a sense of the sacred in our hearts.

I also strongly suggest that none of the Borough residents, aka taxpayers, money be spent in prolonging this discussion!!

March 19, 2017

TO: Borough Assembly Members

I see you are voting on whether to keep the invocation at the start of Borough meetings. Please vote to keep this tradition. The Constitution allows and even promotes the idea. Stand our ground.

Thanks,

Ruby Denison

Box 39334

Ninilchik, Alaska 99639

Blankenship, Johni

From: bwyattworks@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 11:08 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ord. 2017-02

As a 40+ year resident of this borough, I want to thank all of the assembly and borough officials and employees for your time and work. We enjoy a full, active and healthy life here partly due to your dedication and hard work.

I sincerely ask that the assembly vote YES on ordinance 2017-02, on March 21, to delete religious invocations at beginning of your meetings. I say "your" meetings, but really mean "OUR" meetings. By now you know that you do the business of and for a diverse community. Please vote yes in honor of all of us. A moment of silence and/or personal time for prayer or reflection is a powerful way to make spiritual connection for those so inclined. To limit inclusion in the process is against the bedrock of our American way of life. AND fighting against the rule of law on this fundamental tenet will only cost us, borough taxpayers, in legal and Court fees. Vote YES on ordinance 2017-02, do away with invocations at our assembly meetings so you may get on with important work for our borough.

Thank you for allowing public testimony and please waste no more time and money on this.

Barbara Wyatt
40635 Belnap Drive
Homer, Alaska 99603

235-7334

Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: karolee hansen <karolee39@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 12:09 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: We are a Christian nation

Please keep Godly Christian prayers for the invocation at opening of our borough assembly meetings. Regardless of what some may say, we are a Christian Nation founded upon Christian beliefs and this makes it perfectly right and good to open our assembly meetings with prayer. My husband and I have lived in the Kenai Peninsula for fifty years and this is the first time that we've had some citizens vocalize anti Christian opinions. One of the reasons we have lived here so long is because many Christian people live and work in the Kenai Peninsula and have made our community a great area to live. Thanks for keeping the good Christian prayers . Remember what our great President Ronald Reagan said, and I quote, "A nation that is no longer under God is a nation gone under".

Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 12:47 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jo Going

Your Email: jogoing@alaska.net

Subject: Dunn Letter

Message:

Willy Dunn's letter should be printed, and it will be shameful if it is not. I believe in prayer, so my opinion is not personal, but comes from a higher order of understanding and fairness.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 1:04 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: LYNN SPENCE

Your Email: ltakeokaspence@gmail.com

Subject: Ordinance 2017-02

Message:

I support Ordinance 2017-02. I believe the current invocation policy is discriminatory in the least and possibly racist as well. The Constitutions of the state and nation specifically call for religious freedom so for the local assembly to give themselves the power to select who is suitable to give invocations at the public meetings seems to defy these documents. I believe assembly members and the public can pray any time they choose without prompting. This ordinance serves the citizens of the borough.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 1:19 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kathy Smith

Your Email: kathyosmith@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I think the Borough should do away with the invocation altogether. Please stop wasting time and taxpayer money on this matter.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Tom - cleta Elefritz <t_celefritz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 2:07 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Cc: Bob & Shirley Thraves
Subject: March 21, meeting

Dear Elected Officials:

We are **urging** you to vote to retain the opening invocation for all borough and assembly meetings.

We are very disappointed in the direction our Borough leadership seems to be going.

We encourage you to follow true Constitutional character and leadership ideals and behaviors by voting to retain the invocations.

Thank you

Tom & Cleta Elefritz

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Ps. 118:24

Blankenship, Johni

From: Jenny <wordfolk@xyz.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 3:16 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Public Comment on Invocation Ordinance

Madam Clerk,
Please forward to Assembly members and Mayor Navarre.

Thank you!

Members of the KPB Assembly and Mayor Navarre,

I support Mr. Dunne's ordinance eliminating the invocation at the beginning of borough assembly meetings. "We have always done it" is not an appropriate reason to continue. The assembly represents all citizens of the borough, regardless of their religious beliefs or lack thereof. Why make any citizens uncomfortable who have made the effort to attend meetings? Why muddy the line between church and state? You are there to conduct the business of the borough, not to worship any particular deity. If you must, institute a minute of silence so that members who feel the need can ask for guidance from any higher power they wish.

From a practical viewpoint, this issue is costing the taxpayers of the borough a significant amount of money. I would prefer that money be spent on our schools, which are suffering mightily from continual budget cuts. For full disclosure, I do not have children currently attending any KPB school, nor have I ever. I believe that a well-educated population is fundamental to democracy.

Mr. Navarre, I can only assume that you entered into an agreement with the Alliance Defending Freedom in hopes that their pro bono offer would save the borough money. I am extremely uncomfortable having a government supported by my tax dollars allied with a group classified as a hate group.

Please support this ordinance so we can stop wasting time and money and move on!

Thank you for your service and your attention to public testimony.

Sincerely,

Jenny Stroyeck
65240 Diamond Ridge Rd.
Homer, AK 99603
Wordfolk@xyz.net

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 3:29 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Dale W. Solberg

Your Email: dwsolberg55@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation at Assembly meetings

Message:

Please do not end the tradition of an invocation at the start of assembly meetings,

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 5:48 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Elisa Russ

Your Email: elisa.russ68@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation elimination ordinance

Message:

Dear KPB Assembly Members,

I believe it is critical to maintain separation of church and state and thereby remove any specific religious invocation as part of the commencement of any government meeting. Enough time has been wasted on this KPB issue and the point of having all religions presented was appropriate when the invocation was allowed, even if I did not support it; the lack of inclusion was not supported in the end by the majority of KPB members and rightfully so is now the subject of a lawsuit by the ACLU of Alaska due to violation of the right to freedom of religion. If any type of pause or reflection is desired by the public and Assembly, then a moment of silence is the most appropriate - it is a quiet, personal affirmation of whatever belief system one has. Please vote to eliminate the invocation.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 6:03 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: bill marshall

Your Email: marshall@xyz.net

Subject: ordinance 2017-02

Message:

When I choose to vote for someone for the borough assembly, I do so after determining their knowledge of the issues and how their positions compare to mine. I do not expect nor do I wish for them to seek out divine guidance prior to their vote. This would only leave me with a lack of understanding of how my candidate would support the issue. The invocation has been nothing but a divisive barrier that has done nothing but delay votes and cost money. Please end this conflict by eliminating the invocation and relying on the skills of the assembly members to make the appropriate decisions.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 6:06 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Vivian Finlay and Clyde Boyer

Your Email: vivandclyde@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation issue

Message:

We are amazed that the invocation issue has become so divisive. Many non religious, non political, service oriented organizations may have invocations to open meetings, and they manage to allow volunteers to say something meaningful without being religious (like Rotary clubs - which belong to an International organization). Why can't the Assembly do that? Better yet, why can't a moment of silence which is respectful for any viewpoint or belief system be used. Surely we have MUCH more important issues to debate. The Assembly should not promote one religious perspective because it is a political group of people...we have a separation of "church and state" in this country. Let us move on, please.
Thank you, Vivian and Clyde (husband and wife from Homer)

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 6:52 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Janet McIntyre

Your Email: mcintyremj@comcast.net

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support invocation prayer in public gatherings as the right and privilege we share in our "one nation under God". You, Assembly, have a rich heritage which I trust you value.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 8:53 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Daniel Del Missier

Your Email: ddelmissier@hotmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Separation of church and State. Yes!!! Dogmatic agendas in the public process at any level. No!!! From a 38 year Homer resident.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 7:31 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Steve Gibson

Your Email: gibsons@alaska.net

Subject: Invocation 3/21/Dunne

Message:

Thanks for working on this very personal decision with honesty and an awareness of its importance to many. Although the numbers are declining year by year, this is primarily a Christian nation. One of the important foundations of the country was to not establish or support any religion above another. This cannot be done if you accept only established church heads to provide invocations. There are many who are not Church heads or who are not believers in any religion who would be excluded. As so many would not be included in your inspirational messaging, and its constitutionality is questionable, I urge you to either accept the resolution or replace it with a period of silence. I appreciate your reflection.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 8:10 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Brad Janorschke

Your Email: Brad.janorschke@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the Inovation Prayer. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 9:16 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Michael Seine

Your Email: mseine@mtaonline.net

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Please don't let the Satanists derail and set aside the Christian invocation. The founding fathers always did a Christian invocation and would never have allowed satanists to take over their meetings.
Thank you!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 3:01 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Tom Burg

Your Email: tburg300@yahoo.com

Subject: Prayer at meetings.

Message:

Please do not vote to take prayer out of your meetings. They've taken God out of our schools, look how that is working out.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 5:04 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Judy Roe

Your Email: judy.g.roe@comcast.net

Subject: KEEP INVOCATION PRAYER

Message:

I support the Invocation Prayer. Stop blocking religious freedom and STOP promoting the hatred and prejudice against of Christians

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 5:29 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jerry Roe

Your Email: Jerryroe@comcast.net

Subject: Invocation prayer

Message:

I support your assembly opening meetings with an invocation prayer. Use ministers from a variety of religions in the community to invoke order and thoughtful spirit into your meetings..

Blankenship, Johni

From: Terry L. Gifford <terlyn@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 7:33 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Letter to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly members

Members,

I wish to express my opinion regarding the proposed change in the invocation policy as proposed by Assemblyman Willy Dunne from Homer. I strongly oppose this change. This opposition is not a knee-jerk reaction but one made after consideration of both points of view.

I do believe in the freedom of expression and I do support the exercise of one's civil rights. I even agree with the statement made by Willy Dunne in the Nov. 24, 2016 issue of Alaska Commons, speaking of his looking forward to a new invocation policy, "...wouldn't it be wonderful, wouldn't it be powerful, to have invocations from poets and artists, biologists, physicists, astronomers, philosophers, anybody who wants to help open our eyes, our hearts, or minds to other ideas?" However, as enlightening as all that sounds, the Borough Assembly chambers IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE VENUE for it unless the assembly were to change its primary function and do business that wasn't mine and thousand of other tax payers,

I support the invocation policy as it now stands, having made it to this juncture after years of history, and until recently, social acceptance. Somewhere along the way to me becoming a senior, this term "politically correct" showed up and now rules are being made, broken and then new ones made (repeat). Invocations have been around for centuries, and until recently, accepted as they were. If objected to, the offended party could excuse him/herself. Today, "past practice" seems to count for very little and "politically correct" seems to give way to the loudest voice.

I get it. No one wants to pay anyone for any wins in a lawsuit. But, let's say there's a saloon on the corner and you want a glass of milk. Chances are, there's no milk at the saloon, and no sign saying there's no milk and no sign saying that the owner refuses to carry or sell milk. Is there a lawsuit in the making? I did not go to the Satanic Temple to pray the Lord's Prayer, but if this is any indication, I probably could. I'm smart enough to know they don't say the Lord's Prayer there and I'm more than likely not going to be wanted. I don't need to file a lawsuit, I don't need to be the cause of hundreds of dollars changing hands. And just because I could, doesn't make it right.

Making the issue too simplistic is not mocking, just attempting to dial it back to the basics. If the policy does not remain as is, then I support NO INVOCATION POLICY. Yes, "things change" but I am not one that believes, nor are thousands of folks on the Peninsula believers, that these changes aimed at "rights" will do anything much different than so many of those that have come before to undermine our Faith, our Culture, our Sense of Values and ultimately our Community.

Our prime purpose in this life is to help others and if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them. ~~Dalai Lama

Terry Gifford

POB 8124 Nikiski, AK 99635

Blankenship, Johni

From: yrc@acsalaska.net
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:08 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ord 2017-2

Please distribute to All assembly members

To the Honorable Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

I ask that you do not support 2017-2 ordinance that does away with invocations.

- 1) This nation was founded on faith in God
- 2) Its first bibles were printed by Congress
and lastly
Mathew 10:33 Deny me and I will deny you before my father in Heaven.

Think about this. In a material world of today it is easy to go along to get along and avoid making waves. Had Jesus Christ chosen that course and did not allow himself to be placed on the cross, or carry the burden of the cross through the streets, or be beaten the way he was. "All Historical facts by the way" Where would we be now?

Some might say not here debating this ordinance!

Others and the Bible says "where ever two or more gather in my name I'm there".

Be strong stay the course and do not Deny him

Kelly wolf

K-beach Rd
394-1505

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:10 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Tara Schmidt

Your Email: tara.c.schmidt@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Dear Assembly Members,

I implore you to just simply drop the whole invocation prior to meetings. This is an inappropriate practice that most certainly violates separation of Church and State. It is exclusive to an offensive level.

When I received my latest tax

Blankenship, Johni

From: Fred Braun <brauncom@ptialaska.net>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:15 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Invocation Process

I ask the Assembly to please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02. I support keeping the process of allowing a short prayer prior to the start of KPB Assembly Meetings. Again, please do not abandon the invocation process that has been in place for decades.

Fred Braun
ASSOCIATE BROKER IN CHARGE



Jack White
Real Estate

10419 Kenai Spur Hwy Ste. B
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Between Edward Jones & GCI
907-252-8375 Cell
907-395-0655 Office

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:28 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Mako Haggerty

Your Email: mako@xyz.net

Subject: invocation

Message:

Please put the "invocation" issue to rest. These days require all hands on deck in dealing with State and Borough budget matters. May I suggest you eliminate the invocation and get back to business.
Thank you

Blankenship, Johni

From: Mary Frische <frollopy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: the lawsuit

Ms. Blankenship:

i couldn't find the comments section on the borough website. so I'm sending my comments to you for forwarding to the assembly.

It's time to stop wasting time and money on the invocation issue.

we don't have a public prayer each day when we go to work.

we don't have a public prayer at sporting events.

People who want to pray can and will do so privately.

spend borough assembly time on actual assembly business.

stop wasting time and effort and legal fees on extraneous, divisive issues.

thankyou

M. Frische
Homer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:58 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Angela Davis

Your Email: ctdavis@ieee.org

Subject: Prayer in the Assembly

Message:

History has proven that without God/Prayer a nation will fall. Please don't let that be eliminated from your meetings. We need all the help we can get. Why take God out of it?

Blankenship, Johni

From: pam bruce <pamandbilly@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 4:34 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: GOD

"I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. Please vote no on Ordinance 2017-02. "
Pamela Bruce

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 9:35 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Doug Van Patten

Your Email: dvpalaska@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I feel very strongly that one's religion should NOT be forced on others. I was raised in the Christian faith. Individuals should be afforded a moment of silence at Assembly meetings to practice their personal invocation in private. Please focus on governing and leave religion in the place of worship where it belongs.

Doug Van Patten
US Navy veteran

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 9:19 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Ameye Carpenter

Your Email: 2ameye@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. Please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Travis McCullough <thmccullough@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 9:52 AM
To: Bagley, Dale; Ogle, Wayne; Welles, Stan; Hibbert, Brent; Fischer, Paul; jshaefer@kpb.us; Carpenter, Kenn; Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ordinance 2017-2

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on Ordinance 2017-2. I hope that you don't eliminate prayer at the beginning of Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meetings. We have been to several meeting over the last few years and appreciate that you still pray. Thank you for hearing my voice.

Sincerely,
Heather McCullough

Blankenship, Johni

From: Wayne Coggins <cfm123@alaska.net>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:01 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: invocation policy

I would like to express that I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Peninsula Assembly meetings. Please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02. If ever our national, state, and local leaders needed divine wisdom, it is now.

Wayne Coggins
Pastor, North Kenai Chapel

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:05 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Paul Hartley

Your Email: phartley@alaskanazarene.org

Subject: Opening Prayer at Assembly Meetings

Message:

Greetings Assembly Members,
My name is Paul Hartley and I serve as District Superintendent for the Alaska District Church of the Nazarene. We have 28 Churches in Alaska, 6 of which are in the Kenai Peninsula Borough. My office is located in Nikiski where I have lived for the last 17 years. Today I want to respectfully let each of you know that we fully support the historic practice of opening each assembly meeting with prayer. We would want to strongly encourage each of you to support or continue to support this practice. Our culture is facing such turbulent time seeking Almighty Gods assistance in governing the people and asking His blessing on your Assembly seems to be a very valuable historic practice. Please stand strong in this area even in the midst of the tremendous pressure you are encountering over this practice. Our country was and is still based on this freedom. Thank you for carefully considering my request.

Sincerely,
Rev. Paul R. Hartley
Superintendent Alaska District Church of the Nazarene

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:11 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: James Walsh

Your Email: jameswalsh425@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer at Assembly Meetings

Message:

I would like to express my opinion that the Borough Assembly reinstate the invocation at the start of every Borough Assembly meeting. I believe that this should be a prayer by an ordained minister of the Word of God. I do not believe that the Borough Assembly meetings should be started by an invocation by a Satanic priest or anyone associated with Satanism or Wicca. Thank you for considering and I pray that you all will make the right choice on this issue

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:16 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Debbie Hamilton

Your Email: Debhamilton1@aol.com

Subject: Please keep the invocation prayer

Message:

Dear Borough Assembly members,

Thank you so much for your service to our community. I have had opportunity to serve on boards and committees and I am aware of the sacrifice of time that you give to better our communities.

I am writing to ask that you vote in support of keeping an invocation prayer at the beginning of each meeting. As a Christian, I of course, value prayer and count it a privilege to be able to commune with the God of creation, to give thanks for His many blessings, seek wisdom in decisions, and strength through hardships. As an American, though, I also count it a privilege and believe that our nation was not only founded on the premise and dependence of an Almighty Creator, but has continued to grow and flourish as we have traditionally sought God for wisdom and have allowed His moral tenets to shape our values.

As we go back to our founding arguments in seeking independence and freedom, Thomas Jefferson wrote in The Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these, are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Thomas Jefferson believed whole heartedly, that some rights were given by man in the form of Government and law, and other rights were given by God and that government had no authority over the rights given by God.

Through our country's existence, it has been customary to thank God for His many blessings upon our nation and communities and to seek His wisdom in decision making. Our currency evidences this as on it is stamped, "In God We Trust," our presidential closing remarks often ask, "and may God bless America," our Pledge of Allegiance declares we are, "one nation, under God." Through our past decades, there has been a vigilant attempt to strengthen the notion of separating the interaction of church and state. This is currently believed to be part of The Constitution in the first amendment which merely states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The phrase, "separation of church and state," was actually coined by Thomas Jefferson again, in a dialogue of letters asserting the limited authority of government over inalienable rights which are governed by God. There was fear that the government would declare a national denomination and Thomas Jefferson believed that the exercise of religious practices were to be governed between the individual and God. His words assuring a separation of church and state was an attempt to maintain religious freedom, not squelch the exercise of religious practices. It was not intended to keep church and God out of political or public decision making, but rather to keep the government out of dictating our religious beliefs and practices. (go to

<https://wallbuilders.com/separation-church-state/>).

If we continue down this slope of moving to exclude God from influencing our decision making, not only will the moral fabric of our country continue to erode, but the strength of our country as well. President Trump ran on a slogan that rallied, "Make America Great Again." This presents an assertion that America has lost its political, economical, and social strength and influence. While fiscally we are in great peril, as we continue to seek greater separation of church and state, we are also in great spiritual peril. The only way to truly make America great again is to heed to the exhortation in Second Chronicles. "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

<http://bible.com/111/2ch.7.14.niv>

Please stand firm on our country's foundational beliefs, that there is a Creator, He grants our inalienable rights, and His wisdom is far greater than ours.

Sincerely,

Debbie Hamilton

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:17 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kathy close

Your Email: k.close@comcast.net

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 1:25 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kay E. Brown

Your Email: kayalaska@yahoo.com

Subject: NO on Ordinance 2017-02

Message:

"I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. Please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02. "

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 1:31 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Wendi Okerlund

Your Email: wendiokerlund1@comcast.net

Subject: Assembly Prayer

Message:

I support the Assembly prayer. Please continue this right of religious freedom! Thank you.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 11:32 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Tricia Caron

Your Email: triciaacaron@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation prayer before Borough Meets

Message:

To each Assembly Member that the Assembly Members keep in mind separation of church and state. I strongly request instead of the invocation at each meeting, a moment of silence. Consider that silence is respectful to guide the Assembly to invoke the seriousness the decisions they are about to institute for the citizens of the Kenai Peninsula, also respectful to all religions of the assembled, no just a few! Thank you very much.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 11:41 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Elaine Burgess

Your Email: eburgess216@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I want to go on record stating I believe a moment of silence in lieu of a prayer is the appropriate vehicle to start a borough assembly meeting, that way, everyone can take a moment to reflect on their personal beliefs.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 12:32 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kathy Sexton

Your Email: kathysheart@ymail.com

Subject: Prayer at the Borough Assembly

Message:

Please continue to keep opening prayer at the beginning of your meetings. Thank You!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:54 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jeff Koons

Your Email: jkoons@rivercitychristian.org

Subject: invocation prayer

Message:

"I support the invocation prayer." Please be courageous and continue to stand for how our country has always operated.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 3:33 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Marianne Merrill

Your Email: merrillmari@yahoo.com

Subject: Invocation Continuance

Message:

I believe prayer before all assembly meetings should be maintained. Please vote for this. If they take it away for you next it is taken away from Mat- Su Valley. This should be constitutional right while at the same time, it does not interfere with government business.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 3:34 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Marjorie Smith

Your Email: margiesmithak@hotmail.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the effort to keep the Invocation Prayer in place at the beginning of your meetings. We need God's blessing and help for all our decisions in these crucial times.
Thank you for your time and service to the community.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 3:36 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: James Spencer

Your Email: spencerj@mtaonline.net

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

Dear Assembly Members,

I appreciate that you have so far fought hard to keep the invocation prayer as an integral part of your process. Please stand up to the ACLU bullies! If God is not in it, you labor in vain. Best Regards, Jim Spencer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Pamela Lynn <aksunshine123@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 3:29 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Prayer in meeting

Dear Kenai Assembly Members,

Thank you for your service to the Kenai community.

I would like to write in support of continuing prayers at your meetings.

I know that there's a lot of pressure to stop doing them, but praying first is so important because it brings a Spirit of love and understanding into the room and prayers help to increase focus and wisdom.

People do well when they look to someone higher than themselves and agree together in a combined act of unity before making decisions. This tradition has gone on for thousands of years all over the world.

Please don't allow somebody else who has no concern for your town and has no connection to your people to bully you into doing something you know in your heart is right for you.

I "pray" you find strength and courage in tomorrow's meeting to vote for your freedom to pray.

Many blessings

Pamela Samash

907-322-2201

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 3:03 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Bob Thwing

Your Email: alaskaeagle@alaskalife.net

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Please keep the invocation.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kathryn MacLeod <keavmac@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 3:16 PM
To: Bagley, Dale; Ogle, Wayne; Welles, Stan; Hibbert, Brent; Fischer, Paul; jshaefer@kpb.usa; Carpenter, Kenn; Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Prayer at meetings

To whom it may concern:

Please do NOT remove prayer before Borough or School Board meetings.

People who do not want prayer are able to leave the room as prayers are given.

This is a simple but effective method of satisfying all concerned people.

Sincerely,
Kathryn MacLeod
380 W. Katmai St.
Soldotna< AK. 99669

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 3:00 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Rob Smaus

Your Email: smaus@cybernet1.com

Subject: invocation

Message:

"I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. Please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02. "

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:02 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Daphne Hofschulte

Your Email: machof@hotmail.com

Subject: Invocations

Message:

I support your Assembly's right to have invocations if you want them. Our government should not prohibit the free exercise of your prayer practices. I'm sorry you have to spend your budget to protect this basic right!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:02 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Don Devore

Your Email: Mavis_devries@hotmail.com

Subject: Assembly Prayer

Message:

Please continue with the prayer before your meetings and not allow the ACLU to intimidate you into giving in to their agenda.

Blankenship, Johni

From: LJ Collier <amazinglove03@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:02 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Ordinance 2017'02

Hello there,

I wanted to make sure to officially comment on this ordinance. I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings.

Please represent the voters and please vote **NO** on Ordinance 2017-02.

Thank you,
Lindsay

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:05 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: John Slone

Your Email: Johnhslone@hotmail.com

Subject: Invocation Policy

Message:

I urge the Kenai Borough Assembly to maintain the invocation policy that has been in use for the past 30 years. Do not allow outside influence to justify another policy that goes against the grain and religious convictions of the majority of Alaskans.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Melinda Hofstad <mhofstad@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:08 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Opening in prayer

Dear Assembly Members: as a former City Council member in my community, I know this for sure that you need The Lords help with the important decisions you make for the citizens who have placed their confidence in you. Please keep the opening prayer. May God help and keep you in His Hands. Melinda Hofstad

Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:15 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kristi Norman

Your Email: invincibledreamer@yahoo.com

Subject: Innvocation

Message:

In GOD We Trust. Please keep the innvocation, we are a State and Country defined by our need for Almighty.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:16 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Larry Casey

Your Email: icsteelhead@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation Prayers

Message:

Strongly support keeping invocation prayers for assembly meetings. Thank You for your time.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:38 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Carmen Jameson

Your Email: jn316-cejfriends@usa.net

Subject: Assembly Meeting Invocation Prayers

Message:

Please support invocation prayers in the Kenai Peninsula. It is not just for your Borough, but for all of Alaskans to honor what happens every day in our federal government, our state government, and many other agencies and public meetings throughout our state.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Stacy Oliva <stacy.oliva@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:41 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: KPB. Ordinance 2017-02

Dear Assembly members:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Ordinance 2017-02, "An Ordinance Amending KPB 22.40.080 and repealing KPB 22.40.090, which Provide for an Invocation During Assembly Meetings."

I strongly support the historical, Judeo-Christian values that have foundationally underpinned the legal and governmental systems of the United States of America. As is the current practice, having an invocation given by a representative of an organized religious group should be considered beneficial to our community.

Please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02, and continue to support the inclusion of the established invocation process currently in place.

Sincerely,

Stacy Oliva
Mile 30.5 Kenai Spur Hwy.
Nikiski, Alaska 99635

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:41 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: pamela castenholz

Your Email: castenholz@acsalaska.net

Subject: prayer/invocation

Message:

Please support our religious rights to openly pray before meetings. The people of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, in a recent poll in the Peninsula Clarion, stated they wish for the invocation to continue. In all of the past votes, the Borough Assembly has also voted to keep the invocation even with the threat of a lawsuit. Thank you!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:41 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Donna Moss

Your Email: akdonna@hotmail.com

Subject: Prayer

Message:

Please continue to open meeting with prayer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:43 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kevin K Chambers

Your Email: kchambers@worldchristian.org

Subject: Prayers

Message:

Dear Assembly Members,
Please continue to allow for a prayer to be said before each meeting. "In God We Trust" I still see that written about our country on some important piece of paper.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:45 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Ken Moss

Your Email: ken.moss@live.com

Subject: Invocation before meetings

Message:

Please continue to open the meetings with an invocation

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 4:28 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Doug Gordon

Your Email: blazingreelscharters@alaska.net

Subject: invocations

Message:

I would like to add my voice to those who are in support of having an invocation prayer at the beginning of our Borough Assembly meetings. Thank you.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 4:02 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Sharon Knowlton

Your Email: sharoninalaska@gmail.com

Subject: Prayer

Message:

Please do not do away with the opening prayer. I do not think this should have been changed. Why fix what isn't broken? The reason Donald Trump won the election is because we are tired of being politically correct. One person seems to be able to complain & they are able to get whatever they want. The majority of people want our borough to be blessed by God. Thank you for your time.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Mike Short <mikeshortccsa@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 4:11 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Invocations

To whom it may concern,

Please continue to allow for the invocations. It is not right that the opinions of a few, are allowed to make changes like this without the approval of the majority just because they feel "offended".

Thank You very much for your consideration, Mike

"All religious associations with an established presence in the Kenai Peninsula Borough that regularly meet for the primary purpose of sharing a religious perspective, or chaplains who may serve one of more of the fire departments, law enforcement agencies, hospitals, or other similar organizations in the borough, are eligible to provide invocations to the assembly, and the authorized leader of any such association or chaplain can make an online submission to provide an invocation to the borough clerk."

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 4:12 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: JOHN AND LYN LOFQUIST

Your Email: jl.lofquist@gmail.com

Subject: opening prayer

Message:

We strongly want to keep the opening prayer at the assemble meetings

Blankenship, Johni

From: Mary Maly <merryrain51@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Invocation

Please forward this to all assembly members.

My name is Mary Maly and I've been a borough resident for 15 years.

It is my request that you vote YES on 2017-02 to delete religious invocations at the beginning of the meetings. To continue having a religious invocation at the beginning of meetings "just because we've always done it that way" is a very poor excuse for insisting that they continue. In today's world, it is high time we start putting the First Amendment into practice.

Mary Maly
4048 El Sarino Ct.
Homer, AK 99603
907-235-6247

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 10:02 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Katherine Rostad

Your Email: kathy_kodiak@yahoo.com

Subject: Assembly Prayer

Message:

Please support religious freedom by voting to continue to allow religious groups to open with prayer at your assembly meetings. We can continue to see God brought into the public square by your support. This has been a part of American public meetings since the founding of our country. Read these words of Benjamin Franklin as he spoke to President George Washington:

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that "except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and by word down to future ages.

I therefore beg leave to move - that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessing on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service."

Blankenship, Johni

From: Bruce Wolf <airforcecourt5@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 9:55 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Invocation

I DO NOT SUPPORT 2017.2 PLEASE TO ASSMEBLY

thank you

Blankenship, Johni

From: Sallie Rediske <sallierediske@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: 2017-02

To Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members:

As I reviewed my new Borough tax assessment with a \$20,000 increase, my disapproval of the current situation our Borough Assembly finds itself in grew exponentially. The issue of conducting an invocation prior to a meeting of our elected assembly is not only divisive, but contrary to the economic austerity measures we are currently being required to accept by the financial status of our state. When the borough is going to increasingly be asked to cut services, why is anyone on the assembly using valuable time supporting this practice that has nothing to do with governance? If you pray, pray before you walk into the chamber doors; set up a prayer meeting prior to every assembly meeting at YOUR place of worship, but get on with the business of governance. Time is money and you are using my money to defend an unnecessary and divisive process.

I strongly support Assembly member Dunne's Ordinance 2017-02.

Sincerely,
Sallie W. Rediske
Homer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 9:35 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Mary Rowley

Your Email: rmcarrowley@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

I support the Invocation prayer!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Melisse Reichman <dylieog@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 8:59 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ordinance 2017-02 Invocations at Borough Assembly meetings

I feel strongly that the invocation before Assembly meetings be canceled and am in favor of a proposal to set this action in motion. Prayer is a private, individual matter, not appropriate for public governmental meetings where people from many different backgrounds, perspectives and faiths should feel included, never excluded. There should be separation of church/religion and state. Delivery of an invocation and the process of choosing who can and can not deliver one divides rather than unites our community. wastes time and money and serves no practical benefit to the business at hand. Allowing a moment of silence seems like a way to please most people, so I would have no objection to that.

Melisse Reichman
53243 McNeil Canyon Rd.
Homer, AK 99603

Blankenship, Johni

From: Becky Fuoco <satinqueen86@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 11:13 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: I vote no

I support the inclusion for the established invocations process in the Kenai borough Assembly meeting. I vote no on ordinance 2017-02

Rebecca J. Fuoco
32930 FairGame Ave #H
Sterling Alaska
99672
90-260-6554
907-252-5799

Blankenship, Johni

From: Janet Klein <janetklein12@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 5:48 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ordinance 2017-02

Hello Assembly Members,

I encourage you to pass ordinance 2017-02 tomorrow evening; eliminate the controversial invocation or open it to all people's, regardless of their beliefs. Also, please stop frittering away our tax dollars.

Please vote YES at your meeting tomorrow night.

Thank you.

Janet

Blankenship, Johni

From: Heidi <hcoveyak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 6:19 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Invocation

I am in support of the invocation before assembly meetings, please vote no on 2017-02.

Heidi Covey Nikiski Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: George Siter <grsiter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:45 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Ordinance 2017-02

Dear Clerk:

Please contact and inform ALL current Assembly Members that I request that they vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02. With the current moves throughout the public school system and colleges of the country attacking Christians and removing God from these institutions, I consider it an attack on my freedom of the exercise of my religion guaranteed to me and my family in Amendment 1 of the US Constitution and Article 1 Section 4 Free Exercise of my religion of the Constitution of Alaska.

Thank you.

George R. Siter, Jr. and Shirley A. Siter
35925 Irons Ave.
Soldotna
Alaska, 99669
907-420-7500

"I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. Please vote **NO** on Ordinance 2017-02. "

Blankenship, Johni

From: teresa sundmark <tsundmark@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 9:11 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: borough invocation comments

Hello,

My name is Teresa Sundmark, I live just a bit east of McNeil Canyon Elementary school. My husband and I have raised our family in the Kenai Peninsula Borough. I would like to state for the record that I am absolutely in favor of eliminating the invocation before the Kenai Peninsula Borough assembly meetings. Clearly, the practice is causing more harm than it is good.

A moment of silence, a prayer, a song, a blessing, a thoughtful quote or a few meaningful words before a meeting should not have to be a divisive issue, but the majority of the KPB assembly members have made it one by creating rules that exclude members of various faiths or belief systems from participating. Not only is this unfair and unkind, it is an insult to the integrity of the KPB residents.

I also believe that the KPB should err on the side of caution when it comes to the issue of violating the rules of separation of church and state. While I respect that many of our borough assembly members call themselves Christians, our borough government is not a Christian entity nor should it ever attempt to be one. The borough assembly's purpose is to carry out the business of running our borough, it is not meant to be the gatekeeper of spirituality.

The \$50,000.00 recently allocated to defend the lawsuit filed by the ACLU could and should be spent on something that will serve the Kenai Peninsula Borough community members. Education is always in need of funding, as is road maintenance, refuse disposal, etc., and it is important to remind the assembly that the lawsuit would not have been necessary if they had not created an invocation policy that excluded people.

I must also say that I am deeply concerned that the borough assembly has retained the Alliance Defending Freedom for their legal defense in the invocation case as it is clearly a Christian organization with an agenda that is not at all in line with the purpose of the borough government.

Thank you for taking the time to read these comments and thanks to Willy Dunne for introducing the ordinance to do away with the invocation altogether. Given the current situation the borough assembly has gotten itself into, the ordinance to eliminate the invocation is the most sane and cost effective thing to do.

Teresa Sundmark

36800 Maria Rd
Homer AK 99603
907-399-4509

Blankenship, Johni

From: Jennifer Scheller <jennjscheller@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 9:15 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Concerned citizen

To whom it may concern:

I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. Please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02.

Thank you,
Jennifer Scheller

Blankenship, Johni

From: Amy Puentes <amy_puentes@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:13 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk

To whom

"I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. Please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02.

Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: akhiker73 <akhiker73@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:17 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk

I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. Please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Blankenship, Johni

From: Richard Minster <shalodus@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:57 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Ordinance 2017-02

"I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. Please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02

Blankenship, Johni

From: Jim Levine <jim.levine2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 1:50 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Borough meeting March 21

Ms Blankenship,
Please forward my comments to the assembly for tonight's meeting.

Dear Assembly,

I am writing in response to the discussion you will be having tonight regarding the invocation prior to the meeting. Instead of an invocation I would much prefer to have a moment of silence where everyone on the assembly and in the audience can settle themselves in their own way for the good of the borough. I live in the Kenai Peninsula Borough area and feel our borough tax money should go to solving our public needs, not our religious needs.

Thanks

Eugene Levine
65234 Diamond Ridge Rd.
Homer Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: Sue Post <2dogsue@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 3:18 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Letter for the assembly members

Hello, as I am traveling on vacation and can't speak at the meeting tonight, I am hoping you can pass this on to the assembly members for me? Thank you.

To the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and Mayor-

I have lived in Homer for the majority of my life and for most of the past 40 years. I have witnessed many issues both at the city and the borough level and most of them have settled out.

I sincerely hope this one will settle out also, without costing any more of our borough tax dollars to fight it. As the owner of not one, but 2 businesses, collecting sales tax to help fund the borough, as well as a citizen who spends almost all of my shopping dollars locally, I am incensed that the borough can't come to terms without a lawsuit on this. I resent tax dollars spent on this issue.

I am referring to ordinance 2017-02 (the Religious Invocation issue) and I ask that you vote YES to delete these at the beginning of the meetings. If you must have something, allow it to be a moment of silence and each person can spend it as he or she sees fit- be it a prayer or a meditation, or just a moment to catch ones breath. I do NOT see any prayer said aloud, but especially not if you limit which beliefs can be heard.

I appreciate each and everyone of you for your dedication to this assembly. I appreciate that as a democracy, we as citizens have the right to speak up, and I appreciate our Constitution's first amendment and hope that you will all respect that as well. Separation of Church and State is very important to me and there is nothing easier at this point than to vote YES on this tonight and move on with business and let every person get his or her spiritual time elsewhere.

Thank you for your time-
Susan Post
Homer, Alaska

Blankenship, Johni

From: bwyattworks@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 7:25 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ord. 2017-02

Please forward to members of borough assembly.

As a 40+ year resident of this borough, I want to thank all of the assembly and borough officials and employees for your time and work. We enjoy a full, active and healthy life here partly due to your dedication and hard work.

I sincerely ask that the assembly vote YES on ordinance 2017-02, on March 21, to delete religious invocations at beginning of your meetings. I say "your" meetings, but really mean "OUR" meetings. By now you know that you do the business of and for a diverse community. Please vote yes in honor of all of us. A moment of silence and/or personal time for prayer or reflection is a powerful way to make spiritual connection for those so inclined. To limit inclusion in the process is against the bedrock of our American way of life. AND fighting against the rule of law on this fundamental tenet will only cost us, borough taxpayers, in legal and Court fees. Vote YES on ordinance 2017-02, do away with invocations at our assembly meetings so you may get on with important work for our borough.

Thank you for allowing public testimony and please waste no more time and money on this.

Barbara Wyatt
40635 Belnap Drive
Homer, Alaska 99603

235-7334

Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 8:51 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Philip Brown

Your Email: philbrownjr@gmail.com

Subject: KPB Meetings Invocation Policy

Message:

I support your Invocation policy and encourage each of you to defend it against any challenges.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 5:11 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kristi Duffey

Your Email: kdbaseball@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation prayer

Message:

Just a simple message to convey that I am in support of invocation prayer. Prayers are with you all in making decisions about this subject.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 5:15 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Mona Hundrup

Your Email: hundrup@gci.net

Subject: invocation prayer

Message:

I support the continuation of the invocation prayer at the Kenai Peninsula Borough Association Meetings.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 6:16 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Michael Mackowiak

Your Email: coastale@aptalaska.net

Subject: Invocation of Prayer, Kenai Pen Borough

Message:

I want to voice my support for the Kenai Peninsula Borough's opening of public meetings with an invocation of prayer. I cannot say it better than Ben Franklin did as he addressed President George Washington:
"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that "except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and by word down to future ages.

I therefore beg leave to move - that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessing on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service."

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 6:36 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Rod Perry

Your Email: rod@rodperry.com

Subject: Convocational Prayer

Message:

Seek through convocational prayer, at Council meetings, God's protection, provision, and guidance. It has been truly stated that, "Those are not wise, who think themselves too wise to be counseled of God."

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 7:29 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Grant W Hunter

Your Email: hunterpp@gci.net

Subject: Prayer

Message:

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that "except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and bye word down to future ages.

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Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 7:32 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Renee Saunders

Your Email: sitka7@gmail.com

Subject: KPB invocation at meetings

Message:

Please stand strong against the ACLU's opposition to prayer invocations at your meetings. The outcome of this issue will affect all Alaskans.. My 5 children attended the Anchor Point Elementary School, and I am hoping for the freedom we had in that community to continue, as the majority of residents support it also. We Alaskans enjoy more freedom than many other states- don't let go of it!! Thank you

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 7:35 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: John Todd

Your Email: toddj98@yahoo.com

Subject: Assembly Invocation

Message:

I am writing to fully support the invocation policy as it currently stands. No changes should be made and prayer should be allowed.

Sincerely,
John Todd

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:04 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Thomas Wadzinski

Your Email: twadzin@gmail.com

Subject: ACLU and other pagans

Message:

We cannot allow any gains by our enemies. No compromising. Look at what we have in the US Congress. Go halfway and end up losing the whole game! What have the Rhinos gained for us!?

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:05 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Joshua B Smith

Your Email: northroad@gmail.com

Subject: Assembly Invocation

Message:

Assembly Members,
Please do not be intimidated by those who would force prayer out of the public sphere. God's gifts of life and liberty are enshrined in our Declaration of Independence and we should no more hide His role as creator than we should abandon these rights. Keep the Invocation.

Sincerely,
Josh Smith

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:10 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Lora Reinbold

Your Email: aklora@outlook.com

Subject: prayer at meetings

Message:

I would like to ask you to keep prayers at the public meetings. The Supreme court recently ruled in favor of this tradition that our founding fathers found to be of critical importance to the United States of America!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:16 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: David Kingsland

Your Email: Davidkingsland2@hotmail.com

Subject: Invocation

Message:

Keep the invocation as part of the borough meetings.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:22 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Greg DeHart

Your Email: hopeforlife57@yahoo.com

Subject: innvocation

Message:

It is both the right and duty of faithful citizens to invoke the blessing and wisdom of God in respect to how their public governmental meetings, with their decisions are conducted.

In other words, prayer to God is a right and duty.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:24 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Tony Roof

Your Email: firemanak@gmail.com

Subject: prayer at your Assembly meetings

Message:

We need to fight this more than ever, God and religion (Christianity) is under attack. This prayer hurts no one, and it's a good thing to ask God to over see your responsibilities as government officials

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:46 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: James & Janice Preston

Your Email: jpreston60@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation before assembly meetings

Message:

We support the current invocation policy. Please vote in favor of it continuing.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:50 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Daniel Gallahorn

Your Email: daniel-gallahorn@hotmail.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support the invocation prayer at the beginning of each meeting and I say that it should continue in the meeting tomorrow.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:59 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Karen Davis

Your Email: kdavistran@aol.com

Subject: Opening Prayer

Message:

Please continue to allow and hold opening prayer before each Assembly meeting according to the policy written with the help of Alliance Defending Freedom

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 9:25 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kelly Caraway

Your Email: kellytim@mtaonline.net

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I encourage the body to stand strong against the ACLU threat, and to continue the tradition of an invocation to begin meetings.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 9:31 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Andrew Brewer

Your Email: andrewbrewer54@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation at Assembly Meetings

Message:

I understand that the ACLU is trying to deprive you of your rights as Americans Citizens. To the contrary, you must always protect our religious freedom and exercise it as you see fit. It is a dark day when our liberties are suppressed by organizations calling themselves the "American Civil Liberties Union" when in fact they oppose the very liberties they espouse. Government should never prohibit the free exercise of religious liberty. I'm sure you will not waiver in this modest expression of faith.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:03 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Linda Allen

Your Email: la_ta_ak@yahoo.com

Subject: RE:Prayer

Message:

Please keep prayer!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:39 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Colleen Ward

Your Email: xcel@alaskan.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support invocation prayer at the assembly meetings.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 1:05 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Josiah Alexander

Your Email: jcalexander@alaska.edu

Subject: Regarding the Invocation Prayer Lawsuit

Message:

Greetings KPB Assembly Members,

I recently heard the ACLU has brought suit regarding the invocation prayer regularly held before assembly meetings. I wish to convey my complete support for the invocation prayer tradition.

I believe the majority of the people wish for this tradition to continue. Rather, the weight of a far away and imposing force, the ACLU, is being used to intimidate.

Regardless of the wording of their charges, I believe no rights or general good policy are violated by this tradition. Those shortsighted enough to claim that only one religious viewpoint are represented during these prayers would be enlightened to learn that even satanists have held opening prayers.

Regardless of one's own conviction, initiating public service by welcoming the blessing of diety (even if these beliefs are not shared by all community members present) serves as a reminder for all to focus on the greater good.

Do not waiver. Rather, be strong for the community.

Cheers, Josiah Alexander

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 4:58 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: John Scott

Your Email: jscott@Cedrusfinancial.com

Subject: Vote on Invocation Prayer

Message:

I support The Invocation Prayer. Please KEEP IT! All of our government officials need ALL the blessings they can get in tough times.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 6:38 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Steve Raney

Your Email: aktori02857@yahoo.com

Subject: Comment re Ordinance 2017-02

Message:

I would like to articulate my support for the assembly to disapprove once more, subject Ordinance calling for the elimination of prayer at the beginning of Borough Assembly meetings. Prayers before public meetings has been a longstanding part of governance in the US even before it was the US. These prayers are included at a wide array of public meetings at the local, state, and federal level and supported by the US Supreme Court provided equal access to people of all faiths is provided which the current Borough policy allows for. There should be no reasonable concern regarding pending threats of legal action as they have little to no basis in case law.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 7:37 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Florie Wilcoxson

Your Email: wilcoxson374@gmail.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

Thank you for your service to the people of the Kenai Peninsula. I stand in support of the current practice of opening assembly meetings with prayer. Thank you for recognizing the importance of continuing this invocation.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 7:57 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Susan Jordan

Your Email: jordanpc@alaska.net

Subject: Invocation prayers

Message:

I support invocation prayers.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Graydon Cowgill <gmaccowgill@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 7:59 AM
To: Bagley, Dale; Ogle, Wayne; Welles, Stan; Hibbert, Brent; Fischer, Paul; jshaefer@kpb.us; Carpenter, Kenn; Blankenship, Johni

We ask you to prayerfully consider to vote NO on Ordinance 2017-2.

Sincerely,
The Christians of the Peninsula Borough

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 4:29 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Rhoda Myers

Your Email: rhodagmyers@yahoo.com

Subject: Regarding Ordinance in Tomorrow's Meeting 03/21/17

Message:

Hello, I wanted to write in regarding the ordinance that you are discussing during tomorrow's meeting on an Ordinance Amending KPB 22.40.080 and Repealing KPB 22.40.090 which Provide for an Invocation During Assembly Meetings (Dunne). As Alaskans, we should be allowed the freedoms to keep the ability to have invocations during our legislative meetings. This is something we have been doing for decades and something we should not be bullied by the ACLU into changing. The ACLU is suing everyone, everywhere, just to make a point nationwide. As Alaskans, we have never felt the need to cower when being bullied like this before, and we should not start now! Please do not take away our rights or cower to the ACLU! YOU are the folks who make change! Right here at home! YOU have that power. Please respect the power the Alaskan people have allowed you to have. Please do NOT give in to the ACLU. Please respect our rights as Alaskans to have prayers and invocations during our meetings. Thank you!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Richard Laura Inglima <inglimadl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 10:12 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: RE: 2017-02

Please share this with the assembly members.

We are lifelong and 43 year KPB residents. We are opposed to ANY religious invocation at any point of the meetings. We believe it to be an unconstitutional mix of church and state.

Please vote YES on 2017-02.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 10:27 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Rebecca Hinsberger

Your Email: dwellinsecretplace@yahoo.com

Subject: innvocation prayer

Message:

Please keep the opening prayer intact!

Blankenship, Johni

From: Yahoo <dianna_prior@ymail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 10:27 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Vote no and keep prayer

Please do not end prayer before your meetings as you represent us.

Thank you from a 40 plus year resident of the Kenai Peninsula Borough,

Dianna Prior

Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 12:04 PM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Sarah Rozak

Your Email: msrozak@alaska.net

Subject: "I support the Invocation prayer

Message:

Please Keep the Invocation prayer,as a country we were founded on God's Laws and Principals. As a Country we need to keep those principles....

Blankenship, Johni

From: Connie Schnicke <con3048@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 11:22 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Prayer before meetings

Dear Borough Assembly members,

I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. As a resident of KBP I'm asking you to please vote NO on Ordinance 2017-02.

Thank you,
Constance Schnicke

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 11:20 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Pamela Ables

Your Email: pamables@outlook.com

Subject: Invocation Prayer

Message:

I am in support of the opening prayer. Beginning a meeting with an opening prayer places each member and all present into a peaceful state of mind thus allowing for a humble gathering of minds to better represent our community. This moment of connection, I believe, helps assembly members work closely as a cohesive team, to listen to concerns with a discerning heart and to perform their assigned duties with integrity. Thank you.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 11:16 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: teresa winter

Your Email: winter_teresa@yahoo.com

Subject: invocation at meetings

Message:

Don't you think we've spent enough time and money on this? Don't we have other important things to do, like fund our schools, balance our budget, etc? Some assembly members have made this their personal crusade and I understand where they are coming from, but really, enough is enough.

If you want to have invocation, meet as friends before the meeting in the office area and have whomever you want do it. Or have a moment of silence, let everyone pray to their own gods and then GET TO WORK.

Assembly members are supposed represent ALL the people in their district, not just the ones who pray to the same gods they do.

The borough has no chance of winning the court case they are ultimately going to end up in. Separation of church and state - remember?

Blankenship, Johni

From: candpmoss@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Vote YES on 2017-02

Please share with our Assembly people.

Chris and I believe in the separation of church and state. Vote to remove the invocation from your Assembly meetings. Let's get this done, so you can get back to the business of running our Borough.

Sincerely,
Chris and Pat Moss
Box 1115
Homer, AK 99603

907-235-8053
Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Blankenship, Johni

From: drawls@alaska.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 11:00 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Vote No on Ordinance 2017-02!

I support the inclusion of the established invocation process in the Kenai Borough Assembly meetings. Please vote no on Ordinance 2017-02.

Durainey Rawls
43 year Resident of Nikiski

Blankenship, Johni

From: Gail Sorrels <gailsorrels@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 10:59 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Ordinance 2017-02

VOTE NO ON THIS ORDINANCE!!!!
Sent from my iPad

Blankenship, Johni

From: Donna Lohrke <d.lohrke@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 10:56 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: Prayer

I vote NO! On ordinance number 2017-02