

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Brent Johnson, Assembly President *BJ*
Tyson Cox, Assembly Vice President *TRC*

DATE: December 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Resolution 2022-059, Accepting the Resignation of Assembly Member Jesse Bjorkman and Declaring a Vacancy on the Assembly (Johnson, Cox)

On November 30, 2022, the State of Alaska certified the results of the 2022 general election that was held on November 8, 2022. Due to Assemblyman Jesse Bjorkman being elected to serve in the Alaska State Senate, he has submitted his resignation from the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly. Jesse was initially elected to serve as an assembly member from Assembly District 3, Nikiski, on October 1, 2019 and, on October 4, 2022, he was re-elected to serve a second term on the Assembly.

Jesse's resignation is effective January 16, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. The Assembly's January 3, 2022 meeting will be Jesse's last meeting on the Assembly. The prospective effective date will allow the Borough Clerk's Office to advertise the notice of vacancy, followed by a 15-day application period for declarations of candidacy to be filed. Subsequently, the assembly will appoint a new representative for Assembly District 3 in a manner that ensures there is no gap in representation for Assembly District 3.

Under this proposed timeline, the first meeting on the Assembly for the appointed representative for Assembly District 3 will be January 17, 2022. The appointee will serve as the representative for Assembly District 3 until the Borough's October 2023 regular election.

We want to congratulate Jesse on his successful campaign and extend our best wishes to him as he continues his work representing residents of the Northern Kenai Peninsula, in service to all of Alaska, as Senator-elect for Senate District D.

Your consideration is appreciated.