## Kenai Peninsula Borough

Assembly

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

Members, KPB Assembly

FROM:

Kelly Cooper, Assembly Vice-President (W) for KC.

DATE:

August 7, 2025

RE:

Ordinance 2025-19-09, Approving the Use of Funds for the Costs of Distributing Informational and Promotional Information About Ballot Proposition No.

1 Seeking Voter Approval to Require Hand Counting of Ballots Voted on Election

Day (Mayor)

Given the changes this proposition will have on the clerk's office as well as the very real challenge recruiting enough election workers, potential for errors and increased costs in administering the election, an informational campaign is necessary.

We have a difficult time filling slots for all our precincts now and the ballot prop may require double the election workers. The proposition requires all votes to be counted on the same day and given the long hours, I have concerns about counting errors and loss of election workers for future elections. The borough elections do currently audit multiple precincts by hand counting ballots in those precincts to compare to the machine tabulations and find them to be accurate.

Your consideration is appreciated.