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Dear KPB Assembly Members:

My name is Larry Smith and I have submitted an application for the Assembly District 6 – East Peninsula seat and would like to submit the following biographical information.

I was born in Seward, Alaska on August 18, 1952 and raised in Cooper Landing where I have been a resident ever since. I attended Cooper Landing Elementary School for first through eighth grades. I attended Petersburg High School as a freshman and graduated from Seward High School in 1970. I attended UAA in the fall/spring of 1971/1972 and was drafted in our very last draft.

I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in the spring of 1972 and was on active duty from June 30, 1972 until May 19, 1976. My MOS in the Marine Corps was 5831- Correctional Officer. I was stationed at Marine Barracks, Yokosuka, Japan from December 1972 until May 1975 where I worked as a Correctional Officer. The remainder of my active duty time was spent at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California. I received an honorable discharge on May 19, 1976 with the rank of Sergeant (E5). During my time in the Marine Corps I was able to get another year of college through correspondence schools.

After my discharge I attended my third and last year of college at the University of Colorado, Boulder. In the fall of 1979 I got a construction job as a union carpenter and worked for the next three years building high schools at three villages around Bethel, Alaska and then spent time remodeling enlisted barracks at Naval Station, Adak, Alaska. After that I worked as the union labor foreman on the site development of the Seward Marine Industrial Center in Seward, Alaska.

In 1982 my brother Dan and I started D & L Construction Co., Inc, a licensed and bonded General Contractor. We have been in business ever since and have performed civil construction projects throughout Alaska from Petersburg in Southeast Alaska to Marshall, Alaska on the Yukon River, to Red Devil on the Kuskokwim River, to Manley Hot Springs, Alaska and Livengood, Alaska north of Fairbanks and to King Cove, Alaska on the Aleutian Chain. We currently have ongoing construction projects in Gustavus, Alaska and Ft. Yukon, Alaska. In addition, we currently have two contracts with the KPB Solid Waste for the operation and maintenance of the Beluga Landfill and the Homer Transfer Facility. And we have two contracts with the KPB Road Service Area for the maintenance of roads in the West Region Units 6 and 7 – from Skyline to Bridge Access.

I met my wife Cindy (originally from Ohio) in Cooper Landing in 1981 and we were married in 1982. We have three grown children and three grandchildren. Cindy operates a cabin rental business on our property on the Kenai River in Cooper Landing. Our daughter Michelle Wicker is the oldest and she has a degree in Criminal Justice from UAA. She just resigned from her job as a Patrol Officer for the City of Soldotna Police Department in order to be a stay at home mom. Her husband, Joseph Wicker, is a Firefighter/Paramedic for CES. Our son Matthew has a Masters Degree in Wildlife Biology from UAF and lives and works in Anchorage. He works for the USGS. And finally, our youngest daughter Mikala Fulsang is a stay at home mom currently living in El Paso, Texas with her husband and two children. Mikala has a degree in History from UAA. Mikala's husband, Neil, is a Captain in the U. S. Army stationed at Ft. Bliss in El Paso. Neil is about to return home from a nine month deployment to Kuwait and Afghanistan.

I am currently a member of the KPB Road Service Area Board just beginning my second three year term. I was a member of the Cooper Landing Voluntary Ambulance Service in the mid 1980's. I am a past President of the Cooper Landing Community Club and a past Chairman of the Cooper Landing Advisory Planning Commission. I was a member of the KPB Solid Waste Commission for a few years. And finally, I was a member and past president of the Kenai Peninsula Builders Association.

I enjoy spending time with my wife Cindy, our children and our grandchildren. I also enjoy hunting and fishing.

Thank you for your consideration.