

Blankenship, Johni

From: Tara Kain <tara_kain@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:00 PM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
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Sincerely,
Tara Kain
Anchor Point

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From: Shell <geminimuse@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 6:38 AM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
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Sincerely
Shelly Becker

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From: Sheridan L. Crawford <seadog5960@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 8:19 AM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
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Sincerely,

Sheridan Crawford

Ninilchik, Alaska

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From: Kay Brown <kayalaska@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 8:30 AM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
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Sincerely,
Kay Brown
Nikiski

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Gus Andress <godrlinc13@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 8:57 AM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
Subject: Food Tax

Ladies and Gentlemen, we urge you to reject Assemblyman Bagley's proposal to increase the borough tax on food. If the KPB is outspending their annual budget, perhaps they could consider something extraordinary for a change and cut spending. There are numerous budget items that could benefit from eliminating waste. Additionally, the property assessments here in Homer were arbitrarily increased based on views. I know many homeowners whose property value assessments were arbitrarily increased by as much as \$100,000 based only on the fact they are view properties. Why not increase the mill rate? Because it would have to go to a vote.

STOP THE FOOD TAX INITIATIVE!! "The power to tax is the power to destroy", Thomas Jefferson
Regards,
Gus and Diane Andress
Homer, AK

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From: Vicki Duggin<v.duggin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 9:33 AM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now

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Sincerely,
Vicki Duggin
Nikiski

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From: Susie Hokkanen <susiehokkanen@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
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Sincerely,
(Your First and Last Name)
(Your City)



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From: H W <delbertkyle@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Cooper, Kelly; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni
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H. Williams
PO BOX 4371
Soldotna, AK 99669

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From: Charles Elliott <Charles-T-Elliott@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 1:23 PM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
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Tell Bagley the people have spoken already and if he and all of you are true representatives of the "People" you will all stop trying to pass legislation we do not desire.

Respectfully, Charles Elliott

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From: Copy Cats - Dustin Aaronson <copycats@ak.net>
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 3:44 PM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
Subject: Subject: Please Vote NO on Ordinance 2017-11

Dear Assembly Members,

Please Vote NO on Ordinance 2017-11:

- We Alaskans have already given up more than half of our dividends. As you know, our dividends are compensation for not having mineral rights. It is NOT a social program. It belongs to us, yet is being taken from us and given to others unfairly. The impact of this alone on our local economy has been painful and was felt immediately by business owners.
- Please join your neighbors who operate the businesses that make the peninsula a habitable and worthwhile place to live. Please respect our position on grocery taxes, and do not reverse this hard won law that is ethical, fair and good for our Extremely Fragile Economy.

Please VOTE NO on Ordinance 2017-11.

Sincerely,
Dustin Aaronson
Kenai

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From: Clam Gulch <clamgulch1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
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Sincerely,
Marilyn Dodd
PO Box 156
Clam Gulch

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From: Kirk & Jenn DesErmia <kirkandjenn_des@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 03, 2017 8:31 PM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
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Sincerely,

Kirk & Jenn DesErmia
Seward, AK

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From: Rhonda Ecker <recker60@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 04, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
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Sincerely,
Rhonda Ecker
Homer, Alaska 99603

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From: richardmcgahan <boulderpoint@alaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 04, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
Subject: Grocery tax Ord. 2017-11

Dear Assemblymen,

PLEASE....GIVE THIS UP!!!!

How many times does the public have to make their views on this known to our Borough Assembly??

What on earth is Dale Bagley thinking??

Please vote no again!

Karen and Richard McGahan

Blankenship, Johni

From: Cherry Flothe <ceflothe@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 04, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Please don't raise grocery tax!

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Sincerely,
Cheryl Flothe
Cooper Landing

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Juggernaut <ptzsr1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 04, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Ogle, Wayne; Hibbert, Brent; Schaefer, Jill; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; Carpenter, Kenn; Fischer, Paul; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, Willy; Navarre, Mike; Blankenship, Johni; Alaskans For Grocery Tax Relief Now
Subject: Ordinance 2017-11

Dear Assembly members,

I ask that you vote a resounding NO on Ordinance 2017-11 submitted by assemblyman Bagley. His repeated efforts to increase the tax burden on residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough is incredulous.

The "tax and spend" policy embraced by Mr. Bagley and this ordinance, contradict not only, good fiscal responsibility, but also is a slap in the face to KPB residents who have repeatedly voted to maintain the existing sales tax structure as it is.

There is sufficient non-essential spending in the KPB budget that can be eliminated long before attacking and taxing the citizens of the borough to satisfy some distorted notion that you can "tax your way out of fiscal responsibility".

I trust you will not join Mr. Bagley in this I'll conceived Ordinance and vote NO on Ordinance 2017-11.

Thank you

Peter T. Zuyus

Homer, Ak

Sent from my iPad

KPB Assembly & Mayor,

Please consider my kind words as you deliberate KPB Ordinance 2017-11 and the new budget.

As you are probably aware, our brilliant legislators (past and present) get together each year in Juneau and spend too much money in support of their "too big to fail" government. Their reckless spending habits were *NEVER* sustainable. Those of us who predicted *their fiscal crisis* can now say "I told you so"! Now they want to raise revenue to pay for *their* failure to control cost. Of course this will run downhill, just like a stream of toxic waste does. Do you want to emulate those brilliant legislators in Juneau or will you actually represent the public wishes for smaller more efficient government?

As the state continues sliding into bankruptcy and the economy into recession it is going to have an effect on everyone who relies on handouts from the state. What can those downstream of the Juneau toxic waste plant do? Two options exist, raise taxes or heaven forbid cut spending.

Let's talk briefly about life in a recession. Sales tax revenues will continue to decrease as people become more careful with their money. This example should be exercised by all public officials. To blame those brilliant legislators in Juneau for a reason to increase the tax burden on local people during a recession is bad public policy. It is not possible to tax your way out of a shrinking economy. This is why I suggest you begin making cuts in borough government. There are plenty of places to cut if you dig deep enough into the budget. I will be happy to make suggestions if you are unable to find any.

The other issue at hand is this; voters have repeatedly supported the sales tax exemption on non-prepared foods. Now that they have less disposable income to spend do you really believe their opinion has changed? I think any reasonably intelligent person will consider this highly unlikely. You already know what the public wants. If you choose to disrespect the public's wishes, then don't expect the public to respect you in return.

Get a few miles away from Binkley Street and most people could give a damn about borough government. What they do want is to be left alone and reasonably necessary services delivered efficiently. Do a public opinion survey and you will find people want *LESS government NOT HIGHER TAXES!*

This year please give all tax increase proposals very serious consideration. Forget about what the *cities and borough government think they need* and do what the *PUBLIC WANTS!*

Vote NO on 2017-11; and NO on the mil rate increase. To raise taxes in an attempt to sustain the unsustainable is ludicrous at all levels of government. Instead of raising taxes, figure out how to *provide BASIC SERVICES ONLY and eliminate everything else.*

Most sincerely,

Mike McBride
North of Kenai