

Blankenship, Johni

From: kare alaska <karealaska@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 03, 2017 9:54 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni; Cooper, Kelly
Subject: Support for Resolution 2017-042

Dear Borough Clerk Blankenship, and Assembly person, Kelly Cooper,

On behalf of our advocacy group, Kachemak Advocates of Recycling (KARe), I urge the Borough Assembly members to approve this Resolution 2017-042 to initiate a pilot project for compost waste in the Homer area.

It is important to our group to reduce the waste that enters the Borough's landfill (s), and to encourage recycling, re-using, and reducing waste. Organic and other materials which may be composted need to stay out of the landfill. This pilot project is a good start to evaluate if businesses and the public will support such a program.

We are thankful to the Borough's solid waste department for initiating this pilot project with the support of one of KARe's active members, Dale Banks, and we hope the project will begin as soon as possible.

Thank you,
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From: Salisbury, Lee
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 12:03 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: Homer composting project

Please forward my comments below to the assembly regarding Resolution 2017-042

Hello, my name is Lee Salisbury. I currently live in Soldotna and am building a house on my property in Kachemak City.

The home I am building is located less than 1/2 mile as the crow flies from the proposed composting site. There are several homes directly adjacent to the composting site.

Although I support the concept of composting, I am vehemently opposed to the export of raw "green" garbage out of the city of Homer and dumping it on the ground and leaving it to rot in a residential area of Kachemak City. I understand that the proponents of this composting program envision importing so much garbage that it will be piled up and left to rot in multiple rows up to 8 feet high and 16 feet wide. I have concerns that rotting garbage on this scale will attract bears and other wildlife as well as become a breeding ground for insects and rodents. Smell could also potentially be an issue.

Please consider how would you feel if a business in your neighborhood arranged for somebody to pick up raw green garbage from Anchorage and have it delivered to your neighborhood where it would rot for a few months and then your neighboring business would sell it for a profit and you were forced to foot the bill for the privilege of transporting that garbage to your neighborhood? That is what this project will do – take my tax money and use it to import rotting garbage into my neighborhood and my neighboring business will make a profit from the sale of the composted material.

I believe that if the borough participates in a composting program we should partner with a non-profit and find a location for the composting site that is away from residential areas.

Thank you.

Lee Salisbury