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Wayne Ogle, Assembly President
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Borough Clerk's Office
Kenai Peninsula Borough

Dear Mr. Ogle and Assembly Members:

On January 25, 2018 at our quarterly Cooper Landing Community Club meeting, those present unanimously approved the following recommendations be forwarded to you for action:

1. Approve the Resolution Classifying 66.5 Acres of Borough Land in the Cooper Landing Area as Recreational.
2. Adopt Ordinance 2018-06 Adopting Amendments to "Community Recommendations on a Land Use Plan for Borough Lands at Cooper Landing, 1992", an Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
3. Adopt Ordinance 2018-07 Authorizing a Negotiated Lease at Less than Fair Market Value of Certain Real Property Containing 66.5 Acres More or Less to the Cooper Landing Rifle and Sportsman's Club for the Development of Shooting Facilities.

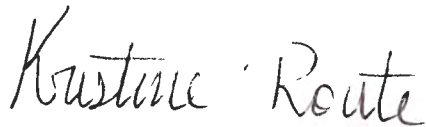
Our community has valued having a safe and functional shooting range for 70 years, but as the community has grown up around the current facility on Bean Creek Road, noise and potential down-range safety issues have become more problematic. Several years ago, a sub-committee of the Cooper Landing Community Club evaluated a list of potential locations for a new shooting range and recommended that an area near the Dave's Creek gravel pit be considered for a new range, as it best meets the needs of the community.

The KPB Land Management Office has worked with our community to help make this possible, through requesting transfer of the lands to the Borough through a Municipal Entitlement grant and encouraging the Cooper Landing Rifle and Sportsman's Club to draft a development plan for a new shooting range. Our local Cooper Landing Advisory Planning Commission made a formal request to the KPB in May 2017 requesting that the proposed shooting range lands be designated "Recreational", so that they would be compatible for a potential shooting range.

Our community is very united in supporting the development of a new shooting range that meets the needs and interests of people involved in shooting sports. The new location will be in a location that is very suitable for a new shooting range. There are no existing residential neighborhoods anywhere near the site – the nearest homes are at least 3 miles away in any direction. A mountain ridge will serve as a backdrop for the range, limiting safety problems down-range. And there are no developed recreational facilities or trails anywhere near the new range, also limiting potential conflicts. Having a well-designed, functional and safe shooting range that will serve not only Cooper Landing residents, but also those from Moose Pass and Seward will help reduce the likelihood of inappropriate shooting taking place at locations that are not safe or suitable for shooting.

We would appreciate your support of the three actions needed so that the next steps may be taken in developing a new shooting range for Cooper Landing. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristine Route". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Kristine Route
Cooper Landing Community Club President