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Wayne Ogle, President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
144 North Binkley Street
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Subject: Agenda Measures Re Move of Cooper Landing Shooting Range

Dear Assembly President Ogle and Members:


The Friends of Cooper Landing (FOCL) is an original proponent of relocating the Cooper Landing Rifle and Sportsman's Club (CLRSC) shooting range, dating back to the 1940's, to a more suitable, permanent location.

Community growth, public safety, and noise nuisance are strong justifications for relocation of this popular facility. In addition to basic public safety concerns, it is alarming and annoying to hear sounds of gunfire in the middle of a developed community located in a narrow mountain valley.

The February 20, 2018 Assembly Agenda includes consideration of the following action measures. We urge you to approve the following Resolution and two Ordinances.

1. Resolution 2018-002 classifying 66.5 Acres of Borough Land in the Cooper Landing Area as Recreational.
2. Ordinance 2018-06 Adopting Amendments to "Community Recommendations on a Land Use Plan for Borough Lands at Cooper Landing, 1992", a Comprehensive Plan element.
3. 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.

The new target range site has been determined to be an ideal location, eliminating community concerns about public safety and nuisance noise. Lease of unused land is income producing for the Borough. Thank you for approving these measures, which are highly important to Cooper Landing.

Sincerely,

Robert L. (Bob) Baldwin
President

--Our focal point is Cooper Landing--