

eComment
Ordinance 2019-16

David Peck

Location:

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Hello, I live in Kenai. While I don't oppose placing this on the ballot I want to note for the record that if there is a choice in government between having an elected official & an appointed official I believe the default should be for elected. This provides the checks & balances that, though it may make things difficult, is good for democracy & freedom.

Patrick Malone

Location:

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Dear Mayor, Clerk, Staff, and Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly members:

My name is Patrick Malone.

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First, a little about me. I've been a resident of Alaska since territorial days, and a resident of the Kenai Peninsula from a time before the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) existed. In my working life, I've held a number of jobs, and after working full-time for some 19 years for the KPB in various capacities (most recently as the KPB Road Service Area Director), I retired in 2017.

My comments concern Ordinance 2019-16.

If approved, this measure would place the question of adopting a Borough manager plan of government on the next regular election ballot.

As you may (or may not) know, the idea of changing the KPB plan of government from a strong mayor plan to a borough manager plan is neither a new nor a radical concept.

In fact, current Borough Mayor Charlie Pierce, when he served on the Borough Assembly, WAS THE PRIME SPONSOR of a virtually identical ordinance, Ordinance 2010-28.

Ordinance 2010-28 passed the Assembly, and the question was placed on the October 5, 2010 ballot as Proposition No. 2.

Proposition No. 2 went down in flames, with a vote of 884 NO, and 366 YES.

On social media recently (namely Facebook, but other places as well, I'm told) there has been a metaphorical gnashing of teeth, wringing of hands and beating of breast concerning the introduction of Ordinance 2019-16. Opponents are stating that the measure will "take away our vote for a mayor."

That's a lie.

It will do nothing of the sort. The ordinance merely places the question on next general election the ballot (as the 2010 ordinance did).

The ballot proposition STILL has to pass in the general election for the plan of our borough government to change.

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Based on the 2010 election go-around with Ordinance 2010-28, that is hardly a foregone conclusion.

In trying to kill Ordinance 2019-16, opponents are actually attempting to “take away” voters’ ability to be a part of the process.

Please support ordinance 2019-16, and allow KPB voters a opportunity to decide what plan their government should take.

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