

Broyles, Randi

02020-25

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:16 PM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Re: support of ordinance 2020-25

From: Dave Atcheson [mailto:daveatcheson@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>
Cc: Johnson, Brent <bjohnson@kpb.us>; Dunne, Willy <WDunne@kpb.us>
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Re: support of ordinance 2020-25

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Ms. Blankenship,

Please place the letter below in the official record, for next Tuesday's Assembly meeting, and please forward to all assembly members. I would appreciate a confirmation that this has been done.

Thank you

Dave Atcheson

Dear Assembly,

I am writing in support of ordinance 2020-25 to establish a Kenai Peninsula Borough Resilience & Security Commission. To me this not only makes sense in a practical way (ie: doing what's right), but it also makes sense economically. The fact is we need to be able to act and act quickly in the face of a changing environment. One need look no further than the fires we have experienced in the last several years, or to our local king salmon stocks, which, along with those statewide, we've seen rapidly dwindle. This would be the perfect opportunity to find ways to adapt to our changing environment, to protect our infrastructure, to examine food security, and to save costs on energy consumption. All of which this commission can investigate, and which will save money in the long run.

I've lived on the Kenai Peninsula for 35 years and have seen many changes. Fires, caused by lightening threatening my home during four of the last eight summers. King salmon stocks declining to the point where, when the season is allowed to open, I no longer choose to fish for these iconic creatures. Warming temperatures in our streams that may threaten other species of fish. The list goes on, and therefore I am asking you to take the responsible steps we need and approve this ordinance. In fact, it would be irresponsible *not* to form such a commission. Please consider the future we all share and what we might do to maintain our way of life and sustain, if possible, our resources, and if not, what course of action we might take to mitigate any damage in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dave Atcheson

Sterling, AK

907-398-4216



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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Establishing a Kenai Peninsula Resilience and Security Commission

-----Original Message-----

From: Jane Marshall [mailto:dandy2@att.net]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Establishing a Kenai Peninsula Resilience and Security Commission

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Dear Ms. Blankenship,

I am writing to you as Clerk in hopes that you can forward this note to Assembly members. I have tried to use the comment section of the Assembly website but find that only Ordinance 2020-25 lacks a place for comments.

My name is Jane Marshal and I have lived in Alaska for 46 years, 25 of which I have been a resident of Kenai. I would strongly encourage the establishment of the Resilience and Security Commission. In this beautiful area we cannot ignore the detrimental effects of climate change on both the animal and human populations. The use of clean energy generation and the mitigation of landfill waste are of specific concern to me. I urge every Assembly member to support the adoption of this ordinance for our own benefit and that of future generations.

Sincerely, Jane Marshall

02020-25

Nancy Hillstrand
Pioneer Alaskan Fisheries Inc
Coal Point Trading Company
Box 674 Homer, Alaska 99603
907-399-7777

06/04/20

RE: FAVOR KPB Ordinance 20-25 Resilience and Security Commission

Greetings Borough Assembly members,

Our Alaskan Corporation has been in the Alaskan food producing/processing business since 1964 working with hundreds of different Alaskan vendors, citizens, fisherman and farmers.

KPB Ordinance 20-25 is one of the most important ordinances this assembly has ever voted on, to generate significant savings and jobs for citizens of the Kenai Peninsula.

Please support this critical KPB commission structure to provide the focus on the critical issues of resilience and security as a guide and support for the specific borough programmatic responses to the many challenges seen not only today but anticipated into the future. These challenges require comprehensive strategic planning to prevent and mitigate known hazards, adapt to significant changes, and modernize and diversify our food and energy sector.

In our state of Alaska we have become much too dependent on lower 48 for the majority of year round food production and other necessities that need tightening up for efficiency.

20-25 will provide consolidation, to collaborate, and synthesize up to date comprehensive information for Kenai Peninsula boroughs citizens resiliency and food security.

Please act now, without delay, using a sustainable, all-inclusive framework of a commission designed to help guide accurate, well rounded, knowledgeable decision-making. This formal commission structure will provide direct inquiry and synthesis on these critical resiliency and food security issues, in our borough, saving time, and money devoted to comprehensive decision-making for effective policies

Thank-you in advance of your wise support to generate this vehicle needed for the Resiliency and Security Commission that will aid and advise the administration, planning commissions, and assembly on developing comprehensive sustainability solutions for the Kenai Peninsula Borough to promote wise economic security, safety, self-reliance, and wellbeing of its inhabitants now and maintain this ability for future generations.

Please let us know if we can assist in any way.

With sincere and kind Regards,

Nancy Hillstrand

Broyles, Randi

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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Security and Resilience Commission
Attachments: Resilience and Security Commission Letter_CRRC.pdf

From: Chelsea Kovalcsik [mailto:chelsea@crrcalaska.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:04 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Security and Resilience Commission

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Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly,

My name is Chelsea Kovalcsik and I am the Regional Environmental Coordinator for Chugach Regional Resources Commission. CRRC was established in 1984 by the seven Tribes of the Chugach Region of Alaska, including the Tatitlek Village IRA Council, Chenega IRA Council, Port Graham Village Council, Nanwalek IRA Council, Native Village of Eyak, Qutekcaq Native Tribe, and the Valdez Native Tribe. CRRC was formed as an inter-tribal fish and wildlife commission to collectively address issues of mutual concern regarding stewardship of the natural resources, subsistence, the environment, and to develop culturally appropriate economic projects that promote the sustainable development of the natural resources.

I am emailing to submit CRRC's letter of support for the passage of the Security and Resilience Commission. Attached is our letter of support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or CRRC's Executive Director, Willow Hetrick.

Thank you,
-Chelsea

Chelsea Kovalcsik | Regional Environmental Coordinator
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Chugach Regional Resources Commission

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Port Graham

Qutekcak
Native Tribe

Tatitlek

Valdez Native
Tribe

June 10, 2020

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
144 N. Binkley Street,
Soldotna, Alaska 99669
assemblyclerk@kpb.us

RE: KPB RESILIENCE AND SECURITY COMMISSION

Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly:

I am writing to offer Chugach Regional Resources Commission's (CRRC) support of the Assembly establishing a Kenai Peninsula Borough Resilience and Security Commission. CRRC was established in 1984 by the seven Tribes of the Chugach Region of Alaska, including the Tatitlek Village IRA Council, Chenega IRA Council, Port Graham Village Council, Nanwalek IRA Council, Native Village of Eyak, Qutekcak Native Tribe, and the Valdez Native Tribe. CRRC was formed as an inter-tribal fish and wildlife commission to collectively address issues of mutual concern regarding stewardship of the natural resources, subsistence, the environment, and to develop culturally appropriate economic projects that promote the sustainable development of the natural resources.

Our member Tribes are located in Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet, a remote region largely limited in travel to small aircraft, charter aircraft and boat travel, with seasonal Alaska marine highway service. Known as Alutiiq, or Sugpiaq, our members are a southern coastal people of Alaska. There are approximately 1,000 Tribal members living in our seven communities,

CRRC is governed by a seven-member board of directors composed of one Tribally elected representative from each community. CRRC is the primary federal contractor for the Chugach Region for natural resource, environment, and economic/community development projects. Programs under the organization include climate change adaptation planning¹, migratory bird management, ocean acidification².

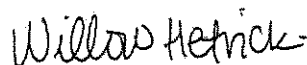
We support the establishment of a solutions-oriented commission to focus on the following issues:

1. Divert materials that would otherwise be discarded in the landfills within the borough, more specifically in our serviced Tribes of Port Graham and Nanwalek to extend the lifetime of landfills and save taxpayer dollars;
2. Improve cost and energy efficiency of buildings and transportation in Port Graham and Nanwalek;
3. Increase use of local, clean energy to (a) modernize electricity generation, storage and distribution; (b) increase energy independence; (c) diversify the grid and reduce supply volatility;
4. Support hazard mitigation planning that accounts for changing environmental conditions on the peninsula;
5. Improve Alaska Native community food security through support of local agriculture, protection of the ecological integrity of fish and wildlife habitat, protection of water resources, and other means;
6. We encourage the use of cost-benefit analyses to understand the impact per dollar sustainability programs can produce. However, natural resources provide a number of non-monetary benefits through the cultural, regulating, supporting ecosystem services they provide in addition to resource extraction. CRRC encourages the Commission to develop a protocol to account for these non-monetary services in cost-benefit analyses.
7. Engage and communicate with the Alaska Native borough communities of Port Graham and Nanwalek to develop sustainable resource initiatives.

A primary purpose would be to formulate policies that generate significant savings and jobs for the borough. Serving as a bridge between our Alaska Native communities, administrators, and experts, this commission will improve the borough's ability to develop effective policies that protect Tribe's interests and those of future generations. A body focused on comprehensive long-range resource planning is needed to protect our private property and public lands; to promote self-sufficiency and protect our business investments; to safeguard the welfare of our families and of our subsistence lifestyles. Please invest in the future of families, businesses and Tribes in the area and establish the Kenai Peninsula Borough Resilience and Security Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important resolution regarding a Kenai Peninsula Borough Resilience and Security Commission. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Best regards,



Willow Hetrick, Executive Director
Chugach Regional Resources Commission
willow@crrcalaska.org
(907) 330-9085

Broyles, Randi

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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>support statement

From: Elizabeth M. Cumming [mailto:listen-to-the-waters2@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:25 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>support statement

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I strongly support Ordinance-2020-25.

Elizabeth M Cumming

Broyles, Randi

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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Ordinance 2020-25

From: Carol-Jane Rea [mailto:123cjrea@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 3:09 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Ordinance 2020-25

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Dear Mayor Pierce and Assembly Members,

I am writing to you as a 25-year resident of Seward, a homeowner, employed in informal education. I love the town and community I live in. I wish to support your efforts to keep the Kenai Peninsula a great place to live, raise a family and recreate.

I see a year ahead in which there are many looming issues awaiting the time of Assembly members to parse through. Handling a difficult economic time due to Coronavirus, working to manage changes in Education Funding and our increasing risk of fire on the Peninsula are huge issues that deserve the Assembly's focused attention.

Meanwhile it is likely, due to these pressing issues that other parts of the Assembly's purview may not get the detailed time they need in order to make sound and fiscally supportive choices. I've watched a steady increase in costs to my heating and electric expenses and been introduced to higher rates for my garbage collection, regardless of how much garbage I generate. I've worked in schools and had teachers here in Seward say they don't control the heat in their own buildings so they open a window when the heat gets to be too much on a cold day. I do not blame the assembly for these things but I wonder if time were not an issue might we be able to examine alternatives that cost our communities less and give back more?

I believe the prospect of a Security and Resilience Commission, a voluntary group, could give the Assembly that time. This commission could spend time researching energy alternatives that may use resources we have at hand. Here in Seward a local waterfall may be one source of energy. Wouldn't it be great if we could save space in our landfills by having a compostable materials area? This could generate great soil, save money; even generate money when you sell the soil back to a gardener like myself. But of course these things can't be priorities in a year of so much change and demands on the Assembly's time.

The Security and Resilience Commission could give you that time. They could research how school buildings can be upgraded so they are more efficient. Did you know Anchorage did this and saved 3 million dollars? They could follow up on the USDA's grant program for community composting, which may cut my garbage bill or at least give me a source for great soil. Not to mention greatly increase the life of our landfills.

I appreciate that you are on our Assembly and spending time making the Kenai a great place to live. Please consider a Security and Resilience Commission that can give you time to explore the many options to generate funds and help our Peninsula become an even better place to call home.

Sincerely,
Carol Rea

Broyles, Randi

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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support Ordinance 20-25 Resiliency and Food Security Commission

From: Kevin Walker [mailto:homerkev@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 9:21 PM
To: jblakenship@kpb.us
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>; Hibbert, Brent <bhibbert@kpb.us>; Johnson, Brent <bjohnson@kpb.us>; Smalley, Hal <HSmalley@kpb.us>; Bjorkman, Jesse <JBjorkman@kpb.us>; Cooper, Kelly <kellycooper@kpb.us>; Carpenter, Kenn <KCarpenter@kpb.us>; Blakeley, Norm <NBlakeley@kpb.us>; Cox, Tyson <tysoncox@kpb.us>; Dunne, Willy <WDunne@kpb.us>; Nancy Hillstrand <halibuts@gmail.com>
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support Ordinance 20-25 Resiliency and Food Security Commission

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Borough Assembly Members,
As I read through the 25 "Whereas's" in Ordinance 20-25, I found myself nodding in agreement of every one of these important points. To help us deal with future conditions on the Kenai Peninsula, please support this ordinance for the good of all citizens.

Sincerely,
Kevin Walker
Kachemak City

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Ordinance 2020-25 Resilience And Security Advisory Commission

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From: Mike O'Meara [mailto:mikeo@cosmichamlet.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Hibbert, Brent <bhibbert@kpb.us>; Smalley, Hal <HSmalley@kpb.us>; Bjorkman, Jesse <JBjorkman@kpb.us>; Cox, Tyson <tysoncox@kpb.us>; Blakeley, Norm <NBlakeley@kpb.us>; Carpenter, Kenn <KCarpenter@kpb.us>; Johnson, Brent <bjohnson@kpb.us>; Cooper, Kelly <kellycooper@kpb.us>; Dunne, Willy <WDunne@kpb.us>
Cc: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>
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Dear Assembly Members,

I support Ordinance 2020-25 Establishing a Resilience and Security Advisory Commission. My thanks to Assembly Members Cooper, Cox, Smalley, and Dunne for introducing the ordinance. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the hearing on Tuesday (6/16/20) so urge here that you vote in favor of passage.

I've owned my land between Anchor Point and Homer for 49 years and have lived here full time since 1976. This has provided me with a closeup view of the many changes taking place on the Kenai Peninsula at an accelerating rate. Ordinance 2020-25 describes them rather well so will not repeat them now. Most of these changes are already negatively affecting just about everything that determines my ability to live, work, and prosper -- probably yours as well. I'm convinced that doesn't need to be. With intelligent study and well crafted policy based on factual information, I'm convinced we can turn many of these challenges into opportunities. Ordinance 2020-25 offers a well considered vehicle for that effort. Let's get started!

Mike O'Meara
Anchor Point/Homer

Broyles, Randi

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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Ordinance 2020-25

From: Cassie Lawver [mailto:caslawver@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:16 AM
To: Hibbert, Brent <bhibbert@kpb.us>; Smalley, Hal <HSmalley@kpb.us>; Bjorkman, Jesse <JBjorkman@kpb.us>; Cox, Tyson <tysoncox@kpb.us>; Blakeley, Norm <NBlakeley@kpb.us>; Carpenter, Kenn <KCarpenter@kpb.us>; Johnson, Brent <bjohnson@kpb.us>; Cooper, Kelly <kellycooper@kpb.us>; Dunne, Willy <WDunne@kpb.us>; G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>; Pierce, Charlie <CPierce@kpb.us>
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Ordinance 2020-25

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Assembly Members,

I do NOT support Ordinance 2020-25, the Resilience and Security Advisory Commission. The 2019 Kenai Peninsula Comprehensive Plan has a great plan in place. We do NOT need a commission to consider and investigate subject matter tending to development and betterment of the borough, now and in the future. Again, that is what our Comprehensive Plan is for. Besides this commission will be filled with Cook Inlet Keeper employees/volunteers. Most people do not agree with there agenda. This is just a way to slide their agenda into a position to push it and with the right assembly, they will be successful. Also this commission reads as it will be asking for funding. I do not believe we should be funding this type of commission when we have education, roads, etc... to fund.

I believe this Ordinance is pushing a political agenda. To be nonpartisan, I am sure seeing a lot of liberal agenda's being push through this assembly. So when your voting record is looked at, people will not see nonpartisan votes, they will see votes for a liberal agenda or votes for a conservative agenda. Government is not nonpartisan. If it ever was, its not anymore.

Oh, and maybe, just maybe, when someone disagees with your agenda, you don't ask them to stay on the line and ask them questions. I can't tell if you are trying to change their minds or just trying to make them look stupid. Go listen to the audio for the vote by mail. It was ridiculous and I was embarrassed for them. Funny how you never asked the ones who supported that ordinance to stay on the line for questions. Can we say "AGENDA".

Cassie Lawver

Broyles, Randi

02020-25

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>I do NOT support Ordinance 2020-25

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From: stephensteste00 [mailto:stephensteste00@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:12 AM
To: Hibbert, Brent <bhibbert@kpb.us>; Smalley, Hal <HSmalley@kpb.us>; Bjorkman, Jesse <JBjorkman@kpb.us>; Cox, Tyson <tysoncox@kpb.us>; Blakeley, Norm <NBlakeley@kpb.us>; Carpenter, Kenn <KCarpenter@kpb.us>; Johnson, Brent <bjohnson@kpb.us>; Cooper, Kelly <kellycooper@kpb.us>; Dunne, Willy <WDunne@kpb.us>; G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>; Pierce, Charlie <CPierce@kpb.us>
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Assembly members:
I do NOT support Ordinance 2020-25

Stephen West
Homer, AK

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Broyles, Randi

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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:54 AM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Ordinance 2020-25

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From: Delayna Davis [mailto:joyful_dj@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:17 AM
To: Hibbert, Brent <bhibbert@kpb.us>; Smalley, Hal <HSmalley@kpb.us>; Bjorkman, Jesse <JBjorkman@kpb.us>; Cox, Tyson <tysoncox@kpb.us>; Blakeley, Norm <NBlakeley@kpb.us>; Carpenter, Kenn <KCarpenter@kpb.us>; Johnson, Brent <bjohnson@kpb.us>; Cooper, Kelly <kellycooper@kpb.us>; Dunne, Willy <WDunne@kpb.us>; G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>; Pierce, Charlie <CPierce@kpb.us>
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Dear Assembly member,
I do not support ordinance 2020 -25.
Please Consider this in your deliberation.
Thank you,
DeLayna West

Sent from my iPhone

Broyles, Randi

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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:54 AM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>I oppose Ordinance 2020-25

-----Original Message-----

From: Deanna Chesser [mailto:rddcr@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 6:29 AM
To: Hibbert, Brent <bhibbert@kpb.us>; Smalley, Hal <HSmalley@kpb.us>; Bjorkman, Jesse <JBjorkman@kpb.us>; Cox, Tyson <tysoncox@kpb.us>; Blakeley, Norm <NBlakeley@kpb.us>; Carpenter, Kenn <KCarpenter@kpb.us>; Johnson, Brent <bjohnson@kpb.us>; Cooper, Kelly <kellycooper@kpb.us>; Dunne, Willy <WDunne@kpb.us>; G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>; Pierce, Charlie <CPierce@kpb.us>
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Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members,

Re: Ordinance 2020-25

I live in Anchor Point. I shop & recreate on most portions of the Kenai Peninsula. I strongly oppose anything to do with adding a new advisory commission on resilience and security. This is a power grab and an additional cost to tax payers, and Cook Inlet Keeper speaks for a very limited group of residents. Cook Inlet Keeper does NOT listen to anyone who has an opposing viewpoint, and therefore, they are the last entity that should have a position of facilitating such between stakeholders and the Borough. Cook Inlet Keeper has an agenda, and it is NOT a cheap one, nor is it shared by the majority of Alaskans.

Furthermore, climate change doesn't need any more managing. People adapt. Animals adapt. All by themselves. We do not need more regulations, and certainly we don't need a group of radical leftists who believe that "extreme climate changes" are underway. They are not. Climate has always changed. And people and animals have always adapted.

We don't need another regulatory, unelected group of people making decisions that support their own agendas, while claiming to be speaking for us and future generations. No, this is just another expense, another way to increase government over-regulation and oversight, and will result in greater cost without contributing anything of significance to the greater good.

Thank you,

Deanna Chesser

Broyles, Randi

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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Ordinance 2020-25

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From: Billy Jones [mailto:billandsteph@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:24 AM
To: Pierce, Charlie <CPierce@kpb.us>; G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>; Dunne, Willy <WDunne@kpb.us>; Cooper, Kelly <kellycooper@kpb.us>; Johnson, Brent <bjohnson@kpb.us>; Carpenter, Kenn <KCarpenter@kpb.us>; Blakeley, Norm <NBlakeley@kpb.us>; Cox, Tyson <tysoncox@kpb.us>; Bjorkman, Jesse <JBjorkman@kpb.us>; Smalley, Hal <HSmalley@kpb.us>; Hibbert, Brent <bhibbert@kpb.us>
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Billy Jones

Broyles, Randi

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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support for Ordinance 2020-25

From: Heidi Chay [mailto:kenaiswcd@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support for Ordinance 2020-25

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Dear Mayor Pierce and Members of the Assembly,

I am writing on behalf of Kenai Soil & Water Conservation District in support of ordinance 2020-25 to create a Resilience and Security Advisory Commission. Kenai Soil & Water is hopeful that a volunteer commission composed of Borough residents knowledgeable in fields including energy, transportation, agriculture, fish and wildlife habitat and hazard mitigation planning will prove to be a great asset to the Borough.

Thousands of Borough residents participated in the creation of the Borough Comprehensive Plan adopted in late 2019. Desire to increase food security and diversify the Borough economy through agriculture was one of six main themes that emerged in public comments. The Resilience and Security Advisory Commission can be a valuable tool to research, prioritize, and help find funding to pursue numerous goals contained in the Comp Plan, among them protecting our most important natural resources and supporting local food security and agriculture. The District would support and collaborate with such a Commission if formed.

Heidi Chay
District Manager
Kenai Soil & Water Conservation District

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When you buy Alaska Grown

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Dear Assembly Members:

I strongly support the establishment of a KPB RESILIENCE AND SECURITY COMMISSION. I was raised in the Anchorage area, now live in Homer; and in my lifetime have been fortunate to enjoy the Kenai Peninsula, starting in the 1960s. I am very concerned about the changes affecting the Kenai in the past five years particularly. It is unfortunate that while our roads have dramatically improved access to the Kenai from Anchorage (and are improving more in the next few years), the effects of climate change endanger our industries on the Kenai, for example tourism. The effects of climate change on the Kenai Peninsula are huge, and increasing. For example, the Swan Lake Fire in 2019, water shortages in various communities (e.g. Seldovia); and 2019 wildfires in the Homer area (e.g. North Fork, Caribou Hills) that posed serious risk to Homer and other communities. The financial burden posed by these events in 2019 affected every level of the Kenai's economy, as well as critical infrastructure such as HEA's transmission lines. Beyond the economy, the environmental threats are growing. For all of these reasons, there needs to be a pro-active Commission established immediately that can deal with these types of changes.

Please support the establishment of the KPB Resilience and Security Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charles E. Barnwell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles E. Barnwell

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IN FAVOR of KPB Ordinance 20-25 Resilience and Security Commission

Greetings Borough Planning members,

Our Alaskan Corporation has been in the Alaskan food producing/processing business since 1964 working with hundreds of different Alaskan vendors, citizens, fisherman and farmers.

KPB Ordinance 20-25 is one of the most important ordinances this planning commission has ever voted on generating significant savings and jobs for citizens of the Kenai Peninsula.

Please support this critical KPB commission to structure a closer focus on the critical issues of resilience and security to guide and support these more specific borough programmatic responses to the many challenges seen not only today but anticipated into the future. These challenges require preventative comprehensive strategic consideration that can assist the Borough Planning Commission and assembly to mitigate known hazards, adapt to significant changes, and modernize and diversify our food and energy sector.

In our state of Alaska we have become much too dependent on lower 48 for year round food production and other necessities that need tightening up so we can become more efficient.

20-25 will provide consolidation, to collaborate, and synthesize up to date comprehensive information for Kenai Peninsula boroughs citizens resiliency and food security.

Please act now, without delay, to support a sustainable, all inclusive, framework structure using this commission to lead to accurate well rounded knowledgeable decision-making. Using this specific formal commission structure will save time, money. This structure will reduce inefficient efforts using fragmented procedures that deter comprehensive decision-making for effective policies on these critical issues.

Thank-you in advance of your wise support to generate this vehicle needed for the Resiliency and Security Commission that will aid and advise the administration, planning commissions, and assembly on developing comprehensive sustainability solutions for the Kenai Peninsula Borough to promote wise economic security, safety, self-reliance, and wellbeing of its inhabitants maintaining the ability of future generations to do the same.

Let us know if we can assist in any way.

With sincere and kind Regards,

Nancy Hillstrand

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And Assembly Members

RE: KPB RESILIENCE AND SECURITY COMMISSION, Ordinance 20220-25.

Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members:

We strongly support the establishment of a Kenai Peninsula Borough Resilience and Security Commission for the following reasons:

1. To support local agriculture to ensure long-term, sustainable food security—as this pandemic shows, there can be no more important policy priority;
2. To protect biodiversity and health of fish and wildlife habitats, which includes protecting our water bodies and water resources;
3. To improve cost and energy efficiency of buildings and transportation;
4. To support the concepts of (a) Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and (b) community composting in order to minimize materials that require landfills; also to support the concept of energy production from methane gases generated in existing landfills;
5. To increase use of local, clean, renewable energy to provide long-term, stable and resilient energy sources that have minimal environmental impacts;
6. To support resilience and security planning that accounts for changing environmental conditions on the peninsula; and
7. To engage local communities to identify ways they can contribute to peninsula resilience and security in order to maximize effectiveness of Commission recommendations.

The Cities of Homer, Soldotna, Seldovia, and Seward have passed unanimous resolutions in support of such a commission.

The Resilience and Security Commission would generate significant cost savings and additional jobs for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Failing to establish such a commission continues to generate unnecessary costs associated with responding to environmental change and crises reactively rather than proactively. Supporting a commission focused on comprehensive, long-range, sustainable resource planning protects everyone—both physically and financially.

Please support this ordinance.

Sincerely,

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Final Public Comment on June 16th Assembly Meeting

Sometimes these meetings are hard to take. I didn't speak on Ordinance 2020-25 tonight because I was listening to so many articulate, intelligent, expert comments in support. There was nothing more for me to say. It seemed clear to me that it had widespread support. I read all the other comments online and every comment in opposition either had no more to say than they didn't support it or they were wildly mis-informed and filled with incorrect information. Two of the opposition comments stated that we didn't need the commission because there was already a great plan in place in the Comprehensive Plan which they clearly must not have read or they would know that the great plan strongly advised for this very commission to be formed. Another incorrect opposition statement was that O2020-25 asks for funding from the Borough and the Mayor's comments were also incorrect as part of the goals of the commission is to come up with outside funding through grants. The Mayor and many assembly members said I don't know where we will find the money for anything that the commission suggests but part of what the commission is supposed to do is come up with alternative funding. One commenter asked, "Why do assembly members only ask questions from those who comment in opposition." Well what I have seen is the assembly members are trying to correct mis-information that was stated by the commenter. Even Assemblymen Blakely's main objection that there hasn't been enough community involvement is grossly false. The comprehensive plan was vetted for over 2 years with many community meetings around the borough and the Drawdown Series was held every month for almost a year.

I hear Mr. Bjorkman spout the importance of listening to the experts, scientists, and data on making decisions but unfortunately we live in a community filled with anti-intellectuals who think experts, scientists, and data are fake news, largely thanks to the great orange nope in the white house. Yes Dr. Zink has laid out suggestions for how we can safely open up and start meeting together again, but have you looked around? Not very many people are following those suggestions as they are not mandated. I am wondering if you start meeting again in-person are you going to mandate that all people who attend the meeting wear masks and what happens when more people want to attend than is feasible for the 6 feet social distancing?

The Mayor grossly misrepresented the objective of Red-flag laws which I will correct when I speak on O2020-29 at the July meeting. Both the Mayor & Mr. Bjorkman mentioned the importance of scientific data when it is convenient for their agenda but then completely ignore the mountain of scientific data that supports climate change, mail-out voting, and the very real epidemic of gun violence which many community members spoke about tonight.

It is so hard to sit and listen to the complete nonsense that just wastes so much time. I painstakingly take a lot of time, I don't have, to make sure that everything that I say is accurate and backed up by facts. I really wish everyone would take the time to research not just the nonsense that confirms their bias but accurate information backed up by data vetted by scientific experts and not just use those words as lip service when it suits your agenda. I am however glad that the facts seem to be prevailing in the final vote on most issues and a complete abandonment of reason is being thwarted.

Carrie Henson, Kalifornsky

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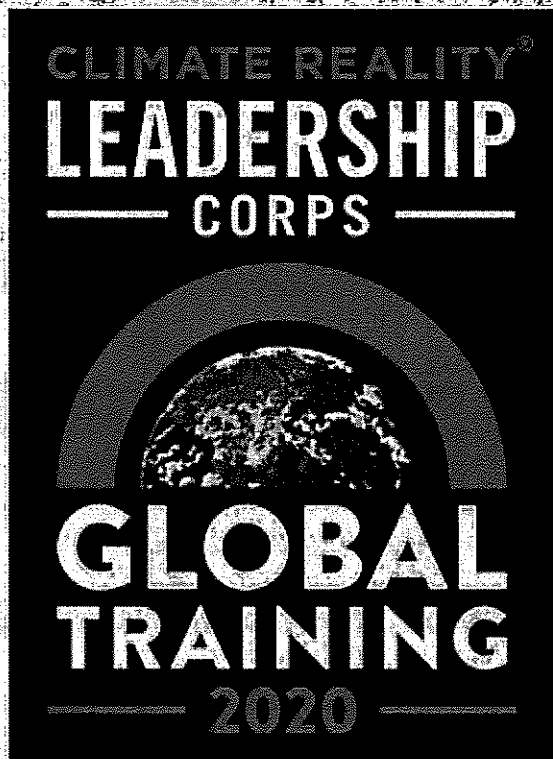
Dear Assembly,

I support this ordinance 2020-25 to tackle the need for Kenai Burrough to become more resilient and save costs as our lakes dry, our salmon streams heat, our glaciers recede. This commission of resiliency and security might ready our neighborhoods for many surprising ever-changing consequences. These free, local volunteer advisors might provide specific actionable proposals for your strategic decision-making. These best practices can be easily bubbled up grassroots by this commission first to build support for your saving money for our Burrough budget in a critical time for saving money, given last year's wildfires, this year's COVID, and closed Kenai River. Fortunately, we have many dedicated researchers living right in our communities who have a keen interest in seeing many of these ideas come to fruition. Building local support and awareness will help you in passing the parts you find worthy. This commission can help focus on solutions for energy, water, food security, waste, and transportation. Currently, there is a lively and bold study group of DRAWDOWN. Aleut elders have informed me that we have less than a decade to right our relations with nature.

Thank you for the opportunity to support our community's resilience and caring carefully for our resources. Our local experts can help us learn how to run a more efficient and cost-aware community on the Kenai of the options. Tonight, I've heard about jobs, food, youth leaders, fishing, climate changes. I point your attention to health challenges. Last year's wildfires that shut down the Sterling Highway were a massive health challenge from poor air quality that caused asthma sufferers to remain indoors all summer. Emergency surgeries had to be flown to Anchorage. Grewingk Glacier is receding 92 feet per year. Mni Wiconi means water is life. Without sufficient water, there is no possibility of living in a dry community. Parts of our Burrough face water shortages. Our state suffered 2.5 million acres of wildfire last year.

This is a voluntary effort. We can reduce waste, increase local funding for public/private partnerships. Had this commission been in place applying for the \$50 K grant mentioned for waste might it have been submitted by these volunteers?

I've lived at 300 Whispering Meadows, Homer for the past 25 years. I commend to you to consider taking the Climate Reality Training free online training led by former Vice President Al Gore for 14 fairly flexible hours between July 18-26. Being further informed may make some of your local votes more certain. I became a Climate Reality Leader and mentor in 2013. It opened my eyes and moved me to walk across the country in the Great March for Climate Action in 2014 from LA to DC, 8 months over 3,500 miles. I heard many stories about weather changing, fracking consequences, and job impacts. I share with you my presentation. I ask that you not share the native clips as they are only for my presenting.



Be informed and prepared with solutions.

Finally, thank you for your patient service!

You listen well to many sides of the issues and for your leadership I am grateful.

Naturally,



Kat Haber

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Elisa Russ Testimony Provided Verbally June 16, 2020

Good evening. My name is Elisa Russ and I reside at 53135 McNeil Canyon Rd in Fritz Creek; I have lived on the Kenai Peninsula for 25 years. I am testifying in support of Ordinance 20-25. I am speaking on behalf of myself, however, I was on the Board of the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society as Board members worked to develop a proposal for a Sustainability Commission to present to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly. Many thanks to fellow Board members Penelope Haas, Bjorn Olson, and Roberta Highland for their work on this proposal and also for their efforts to encourage the Assembly to develop a Climate Action Plan for inclusion in the Borough Comprehensive Plan so that local climate adaptation and mitigation measures may be addressed. And especially thank you to Assembly Members Cooper, Dunne, Smalley, and Cox for introducing this ordinance. And I just want to say I was so inspired by the testimony of many of our youth tonight.

Establishing this Sustainability Commission, excuse me – Resilience and Security Advisory Commission, will help to address climate change issues on the Kenai Peninsula. There are several ways this could be accomplished and I will describe a few. Tax incentives could be created to implement renewable energy solutions in homes and businesses; utilizing clean, local energy sources and improving energy efficiency, would result in significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from the combustion of fossil fuels, which directly contribute to climate change through global warming. By investing in local agriculture and protecting water resources, food security would be improved, and the Borough carbon footprint could be significantly reduced. Improving public transportation and developing opportunities to use electric vehicles by providing charging stations would also reduce the KPB carbon footprint. Green spaces on borough lands could be managed to provide more shade to protect salmon streams as rising temperatures have killed salmon due to extreme reductions in dissolved oxygen – that is a direct relationship – oxygen comes out of solution as temperatures increase and information collected by Cook Inletkeeper showed record breaking temperatures in 2019 – thanks to Sue Mauger who testified tonight for that data.

It is of the utmost urgency to address climate change issues now – Alaska is being hit especially hard as is obvious for any resident of the Kenai Peninsula when thinking back to July 2019, the hottest month on record in Alaska. The devastating impacts felt by our communities due to last year's warm temperatures including fires, draught with resultant water shortages, and declines in Alaska's fisheries due to warming ocean conditions as seen by recent collapses in Pacific cod commercial fisheries – these impacts can no longer be ignored – it is an extreme threat. We must work to implement mitigation measures in order to survive the climate crisis and the warming of Alaska. This Commission is a necessary body to develop and recommend sustainable solutions for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Thank you and please vote Yes to give us hope for our future.