eComments Ordinance 2020-24

Robert & Jill Shimko

Location:

Submitted At: 10:58am 06-16-20

I am appalled by this - the last time you had this up, we had the time (those of us who work jobs away from home......or don't realize that it gets shelved if our responses are many). I am talking about those who oppose this commenting.....some think this was a done deal - sad. There are so much documentation of the mandatory mail in voting being used wrongly - that it would take a book. We have had problems with Homer City council with a black and white issue, that was overturned by a liberal judge in Anchorage. It is still illegal....but unless you have a lot of money and expertise - you are just shuffled under the rug. This mail in thing here gives those who are against freedom and justice the very means to turn the tide toward socialistic manipulation - it is wrong. I realize there will be circumstances that would waiver this and give some an opportunity for voting by mail - that is fine, but there still needs to be an authority to check the authenticity of the voter. Shimko

Karen Murdock

Location:

Submitted At: 2:04pm 06-15-20

Please support Ordinance 2020-24 reconsideration, voting by mail, as it will provide all voters equal opportunity to access the ballot box. I thank you for voting in favor of this Ordinance and would ask that the same is done, when the Ordinance comes up for reconsideration. The borough is already providing this option to voters in some of our smaller and/or more remote districts. Some people grapple with being able to get to the polls, due to health concerns, disabilities and/or work schedules. There can be numerous obstacles. Ordinance 2020-24 provides equal opportunity for all citizens to vote.

As a poll worker, I see people who are dedicated voters, but do so with great difficulty. Vote by mail would make voting accessible to all voters. Given the current escalation of Covid cases on the Kenai Peninsula, I would also ask that the Assembly be proactive and enact an emergency for mail-in voting for the October election. At this time, I am unsure that I will be willing to work the polls. I am a committed poll worker and appreciate the opportunity to be part of the democratic process but health concerns take precedent. Having in-person voting, during this pandemic, jeopardizes the health of the voters and the workers. Polls are conducted inside in small places. It will be very challenging to socially distance, sanitize the booths between voters, and accommodate all of the voters. If the Borough decides to have in-person voting, then at least face coverings and gloves need to be mandatory. Taking action to do a mail-in ballot now will give the voters adequate notice of the change and time for the Borough to issue mail-in ballots.

Please vote to support Ordinance 2020-24!

Thank you for your public service!! Karen Murdock 55200 East End Road Homer, AK 99603 235.7016

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Sara Moore

Location:

Submitted At: 12:57pm 06-11-20

I am in favor of Ordinance 2020-24 which would help to increase voter participation and allow for greater access for all citizens. As a past and future election worker, I am well award of the inability of some to physically report to their polling places. We have the option to bank, file taxes, and submit the census by mail; vote by mail should be an option, as well.

Sarah Youngren

Location:

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Make it easier for people to cast their votes!

Charlotte Zee

Location:

Submitted At: 12:52pm 06-11-20

Voting by mail is ESSENTIAL for our service members and our SENIOR and DISABLED VETERANS who have difficulty leaving their homes.

Voter fraud by mail is a high effort / low yield scam that is frequently caught. Why there is all this fear NOW after almost a century of it working is ridiculous.

Several states have moved to mail in voting only, which saves taxpayers money, increases participation in elections, and allows for a more accurate check against fraud when you're not trying to count and verify votes at the same time on election day.