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I write today to show my support for the Council to approve funding for the Homer AKSBDC Advisor Position, Ordinance 21-68, as both a local small business owner and as a Commissioner of the EDC. The AKSBDC is the best ally a small business owner can have at any stage of development on their entrepreneurial path, in good times or bad. Having local access to this resource at this funding level is a prudent investment in the well being of our community and without this funding many "would be" or up and coming businesses may not get off the ground or could struggle unnecessarily. This team does not do the work for people, but they help guide anyone attempting to better their life by coaching them toward success in business. Whether you're navigating the waters of compliance or looking for funding opportunities to a whole lot more this team of small business experts provide the access to all you need to know to operate and succeed as a small business. Having local access to this resource allows for a positive growth cycle for new/existing small businesses and that increases our community's resiliency and sustainability leading to an even wider variety of local offerings, job opportunities and additional sales tax revenues for the City. This is an investment in our community that benefits everyone.

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