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Written Testimony for City Council Name: Katherine Schake Email: kschake@alaska.edu Phone: Residency: Non-City Resident City Council Meeting to Participate In: Regular Meeting Mon, 04/13 Public Comments Upon Matters Already on the Agenda - Citizen may comment on regular agenda items not scheduled for public hearing such as Consent Agenda items, Memorandums, Pending Business, New Business, Resolutions, and Ordinances to be introduced.

Written Testimony:

On behalf of the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR), part of the University of Alaska Anchorage, I am writing in support of Resolution 26-027, a Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents for the Real Property Acquisition of Five Parcels Totaling 12.5 Acres, More or Less, and Designating the Use as Conservation. This is an important step in

achieving the objectives of a grant that KBNERR received from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Coastal Management, to pass through funding to the City of Homer to 1) design a stormwater infrastructure project; 2) acquire lands in the Kachemak Drive area for conservation purposes; 3) monitor the health of the peatlands/wetlands; and 4) establish a platform for educational programming that incorporates the peatlands/wetlands. Specifically, Resolution 26-027, enables the City to purchase five parcels from the Kenai Peninsula Borough with these NOAA funds, for the purposes of conservation. This will enable the City to protect intact wetlands in perpetuity, which mitigate flooding and erosion along Kachemak Drive, and protect the water quality of Kachemak Bay.

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