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Memorandum Agenda Changes/Supplemental Packet

TO: MAYOR ZAK AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2017

SUBJECT: AGENDA CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinance 17-09, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2017 Operating Budget by Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$30,702.00 From Port and Harbor Reserves to Fund a Wireless Control System for the High Mast Light Poles at the Harbor. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director.

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 17-019, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Stating That the City of Homer Adheres to the Principle of Inclusion and Herein Committing This City to Resisting Efforts to Divide This Community With Regard to Race, Religion, Ethnicity, Gender, National Origin, Physical Capabilities, or Sexual Orientation Regardless of the Origin of Those Efforts, Including From Local, State or Federal Agencies. Aderhold/Reynolds/Lewis.

Written public comments

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RECOMMENDATION:

Voice consensus to changes under Agenda Approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jo Johnson

From: Nancy Hillstrand <halibuts@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 3:32 PM
To: Okuly, Jason R (DNR); Blackwell, Jack D (DNR); David Lewis; Jo Johnson
Subject: City Lights Harbour lights

Maybe we need an ordinance to consider the Kelvin or colour temperature of the new LED lights. The Anchorage daily news a few days ago had an article about residents complaining about the too bright 5000 kelvin colour temperature and the Borough just installed same in the parking lot at the middle school. Please lets be ahead of this so our night sky is not damaged further while we attempt to save money with the new LED's.

It only takes a little planning and research to do things correctly the first time
Thank-you so kindly

[Pollution](#)

Western cities try to cut light pollution

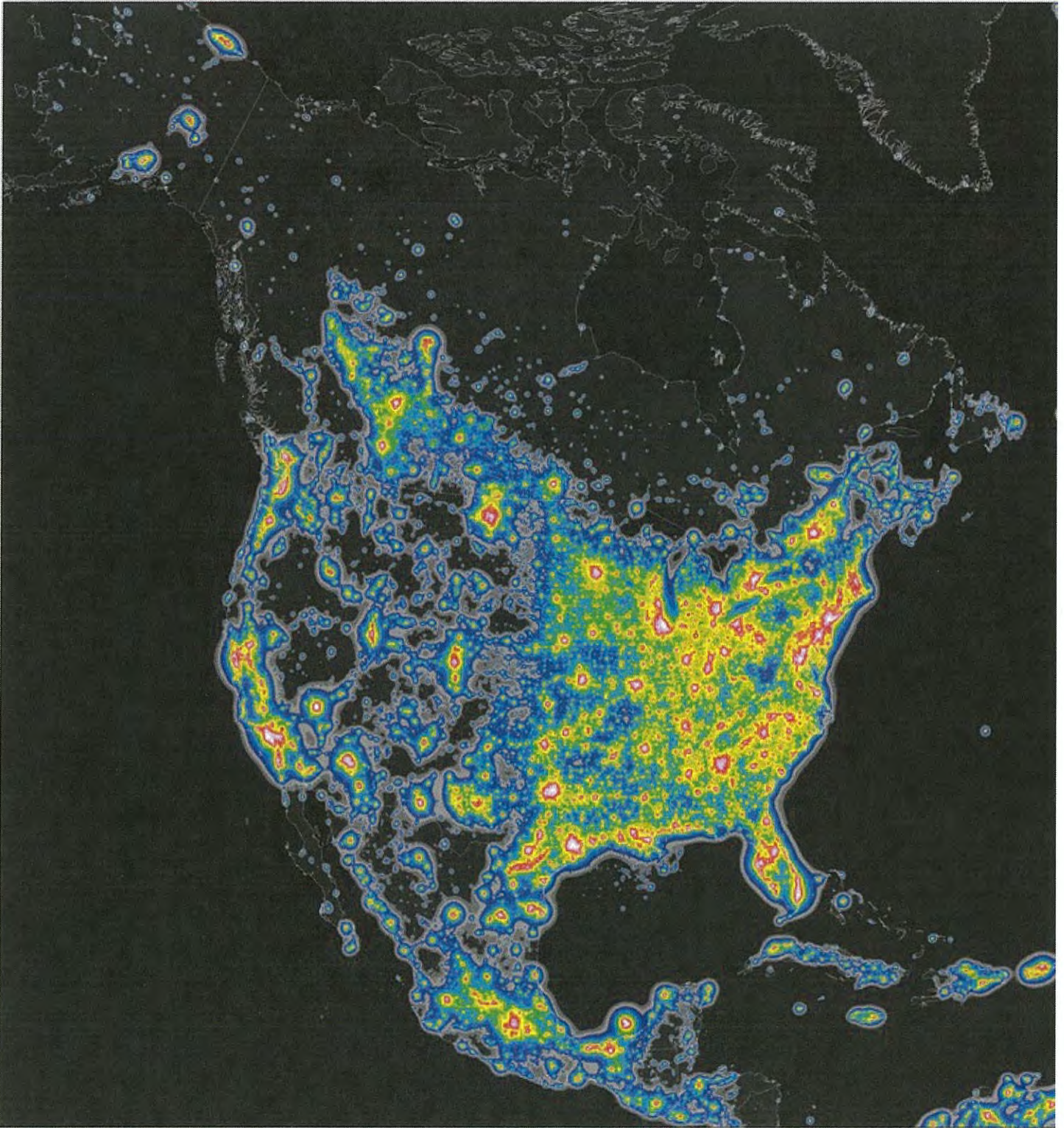
Hitting the dimmer switch on city light helps animals and skygazers, too.

[Jodi Peterson](#) Feb. 24, 2017 Web Exclusive

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The next best chance for Westerners to see shooting stars is coming soon, between April 16 and 25, when the Lyrids meteor shower, one of the oldest known, will streak across the sky after midnight. In May the Eta Aquariids arrive, followed by the Delta Aquariids in July, and then the most spectacular of the year — the Perseids, fast, bright meteors, up to 200 an hour during Aug. 12 to 13, and the Geminids, kid-friendly because they show up soon after dark, from Dec. 7 to 17. But none of these, of course, will be visible without sufficiently dark skies.

For most of us, that will mean traveling far outside city limits to a place away from streetlights and other artificial illumination. But in some less-populated places, like *High Country News*'s western Colorado hometown of Paonia, the Milky Way's glow can be seen on any clear night. That's because Paonia is a tiny town in the high desert, with just 1,500 residents surrounded by public lands, orchards and farms.

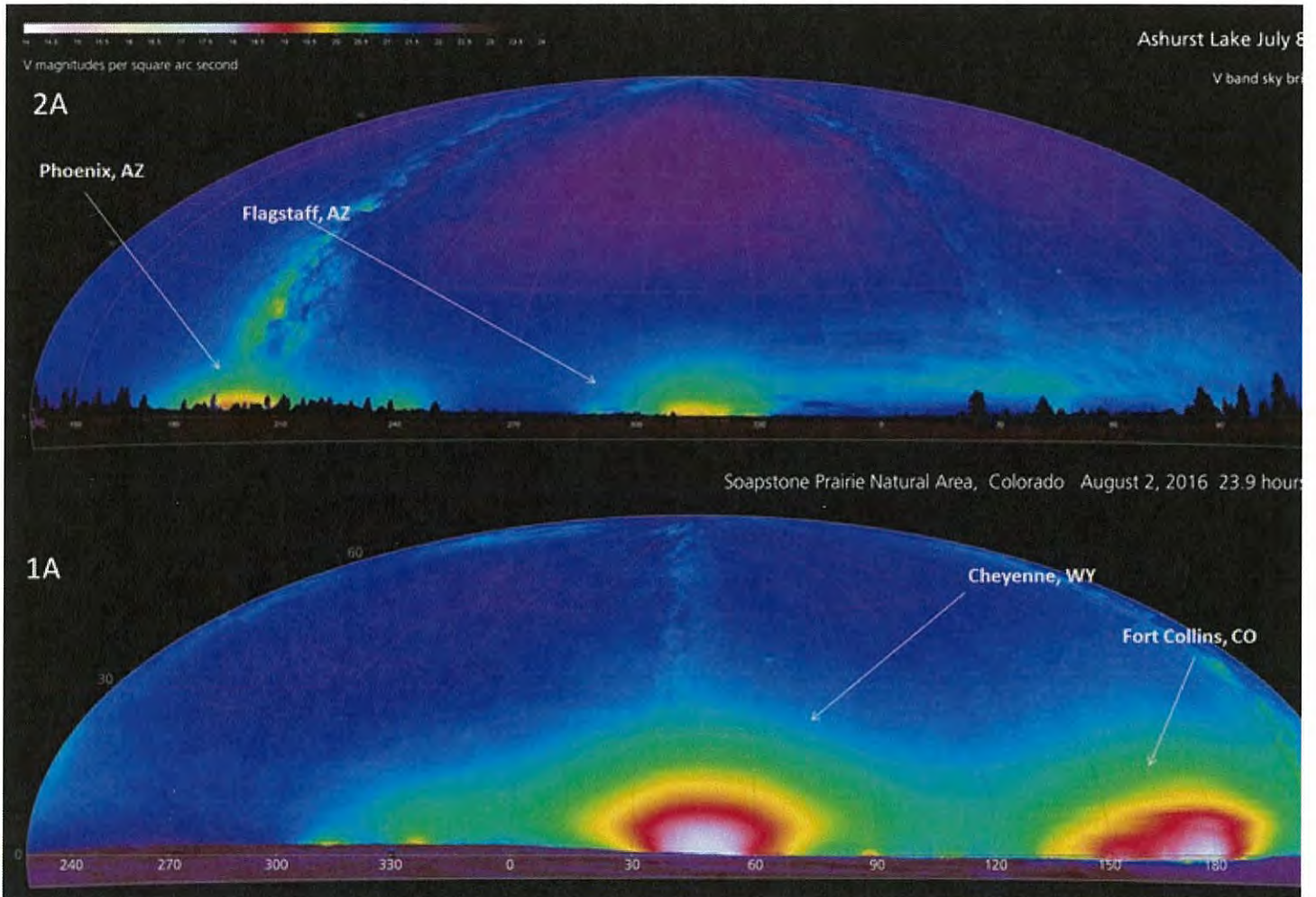


Map of North America's artificial sky brightness.
[The New World Atlas of Artificial Night Sky Brightness](#)

Natural darkness is important for a lot more than just stargazing, though. It's also vital to scientific astronomy studies, migrating birds and night-flying insects. And exposure to blue-rich light at night, from computer screens and outdoor LED lights, [disrupts people's sleep cycles and may even contribute to cancer](#). At its January meeting, the American Astronomical Society [passed a resolution](#) "affirming that access to a dark night sky is a universal human right, making quality outdoor lighting a worldwide imperative."

Some bigger Western cities have put a lot of effort into curbing and redesigning their light usage so that they can have dark skies, too. Flagstaff, Arizona, passed the nation's first dark-sky ordinance in 1958, to preserve starry conditions necessary for research at the Lowell Observatory.

That nearly six-decade-old effort seems to have paid off. Today, [nighttime images](#) captured by the National Park Service show that Flagstaff emits far less artificial light than other cities of its size. The 65,000-resident city uses sodium street lights. In contrast to LED lights, which save energy but produce bright blue and white light that washes out stars and planets, sodium lights emit a warm red-yellow light that doesn't contribute much to overall sky glow. Flagstaff also banned commercial searchlights and shielded outdoor lights around schools and shopping centers. In 2001, it became the world's first international dark-sky city, as designated by the nonprofit [International Dark-Sky Association](#).



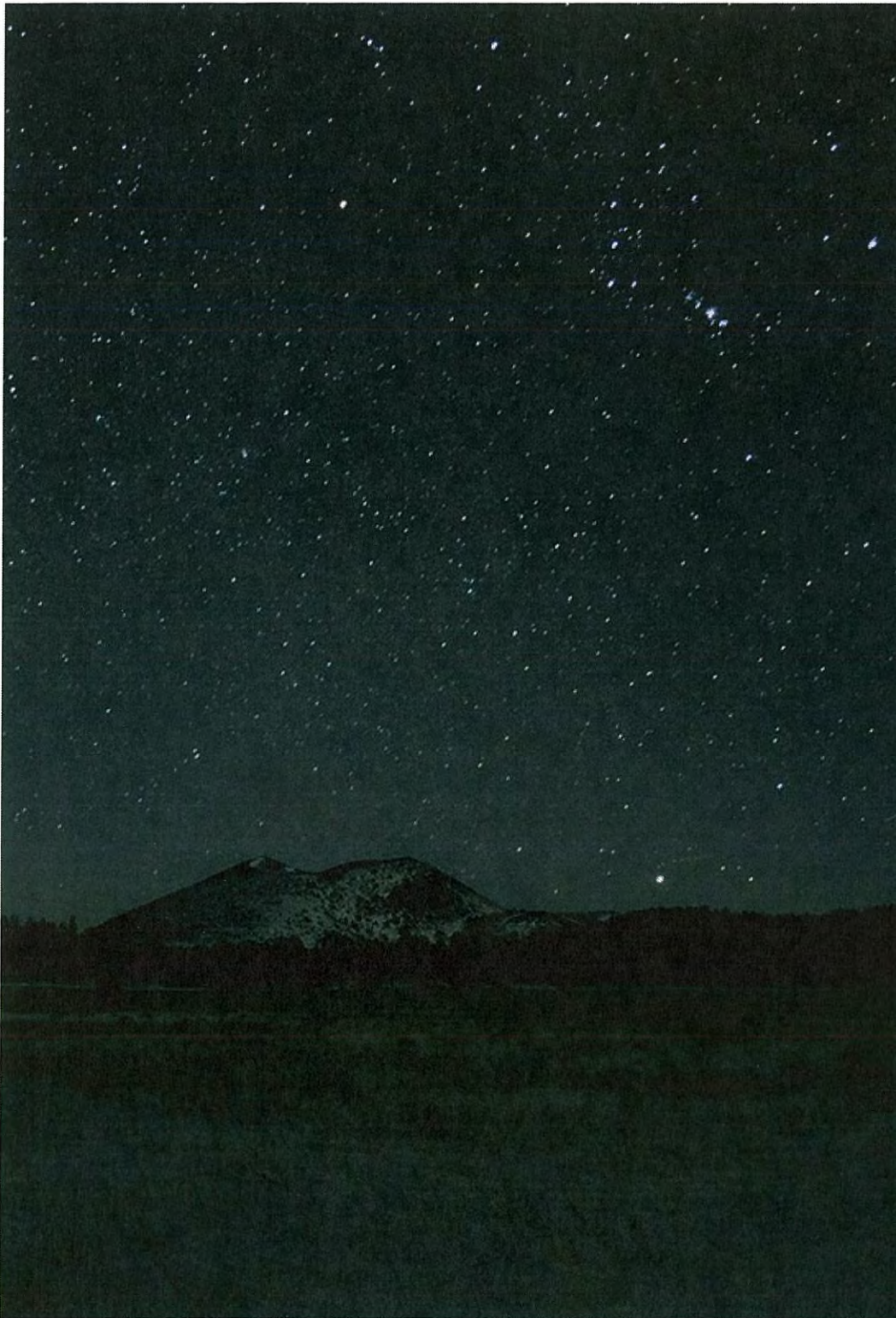
Nighttime observations taken in July and August 2016 show light pollution from Flagstaff, top, and Cheyenne, Wyoming, bottom.
National Park Service

Other Western cities, following Flagstaff's lead, are making an effort to turn down the wattage and return to darker skies. Last year, Phoenix voted to replace the 90,000 lights on its streets and parks with LEDs that have a more yellow hue than the standard blue-white LEDs. Los Angeles also adopted a plan to phase in warmer-colored LED lights, as did Montreal, Canada. "No one is saying that cities shouldn't be well lit," noted astronomy author Bob Berman recently [told NBC](#). "Everything has its time and place, and the same is true of light and darkness. And there is a place for darkness, and, I think that is slowly being realized."

That's true for national parks as well. Because dark skies and all that they entail are such an integral part of an outdoors experience, and because parks offer some of the darkest skies still to be found, the National Park Service is studying how different types of lighting affect the natural world. Its Natural Sounds and Night Skies division has tracked light pollution in parks for years; development and [oil and gas production are driving the largest increases](#) in nighttime glow. Some public lands are trying to cut down on the artificial light – near northwestern Colorado's Dinosaur National Monument, energy companies will have to [shield bright lights on rigs](#). (Congress, however, is moving to [weaken the National Park Service's ability to oversee oil and gas drilling](#) within park boundaries.)

To monitor light pollution, the agency has developed a special panoramic camera that produces a 360-degree view of the sky and horizon. It measures the light emitted by cities near national parks such as Flagstaff and Las Vegas; staffers presented the data gathered at the American Astronomical Society's meeting in January. The information will help the agency work with city managers to reduce light pollution. Cities up to 250 miles away contribute to lighter skies in the parks. The neon glow of Las Vegas can be seen from eight national parks, including Death Valley.

Flagstaff's dark-sky efforts, along with those of nearby Oak Creek and Sedona, earned all three towns certification from the IDA as Dark Skies Communities during the past few years. And they contributed to Grand Canyon National Park getting provisional Dark Sky Park designation last summer (to gain full status, it will have to retrofit two-thirds of its roughly 5,000 outdoor light fixtures, which it plans to do by 2019). Three national monuments near Flagstaff, Sunset Crater Volcano, Walnut Canyon and Wupatki, were also designated as International Dark Sky Parks in 2016. The designation recognizes "an exceptional or distinguished quality of starry nights and a nocturnal environment that is specifically protected for its scientific, natural, educational, cultural heritage and/or public enjoyment." About [30 U.S. parks have been so designated](#), most of them in the Southwest.



The constellation Orion rises over Arizona's Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument.
NPS/Elliot Schultz

Nevada's Great Basin National Park gained Dark Sky Park status in spring 2016, and is one of the least-lit places remaining on the continent. That made it the perfect place for the [first-ever research-level observatory](#) built in a national park. The Great Basin Observatory, constructed in cooperation with four universities, opened last August. Its 28-inch telescope will be used by researchers all over the country as well as students at universities and high schools, who will aim it remotely through the internet.

Here are a few handy tools for those inspired by the night sky:

The [New World Atlas of Artificial Night Sky Brightness](#), published by Science Advances, draws on NPS research and on-the-ground measurements of night sky brightness, amassed over the past decade of fieldwork in over 100 national park areas. [Clear Dark Sky](#) provides forecasts for specific observation sites. [Astronomy Calendar of Celestial Events](#) tracks comets, moon phases, meteor showers, eclipses, and more. [Dark Sky Weather app](#) that lets you know if it's going to rain or snow in your location in the next hour.

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Some in Government Hill hate a new LED streetlight

✍ Author: **Devin Kelly** 🕒 Updated: February 20 📅 Published February 19

Dan and Regine Berube noticed right away when the new LED streetlight appeared on a small side street beside their Government Hill home.

At night, bright white light flooded into the windows and backyard. Regine, a native of France used to softer tones in streetlights, started to have trouble sleeping.

That was in November. Now, at night, the Berubes cover many of their windows with light-blocking shades. They also huddled with next-door neighbors. This month, they made the decision to ask the city electric utility, Municipal Light and Power, to remove the light entirely.

City officials are now reviewing the request after the Government Hill Community Council formally backed it this week.

As ML&P crews swap out 4,000 orange sodium-vapor streetlights for the blue-white, energy-saving LED bulbs this year, **a priority for Mayor Ethan Berkowitz**, such battles may become more common.

At the community council meeting, Dan Berube didn't get support from all his neighbors. Both the council president and vice president voiced concern about the security implications of removing a light.

Municipal efforts to strike a balance between safety, energy efficiency and "dark skies" preferences have played out in other U.S. cities, including New York. **A New York Times story last summer** chronicled the split between the neighbors who saw LED streetlights as effective in deterring crime and those who saw LEDs as a nuisance.

To manage those issues, the Anchorage utility is turning to technology. This week, ML&P started installing wireless controllers on LED lights in Mountain View and near Merrill Field. The controls allow the lights to be dimmed or brightened remotely. ML&P can also learn which lights have gone out, cutting maintenance costs, officials say.

[Related: Anchorage slated to upgrade streetlights to 'smart grid' technology]

The dimmers won't be coming to Government Hill until the end of summer or early fall, based on the schedule, Gary Agron, division manager of engineering at ML&P, told the council at its Thursday meeting.

Berube said he'd accept the light being dimmed or repositioned. But he said he was told that removal was the only option in the short term.

Berube works as an energy management consultant for Alaska Community Development Corp., a nonprofit that specializes in energy efficiency and weatherization projects around the state. He's changed a lot of lights in his career.

In his house in Government Hill, Berube purchased a mix of incandescent and halogen lights. He also installed a LED light directly above a shelf by the kitchen.

But there, the light is pointing directly downward, he said.

"You try to direct the light," Berube said.

Berube said he isn't against LED streetlights, which he said are far more efficient and longer-lasting than the old sodium-vapor bulbs. The ML&P project is slated to save about \$350,000 in energy costs and \$50,000 in maintenance each year.

But he has a problem with how white the new lights are, which he says isn't healthy. He believes the city should change the lights to emit softer, warmer light on the red side of spectrum, going from 4,000 kelvin to 3,000 kelvin.

"It becomes a bigger picture, a bigger question as to how the city will look lit up, more white," Berube said.

The city's engineering design manual calls for the LED lights to emit light around 4,000 kelvin. ML&P officials say that's appropriate for Anchorage — they say streetlights aren't used in the summer and there's little difference in the glare from snow between the whiter and the softer light.

Berube also said the lights should be properly designed and positioned in the neighborhood. On his kitchen table, Berube spread out photos, where an oval overlaid on an aerial photograph showed how the LED light was hitting him and his neighbor, Steve Gerlek.

Berube and his wife complained about the old sodium-vapor streetlight, too, which Berube said was installed long ago at the request of another neighbor who has since passed away. ML&P installed blinders to direct the light downward, he said. The new LED streetlight does not have the blinders.

At Thursday's Government Hill Community Council Meeting, Berube made his case. Kyle Stevens, the vice president of the community council, was unconvinced. That side street is dark and Anchorage is facing an uptick in crime, he said.

"Removing and creating a darker spot, where in other areas we're trying to increase lighting ... I'm concerned about the overall impact to the community," Stevens said.



But a former president of the council, Stephanie Kesler, was on Berube's side.

"Do we want to have a Wal-Mart light on every single corner?" Kesler said.

Kesler also questioned who would make the call to ML&P about dimming or brightening lights if neighbors send in opposing complaints.

"It's great we have the technology, but operationally, I think there might be some issues with it," Kesler said.

Agron, the division manager of engineering at ML&P, said complaints about brightness aren't new. People thought the sodium-vapor lights were too bright, and he said the utility expects the same for LED lights.

With Berube's complaint, ML&P staff will review the request with city traffic engineers and street maintenance workers to decide the best way forward, Agron said.

The wireless controls on streetlights are designed to respond to a variety of concerns more quickly and efficiently, Agron said.

Referring to law enforcement's way of alerting the public to a kidnapped child, he said, "If we have an Amber Alert, we can brighten up the whole place so people see it much brighter."

"Or between midnight and 5 a.m., when there's not as much traffic, we can dim even further to achieve greater savings for the city," he said.

The president of the council, Melinda Gant, voted against sending Berube's letter to ML&P. She also said she was concerned about safety, pointing to a **crime assessment conducted last fall** by an Anchorage police officer who said the neighborhood's alleys were very dark.

[An Anchorage police officer tries a new approach to tackle neighborhood crime concerns]

The officer, Robin Nave, recommended that residents install motion-sensor lights at the back of private property to light up alleys, as well as "motion or steady lights aimed into parks or wooded tree lines, for homes that are across from them."



Gant was worried that the removal of the light could coincide with an uptick in crime. It would be difficult to go back to ML&P and ask for the light to be re-installed, she said.

"I'm not against security, a safe neighborhood," said Berube, who disputed that crime could prevented by bright lights.

He's against being awake at night with white light coming in the windows, he said.

Correction: The original version of this story indicated that some residents were concerned about the brightness of LED lights as measured in lumens. The residents were rather complaining about the white light emitted by the LED streetlights, as expressed in units of kelvin.

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is hereby given that the Kenai Peninsula Borough has been notified of an application for a Retail Marijuana Store license in the Diamond Ridge / Homer Area. The Borough will hold a public hearing prior to providing comments to the State on this application. This notice is being sent to landowners located within a 300-foot radius of the subject property. All members of the public are invited to comment. The application under consideration is described as follows:

Applicant: Alaskan Cannabis Outfitters

Landowner: 60N Ventures LLC

Parcel Number: 173-021-17

Please turn over for map.

Property Description: That portion of the southeast ¼ of the southeast ¼ of Section 9, Township 6 South, Range 14 West, Seward Meridian, lying west of Sterling Highway

Location: 41495 Sterling Highway, Homer, AK

Proposed Land Use: The applicant wishes to obtain a license from the Alaska Marijuana Control Board for a Retail Marijuana Store on the parcel listed above.

Applicable Code: State marijuana applications are reviewed by the borough in accordance with KPB 7.20 and 7.30. Copies of these ordinances are available from the Clerk's Office or on the KPB website at: kpb.us. State regulations (3 AAC 306) allow local jurisdictions to protest the issuance of marijuana licenses and recommend conditions to be placed upon licenses.

Public Hearing: A hearing will be held by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission to consider the application on **Monday, March 13, 2017**, commencing at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as business permits. The meeting will be held in the assembly chambers of the borough administration building located at 144 N. Binkley Street, Soldotna, Alaska.

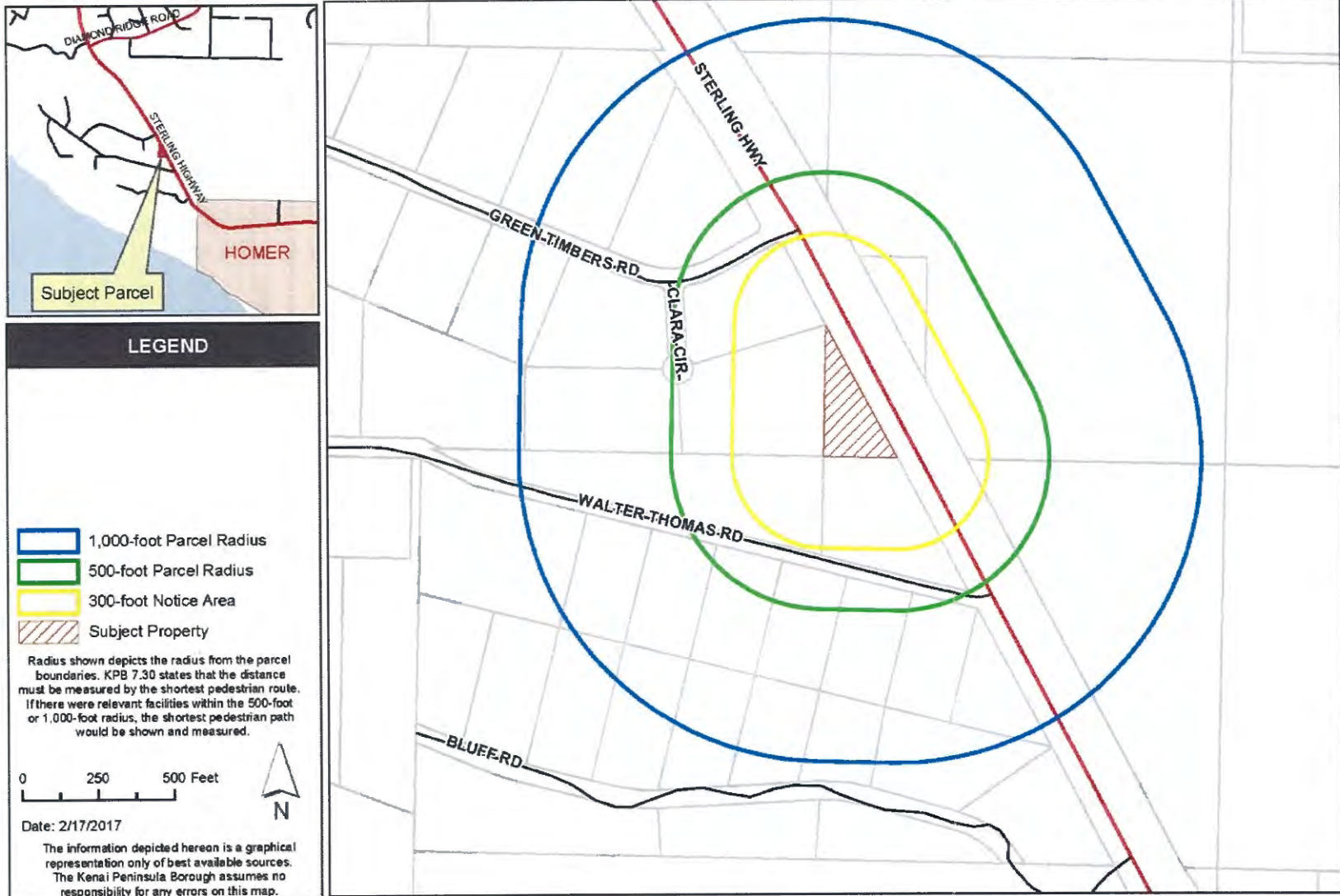
Public Comment: Those wishing to comment may come to the above meeting to give testimony or may submit a written statement addressed to: Planning Commission Chairman, 144 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska 99669. A statement addressed to the chairman may also be emailed to: bwall@kpb.us, or faxed to (907) 714-2378. Please provide written statements by Friday, March 10, 2017.

For additional information about this application, please call the planning department at (907) 714-2206, or 1-800-478-4441 (toll free within the Kenai Peninsula Borough).

Bruce Wall, AICP
Planner

**Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission Meeting, March 13, 2017
 Assembly Meeting, March 21, 2017
 Recommendation on State Application for Marijuana Establishment License**

**KPB Parcel ID: 173-021-17
 Alaskan Cannabis Outfitters
 Property Owner: 60N Ventures LLC**



Jo Johnson

From: Michael McBride <michael@alaskawildernesslodge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Support for Resolution 17xxx
Attachments: MIKE AND DIANE AlaskaWildernessLodge.com.JPG

Thank you Brian,

we salute your bravery,
your clarity and your sense of what is right and true

This is still another example of Homer's credibility in a world that is looking for good examples of credible behavior from individuals and communities.

You deserve a medal for your support of Article 17

as seen in Must Read Alaska

Michael McBride of China Poot By and Homer for 50 years

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Michael's personal cell [907-399-4087](tel:907-399-4087)
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Jo Johnson

From: Jerry Lawver <sailor.jerry@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 12:12 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Resolution on Homer Sanctuary for refugees (illegal or otherwise)

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

> I'm writing to express my dismay at the introduction of a resolution being voted on by the City Council meeting February 27th. In my honest opinion, the council has no right to introduce such a broad sweeping resolution without a vote of the people. The city council members who are introducing this and endorsing this do NOT speak for the majority of Homer citizens.

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> This town is already in flux with high taxes, no money and relief agencies, churches and private citizens being swamped with trying to help the existing homeless, children without homes and the lack of employment opportunities a ongoing huge problem.

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> That these irresponsible council members pressing their political agenda, trying to push this without notification to the general public and speaking for the minority of citizens shows how biased this is. This has happened before and reminds me of the plastic bag ban. I have used cloth bags for years, but to be told by local government that I HAVE to was unacceptable. And you see that result by the people that voted on it after it was put on a special ballot.

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> City Council members might want to remember that they are to be speaking for their constituents, not their friends and some neighbors or their own personal views. Politics aside, that doesn't speak well for the continued unity in this community which feels that once in office, just work on your own agenda. People are getting tired of that in all levels of government.

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> Jerry Lawver

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> Sent from my iPad

Jo Johnson

From: Nina Faust <fausbail@horizonsatellite.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Cc: Mayor Email
Subject: Resolution 17-XXXX

Please distribute to the City Council members.
Nina

P.O. Box 2994
Homer AK 99603

February 20, 2017

Dear Council Members:

RE: RESOLUTION 17-xxxx OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA: stating that the City of Homer adheres to the principle of inclusion and herein committing this city to resisting efforts to divide this community with regard to race, religion, ethnicity, gender, national origin, physical capabilities, or sexual orientation regardless of the origin of those efforts, including from local, state or federal agencies.

In light of the heightened intensity of rhetoric in the country expressing racist, anti-semitic, sexist, and derogatory statements toward women, religious minorities, immigrants, and others who may be different, I believe it is good for the City to set a tone that expresses support for the civility that makes a community a wonderful, welcoming place to live for those who chose to live here. Homer is a very special community, one that does show caring, concern, and compassion for those who need a bit of extra help.

We have a generous food bank, people who are trying to help folks who are homeless, organizations that help kids who need a leg up with school supplies and some extra food, and so much more. As we look around the community we can see the network of good that reaches out to many who need extra help and welcoming.

But despite all of this, there is in Homer an undercurrent of the same divisive, nasty rhetoric that has increased in the past year nationwide. Passing this resolution is an affirmation of the good qualities that the citizenry of Homer demonstrate daily. When a surge of the incivility arises in the country or a local community, a resistance to making that kind of behavior unacceptable is important. It is not acceptable that students start using racist language to minorities in schools. Schools should be safe zones for all students. It is not acceptable that a woman has to put up with misogynistic harassment. The examples can go on and on. The bottom line is we all deserve to live our lives without the fear that can be induced by hateful language directed at minorities, women, disabled, LGBTQ, or others. Language does matter.

I think this Resolution is a good way for the City of Homer to emphasize the nature of our community at large—safe, inclusive, caring, kind, compassionate, and welcoming of the diversity that different individuals bring to Homer.

Sincerely,

Nina Faust

Jo Johnson

From: cheeboogie <cheeboogie@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 12:49 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Shame Homer

City Council of Homer

Disgusting leadership on the local level.

I am a veteran a 40-year resident of the Homer area and a United States citizen you people are crazy

Shameful.

CRAIG BURNS

Jo Johnson

From: Chris Eason <akcountrychris@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 1:32 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Pics
Attachments: image2.PNG; image1.PNG; ATT00001.txt

Regardless your political stand these are real people , business people who are threatening to not come to your city , I as hoping to help by sharing these with you . Hope this gives you some insight of people around the state

being under trump's presidency

Yesterday at 2:34 PM · Unlike ·  1 · Reply

60's hippie throwbacks....

Yesterday at 2:37 PM · Unlike ·  1 · Reply

I think they are trying to get some attention .

Yesterday at 2:53 PM · Unlike ·  1 · Reply

Homer residents might want to launch a recall effort to fire their city council before someone suggests boycotting the town.

Yesterday at 2:58 PM · Unlike ·  2 · Reply



It is already being pushed



Yesterday at 3:00 PM · Like ·  1 · Reply


I usually drive down there a couple times of year, spend the night at Lands End, eat some fresh seafood on the Spit. I guess they can do without me and my wallet.



Yesterday at 3:09 PM · Unlike ·  5 · Reply

Couple numbers to call

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Yesterday at 3:24 PM · Like ·  2 · Reply

 
Bummer ! I used to like going to Homer ! If this is real I'll go elsewhere !

Yesterday at 3:26 PM · Unlike ·  2 · Reply

 
Who does their city counsel think they are. Looking at the numbers some of the town voted for Trump???

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I called city Hall and Council urging them to rethink this as it is tourist Suicide

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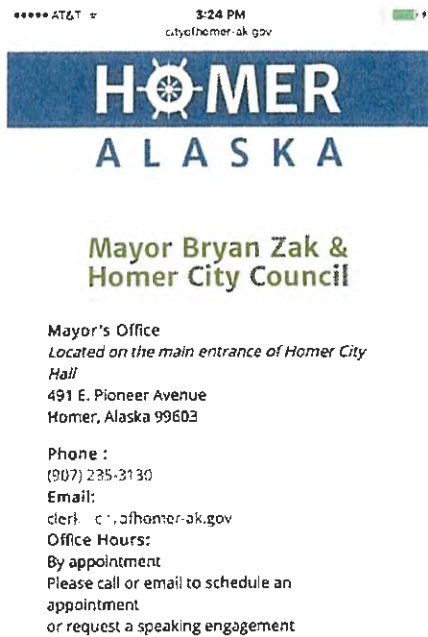
 
Ditto!

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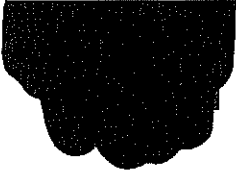
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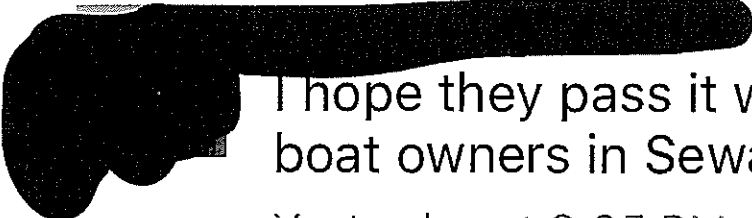
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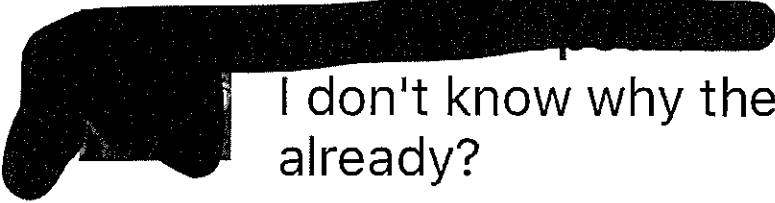
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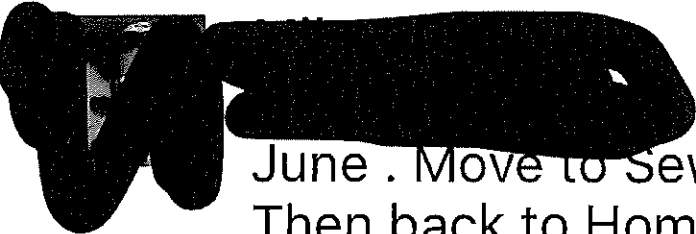
I hope they pass it we need more good boat owners in Seward!

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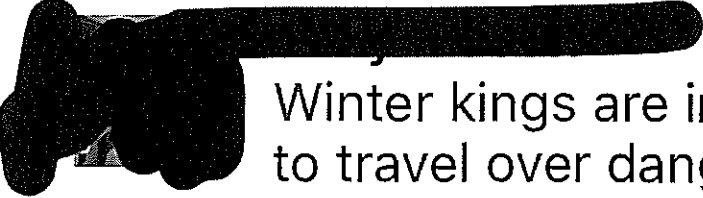
I don't know why the hell you aren't here already?

Yesterday at 4:29 PM · Like · Reply



I fish homer April Thur June . Move to Seward July Thur August. Then back to Homer for winter kings.

Yesterday at 4:36 PM · Like · 1 · Reply



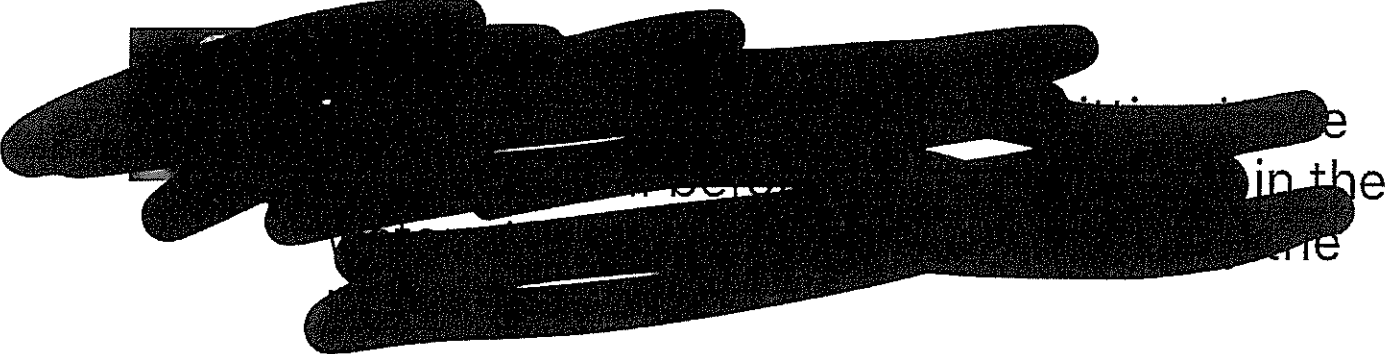
Winter kings are in Whittier you don't need to travel over dangerous roads for kings.

Yesterday at 5:42 PM · Like · Reply



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Yesterday at 5:43 PM · Like · Reply




Another reason not to go there or suggest someone go there . hope they loose all federal funds

Yesterday at 2:28 PM · Unlike ·  2 · Reply

Homer is off my places to visit again list. **Bob**, all my charter fishing is with you from now on.

Yesterday at 2:44 PM · Unlike ·  3 · Reply

If they pass it. I'll pull my boat back Seward and spend my money there.

Yesterday at 2:47 PM · Unlike ·  6 · Reply

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WHITTIER PEOPLE

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problem with Whittier is the 100 dollar bill before you get the boat in the water, tunnel, launch, get screwed by the park price.

Yesterday at 5:46 PM · Like · Reply


BS by the time you figure cost of your time to drive the extra.3 hours (round trip) and the gas you us it's a wash. I tested it my self just to see. Figures my time was.worth

Yesterday at 1:51 PM · Edited · Like ·  3 · Reply

Homer is off my places to visit if they do this.

Yesterday at 1:55 PM · Unlike ·  3 · Reply

The people are out of their god damned minds

Yesterday at 1:56 PM · Unlike ·  2 · Reply

Homer can kiss our 2 trips a year there goodbye if they do this.

Yesterday at 2:00 PM · Edited · Unlike ·  2 · Reply


Apparently they don't appreciate the federal money that keeps em afloat.

Yesterday at 2:03 PM · Edited · Unlike ·  2 · Reply

Homer is off my destination list until they pull there heads out of their asses

Yesterday at 2:03 PM · Unlike ·  2 · Reply

This Homeroid action can't surprise anybody

Yesterday at 2:09 PM · Unlike ·  2 · Reply



Yesterday at 8:11 PM • Like • Reply

WTF Homer?!?! You definitely don't represent me!
You all should be ashamed of yourselves, acting like
the whiny 3 year old liberals from the lower 48!!!
Say goodbye to a good portion of hard working
Alaskan republican money!

8 hours ago • Unlike •  2 • Reply

I take my boat there to Homer every spring and put
a lot of money into that community. I will not be
taking my fishing boat back there this year. So many
sore losers who are vocal and do not represent all of
us who are hard working and conservative and care
about America

7 hours ago • Unlike •  2 • Reply

Stupid, gives the wrong image of Alaska

5 hours ago • Unlike •  1 • Reply

I always said I wanna go back to Alaska. Now with all
the recent news and liberal Bs, I'll take my chances
down here in OKLAHOMA.

4 hours ago • Unlike •  1 • Reply

started picketing in the streets!


Yesterday at 6:40 PM · Like ·  2 · Reply

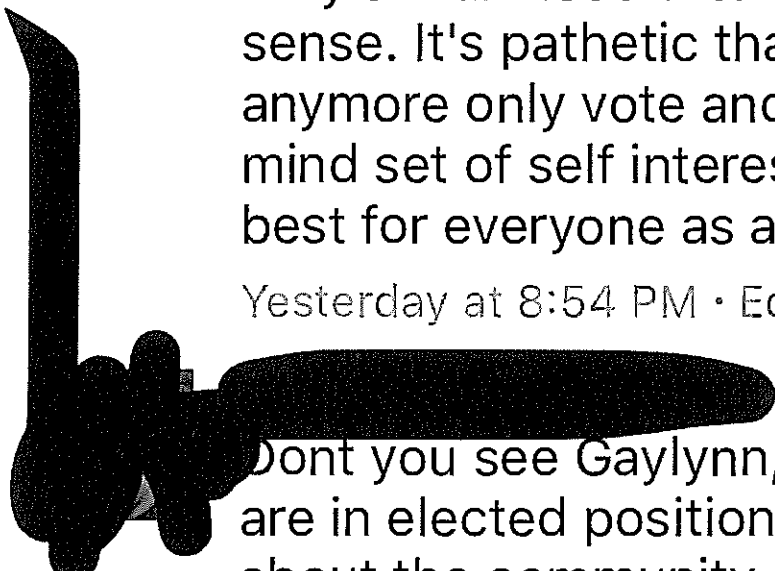
Promise? Really serious about redirecting visitors from Homer. The mayor was elected by Homer majority, right?

Yesterday at 8:33 PM · Like · Reply

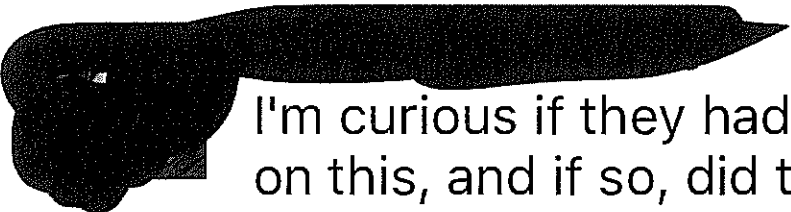
Just because they were voted in to do a certain job shouldn't give them power to be so bold as to make a decision this large, with out any regard to ALL of Homer's people. This (in my opinion) is a blatant disrespect of Homer's community and an abuse of "power." Thank God not all people that voted for Hillary are necessarily comfortable with this grand scheme of these extremists either. The people need to speak up though! That's for damn certain. Perhaps they should take a look of what's really happening in other small communities (both here on US soil and over seas) that had a former bleeding heart complex and ask them after all the crime, rape, violence especially towards women, break ins and over all loss of community about their now thoughts and opinions now that they live in fear in their own homes and neighborhoods that have been taken over by refugees. Just because a town is divided in opinion on who should have won the elections both on a local and national level. should not mean

that have been taken over by refugees. Just because a town is divided in opinion on who should have won the elections both on a local and national level, should not mean they should lose their freaking common sense. It's pathetic that so many people anymore only vote and think in a narrow mind set of self interest rather than what's best for everyone as a community over all.j

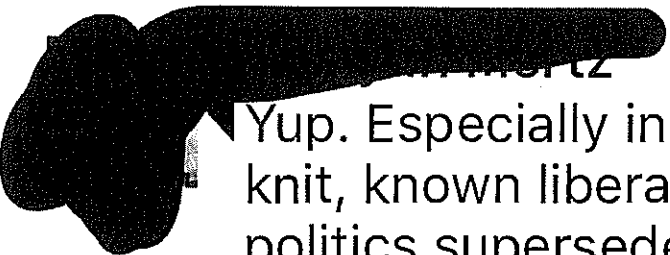
Yesterday at 8:54 PM · Edited · Like ·  3 · Reply

 Dont you see Gaylynn, once these people are in elected positions they don't care about the community as a whole! They have an agenda and in their opinion you either follow or get labeled!

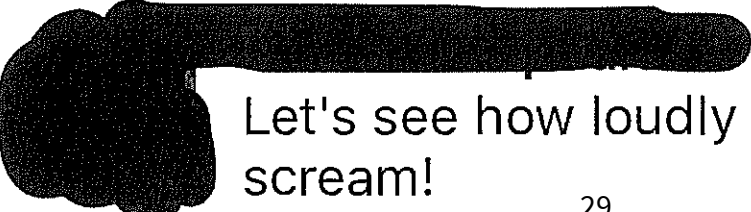
Yesterday at 8:56 PM · Edited · Like ·  2 · Reply

 I'm curious if they had a town hall meeting on this, and if so, did they advertise it?

Yesterday at 8:58 PM · Like ·  2 · Reply

 Yup. Especially in historically small tight knit, known liberal towns who's personal politics supersede professional politics on a consistent basis.

Yesterday at 8:59 PM · Like ·  1 · Reply

 Let's see how loudly the people of Homer scream!

Yesterday at 8:59 PM · Like ·  3 · Reply

[REDACTED] Winter kings are in Whittier you don't need to travel over dangerous roads for kings.

Yesterday at 5:42 PM · Like · Reply

[REDACTED] WHITTIER PEOPLE

Yesterday at 5:43 PM · Like · Reply

[REDACTED] problem with Whittier is the 100 dollar bill before you get the boat in the water, tunnel, launch, get screwed by the park price.

Yesterday at 5:46 PM · Like · Reply

[REDACTED] BS by the time you figure cost of your time to drive the extra.3 hours (round trip) and the gas you us it's a wash. I tested it my self just to see. Figures my time was.worth 20.00 hour us wear and tear on both truck and trailer. It figures out 40 dollars less in favor of Whittier.


Yesterday at 5:48 PM · Like · Reply

[REDACTED] Someone needs to tag someone in Homer who cares that may be next to impossible

Yesterday at 2:56 PM · Like ·  1 · Reply

[REDACTED]

cut federal funding


Yesterday at 3:57 PM · Unlike ·  6 · Reply

And state funding!

Yesterday at 6:42 PM · Like · Reply

Write a reply...

They are breaking their oath of office and should resign or be recalled :(

Yesterday at 4:19 PM · Unlike ·  5 · Reply

If they thought they were having problems with there charters fleet with the decline in fish stocks then and the number of people not going fishing, Now put this into play, what a bunch of morons.

Yesterday at 4:33 PM · Edited · Like ·  1 · Reply

If this is true I never fish or visit homer again, I take 2-3 week long trips there every year, but never again if this really happens

Yesterday at 5:05 PM · Like ·  2 · Reply

Come to Whittier for your fishing and sightseeing. Contact me we can make it happen for you.

Whittier Charters

Yesterday at 5:28 PM · Like ·  1 · Reply

Jo Johnson

From: Johnny Kirby <kirbyjohnny@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 1:23 PM
To: Department Clerk; Mayor Email
Subject: Resolution 17-\$\$\$

Greetings,

As a resident of Alaska and a frequent visitor of the Homer area, for work and play, I just wanted to comment on this "anti-Trump, pro-anarchy resolution that is slated to go before your council on the 27th.

Very shortsighted and bad! Unless this fails, please know that I have spent my LAST coin in Homer! If I must visit, for work, I promise that I will bring an Ice Chest and eat my lunch, get the job done, and remove myself as fast as humanly possible. I will stay in a tent up the road before I will stay a night in your sanctuary city.

That is all!

Sincerely,
John Kirby
Sutton, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

WJ

To the City of Homer council members, Aderhold/Reynolds/Lewis.

I received a copy of the City of Homer Resolution 17-XXX last weekend. After much thought, you have brought and committed an act that none of us wanted forced upon our once peaceful community.

What you have done is ripped apart the social fabric by design in an attempt to bring social destruction. I suspect you have little understanding of the depth of what you have done, but if it is the intent of this resolution to further divide, create hate, anger and rage, and move our citizens closer to some kind of civil unrest like we are seeing across our nation, then this is the very way forward to that destination.

Like a cloud of locusts swarming the farmer's field, you have succeeded in bringing this dark and ugly plague to our town, along with shame and embarrassment to our decent citizens, and brought us a bitter harvest none of us want. How dare you attempt to do this in our name. You were not elected to use this council for your personal political agenda.

The process to have the three of you recalled has already begun. If you have any respect, honor, or any moral compass (which I doubt), you will submit your resignation before the shame of the process of a very public recall catches up to you.

We the People withdraw our consent to be governed by you, or others of your ilk.

The Zuccaro family

Homer Alaska

Jo Johnson

From: Laura Zeiset <aklaura@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 1:57 PM
To: Department Clerk; Mayor Email
Subject: Resolution 17

To whom it may concern,

Please do not pass Resolution 17 or any version of Resolution 17. It is not in the best interest for the city of Homer.

Thank you,

Laura Zeiset

Jo Johnson

From: Kimdebbie@gci.net
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 2:52 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Resolution 17

Blessings Debbie

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kimdebbie@gci.net" <kimdebbie@gci.net>
Date: February 22, 2017 at 12:31:38 PM AKST
To: clerk@cityofhomer-ak-gov
Cc: homerunoil@alask
Subject: **Resolution 17**

Attention : Mayor and City Council Members,

Ref: Resolution 17

As 36 years residents we are greatly disturbed with the resolution that is being put forth by this city council. This is not representative of most of the residents of Homer and especially is not what you were elected to do. As a city council member we expect you to be dealing with priorities within the city of Homer.

Therefore, as voting citizens, business owners and property owners we urge you to vote NO on resolution 17 and stop the absurd and unlawful way this city council is conducting this city's business.

Sincerely,
Kim and Debbie Seymour
996 Hillfair Court
Homer, AK 99603

Jo Johnson

From: dmickg@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: re: Not my President !!

Dear Jo,

Please pass this on to the childish, intolerant, snowFLAKES at the meeting on Feb. 27.

I have been to Alaska maybe twenty times in the last 25 years. I have no idea how many thousands of dollars I have spent on travel, fishing guides and charters but it's significant. After reading about this matter, I want your city council to know that I will NEVER again, set foot in Homer.

Mr. Trump not your President!?! Fine, then I am not your customer. I've no doubt, there are many like me and we are sick and tired of the whiners!

Sincerely,
David McGrath, MD
Corvallis, Oregon

From: Jo Johnson <JJJohnson@ci.homer.ak.us>
Date: February 22, 2017 at 12:18:22 PM EST

Subject: RE: Not my President !!

Hello,

I have received your comments on this resolution and will include them in the council packet for the February 27th meeting. The packet will be published on Thursday morning. You may access it at: <http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/citycouncil/city-council-regular-meeting-150>

Thank you,

Jo Johnson, MMC
City Clerk

City of Homer
491 E. Pioneer Avenue
Homer, Alaska 99603
907.235.3130
jjohnson@ci.homer.ak.us

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Jo Johnson

From: sharon whytal <swhytal@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Tom Stroozas; Catriona Reynolds; David Lewis; Shelly Erickson; Heath Smith; Donna Aderhold; Mayor Email
Cc: Department Clerk
Subject: Resolution of Inclusion for Feb. 27

Dear Council Members and Honorable Mayor, Please vote yes on this beautifully crafted resolution to defend our Alaska and US Constitutional rights to equal treatment in our community. Inclusion is the basis of democracy, and important to defend at this time in history. I applaud your proactive movement in this direction, regardless of what transpires at a federal level.

Thanks,
Sharon Whytal

Jo Johnson

From: Clifford Smith <cliffordsmith1953@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Tolerance Resolution

Please ask the authors or co-sponsors of this resolution if they were the authors of this resolution or did someone put them up to it? Ask them if there is room in their resolution for people who disagree with them? Ask them if there is room in their resolution for law abiding citizens? Ask them if they came home from the coffee shop and found a stranger in their house, would they ask them to leave or would they listen to the stranger's argument about their rights to be in your house?

This resolution is an embarrassment to the great city of Homer.

Clifford Smith
Kenai, Alaska

Jo Johnson

From: Eric McDonnell <iamericmcdonnell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:53 AM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Proposed Anti-discrimination Resolution

Mayor,

As a resident of Homer, Alaska you have my full support in resisting any forces which may discriminated resident of Homer Based on gender, nationality, race, etc. Thank you for opposing discriminatory bills from Washington and promoting Homer as an inclusionary tolerant town- It makes me proud to live in beautiful Homer.

Sincerely,
Eric McDonnell

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Jo Johnson

From: Dean Ravin <deanravin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:49 AM
To: Department Clerk
Cc: attorney.general@alaska.gov
Subject: Response to Homer City Council Resolution 17 xxx

WITH reference to Resolution 17.xxx,
As proposed by Aderhold, Reynolds, and Lewis, in draft form, with copy attached:

.....Where as;

The attached draft, Resolution17.xxx expresses with inflammatory and divisive language the extreme political-activist views of its Authors: Aderhold,Lewis and Reynolds, describes and promulgates in the public record personal and religious views of the AUTHORS, in a clear direct affront to the single demographic, precisely defined by it's conspicuously narrow exclusion from the many and severally constructed victim-groups, here assembled, in blatant and public disregard for ethical standards of public service, while dramatically, egregiously and illegally exceeding the reasonable powers of city council as vested, described, and limited by the Alaska State Constitution.

.....Where as;

The use of City Council office as pulpit for dissemination of religious views, or as platform for broadcasting political activism is unlawful, unethical, and outside the bounds of permissible conduct in public service.

.....And, Where as:

Casual inspection of Resolution 17.xxx clearly exposes Council Member's blatant negligence of duty, demonstrates multiple unethical misconduct(s) of office, and describes the illegal misuse of public office for personal political ends.

.....Therefore,

Given the above described City Council Member's actions, there can be no recourse short of the Several Council Member's resignations, presently, and immediately tendered.

.....Please Witness:

Copies of the Homer City Council resolution 17.xxx are transmitted forward to Alaska State Attorney Generals office for ethical review as well as censure for abuse of public office.

..... In Closing:

Here accepts Homer City Clerk, my cash bond in the amount ONE Hundred dollars, in advance payment for the diligent accretion, consolidation, and transmission of true copies of all correspondence, discussion, and conspiracy pertaining to, or conducted in the contemplation, preparation, and construction of this resolution 17.xxx, as may have recorded in print, magnetic, electronic, or other means, all records, notes and data delivered to both my receipt, as well as carbon copied to State of Alaska, office of the Attorney General, at my expense.

Respectfully Tendered,
Dean Ravin
23 February, 2017

Jo Johnson

From: Janet Goehringer <homeontherange@wildak.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:04 AM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: LFwd: Resolution 17-xxx

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Janet Goehringer <homeontherange@wildak.net>
Date: February 22, 2017 at 5:13:43 PM AKST
To:
Subject: Resolution 17-xxx

Please read our comment at the next City Council meeting, February 27, 2017.

This is our statement to the Homer City Council about the community of Homer becoming a sanctuary city for illegal aliens. We would like this to be documented into the minutes of the city council meeting, February 27, 2017.

The three city council members, Donna Aderhold, Catriona Reynolds and Dave Lewis were elected to their positions by Homer residents to perform the duties of making positive decisions for effectively seeing that Homer runs efficiently. Instead these three individuals have come forth with Resolution 17-xxx to set up a sanctuary city for Homer which is illegal.

In this Resolution they have expressed disgusting lies and derogatory comments about our newly elected president, which we highly object to as they have also violated many things against our constitution and bylaws for the United States, Alaska and our own community of Homer.

An ethics investigation needs to be done into these three individuals and they need to be immediately removed from city council for mandating a disgusting resolution for Homer.

We are completely against this resolution and for having three city council members looking to force our community to believe this is what Homer should do - WRONG!!!

Jan and Bob Goehringer
P.O. Box 516
Homer, Alaska 99603
Sent from my iPad

Jo Johnson

From: Rodney Horton <alaskafly2007@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 6:50 AM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Resolution

I read your recent resolution regarding your town's rejection of hate. I applaud what you have done and hope that it will be copied by many other towns, including my own of Denver, Colorado.

It is very refreshing to see a community take a proactive stance against all that the trump presidency represents.

Congratulations and keep strong and Resist.

Sincerely yours,

Rod Horton

Jo Johnson

From: Cassie Lawver <caslawver@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 5:53 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Not in favor of the Proposed Resolution

Homer City Council and Homer Mayor,

With all the talk, for and against, a proposed resolution in regards to Homer becoming a sanuaury city, I felt I need to stress my feelings on this matter.

I have read several versions of this resolution and I am not in favor of any of them. Why do we need a piece of paper stating anything that is in this proposed resolution? Homer is a city that has always open its doors to everyone. But lately I feel like Homer is not so welcoming to anyone who supports Trump or his addenda.

After reading the original proposed resolution, I would like to see all the data collected on line 54-60. I don't remember anyone being asked by the Homer City Council how they felt about any of these views. I would also like to see all the data to support line 19-26 and line 40-41 as I have never seen "facts" to support those lines. I feel this resolution represents the personal opinion of the city council instead the majority of the community. Their opinion can not be backed up with facts.

Homer has many other issues that needs the attention of its city council, such as the homeless, drugs, and our children. To waste time on this resolution tells me that the current city council does not have the city of Homer best interest at heart. All this resolution has done is divide our community. I hope this resolution doesn't bring any unwanted, negative press to our little town. To bring this to the nations attention could keep needed federal funds from reaching our city.

Also, please consider a bigger venue for the upcoming city council meeting. I expect there will be a huge turn out to exercise our 1st amendment rights.

Sincerely,

Cassie Lawver

Jo Johnson

From: Mark Zeiset <mark@southcentralradar.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 5:54 PM
To: Department Clerk; Mayor Email
Subject: Comments to RESOLUTION 17-xxx

Hi,
My name is Mark Zeiset and I am a City of Homer Resident and a City of Homer business owner.
I wanted to make my comments known that I disagree with this resolution 17-xxx.

I feel that we need to take care of Homer citizens first and that includes all LEGAL immigrants of Homer Alaska NOT illegal. This resolution seems like a political agenda that is aimed at tearing down our president and government instead of working toward a compromise. We can disagree with our leaders decisions but we need to use the proper channels for compromise and decision making. This affects all Homer citizens. If needed let the citizens of Homer Alaska vote and decide on resolution 17-xxx.
I vote against this resolution.

Thanks
Mark

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Mark Zeiset
South Central Radar LLC
4406 Homer Spit Rd
Homer, AK 99603
Phone: 907-235-8008
email: mark@southcentralradar.com

Jo Johnson

From: Ellen Adcock <ellenemmaline@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 7:05 PM
To: Mayor Email; Department Clerk
Subject: Extremely disappointed

Dear Mayor Brian Zak,

It's disappointing that as a lifetime Alaskan we will be skipping our annual trips to Homer this summer. Your recent decision to resist and disrespect the president of the United States does not sit well with my family. The people have voted (lawfully) and your feelings and opinions about the new president do not allow you to create your own laws outside the federal government. Our country has been built immigrants Mayor Zak, legal immigrants like my great grandparents that arrived on the boat from Italy. Our country was not built on refugees. This great country has a big heart and we do allow refugees to come in lawfully, each and every single year. Take a 90 day pause is not too much to ask while systems are in place to protect our nation.

I would suggest you watch this excellent representation on world poverty and immigration. <https://youtu.be/LPjzfGChGIE>

We have had 8 years under a president that not all of us agreed with yet we respectfully let him do his job.

For now, the thousands and thousands of dollars we spend in Homer each year will be spent in cities like Seward or maybe we will go to Haines this year.

Respectfully,

Ellen Riley

Jo Johnson

From: Jenifer Gibson <padchome@iinet.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Re: a breif note of thanks for your resolution

Dear Homer City Council,

This is a note (from a -VOTING- America citizen living temporarily overseas- in Australia) to thank you for your PATRIOTIC "resist Trump' resolution."

People like you are what make me proud to be an American in times when THAT is very difficult to be.

Please stand strong, stay resolute- be LOUD about it- so that you become a model for others in your position.

I profoundly thank-you

Jenifer Anne Gibson (of Attleboro Massachusetts) RESIST!

Jo Johnson

From: Brenda - Mark Edens <mbedens@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 7:32 PM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Res 17

I am out of state right now but am reading of Resolution 17 on Facebook. This resolution deeply concerns me. The talk of Homer being a Sanctuary city is quite frightening, so to speak. Trump is our President, like it or not, and we need to honor his efforts in decision-making for the good of our country. It appears people are already talking about banning Homer for vacationing. That is NOT what we need. I would ask that you not allow this to pass and nip it in the bud now.

Thank you,
Brenda Edens

Jo Johnson

From: Marsha Hammond <chomskysright@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 8:52 PM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Go HOMER! RESIST!

Marsha Hammond PhD Asheville NC

"Homer city council goes into full 'resist Trump' mode with resolution"

Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: William Hague <haguewo@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 9:18 PM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Personal politics

Mayor Zak,

Three misled Homer city council members have brought up an atrocious resolution that blatantly misrepresents Homer voters.

Homer voters supported President Donald Trump by a wide margin. The resolution they have concocted is a waste of council time and effort. It has nothing to do with important issues concerning Homer.

If the vote is three to three and you are required to vote, I sincerely hope that you will vote against the pathetic resolution.

Disgusted,

Bill Hague
2600 Sprucewood Drive, Homer, AK
399-1243

Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: April Huff <moonlitdame@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 10:33 PM
To: Donna Aderhold; Catriona Reynolds; David Lewis
Cc: Mayor Email; Department Clerk
Subject: My Thanks!

I just read an article reporting that your city council will be discussing a resolution to make Homer a sanctuary city. I commend you! We just moved to Eagle River AK and will be doing some sight seeing this summer. You've put Homer on my list of places to see. I'd love to come spend some of my tourist dollars in a city that is taking a stand on the correct and noble side of the tumultuous issues facing our nation today.

See you this summer! Thank you again for taking a stand.

April Huff
360-480-7525

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The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught as that every child should be given the wish to learn. ~ John Lubbock ~

Jo Johnson

From: melinda mutch <MACREATO@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 5:48 AM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Resolution about inclusion

I oppose resolution on the table as I understand it begins, "the resolution that the City of Homer adheres to the principle of inclusion..."

Immediately, I am excluded as I believe that I as a citizen of the United States and as a resident of Homer, I should be protected from undocumented immigrants. If I break the law I must pay the consequences. This should be true for ANYONE in the United States. I believe that Washington knows and understands the dangers as they currently exist and I trust them to do what is necessary to protect my country and my rights.

Melinda Mutch

Jo Johnson

From: David Haynes <dmhaynes607@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 6:08 AM
To: Department Clerk; Mayor Email; Tom Stroozas; Catriona Reynolds; David Lewis; Donna Aderhold; Shelly Erickson; Heath Smith
Cc: Department Personnel
Subject: Homer City Council's "resist Trump" Resolution Issue
Attachments: To Homer City Council.pdf

Homer City Council Members,

I drafted the attached letter on behalf of many Homer residents, including my family, their families, and friends of families, and the list is extensive. I request that you reconsider entertaining the "resist Trump" resolution and let your cooler heads prevail...it adds no value to the City of Homer and has no place in local politics. In addition, I have sent this letter to everyone else I know, and to every outlet I have, and we intend to circulate this letter as broadly as possible. It is currently circulating on Facebook and other social media sites to the greatest extent possible.

Squash it now or vote it down.

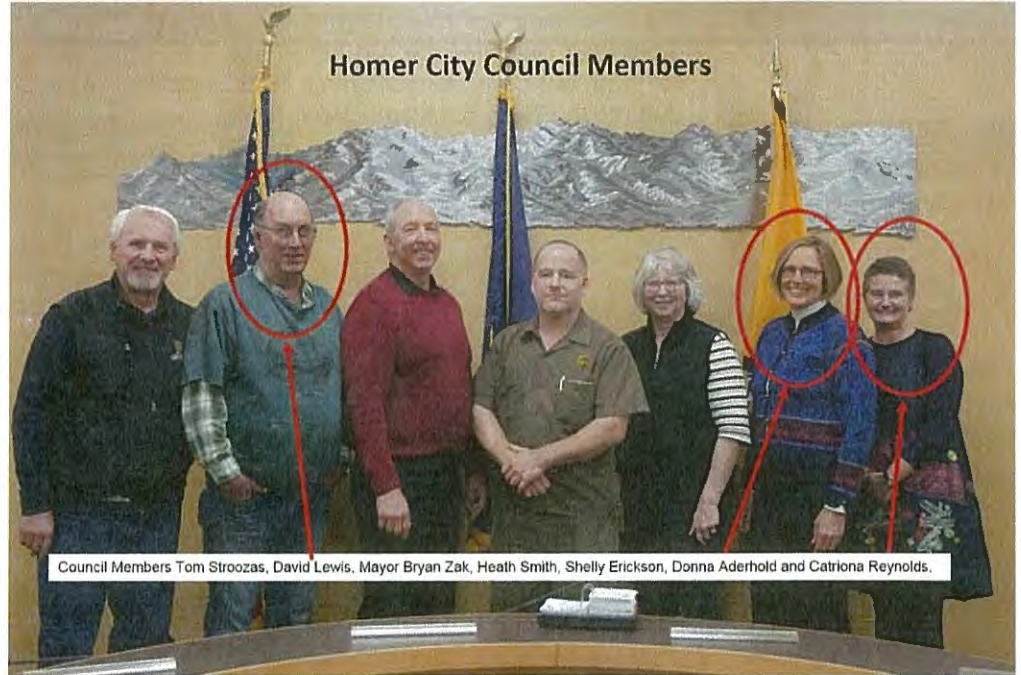
Sincerely,

CAPT David Haynes, (USCG Ret)

To Homer City Council:

Recently, it has come to our attention that the City of Homer intends to consider a proposed resolution to "resist Trump," something we, as long-time Homer residents, find not only embarrassing but also an irrational and egregious act being forced upon the city by a small group of local political activist.

First, though resolutions can provide policy and guidance, resolutions have no legal standing; thus, we citizens question the political motives of city council members David Lewis, Donna Aderhold, and Catriona Reynolds, the three members who are sponsoring this disconcerting and agitating resolution. (See picture)



Second, the proposed resolution, as currently written, is riddled with pettiness, falsehoods, innuendos, misstatements, misrepresentations, and outright dishonesties, and when taken word for word is a laughable document unfit for consideration and/or publication. There's no doubt the sponsors of this proposed resolution intend to bend the general will of the City of Homer and aspire to make Homer a "Sanctuary City", though not bold enough to explicitly state so in the resolution. Furthermore, the Presidential voting statistics show that more Homerites voted for Trump than Clinton, thus council members must take into consideration what's best for Homer's general population when voting on proposals. We clearly know that it is the responsibility of the Homer City Council, "a body of six elected officials empowered by State Statute and Homer City Code to represent the citizenry in decisions on their behalf."

Third, we believe, as longstanding members of the community, that for the city council to even consider this poorly crafted and ill-advised resolution is an affront to the community at large; serving no purpose whatsoever and does not in fact foster peace and tolerance. We respect the right of a few political activist to pitch a proposal to the city council, but respect goes both ways, and for the council to positively endorse such a proposal shows a level of petty and foolish thinking that should not prevail in local government, especially in Homer, Alaska.

Lastly, we unequivocally encourage you to withdraw this proposed resolution. It serves neither side of the political aisle in any positive way, will bring mockery and contempt upon the City of Homer, and merely frustrates the general will of Homer residents. Homer is made up of all sorts of people with differing views, so why incite a different type of intolerance and try to force (by resolution) a particular view upon us? Cease and desist as political activists and return to promoting the overall economic development and welfare of our wonderful city.

With respect,

Citizens of Homer, Alaska

Jo Johnson

From: Grace Halstead <gracehalstead@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Remove Resolution please

I would like your resolution 17# removed. It is a hateful opinion regards to our President. It has offended me and my family. It has divided us. I love our neighbors but now bringing this out will not improve relations but ruining it and causing mistrust.

Sincerely,

Grace Halstead

Jo Johnson

From: Seelingers <7shortwing@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Department Clerk; Mayor Email
Subject: Resolution 17-XXX

Mr Mayor,

Although we are not residing in Homer at this time, we are still property owners and tax payers. We are adamantly opposed to the above mentioned Resolution in any form. If the Council passes such a Resolution in any form, we will reconsider our planned future move to Homer.

Sincerely,
Don and Vicky Seelinger

Jo Johnson

From: Margie Lockwood <margieharlow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Resolution 17

Dear Mayor Zak:

Please do NOT vote in favor of Resolution 17.

Despite all the "pretty" words about inclusion, it would establish Homer as a "Sanctuary City." Welcoming illegals into Homer would place a huge educational and financial burden on our town, and could even cost us federal dollars. We believe in the constitution, and we believe that our country is not our country without borders. This is not based on religious nor racial bigotry. We are dear friends with a Muslim family--but he worked two jobs for five years before he became a United States citizen. Then it took him 9 months to bring his wife and child here. Opening our borders would certainly do all **legal** immigrants a disservice.

Harlow & Margaret Lockwood

Jo Johnson

From: shilahough@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: resistance city

Bryan Zak

I do not believe the City should be entertaining this resolution. This is so political it could divide the City of Homer. Sincerely Shila Hough

William S. Walters

P.O. Box 2224 Homer, Alaska 99603-2224

City Council
City of Homer
491 E. Pioneer Avenue
Homer, AK 99603

23 February, 2017

RE: Resolution 17

I am disgusted with the action of three of our council members for introducing this unnecessary and improper resolution. There is not a problem currently, so why make one now. The city is not a social services agency nor a shelter, especially for illegal immigrants. Council needs to focus on more important things such as funding the city, rather than this type of "social justice" resolution, which in itself is divisive of the community - even in it's present toned down form.

There is no discrimination ongoing in the city that I am aware of, and this resolution serves no useful purpose.

I am especially troubled by the councils position on illegal immigrants [take note of the word illegal - they broke federal law when they entered the country].

If this misguided resolution manages to survive in any form, I would request that the following section be amended as follows:

"Be it further resolved that the City of Homer will cooperate with Federal agencies in detaining undocumented immigrants when court-issued federal warrants **or immigration detainers (DHS form I-247)¹ or when detainers are issued for "aliens" not in custody [8 CFR 287.7(d)]** are delivered."

It should be noted that detention for persons not in custody under 8 CFR 287.7(d) detention is not optional, the federal regulation reads "shall" maintain custody. If the City fails to honor a detainer in those matters, the City is clearly violating federal law.

¹ See Title 8 CFR 287.7 for detention authority

During my career with the city, I was personally involved with contacting immigration in cases when a known illegal immigrant was in custody. Immigration responded appropriately, and frequently took custody of those subjects. The city did not go out looking for them, but when one came into custody for any number of reasons, we appropriately followed up. I do not know if the current policy has changed, but I sincerely hope not.

Illegal immigrants are not a protected class. If they wish to remain lawfully in the country, they have the option of returning to their country of origin and applying at the US Embassy for a Visa, green card, or to initiate the lawful immigration process, and stand in line like the numerous other individuals seeking lawful entry.

Deportation of illegal immigrants is not harassment. It is merely the enforcement of existing federal law. If you don't agree with the law, then go through the process of changing it, but in the interim don't try to obstruct federal officers from performing their sworn duties.

I am additionally troubled by the current language:

"Be it further resolved that the city of Homer will declare itself a safety net for the most vulnerable members of and visitors to our community"

If that verbiage is intended that the City will shelter illegal immigrants, in effect becoming a "sanctuary city", I strongly oppose that provision. Such action, if applied to sheltering illegal immigrants will almost definitely result in loss of certain federal funds, and I will personally contact DHS and others to request that such funds be withheld based upon your action. You seem to forget that these individuals already broke federal law by entering the country illegally. We need not protect them.

Please return to more productive and less controversial city business, and leave the feel good resolutions alone.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Walter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Attachments: DHS Form I-247
8 CFR 287.7

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
IMMIGRATION DETAINER - NOTICE OF ACTION

Subject ID:
Event #:

File No:
Date:

TO: (Name and Title of Institution - OR Any Subsequent Law Enforcement Agency)

FROM: (Department of Homeland Security Office Address)

MAINTAIN CUSTODY OF ALIEN FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 48 HOURS

Name of Alien: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Nationality: _____ Sex: _____

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING ACTION RELATED TO THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ABOVE, CURRENTLY IN YOUR CUSTODY:

- Determined that there is reason to believe the individual is an alien subject to removal from the United States. The individual (*check all that apply*):
- has a prior a felony conviction or has been charged with a felony offense;
 - has been convicted of illegal entry pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1325;
 - has three or more prior misdemeanor convictions;
 - has illegally re-entered the country after a previous removal or return;
 - has a prior misdemeanor conviction or has been charged with a misdemeanor for an offense that involves violence, threats, or assaults; sexual abuse or exploitation; driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance; unlawful flight from the scene of an accident; the unlawful possession or use of a firearm or other deadly weapon, the distribution or trafficking of a controlled substance; or other significant threat to public safety;
 - has been found by an immigration officer or an immigration judge to have knowingly committed immigration fraud;
 - Initiated removal proceedings and served a Notice to Appear or other charging document. A copy of the charging document is attached and was served on _____ (date).
 - otherwise poses a significant risk to national security, border security, or public safety; and/or
 - Served a warrant of arrest for removal proceedings. A copy of the warrant is attached and was served on _____ (date).
 - other (specify): _____.
 - Obtained an order of deportation or removal from the United States for this person.

This action does not limit your discretion to make decisions related to this person's custody classification, work, quarter assignments, or other matters. DHS discourages dismissing criminal charges based on the existence of a detainer.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU:

- Maintain custody of the subject for a period **NOT TO EXCEED 48 HOURS**, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, beyond the time when the subject would have otherwise been released from your custody to allow DHS to take custody of the subject. This request derives from federal regulation 8 C.F.R. § 287.7. For purposes of this immigration detainer, you are not authorized to hold the subject beyond these 48 hours. As early as possible prior to the time you otherwise would release the subject, please notify DHS by calling _____ during business hours or _____ after hours or in an emergency. If you cannot reach a DHS Official at these numbers, please contact the ICE Law Enforcement Support Center in Burlington, Vermont at: (802) 872-6020.
- Provide a copy to the subject of this detainer.
- Notify this office of the time of release at least 30 days prior to release or as far in advance as possible.
- Notify this office in the event of the inmate's death, hospitalization or transfer to another institution.
- Consider this request for a detainer operative only upon the subject's conviction.
- Cancel the detainer previously placed by this Office on _____ (date).

(Name and title of Immigration Officer)

(Signature of Immigration Officer)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CURRENTLY HOLDING THE SUBJECT OF THIS NOTICE:

Please provide the information below, sign, and return to DHS using the envelope enclosed for your convenience or by faxing a copy to _____. You should maintain a copy for your own records so you may track the case and not hold the subject beyond the 48-hour period.

Local Booking/Inmate #: _____ Latest criminal charge/conviction: _____ (date) Estimated release: _____ (date)

Last criminal charge/conviction: _____

Notice: Once in our custody, the subject of this detainer may be removed from the United States. If the individual may be the victim of a crime, or if you want this individual to remain in the United States for prosecution or other law enforcement purposes, including acting as a witness, please notify the ICE Law Enforcement Support Center at (802) 872-6020.

(Name and title of Officer)

(Signature of Officer)

8 CFR § 287.7 Detainer provisions under section 287(d)(3) of the Act.

(a) Detainers in general.

Detainers are issued pursuant to sections 236 and 287 of the Act and this chapter 1. Any authorized immigration officer may at any time issue a Form I-247, Immigration Detainer-Notice of Action, to any other Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency. **A detainer serves to advise another law enforcement agency that the Department seeks custody of an alien presently in the custody of that agency, for the purpose of arresting and removing the alien. The detainer is a request that such agency advise the Department, prior to release of the alien, in order for the Department to arrange to assume custody, in situations when gaining immediate physical custody is either impracticable or impossible.**

(b) Authority to issue detainers. The following officers are authorized to issue detainers:

- (1) Border patrol agents, including aircraft pilots;
- (2) Special agents;
- (3) Deportation officers;
- (4) Immigration inspectors;
- (5) Adjudications officers;
- (6) Immigration enforcement agents;
- (7) Supervisory and managerial personnel who are responsible for supervising the activities of those officers listed in this paragraph; and
- (8) Immigration officers who need the authority to issue detainers under section 287(d)(3) of the Act in order to effectively accomplish their individual missions and who are designated individually or as a class, by the Commissioner of CBP, the Assistant Secretary for ICE, or the Director of the USCIS.

(c)Availability of records. In order for the Department to accurately determine the propriety of issuing a detainer, serving a notice to appear, or taking custody of an alien in accordance with this section, the criminal justice agency requesting such action or informing the Department of a conviction or act that renders an alien inadmissible or removable under any provision of law shall provide the Department with all documentary records and information available from the agency that reasonably relates to the alien's status in the United States, or that may have an impact on conditions of release.

(d)Temporary detention at Department request. Upon a determination by the Department to issue a detainer for an alien not otherwise detained by a criminal justice agency, such agency shall maintain custody of the alien for a period not to exceed 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays in order to permit assumption of custody by the Department.

(e)Financial responsibility for detention. No detainer issued as a result of a determination made under this chapter I shall incur any fiscal obligation on the part of the Department, until actual assumption of custody by the Department, except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section.

[68 FR 35279, June 13, 2003, as amended at 76 FR 53797, Aug. 29, 2011]

Jo Johnson

From: Lani Raymond <lani67@alaska.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: for Council members
Attachments: ResolutionPDF.pdf; Resolution.odt

Please distribute this letter to the members of the City Council. (attached regular and PDF versions)

Thank you.

Lani Raymond

41640 Gladys Ct.
Homer, AK 99603

February 22, 2017

Dear Council Members,

RE: RESOLUTION 17-019 OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA: stating that the City of Homer adheres to the principle of inclusion and herein committing this city to resisting efforts to divide this community with regard to race, religion, ethnicity, gender, national origin, physical capabilities, or sexual orientation regardless of the origin of those efforts, including from local, state or federal agencies.

There are some ideals which we can all agree upon.

First, this Resolution reaffirms adherence to the U.S. and Alaska Constitutions. It states that Homer will abide by existing laws: City, State, and Federal. In addition it reaffirms the importance of due process which ensures the rights and equality of our citizens. Due process means people may not lose life, liberty or property without fair procedures--certain steps being taken as stated in the US Constitution in the 5th and 14th Amendments. Our Constitutions and laws are important and due process matters a great deal.

Second, all religions and belief systems I have ever read about teach some form of the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. The main message in each religion is the same. We all want to be treated kindly and fairly, to feel safe, and to live in peace. All people want a peaceful, law abiding, safe place to live and many, to raise their families.

Finally, we can agree that Homer is an extraordinary place to call home! A beautiful natural setting and a wonderful, diverse community of people who show that they care about other people and who are compassionate and helpful to others whenever the need arises. We are thankful for our wonderful home.

What we as a community believe matters very much to those of us who live here. I believe this Resolution should be approved. Words do matter.

Lani Raymond

Jo Johnson

From: Rhonda Bradshaw <rhonda@homermedical.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Sanctuary City

Please know that I am personally completely opposed to Homer becoming a sanctuary city or whatever you decide to call it. If someone wants to come to this country and do so legally, I will welcome them with open arms. To defy the federal laws, to stomp our feet and cry and act like a spoiled child because we don't like the current administration is cutting off our noses to spite our faces. Children eventually learn to live by the rules. There is nothing noble about providing a safe place for those who are not here to contribute or make our beautiful land a better place to be or have criminal records.

Rhonda Bradshaw

Jo Johnson

From: Pat Russell <russpat22@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Resistance City

As residents of Homer, we are appalled that the city council would even consider proposing Homer to be designated as a "Resistance City". Though the proposal doesn't actually say "Sanctuary City", that's exactly what it is. This would require our police and officials to disregard the LAW. We are totally opposed to this. Our community voted for President Trump and should abide by his requirement that we uphold our laws. What other laws should we ignore when we are unhappy with them? Where does that end? Who has the right to supersede the federal government?

Jerry and Pat Russell
1045 Larkspur Court

Jo Johnson

From: Tom B <tabchomer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Political resolution

Mr. Mayor and Council members. I can't begin to tell you all how disappointed I am, i'm sure you have all seen this airing out on news and social media. There's absolutely no reason for the council be involved in this politically motivated rhetoric. This resolution was leaked to news and social media before it was even discussed. There has been a lot of damage done and I can only imagine how much it will cost the city to make this right. I can't speak for any other business owners in this town, but I need all the business I can get to survive! A few on the council have put our businesses and livelihoods at risk by dividing us. I don't believe a no vote regarding this resolution is enough! I have discussed my resignation from the Homer Advisory Planning Commision with the city planner, and I would suggest the three authors of this resolution on the City Council do the same.

Respectfully submitted, Tom A. Bos
Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: annedamskey <annedamskey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Department Clerk; Mayor Email
Subject: Sweden Democrats: Trump was right | Fox News

Please do not support the resolution to have Homer become a sanctuary city.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=Sweden+news>

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Jo Johnson

From: Pam Nustvold <pamoola57@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 1:58 PM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Resolution 17-XXX

Mayor Zak,
I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 17-XXX. This does not represent the majority opinion of Homer voters who clearly voted for President Trump. This resolution is divisive and out of place in our Council's business.

Regards,

Pam Nustvold 299-6253

Jo Johnson

From: Dean Beaulieu <bestintheland@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 2:20 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Upcoming city ordinance

Please pass on to all council members.

Please note if the city of Homer chooses to pass laws in conflict with federal home land security laws and allows Alaska to be open to illegal immigrants and terrorists by becoming a port City, there is already a large uprising amongst Alaskans to boycott Homer.

No halibut fishing, empty hotels, restaurants, bars, campgrounds. No gas sales for our motorhome. Homer will lose millions of dollars for years to come.

Dean Beaulieu
Palmer

Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: Richard Yates <ryates3535@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 2:45 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Fishing trip planned for July cancelled

Due to the city of Homer now becoming a sanctuary city and not supporting President Trump our group will be cancelling our trip to Homer this summer, including fishing charters, lodging, restaurants and other typical tourist activities. Please give our regards to those who make a living from the tourist dollars, your counsel will regret this decision.

Richard Yates
Florida

Sent from my iPhone

TO CITY CLERK/ MAYOR

2 4 9 2014 8:30 AM RK

I AM RELATIVELY NEW TO THE HOMER COMMUNITY, 2 YRS BUT A 25 YR RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA. IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT THE COMMUNITY OF HOMER IS FACING AN ISSUE THAT MANY PLACES THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY ARE FACING, & THAT IS THAT A SMALL MAJORITY OF POLITICIANS FEEL THAT THEY CAN OVERRIDE & ~~DISURP~~ AMERICAN LAW & THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY. APPARENTLY A BOARD OF 6 PEOPLE FEELS THAT IT CAN STEP ON & OVERRIDE 56% OF THE VOTERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF HOMER. IF YOU HAVE THE GALL TO DO THIS THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE THE GUTS TO PUT YOUR NAMES ON A DOCUMENT THAT STATES PLAINLY THAT YOU BELIEVE THE LAW ONLY PERTAINS TO SOME & NOT TO ALL, & THAT YOU WOULD RATHER PROTECT THOSE WHO BREAK THE LAW THEN STAND UP FOR THOSE WHO OBEY IT & WORK TO DEFEND IT.

YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THE GUTS TO STATE THAT YOU WANT TO CREATE A SAFE HAVEN OR SANCTUARY CITY FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BROKEN AMERICAS LAWS AT THE EXPENSE OF THOSE PEOPLE

Jo Johnson

From: Carol Beverly <carol.beverly@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 3:24 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Resolution 17-019: Written Testimony
Attachments: City Council Letter Resolution 17-019.docx

Attached is my testimony for the resolution 17-019. Please let me know if you have any issues with the attachment.

v.r.

Carol Beverly

To: Mayor Zak and the Homer City Council
From: Carol Beverly

Subject: Resolution 17-019

1. Please vote no on this resolution. As it stands this resolution is redundant, impotent, and a waste of taxpayer money.
2. Hate crimes, both actions and threats, are already illegal under the laws of the United States and the State of Alaska. The right to express fear and hate in a non-violent manner is protected by the Constitution of the United States under the purview of Freedom of Speech and cannot be overturned by the City of Homer.
3. The City of Homer has real issues to address, over which it has both the authority and responsibility. This resolution provides no protection, authorizes no action, and appears to accomplish nothing other than to make a political statement and make the authors feel better.
4. Although this resolution does no harm, it also does no good. It has already cost too much City Council time and taxpayer money to no effective purpose. Please vote no on this resolution; do not encourage City Council members to waste time in this manner in the future.

v.r.

Carol Beverly
Homer, AK

FEB 23 2017 PM 04:22



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JAMES C. HORNADAY
BOX 2489
HOMER, ALASKA 99603-2489
PHONE 907-235-5976
horn@acsalaska.net

To the Homer City Council

HOMER IS AN INCLUSIVE WELCOMING COMMUNITY

About 40 years ago, Homer welcomed three related families who fled Viet Nam following the takeover by the cruel North Vietnamese Communist regime. Working with Lutheran Social Services these families (boat people) were found in refugee camps and welcomed into the community of Homer. The Methodist Church, the Lutherans, Brother Asaiah and others welcomed the extended families which included members from a little baby girl to grandma.

When asked why they came to America, the immediate answer was "freedom." About 20 years ago, representatives of the families visited Homer to thank those who sponsored and welcomed them to Homer and America. The little baby had become a lovely young woman who helped in translation but it was obvious even without language that the families were grateful for their welcome to Homer and America and freedom.

Sincerely,

James C. Hornaday

Jo Johnson

From: Christi Brand <aksunshinelover@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 6:32 PM
To: Tom Stroozas; Catriona Reynolds; David Lewis; Donna Aderhold; Shelly Erickson; Heath Smith; Department Clerk
Subject: DUMP THE RESOLUTION

DEAR HOMER COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The majority of Homer folks voted Donald Trump. They did so because they do NOT want a sanctuary city or anything that resembles it here. We want our country and our cities to be safe to live in, not opened up to criminals, which illegal immigrants are. The people of Homer are no worse or better than they have always been due to the election results, and this resolution isn't going to change any of them. It is a total waste of time, effort, money, and paper, and I sincerely hope that you will vote NO on passing it.

This resolution has done more to divide the people of Homer than anything I've ever seen. That alone should give you pause when considering this resolution. Homer is already a pretty tolerant, inclusive, kind, giving community, and the residents don't take kindly to being told how to behave. There is no need for this!

The city has no right putting up their political views one way or the other. It is not the city's place to do so. Our town is now getting negative backlash from all over the state and nationally for this resolution. The introduction of this resolution has not only divide its people but has potentially now cost local businesses income in the form of tourists boycotting our town.

Instead of focusing on this kind of anti-Trump, delegitimizing rhetoric that is clearly the basis for this resolution, may I suggest instead that you all spend some time working on advancing the plight of the people who live here already. We have a homeless problem. The City of Homer has been our biggest road block in finding a solution. We have a drug problem. I have yet to see that being addressed, and instead, I see things like 'free needles' being made available. We have a money problem - or rather, a lack of money, and yet the City of Homer has time and money to build gates and fences to keep people off the beach, who are attempting to survive the winter here, by burning coal as a source of 'free' heat.

Bottom line, we don't want or need this resolution!

CHRISTI AND PAUL BRAND
LOCAL CONCERNED CITIZENS

Jo Johnson

From: Kay Sebade <kaysebade82@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 8:01 PM
To: Mayor Email
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Sanctuary city proposal

I have been a resident of Homer for 37 years. I can't even imagine living anywhere else. I and many others I have talked to are totally against this proposal. If it were to go through where would these people be housed? Where would they get jobs? We do not have enough affordable housing for our veterans and seniors let alone illegal people coming here. This would cause a financial problem for the city and our state that is already in financial trouble. This would certainly affect our tourist industry and our economy. It is a very bad idea.

Kay Sebade
213 Herndon Drive #D1
Homer, AK 99603

Jo Johnson

From: Tyler Stortz <tylerstortz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 8:11 PM
To: Tom Stroozas; Catriona Reynolds; David Lewis; Donna Aderhold; Shelly Erickson; Heath Smith; Department Clerk; mayor@ci.ak.us
Subject: I oppose the "Inclusion Resolution"

I oppose the inclusion resolution!!! We do not need it!!! It is a waste of money, energy, time and resources that could be focused on things Homer really needs!!!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: suzan h <just.me.47@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 8:33 PM
To: Tom Stroozas; Catriona Reynolds; David Lewis; Donna Aderhold; Shelly Erickson; Heath Smith; mayor@ci.ak.us
Subject: Just clearing this up

Mayor Zak and council members;

I have read the amended resolution regarding 'inclusion.' I am puzzled as to why we need this and I am against the resolution. Homer is diverse and very tolerant. This resolution does nothing but waste time and cause division, which the very resolution talks about resisting!

Why not just take one line - **"The City of Homer calls on all its citizens to stand against intolerance and resist expressions of hate toward any members of the community, and thus to set an example for the rest of the nation, demonstrating that Homer residents and Alaskans adhere to the principle of live-and-let-live."** Put it on official letterhead and hang it in city hall, or put a plaque up on top of the hill. Easy, transparent, and left up to each individual. No enforcement issues either.

Thank you for your time.

Suzan Huber

Jo Johnson

From: Mark <mcooper_78@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Sanctuary city resolution

To the honorable mayor and members of council; I have read both versions of your proposed resolution, the original that has now gone viral and the current one, which while toned down in its rhetoric still maintains the same conclusions. With this attempt, you have not taken steps to fix a problem, you have created one. Please for the sake of our beloved town, do not proceed on this divisive agenda.

Mark Cooper, Homer resident.

Jo Johnson

From: Tyler Stortz <tylerstortz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:04 PM
To: Mayor Email; Tom Stroozas; Catriona Reynolds; David Lewis; Donna Aderhold; Shelly Erickson; Heath Smith; Department Clerk
Subject: Political resolution

Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

It truly is a sad day in our "Quaint little drinking village with a fishing problem". We are already a very tolerant diverse community. We do not need this political rhetoric giving our town a black eye and this being what Homer is known for. I used to charter fish out of Homer and have since moved on to working up on the slope. I truly believe that this resolution if passed will hurt Homer economically in ways that the authors of this resolution cannot even fathom. No to mention the damage to our reputation as the beautiful quirky little town at the end of the road that so many people come to visit every year. I am writing this because I cannot attend the meeting. I am currently hard at work in the Arctic. Doing my part to keep the lifeblood of Alaska flowing and making money to spend locally in our community. Everyday since the information was leaked I have had to answer the same question from slope workers and friends/family in the lower 48 and I quote " What the hell are they thinking?". People have even told me if this passes they will go elsewhere on they're vacations to enjoy everything our great state has to offer. It's already doing damage and you haven't even voted on it! The authors have opened a can of worms that people are driving from all over the peninsula to attend the meeting to make sure the right voices are heard. In my opinion a no vote is not enough!! The authors of this resolution and any council members at vote yes SHOULD turn in they're resignation because they are not doing they're job and looking out for what is BEST for Homer!!!! They are hurting and dividing our community!

Sincerely,

Tyler Stortz

(A very disappointed resident)

Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: Deanna Chesser <rddcr@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 7:13 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Resolution

Please in the interest of peace in our little hamlet by the sea, vote NO on this resolution put forward by Aderhold/Lewis (and Reynolds?) via Jeremiah Emerson. It is not in the best interest of Homer, of the citizens that live here, nor our tourism industry. People are already saying if this passes, they will not come to Homer.

PLEASE VOTE NO!!

Deanna Chesser

Jo Johnson

From: Dennis Bird <dbirddenny@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 7:27 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Resolution

Attn: Mayor Zak

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dennis Bird <dbirddenny@icloud.com>
Date: February 23, 2017 at 5:46:31 PM AKST
To: captdavid@gci.net
Subject: Resolution

Resolution 17-xxx

I care not a wit about the political and societal beliefs of the Homer City Council members who are supporting and advancing this proposed Resolution to the Council for adoption.

However, I am very concerned and deeply troubled that members of the Homer City Council who by virtue of their elected positions are responsible to oversee that rules, regulations, ordinances and applicable laws are adhered to, would incite and abet their constituents in disobeying constitutionally legal Federal, State, Borough and City laws that they personally do not agree with.

The proposed resolution and those Council members who support it go way beyond the precepts of civil disobedience as proffered by Thoreau and Gandhi. Additionally the intent and wording of this resolution is at best thinly veiled and reeks of Saul Alinski's "Rule's for Radicals" which in and of itself dangerously steepens a glide toward anarchy.

As a citizen who firmly believes that laws once adopted should be followed and enforced until such time as legally repealed or amended, I will use my vote, my campaign dollars and my voice to resist any politician or group who supports illegal activity as a means to an end for their agenda.

Therefore I respectfully request that the City Council and, if required, the Mayor firmly and completely defeat all attempts at adoption of proposed Resolution 17-xxx.

Sincerely,

Dennis Bird

Homer Resident

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Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: Mark Edens <markedensak@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 9:20 AM
To: Department Clerk; Mayor Email
Subject: Resistance Resolution

Dear Mayor Brian Zak and Homer City Council,

I, Mark Edens, respectfully urge you to not support the “resist Trump” resolution. I believe that supporting this resolution will only serve to promote division and upheaval in our city.

I personally stand with the majority of Homer who voted against many of the failed policies of our nation’s previous administration. (I say “majority” on the basis of the fact that, of the voting activists of Homer, 56% of us voted for Trump whereas 44% voted for Clinton). You will have the majority of voters applauding you when you do not affirm this Trump resistance movement.

I was born and raised in Homer. My grandparents moved here in 1939. As a pioneer family, we have seen many transitions in our town and we support and applaud the right to diversities of opinion (tolerance) represented in Homer. However, this resolution should be disqualified for many reasons; but primarily because it is a perfect example of “intolerance” toward the majority who disagree with it.

Respectfully,
Mark Edens

P.O. Box 641
Homer, Ak 99603
(907)399-6223

Jo Johnson

From: Dean Ravin <deanravin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 9:18 AM
To: Department Clerk
Cc: attorney.general@alaska.gov
Subject: Petition for Vacation of Office, by reason of Unethical Conduct, and Prohibited Acts.

Be here advised that Homer City Council members

Aderhold, Lewis, Reynolds are each here proven unfit for public office, as evident by their individual efforts in preparation of Resolution 17-019 the text of which stands in clear and obvious

Violation of Homer City Code, Title 1:

1.18.030 Standards and prohibited acts.

n. Political Activities – Limitations of Individuals. A City official may not take an active part in a political campaign or other political activity when on duty. Nothing herein shall be construed as preventing such officials from exercising their voting franchise, contributing to a campaign or candidate of their choice, or expressing their political views when not on duty or otherwise conspicuously representing the City.

..
As well as flagrantly in violation of Ethical Standards Conduct in office, as described by the Alaska State Constitution Article 12, General Provisions:

§ 4. Disqualification for Disloyalty:

No person who advocates, or who aids or belongs to any party or organization or association which advocates, the overthrow by force or violence of the government of the United States or of the State shall be qualified to hold any public office of trust or profit under this constitution.

and:

§ 5. Oath of Office All public officers, before entering upon the duties of their offices, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as . . . to the best of my ability." The legislature may prescribe further oaths or affirmations.

Whereas the use of City Council office as a platform for broadcasting political activism is unlawful, unethical, and outside the bounds of permissible conduct in public service..

For these breaches of civil conduct, It is incumbent on continued peaceful discourse of the local government that the AUTHORS of this Resolution 17-019 tender immediate resignation of Public offices held, and forthwith quit their residence in all bodies of Civil Authority.

Submitted with due diligence,
Dean Ravin.

Jo Johnson

From: Delayna Davis <joyful_dj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Resolution

I Delayna Davis oppose the resolution 17-019

Resolution 17-019, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Stating That the City of Homer Adheres to the Principle of Inclusion and Herein Committing This City to Resisting Efforts to Divide This Community With Regard to Race, Religion, Ethnicity, Gender, National Origin, Physical Capabilities, or Sexual Orientation Regardless of the Origin of Those Efforts, Including From Local, State or Federal Agencies.
Aderhold/Reynolds/Lewis.

Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: Margaret Visger <bunnyhill55@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Inclusion resolution Aderhold/Lewis/Reynolds
Attachments: inclusion resolution.pdf

Hello,

Please include the attached letter in the packet that is presented to City Council members for the meeting on Monday Feb 27 that discusses the "Inclusion Resolution" and in any other votes or discussions on this subject.

Thanks!

Margaret Visger

February 24, 2017

City Council
Homer, Alaska

RE: CITY OF HOMER Aderhold/Reynolds/Lewis "Inclusion" Resolution

I am not in favor of the above-referenced resolution.

1. The City of Homer should stick to City business not national politics. This resolution is a waste of the Council's time .

2. Many of the statements made are assumptions or distortions, not truth or reality.

3. In this statement,

"WHEREAS, Before and especially since the election, some citizens have been emboldened to express overtly an intolerance of diversity **that is opposed to the views of most Homer residents and most Americans;**"

the writers of the resolution are denying the freedom of speech to those "emboldened citizens" and denying their right to their own opinions and beliefs. Very hypocritical!

4. In the following statement,

"WHEREAS, The President's cabinet nominees have expressed views similar to those laid out in the whereas clauses above and thus are largely out of step **with the attitudes of most Homer residents;**"

the writers are making an assumption about the attitudes of most Homer residents that may not be true. Is there any basis in fact that most Homer residents agree?

5. This resolution is redundant since our freedoms are guaranteed by the Constitution, Bill of Rights, Civil Rights legislation, etc.

Why do the writers of the resolution assume they are right and everyone who disagrees is wrong. Why do they think most Homer citizens agree with their ideas? The majority of the citizens of Homer and the State of Alaska voted for President Trump. These are facts.

I am not going to discuss my political beliefs. I just feel this resolution makes inaccurate assumptions about people and issues, and is hypocritical and unnecessary.

These council members are trying to force their political beliefs on the residents of Homer. I do not deny them their beliefs. I encourage these Council members to resign from the City Council so they can pursue these issues on a national agenda. The City is no place for this.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret B. Visger

Jo Johnson

From: Margaret Visger <bunnyhill55@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 11:43 AM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: inclusion resolution
Attachments: inclusion resolution-christie.pdf

Hi,

Please include the attached letter in your packet to the City Council and any other discussions about the "Inclusion Resolution."

Sincerely,

Chris Christie

Chris T. Christie
PO Box 3208
Homer, AK 99603

February 24, 2017

City Council
Homer, Alaska

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Sincerely yours,

Chris T. Christie

24 February 2017 – Gloria Fawn Corey – Resident over 20 years – Address: 1410 East End Rt on Hillbilly

FEB 24 2017



Re: A Sanctuary in Homer – Council meeting Monday the 27th agenda –I'll be out of town would like to have this statement read when this topic is put on the floor

Webster Dictionary: a holy place; a church; a refuge for fowl and animals. Example: when we have the Shorebird Festival our shores on the Spit provide a refuge for the birds migrating north and our ridge provides a refuge for the Sandhill Cranes who migrate here for the summer breeding season.

My Point: Homer has a jail to barely provide for approximately 6 inmates. I was physically in there when providing a friend books to read while she stayed for 3 days due to a DUI (so sad). We no longer have State Patrolmen stationed here. They are in Anchor Point on call for north to Ninilchik area and south towards our Homer area. I for one cannot pay their expenses through taxation/assessments.

If I am not badly mistaken the reason for the terminology Sanctuary is due to immigration problems. Homer is not a Sanctuary for an influx of people that cannot afford to pay where they would reside nor pay for their personal needs. We do not have a large center to put them in and we do not have the funds to support them.

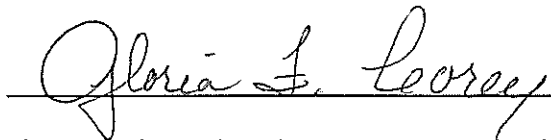
If there are immigrants coming into Alaska we should be thinking of a large facility to house them such as, the brand new McKenzie Center on the bay accessed from Wasilla. Supposedly it was built to hold hundreds of inmates.

Again Homer is NOT a Sanctuary for people who cannot afford to take care of themselves. We are a small town that has enough problems just meeting the expenses incurred by the city and residents. Nor is Homer a holy place or church in and of itself and we do definitely enjoy the waterfowl off the Spit.

Please City Counselors think of the residents of Homer and take care of our needs. Don't add to our expenses and make life harder for us. You were voted in to take care of the RESIDENTS remember!!!

Respectfully Submitted by;


Gloria F. Corey, Longtime Resident of Homer



Please read into the minutes as I cannot be there in person. Thank You

Gfc/gfc

To Homer City Council:
Jo Johnson, MMC, City Clerk

Feb 24, 2017 FEB 24 2017


I speak in opposition to Resolution 17-xxx, in part because of the numerous false statements presented in several of “Whereas”.

If this resolution 17-xxx is adopted it places our city in direct opposition to Federal law. This sets a terrible precept for the citizens of Homer, in that it calls for us to choose to not obey the law of our country.

If anyone chooses to disobey a law, such as our laws concerning illegal immigrants with in our borders, and I choose to select a law that I may not agree with and disobey that law, the result is anarchy. Webster, “The complete absence of government or law”. We citizens of Homer do not want this to happen in our city .

I strongly urge the Homer City Council to NOT pass Resolution 17-xxx.

Thank you.

Floyd & Gert Seekins
235 Lee Dr. Homer. 99603 PH 235-0530

Floyd Seekins
Gert Seekins

Jo Johnson

From: Karen Zak <exdir@homer.alaska.org>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 12:22 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: FW: For the Record: Homer Chamber of Commerce Resolution 17-019 response
Importance: High

"The Homer Chamber of Commerce is providing the following statement in regards to Resolution 17-019."

"The Homer Chamber of Commerce supports upholding existing laws that protect our members and our diverse community. We do not support the City of Homer making political statements on social issues on behalf of all Homer citizens through Resolution 17-019. We continue to support our memberships through cooperative economic development and community service."

Homer Chamber of Commerce 2017 Board of Directors

201 Sterling Highway

Homer, Alaska 9960

907-235-7740

FEB 24 2017

Dear Mr. Mayor

In having a place
where people could
come just to avoid
the Law is not my
idea of justice.

By subjecting this town
to that sort of behavior
is not only wrong but
Against GOD.

Not only that
but just because
one person doesn't
like another's politics
is no reason to try
and force something
like this on Homer.

Thank you -

Terry Johnson

Jo Johnson

From: Jeremiah Emmerson <ezjtharocka@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 4:45 PM
To: Mayor Email; Shelly Erickson
Subject: Travel Bans and Other Policies Will Impact Tourism Industry...

One of the reasons I support creating a safe space for Homer, through the inclusivity resolution is to preserve as much of our tourism industry as we can.

We have visitors coming here from all over the world and with our current administration's policies, it is already having an impact on tourism. I would imagine that Homer, Alaska may be impacted by this as well.

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/lifestyle/travel/2017/02/14/trump-ban-causes-tourism-drop-and-industry-fears-lasting-effect/yzMAVzeLvqywP8gEekoFsL/story.html>

If we are not a safe place for foreign travelers, where will they go?
Washington? California?

Lots to consider here.

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Warm Regards,

Jeremiah Emmerson

This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.
<https://www.avast.com/antivirus>

Jo Johnson

From: Jenifer Lockwood <marknjen2@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 5:07 PM
To: Department Clerk
Cc: Mayor Email
Subject: Resolution being considered at 2-27-17 Council meeting

Homer City Council,

Hello from your neighbor city to the north - Kenai! Your beautiful City is one of our most favorite places to visit...which we do several times a year. When traveling outside or when friends and family visit, we always tell others Homer is a must see when coming to Alaska.

Because of our love of your City, it was with great dismay we read the Homer City Council's Resolution being considered at the Council's 2/27/17 meeting. It was a surprise to say the least considering the majority of voters in the City of Homer voted for Donald Trump. Is a City Council not supposed to represent their constituency?

If the Homer City Council chooses to pass this Resolution in outright opposition and disrespect to the President of the United States, then our family will choose to no longer support the City of Homer. We will not spend one more dollar in your City. Not on the beautiful lodges on the Homer Spit, not on shopping at Homer's many amazing and unique stores, not in the tasty restaurants and bakeries, and although Homer is always our first choice for fishing charters, Seward meets that need. We will no longer recommend visiting friends and family to your community for the many reasons we've always loved Homer.

We hope Council recognizes the divisiveness of this Resolution and chooses not to pass it.

Respectfully,

Mark & Jenifer Lockwood
Kenai, Alaska

Jo Johnson

From: Joseph Sparkman <sparky47@me.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 9:18 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Sanctuary city ???

So your really considering becoming a sanctuary city? Not a good idea and the reasons are plentiful. Probably the biggest is that it violates federal law. Those of you who are considering this seriously, ask yourself, am I voting yes on this because it's a good thing or because it makes ME feel good politically? Many of us, if you do this silly political gesture will take our shopping to Soldatna and urge our neighbors to do the same. Joseph Sparkman (Anchor Point)

Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: Heather <kalginkid@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 9:30 PM
To: Mayor Email; Department Clerk
Subject: NO TO Resolution 17

Mayor Brian Zak,

I oppose Homer's Resolution 17-xxx. I was born and raised in Homer and have deep roots there. If this resolution is to pass I will no longer do business in or travel to Homer.

I am a long time commercial fishermen who has done lots of business in Homer for many years, as have my family before me. My entire fishing family is in agreement and will also no longer buy or sell goods in Homer if this Resolution passes.

I am also a parent of a competitive wrestler and a hockey family who will no longer travel to Homer to compete and do business if this resolution passes. Our extended family will also make it a point to encourage all we know to do the same and stay out of Homer if you choose to go forth and pass this bill. As a hockey, wrestling, fishing and tourist town is this resolution truly in Homer's best interest?

Sincerely,
A Concerned Patron
Heather Lockwood

Jo Johnson

From: jetsfan1117 . <medcoff@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 9:30 PM
To: Department Clerk
Cc: Mayor Email
Subject: Resolution 17

I applaud the city of Homer for its ability to embrace all people without regard of gender, race or religion. I am not a resident of Homer. I visit your wonderful city often as my employer has built his business there. My children frequently play hockey in Homer. When we have visitors from out of state we always take them to Homer.

I have read this resolution and I am saddened by the amount of half- truth it contains.

Obviously, the people of Homer voted for Donald Trump more often than they voted for any other candidate. Please do not let the squeaky wheels drive this city in the wrong direction. Yes I'm speaking of Donna Aderhold, Catrion Reynolds and David Lewis the authors of this painful resolution.

I implore the great citizens of Homer to reject this resolution. If this resolution passes I will not be visiting Homer or spending my money there.

Thank you,
Martin Medcoff
Kenai, Alaska

Jo Johnson

From: Markemiller56 <markemiller56@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2017 7:58 AM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Sanctuary city

Mayor Zak,

I am not sure why you are trying to go against the peoples will. We voted in President Trump to stop this self implosion of liberalism. The city of Homer should never be a sanctuary city. But if you people do decide to do it anyway, we will for sure vote you out upon your re-election bid.

Mark Miller
Homer

Jo Johnson

From: andrea miller <shadedwonders@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2017 12:57 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Res # 17-019

To the Homer City Mayor and City Council Members,

In regards to Res #17-019, I strongly urge you to vote "NO". The resolution is nothing more than a veiled attempt to declare Homer a Liberal enclave. The classes of people enumerated are already protected by State and Federal Law, and undocumented aliens do not have a legal right to disregard the immigration policies of the United States.

We regard this effort as another silly protest against the winner of November's election. This country is being torn asunder by a vocal minority who has turned political correctness into a religion. Please, let it stop!

Robert Townsend
and
Andrea Miller

Feb. 25, 2017

Jo Johnson

From: Nina Faust <fausbail@horizonsatellite.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 9:04 PM
To: Tom Stroozas; Catriona Reynolds; David Lewis; Donna Aderhold; Shelly Erickson; Heath Smith; Mayor Email
Subject: RE: RESOLUTION 17-019 OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA

P.O. Box 2994
Homer AK 99603

February 20, 2017

Dear Council Members:

RE: RESOLUTION 17-019 OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA: stating that the City of Homer adheres to the principle of inclusion and herein committing this city to resisting efforts to divide this community with regard to race, religion, ethnicity, gender, national origin, physical capabilities, or sexual orientation regardless of the origin of those efforts, including from local, state or federal agencies.

In light of the heightened intensity of rhetoric in the country expressing racist, anti-semitic, sexist, and derogatory statements toward women, religious minorities, immigrants, and others who may be different, I believe it is good for the City to set a tone that expresses support for the civility that makes a community a wonderful, welcoming place to live for those who chose to live here. Homer is a very special community, one that does show caring, concern, and compassion for those who need a bit of extra help.

We have a generous food bank, people who are trying to help folks who are homeless, organizations that help kids who need a leg up with school supplies and some extra food, and so much more. As we look around the community we can see the network of good that reaches out to many who need extra help and welcoming.

But despite all of this, there is in Homer an undercurrent of the same divisive, nasty rhetoric that has increased in the past year nationwide. Passing this resolution is an affirmation of the good qualities that the citizenry of Homer demonstrate daily. When a surge of the incivility arises in the country or a local community, a resistance to making that kind of behavior unacceptable is important. It is not acceptable that students start using racist language to minorities in schools. Schools should be safe zones for all students. It is not acceptable that a woman has to put up with misogynistic harassment. The examples can go on and on. The bottom line is we all deserve to live our lives without the fear that can be induced by hateful language directed at minorities, women, disabled, LGBTQ, or others. Language does matter.

I think this Resolution is a good way for the City of Homer to emphasize the nature of our community at large—safe, inclusive, caring, kind, compassionate, and welcoming of the diversity that different individuals bring to Homer.

Sincerely,

Nina Faust

Jo Johnson

From: Robert Pankratz <rpankratz@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2017 7:12 PM
To: Mayor Email
Cc: David Lewis; Donna Aderhold; Tom Stroozas; Catriona Reynolds; Heath Smith; Shelly Erickson
Subject: Resolution

This is to inform you that I am opposed to the resolution before the City Council brought forward by members Aderhold, Reynolds and Lewis. I understand from the local newspapers that the resolution has been rewritten but I think it is impossible to make a "silk purse out of this pig's ear". This was a back door attempt to make Homer a sanctuary city without saying so, and pushing a radical far-left agenda at people who voted for President Trump.

Anybody who has lived in Homer for more than 4 hours knows the residents are very diverse, have multiple opinions on any subject and are passionate about their position. At the same time, for the most part they have a live and let live attitude.

If the objective of this badly skewed resolution was to get an argument I am sure you will get an ear full. I don't see the original or a re-written resolution being good for the city and should be dropped. I think any attempt to codify the sentiments in the resolution would end up making the city more divided, less tolerant, jeopardizing parts of the local economy, perhaps putting some federal funding at risk, and offending non-residents to the point where some of them will vacation elsewhere to spend their money ,(just look at some of the comments on social media).

What I want you to focus on are the streets, water & sewer, harbor, jobs, and the budget. If you need a social cause to work on, work on drugs, homelessness, crime, etc., etc. and the list goes on. Think twice before you cause a real problem where one does not now exist by passing any form of this resolution.

ROBERT PANKRATZ
1893 Pogeys Pt. Ave.
Homer, Ak 99603

Mailing address Box 1856, Homer

Jo Johnson

From: Diane McBride <diane@alaskawildernesslodge.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2017 7:19 PM
To: Department Clerk; Jo Johnson
Subject: Please support the resolution 17-019 in packet 022717

Dear City Council Members,

I respectfully ask you to support the revised resolution from CAN at your meeting Monday, Feb. 27. This is truly what our community stands for. Thank you.

Diane McBride, 907-299-2221, email diane@alaskawildernesslodge.com

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Diane and Michael McBride
Kachemak Bay Wilderness Lodge
PO Box 956, China Poot Bay
Homer, Alaska 99603 USA

(907)235-8910

www.alaskawildernesslodge.com

Jo Johnson

From: Eileen Faulkner <ejf@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 7:47 AM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Resolution 17-019

Mayor and City Council – says the same thing as the previous draft just different verbiage. I can't believe the community and council are wasting valuable time on this resolution. Please do not pass cause it will continue to divide us.

Jo Johnson

From: Tracey Tillion <ttillion@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Resolution 17-019

Dear City Council,

I want to voice my support for the Resolution 17-019 which will come before the city council on Monday February 27, 2017. I live within the city limits of Homer. It is important to me that we are a welcoming community that understands being inclusive is preferable to being exclusive. Please consider and remember when you became a member of this community and that being welcomed was key. Even the homesteaders came from somewhere - lower 48 or perhaps other countries. This resolution supports the US Constitution and the Alaska Constitution. We are not victims and I urge you to not fall victim to the scare tactics raised by those in opposition to this Resolution. Please pass Resolution 17-019.

Thank you,

Tracey Tillion
791 Ocean Drive Loop
Homer, AK 99603

Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: Bill Steyer <steyerbill@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Inclusivity Resolution 17-019

We wholeheartedly support the community of Homer's resolution of Inclusivity that is up for adoption on 2/28/2017. It is an important statement to make and we are happy that our city council is bringing this declaration to the local level.

Judy and Bill Steyer

Sent from my iPad

Jo Johnson

From: Dorothy Sherwood <dotsvet@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 10:28 AM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Resolution 17-019

Dear Jo and City Council Members

I support the amended Resolution 17-019 as stands on 2-25-17 and believe at this time we need to find within each of us irrespective of our socio-political views to first be kind, respectful and build consensus in our community.

I hope everyone is able to speak and listen to each other at the City Council meeting tonight 2-27-17 and that this difficult time where divisions only play into the hands of those who wish to divide us are put aside and our community builds on a strong foundation of acceptance, love and tolerance.

Dots Sherwood.

Jo Johnson

From: lks morrow <lkstuart@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 11:32 AM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Public Comment on Resolution 17-019

Dear Homer City Council,

I am writing as a private citizen of Homer, Alaska in support of Resolution 17-019. This resolution does not impinge on anyone's beliefs. In fact, what it does is find common ground in our community's values. The key action in this resolution is a commitment against profiling for any reason based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, political ideology, abilities, marital status, place of birth, etc.

The community's commitment to serve all aspects of its population, including those most vulnerable, is evidenced in the incredible number of non-profit and grassroots programs supported by the community. Many of these organizations and efforts are run on little more than the sweat and passion of our neighbors. The reward sought by these committed community members is simply knowing that they are contributing to the quality of life for all of us who live here. This resolution acknowledges these shared values.

The resolution does also commit the police department to cooperation with all court-mandated warrants. However, profiling that seeks to find problems based on assumptions related to race/ethnicity, gender, appearance, sexual orientation, political ideology, etc will not be supported. This is accordance with best practices, as research has found profiling to be an ineffective method for law enforcement. In fact, it creates false division in a community and breaks down working relationships between city agencies and its citizens. If there is disagreement on this point, I urge the council members to take the time to research this subject via peer-reviewed studies and interviews with appropriate law enforcement experts before finalizing a vote.

Finally, I would like to thank the council for taking this resolution into consideration. It is an important conversation for the community to engage in, and I commend the council for facilitating this dialogue through an inclusive framework.

Sincerely,

Laurie Stuart Morrow

Jo Johnson

From: Crystal Millien <crystal.millien@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Resolution 17-019

I'm writing in absolute support of the inclusivity resolution as it currently stands. I'm a homer citizen and have worked in schools, restaurants, and community not for profits for years. This community that strives to live and let live and help one another is why I chose to live here and continue to choose to live here.

Thank you,
Crystal Millien

Jo Johnson

From: Lynne Hibdon <homesweethomer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 12:44 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Resolution 17-019

Dear Homer City Clerk,

My husband and I have been residents of the city of Homer since the early 1990s. We both support Resolution 17-019. Our sense of community and acceptance for all is something that should be treasured here. It is a huge part of what makes Homer so great. In this time of great division, we can make this an even better place by standing strong together, and promoting Homer as a place where all are safe and welcome.

Thank you,
Lynne and Tim Hibdon

Jo Johnson

From: john christman <jcnak2004@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Aderhold, Reynolds and Lewis proposal

Mr. Mayor thank you for your time I'll be brief as I'm sure you're bombarded with opinions. We should not even be discussing this Aderhold, Reynolds and Lewis proposal. It is dividing our little town even more. We all came up here because we liked the freedom, and now you want to change the rules. If folks prefer that kind of a town, they might want to move to Anchorage, but don't change Homer. Times are hard enough and they are going to get harder. Spend your time and our town's emotions on things that need to be done, not decisive nonsense.

Please vote against this.

John Christman

235-0151

Jo Johnson

From: J. Ramsey Golden <jramseygolden@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Resolution 17-019

Dear Ms. Johnson,

Our family is currently in the process of moving to Homer and recently heard about Resolution 17-019.

We cannot express our delight and joy to learn that our new community is one where inclusivity and tolerance are so valued!

Though we're still a few weeks away from officially becoming registered Homer voters, we proudly count ourselves among the numbers who support this resolution.

Thank you so much to the Council for introducing and hearing it.

Best,

Jessica and Bryce Golden

Jo Johnson

From: Joe Martin <swapa01@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Public Comment for Resolution 17-019

Greetings,

Would you kindly add the fopllowing to the Public Comments regarding Resolution 17-019.

Thanks.

I am a small business owner located in Homer, Alaska, and I support Resolution 17-019 whole heartedly.

Some may say that there is no reason to reaffirm what we already hold as standards for the quality of life our small community provides to it's residents.

However, I would say that there are other's in the US who are beginning to question their own resolve in standing up for and protecting many minorities within their own communities, and by reaffirming our own resolve, we can provide a leadership example that may well help to maintain the fine qualities of this great country that we have all been fortunate enough to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Joe Martin

Martin Marine LLC

Jo Johnson

From: Blynn Dahlhamer <kitimum@alaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Resolution 17

As a resident of Homer, I would like to state that I'm **not** in agreement with Resolution 17. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you. Blynn Dahlhamer

Jo Johnson

From: sharon roufa <sharonybaloney@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 2:39 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Pro-resolution 17-019

Hi, I live in Homer (5011 Alder Ln.) and I support resolution 17-019; the federal actions it refutes are important to stand against because they:

- amount to an unfunded mandate from the federal government,
- create a sense of dis-ease among some residents of Homer who have immigrated here, and
- create a class of Homer people who will think twice before calling the police to help with community violence and crime because of fear of not having federal paperwork in order.

Thank you for considering my point of view on this.

Sharon Roufa

Jo Johnson

From: brian smith <sojourn53@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: 17019

Jo, please add my name to the ranks of those supporting resolution #17019, the 'Inclusivity' resolution.

Thanks.

bgs

Jo Johnson

From: amy rattenbury <akrattenbury@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Please pass on my support for Resolution 17-019 to all council members

Hello, I work in Homer and reside at 53391 Greenwood Road in Homer 99603.

The City Council is voting on Resolution 17-019 that states Homer will resist any efforts to profile "vulnerable populations" and will reject expressions of fear and hate. I absolutely and wholeheartedly agree with this resolution and hope that the Homer City Council will pass this Resolution promptly. This is not a political issue, it is about basic human rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Amy Rattenbury
53391 Greenwood Road
Homer, AK 99603

Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: Sue Rennolds <shipsue91@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 5:29 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Proposition

I am in support of prop 17-019 promoting inclusion of all, no matter what our differences may be. Thank you for supporting a vision of our community that looks out for each other rather than allowing fear and division to guide our future.

Sincerely,
Sue Rennolds

Jo Johnson

From: Homer Tribune <production.htribune@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 5:58 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Resolution 17-019

Please consider this my notice that I am in FULL support of Resolution 17-019.
There is already enough hate in the world.

thank you.

Sean D. Pearson
(907) 399-4749

Jo Johnson

From: Shawn Biessel <sbiesel@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 7:41 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: In Support of RESOLUTION 17 - 019

I am a Homer resident and would like to express my support for Resolution 17 - 019.

Thanks,
Shawn Biessel

Jo Johnson

From: Eric Knudtson <epknudtson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 8:01 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Resolution 17-019

I am writing to voice my support for Resolution 17-019. Please pass this resolution.

Thank you,
Eric Knudtson
PO Box 3528
Homer, AK

Jo Johnson

From: Laura Norton <wilburnorton@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 8:03 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Resolution of inclusion

Dear city council members,

I strongly support the resolution to declare the City of Homer an inclusive, welcoming community that cares about the rights of all citizens regardless of sex, race, religion, age or ability.

Sincerely,

Laura Norton
1292 Beluga Ct.
299-2453

Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: Kelsey Diane Haas <haaskd@tcd.ie>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 8:16 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Regarding resolution 17-019

I support resolution 17-019

Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: Richard Laura Inglima <inglimadl@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 5:39 AM
To: Jo Johnson; Department Clerk
Subject: RESOLUTION 17-019

I am very proud of the Homer City Council for coming up with this Resolution and the positive focus it carries. I have been a Homerite since 1974 and this is one of those very rare times I've been immensely proud of Homer! I salute the Homer City Council on this measure and particularly commend the three backers of this Resolution.

Sincerely,
Laura inglima

Jo Johnson

From: Benjamin Gibson <benjagibson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 9:33 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Comments to council on Resolution 17-019

I applaud this resolution. Nothing objectionable can really be found within it, and as such the worst that could be said of it is that it was "minimally effective". The best that could be said is that it indicates a community intolerance for an ever widening swath (anti-semitism, anti-muslim, anti-foreign) that is creeping across the country. I support such an effort. It is really a moderate message.

Thanks for you time.

Ben Gibson
Homer Resident

Jo Johnson

From: Lila Lee Little <lilaleelittle@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 9:37 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Support for Resolution 17-019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Resolution 17-019. First, I would like to thank the Council members who allowed it to be introduced. I will keep this brief as I know your time is valuable, but I would like to acknowledge that this important resolution is not to make changes or challenge a system, but rather asks that the City will uphold the laws that are currently in place to protect individuals by treating all citizens fairly, equally, and morally and not to sway into other areas that would infringe upon Constitutional rights.

Thank you,
Lila Johnson
515 Rangeview Ave., Homer, AK 99603

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Lila Lee Little

Jo Johnson

From: Rachel Lord <rachel.e.lord@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 9:54 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Support of Resolution 17-019

Dear City Council and Mayor Zak,

I'm writing to express my support of Resolution 17-019. As written and introduced, this Resolution is a basic statement of the way the City of Homer currently operates. The City, and its surrounding communities, thrive through diverse people and diverse views. You don't have to look beyond our City boundaries to see expressions and instances of intolerance over the past several months, and I can't write any story where it hurts the City to declare that it operates and will continue to operate with underlying assumptions of inclusion and fairness under local, State and Federal law.

I encourage Council to pass Resolution 17-019, and appreciate the work that you all do to help run the City.

-Rachel Lord
City Resident

(It may be useful, in light of many of the various conspiracy-laden concerns expressed when this Resolution came out, to think about ways to creatively engage the community in learning more about City government and civics. I'm not sure that's the job of Council or the City, especially in very lean fiscal times, but it may be worth thinking about and engaging partners in the schools, college, and elsewhere to work towards a more robust appreciation of our public process and how to meaningfully participate.)

Jo Johnson

From: Sonja <sonjaatsaltwater@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 10:35 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Support

I live in the city of Homer and I am in support of the 17-019 resolution!
Thank you for allowing me to voice my support.
Sonja Martin Young
Pob 537
1776 Saltwater dr

Jo Johnson

From: Mary Fries <sheppardfries@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 11:11 PM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Letter of support to the city council for Resolution 17-019

We are writing this email to voice our support for the above resolution. Our country was founded on the principles of freedom, inclusiveness and nondiscrimination. We whole heartedly support the three council members that drafted this resolution. It echoes our beliefs that our community should be a place where individuals will feel safe and will not be discriminated against for their race, religion, gender, ethnicity, national origin, disability or sexual orientation . We are proud to see the council take this step to make our community a safe and inclusive place for all who live and visit here.

Respectfully,

Mary and Greg Fries

Jo Johnson

From: David Morris <dmorris4@optonline.net>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 6:06 AM
To: Mayor Email; Department Clerk; Tom Stroozas; Heath Smith
Subject: opposed to Resolution 17-xxx

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members,

As a resident of Homer, I am strongly opposed to Resolution 17-xxx as well as to its newer version, which is some of the same. I am troubled that this resolution is even allowed to go out to a vote!

The type of defiance for our president in a resolution such as this may be unprecedented. It is very upsetting that differing opinions about national politics are being brought to the city council and time is being spent discussing politics, without regard to opposing viewpoints, and while other items are dismissed that need attention?

President Trump was elected and will be our president for the next four years, like his policies or not. I will not be intimidated by those who think that their rights or views outweigh mine, but I believe that the laws of this country need to be followed and enforced. To even discuss that Homer be a sanctuary city is outrageous! According to Numbers USA, "a poll by the Harvard Center for American Political Studies and The Harris Poll of more than 2,000 registered voters found that [80% of respondents](#) oppose sanctuary cities and said they think cities should be required to turn over convicted criminal aliens when ICE asks in order to put them into the removal process. This provides strong support for the Trump Administration's moves to penalize cities that put convicted criminal aliens back on the streets rather than allow Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to take custody. Furthermore, the poll found 75% support for the plan to hire more ICE agents to track down illegal border crossers and visa over-stayers.

In my opinion the three authors of the resolution should resign or be recalled for voicing opinions against federal laws and policies.

Please get back to the work involving the City of Homer and stay out of politics!

Respectfully submitted

David Morris

Jo Johnson

From: kevin wyatt <kevinwyatt24@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 7:23 AM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Fw: RESOLUTION 17-019

From: kevin wyatt <kevinwyatt24@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 1:18 AM
To: jjohnson@cihomer.ak.us
Subject: RESOLUTION 17-019

Please add my name to the many that strongly support this resolution. I have been a resident of the Homer area for over 40 yrs. I am small businessman who deals with the public plenty. I own a landing craft and make my living taking locals and tourists to destinations all across Kachemak Bay. I move hundreds of people each season who

besides hiring me also eat in local restaurants, stay in local B&B's, hotels, VRBO homes, as well as camp on the Spit and spend money in the many shops there. I spend thousands of dollars with local mechanics, welders, gear vendors, electronic repairmen, fuel suppliers, and general Harbor fees. This resolution will in NO WAY impact my business in a negative way...to the contrary, it probably adds to it!!! If someone decides they just can't come to Homer because of this resolution so be it. I welcome their decision..Thank You Catriona Reynolds for bringing this resolution forward.

Kevin Wyatt

Jo Johnson

From: hall@xyz.net
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Resolution 17-019

Mayor Zak and Council members:

The purpose of this email is to express our opposition to Resolution 17-019.

You were elected to conduct the business of the City of Homer. You were not elected to speak for the citizens of Homer on national political and social issues, especially through a resolution with very partisan origins which remain thinly veiled in the current version. The citizens of Homer have many opportunities to individually express their opinions on national matters through voting, communication with their elected representatives, and through the many forms of media.

Finally, if you feel compelled to pursue this resolution purporting to express the views of the people of Homer, it should be put before the voters to let them truly express themselves.

Tom and Louise Hall
4361 Bayview Court

Jo Johnson

From: Syverine Abrahamson <syverine@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 9:35 AM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Support for RESOLUTION 17-019

Homer City Council:

I would like to commend the City in stating its commitment to inclusion of all people and the intention to recognize diversity as a strength in our community through the adoption of CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA RESOLUTION 17-019.

Syverine Abrahamson
PO Box 1811
Homer, AK 99603

Jo Johnson

From: Valerie Kinney <skiffgirl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 9:36 AM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Sanctuary city resolution

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I have read the amended resolution regarding 'inclusion.' I am puzzled as to why we need this and I am against the resolution. Homer is diverse and very tolerant. This resolution has done nothing but waste time and cause division in our community, which is the very thing this resolution is against.

Please vote no on making Homer a Sanctuary City. Please do not put us as a city, in a potential position, to lose the Federal Funding programs that are in place and being utilized to aid and help the people who already live here. Please do not allow certain members of the city council to bring their personal political issues into a city-wide arena. The City of Homer should not be making a decision that will affect me, my family and those who live here who do not agree with this. We as citizens have the right to protest laws that we feel are unjust, (on a personal level) but we do not and should not have the corporate power to encourage breaking or ignoring a Federal Law. That is treason. When crime rates rise, and an already overburdened and stretched aid programs break from non-funding by the Federal Government, which has a potential of happening if this is voted through. A sanctuary city would not be receiving any federal funding. That affects the airport, the roads, family planning, mental health and our hospital just to name a few. We will be encouraging people to come here, and will have little or no resources to help them. Individuals who feel strongly, that this is a correct position to take, can and have the freedom to make their choices. They do not have the right to make mine. If this is voted and passed, when aid programs fail, and we have more crime, someone will be blamed. For every action, there is always a reaction. There is a chance that the consequence of this action could bring even more separation to an already clearly divided community. I would gladly support something that brings us together rather than hammers the wedge between us a little farther in.

Thank you for your time.
Valerie Kinney

Sent from my iPhone

Jo Johnson

From: Phil Barber <phil.m.barber@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Jo Johnson; Department Clerk
Subject: Support for Resolution 17-019

Dear Homer City Clerk,

I am writing this email in support of the Homer City Council resolution 17-019. I believe that this resolution, meant as a statement of inclusion, shows Homer in its best light, as a place where anyone and everyone is welcome to make a living and live the life they want free from intimidation and fear.

I also disagree with those who may state that this resolution is unnecessary or that it injects politics into a problem that does not exist here. National issues become local issues and I believe that this non-regulatory resolution is a fine example of making the outlook of our inclusive community known without passing a political or regulatory law. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Phil Barber

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Phil Barber
PO Box 2239
Homer, AK 99603
E-mail: phil.m.barber@gmail.com

Jo Johnson

From: arnocon@xyz.net
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: resolution 17-xxx

Mayor Zak,

I am very concerned about the Resolution 17-xxx. Line 100 says that we need to resist the expressions of hate toward any members of the community - What is this Resolution if it is not an expression of hate towards President Trump. Homer voted for President Trump. I have not been offended by what President Trump has said. I am standing with President Trump to protect our country. I do not want to pay to kill babies who are still in the womb. I am offended by line 59-60, out of step with the attitudes of most Homer residents - most Homer residents don't have a problem with President Trump. I am standing against intolerance (line 99)

Kari Arno

Jo Johnson

From: Kyle Schneider <kylelschneider@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Res 17-019

Good Morning:

I write today as a proponent in favor of Resolution 17-019. While my voice is just one of many, I believe it is my civic, professional, and human duty to speak on behalf of the inclusivity for which Homer is so well known, and that which drew my wife and I to this "Cosmic Hamlet by the Sea."

Having moved to Alaska from Chicago, I knew the incredible advantages of diversity and acceptance. After living and teaching in Seward for four years, I chose to make the move to Homer upon the retirement of one of my mentors. He encouraged me to choose my path wisely, but also that of all the places in Alaska I could end up, the humanity and general decency of Homer was unmatched. This resolution would codify such decency.

No one should ever feel threatened - through laws, actions, or the absence thereof - for who they are or where they are from. The United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent international human rights laws have furthered the cause of acceptance of all people on an equal footing, and I believe that Homer should be part of that cause. Acceptance, appreciation, cordiality, adventure, and tolerance have all been pillars of Alaskan society for generations, and this simply makes current practice more permanent.

People come to Alaska for their own reasons. Sometimes these reasons are known, and other times, they are not. If we foster a community of acceptance, appreciation, and diversity, the outcome will be a more human (and hopefully more humanitarian) community.

With Deepest Respect,

Kyle Schneider
135 Lee Dr. 1B
Homer, AK

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Regards,
Kyle Schneider
kylelschneider@gmail.com
(773) 620-3833

Jo Johnson

From: Laura Miller <llmiller@ptialaska.net>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: city resolution 17-019
Attachments: Letter to Homer Mayor and City Council 02.22.17.docx

Please find attached a letter in response to resolution 17-019 that I would appreciate being shared with the city council and the Mayor.

Kind regards,

Laura Miller

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February 2, 2017

To the Homer City Mayor City Council members:

I would respectfully request that the resolution 17-019 not be passed by the City of Homer's elected officials. The city council and the mayor are not elected to be a political entity nor express a given political agenda of one party or another. No one is running for city council based on party affiliation. Being elected to the city government does not give the elected members permission to use that position for political grandstanding. Using an elected city position to promote a political agenda is an abuse of power. Political activism was not the intended power given by the citizenry to elected city officials. The officials are elected to focus on issues that concern the city, not addressing national politics.

It should be noted that this whole resolution came about because of the change of administration in Washington D.C. - a change that has not been welcomed by some of the council members and a segment of residents in Homer. I appreciate that there has been acknowledgement that the majority of voters in Homer who chose to vote supported the current administration and therefore the resolution was rewritten. However, amending this resolution to make it more palatable to those who are opposing it doesn't hide the true meaning and intent of what is being proposed. The resolution does not represent the majority of Homer citizens that chose to vote in the November election. Nor does it represent the majority of the Homer community. Because of the scope of this resolution, representation is implied to the community of Homer as a whole and not just the city itself. This is a gross abuse and overreach of power that affects many citizens of the community who don't have the ability to vote regarding city business and city official appointments yet are affected greatly by those decisions and appointments.

I find it ironic that the very reason cited regarding the need for this resolution – to unite and prevent further fracturing of the community – has in fact produced that effect. I have found the community of Homer to be a supportively diverse community over the 30 years I have lived here. The city council needs to put its energy into strengthening our community through opportunities to unite the citizenry instead of further polarizing and dividing our community by proposing politically motivated resolutions.

The bottom line for me, and the reason I am asking that this resolution not be passed, is the Homer City Council's political structure as an elected body does not confer the right or power to use that structure as a venue for expressing disillusionment with the current administration in Washington D.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Miller
Homer community member for 30 years

Jo Johnson

From: Andrew Haas <yatra@ak.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 7:30 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: -Resolution 17-019
Attachments: Resolution 17-019.pdf

Attached, please find my public comment. Thank you very much.

This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.
<https://www.avast.com/antivirus>

I would like to quietly and firmly speak in support of Resolution 17-019.

As a lawyer, I would note that most of it merely re-affirms the law.

It: 1) notes the right to privacy that undoubtedly exists; 2) condemns profiling¹; 3) states that Homer will cooperate with the Federal Government under the rule of law; 4) that Homer will support its police; 5) that we condemn hate towards our community members;² and 6) that we will provide a safety net to the weak and vulnerable.

So your resolution is really not stating anything controversial. It merely reaffirms the law and the rule-of-law. And it invites us to talk sanely.

In these turbulent times, isn't it good to do so?

When I read of the proposed protection for the vulnerable, I recalled the Book of Luke, "when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind."

I ask that you support the proposed resolution. Thank you.

----Andrew Haas
946 Ocean Loop Drive
Homer

¹ The US Supreme Court has concluded that the Equal Protection clause of the US Constitution prohibits profiling based upon race, ethnic appearance, or guilt-neutral attributes. *See Illinois v. Wardlow*, 528 U.S. 119 (2000). Profiling is "an anathema to our criminal justice system".

² Alaska Statute 12.55.155 increases punishment for criminal convictions on many grounds, including 1) when the victim is "particularly vulnerable" and 2) when the crime is committed because of the victim's "race, sex, color, creed, physical or mental disability, ancestry, or national origin."

Jo Johnson

From: barnabas <barnabas@benfirthstudio.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 4:50 PM
To: Mayor Email
Subject: Community Comment on Pending Resolution

Dear Mayor Zak,

I live outside the city limits of Homer, so I understand if my voice is not given the same weight as a city resident. However, I work in Homer, pay sales tax every week I shop, and do my part for the community of Homer.

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment with the resolution coming before the council on February 27, listed in the agenda under New Business, Resolutions, A.

I understand the feelings of anger and outrage and hate that created this resolution. Many of us felt the same way eight years ago. The pendulum of power always swings, and it is so sad that both sides do so much to foment more and more hatred with each swing. Now the pendulum of power has turned, and this resolution takes hateful, divisive "opposition" to a new level.

I cannot find any constructive purpose that this resolution serves except as a broad declaration of what a monster President Donald Trump is. He may be unlikeable, but he is the legitimate President of our nation. Is this the best way to heal and bring people back together? Is this the best way to govern for all citizens of Homer?

I was not and am not now a supporter of Donald Trump, but I was appalled by many of the blatant lies this resolution contains. Some examples include:

- The assertion that President Trump intends to ban Muslims from entering the US. Most of the billions of Muslims worldwide may enter on visas. Trump only ordered a temporary halt on citizens from terrorist rich zones. This would include Atheists and Christians from those same zones.
- The clause regarding the ACA asserts that the act provides coverage to millions, but fails to mention the tens of millions, myself included, who lost our insurance because Obamacare phased it out. Many of us have been unable to find replacements.
- The resolution states that the President has issued executive orders to rescind certain women's rights. It is noteworthy that it did not spell out an example, for there is none. President Trump has, as of this date, issued no order restricting birth control in any form, or lowering pay for women, or anything else one might label a woman's issue.

Those are a few examples of many.

Lastly, I wish to point out that the resolution begins by stating the President was elected with no popular mandate. I would remind you that you represent the people of Homer, who voted decisively for Donald Trump as President. Trump received 779 votes from Homer, as opposed to 613 for his Democratic opponent (see footnote).

The results across all of district 31 were more pronounced, with Trump receiving 5617 votes, to 3466 for his opponent.

This resolution is a punch in the face to the majority of your constituency. It is engaging in the most hyper-partisan, anger-driven politics on a level that has nothing to do with the proper purview of city government.

Surely there is a way to come back together, to discuss issues in terms of respect and dignity, to try to become a model of unity, and a community of harmony, rather than spitting in the face of the majority of your constituency, and passing a resolution that accomplishes no more than that. This is not the way to heal our divisions. This will only divide further and provoke a great deal more hatred and animosity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barnabas Firth

[*http://www.elections.alaska.gov/results/16GENR/data/sovc/hd31.pdf](http://www.elections.alaska.gov/results/16GENR/data/sovc/hd31.pdf)

Jo Johnson

From: Kevin French <kfrench@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 2:53 PM
To: bryan.zak@aksbdc.org; Mayor Email; Department Clerk
Cc: Bill; Buck & Kathy; CLC Winters; Gerritt W; John H
Subject: News article re: Anti-Trump Resolution

<http://mustreadalaska.com/homer-city-council-goes-full-resist-trump-mode-resolution>

Mr. Zak & Homer City Council,

Regarding this attached article - An UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT is an "ILLEGAL" individual who came here with little to no regard for our laws. Period !

I have lived here for over 40 years and visit Homer and my friends often each year who did vote for Trump. Even though Trump may not have been the best candidate, As a veteran, I respect him as my Commander In Chief and President for his legitimate concerns for our country and I have ZERO doubt he is and will be 1000% better than the other candidate.

I fully expect you and the City Council to fully conform to the wishes of the majority of the Homer constituency (who did in fact overwhelmingly vote for Mr. Trump and for his immigration policies). The same immigration policies that are absolutely necessary toward those who blatantly violate our current laws and regulations. Neither you or any of your liberal Anti-Trump City Council members will destroy Homer with this egegious, disrespectful, lenient, socialist leaning ideology that clearly openly accepts any one who may be ILLEGAL coming to Homer. All of which goes against the wishes of the majority of Homer voters, as well as a majority of Alaskans ! This nonsense that you and the Homer City Council seem to be forcefully shoveling out with this latest resolution CLEARLY goes against the majority and **WILL NOT be tolerated.**

I will be communicating with friends in Homer on a regular basis as well as visiting often. At this point, I do not need to tell you and the City Council that if the Homer community begins to show ANY associated signs of adverse affects from this brazen attitude and conduct against your constituency, most Alaskans and our Commander In Chief, there will be consequences and both you and the City Council will be held entirely accountable.

Sincerely,

Kevin French

Anchorage, AK

Jo Johnson

From: Erin Hollowell <erin@blepsias.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Letter of Support for Resolution 17-019
Attachments: letter in spt resolution17_019.pdf

Dear Ms. Johnson,

I have pasted the text of the attached letter into the body of this email. I hope that you will be able to forward my letter of support for Resolution 17-019 to the Homer City Council and include it with supplementary materials in the board packets.

Many thanks,
Erin Hollowell

February 26, 2017

Dear Homer City Council Members,

First of all, let me take a moment to thank you for your service to our community. It is far too easy to get caught up in the fervor of national elections and forget that the truest service is provided by those who work to make their local communities healthy and strong. Thank you for all the hard work, time, and heart you have given to Homer.

When I moved to Homer in 2000, I had already lived in big cities and small town all across the United States. Here in Homer, I immediately fell in love with the generous people who had chosen this small place with big scenery. My neighbors, my friends, the folks I shopped alongside, walked with on the beach, taught, everyone brought their own talents and diversity into my life. It is my pleasure and my privilege to count among my friends and neighbors people of all political parties, religious affiliation, racial background, national origin and sexual orientation. We dance together, eat together, grow and share vegetables, teach each other where the best berry patches are, pick up mail, watch children, and sometimes we disagree. But we are a community that is built on diversity.

It is a proven fact that biological communities (including humans) are stronger when they are diverse. Scientist and writer David Suzuki writes, "Monoculture — the spreading of a single gene, species, ecosystem or idea — runs counter to the biological principle that diversity confers resilience. It creates vulnerability to change, especially sudden change." There are very few constants in life, but one of them is that the world and everything in it is always changing. In order for Homer to remain the vibrant community it is, it must embrace diversity.

Having read Resolution 17-019, I can think of no reason why our community would not whole-heartedly support it. I was raised in a household where we took care of the poor, the traveler, the sick, the dispossessed, the vulnerable. We did so because it was the right thing to do, and because the God in which we believed had indicated that taking care of each other was of the highest good. We were to protect and support each other, no exceptions.

Do we need a codified resolution to take care of each other? No, of course not. But, Resolution 17-019 is like a flare sent up from shore beside a stormy and dark sea. It says, "Look, this is what we as a community believe in. We believe that everyone is worthy of respect and protection. We believe that intolerance and hatred have no place here."

I hope that our community, in all its diversity, in all its strength, will be that light.

Sincerely

Erin Coughlin Hollowell

38859 Fritz Creek Valley Rd.

Homer, AK 99603

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Attention is love, what we must give
children, mothers, fathers, pets,
our friends, the news, the woes of others.
What we want to change we curse and then
pick up a tool. Bless whatever you can
with eyes and hands and tongue. If you
can't bless it, get ready to make it new.

- Marge Piercy, from What Are Big Girls Made of? an excerpt from "The art of blessing the day"

Jo Johnson

From: aderhold@xyz.net
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Department Clerk
Subject: Testimony for Council packet on Res 17-019
Attachments: CofH-Councilmtg_Res17-019-WA-022717.pdf

If it's not too late (i believe I heard 11a is the deadline), please include the attached testimony in the Council packet for today's meeting.

Thanks again for all the hard work you do in the Clerk's office !!

/w.a./
Wayne Aderhold

February 27, 2017

Re: Resolution 17-019

Mayor Zak & City Council,

Speaking for myself alone, I was greatly encouraged by Mr. Trump's statement in the early hours of election day when his victory was apparent. He appeared conciliatory, positive and a bit introspective ... all qualities of leadership necessary for binding the country together after a very divisive election. I was cautiously hopeful.

Things haven't worked out so well so far and now we have this resolution (17-019) in front of us. It shouldn't be necessary and I'm neutral on its passing. I believe we need a shift in our behavior as a nation.

I have a fairly simple but very challenging suggestion for everyone, including the President and his Administration ... and particularly all of us here in Homer. Rotary International has a guiding "test" which to me sums up what we ALL should be striving for in daily life, both locally, nationally, and internationally. Can we all just try to adopt this basic guiding principle in our daily American lives?

The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?*
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

Thank you,
Wayne Aderhold