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## Memorandum Agenda Changes/Supplemental Packet

TO: MAYOR ZAK AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2016

SUBJECT: AGENDA CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Ordinance 16-54**, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Appropriating Funds for the Calendar Year 2017 for the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Port/Harbor Fund, Capital Projects, and Internal Service Funds. City Manager.

Written public comments

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Memorandum 16-195**, from City Clerk, Re: Vacation of a 20-foot Wide Public Trail Easement Centered Along an Unconstructed Pedestrian Trail That Traverses Lots 1-A and 1-B, as Depicted on Record of Survey Guy Waddell Subdivision No. 3 Junes Addition (HM 2009-40).

Written documents from Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Voice consensus to changes under Agenda Approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A



## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Clyde Boyer and Vivian Finlay <vivandclyde@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 2:22 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** City Budget

Dear Homer City Council members,

I am aware of the need to cut budgets and services due to the fiscal problems that our State and cities have. However, I do support our Homer public library, and I do believe that cutting 10% from that budget could have far reaching negative consequences, including those itemized below.

Please try to avoid cutting the library's budget.

Thank you.

*-Library use has increased 50% in the past 5 years.*

*-Staff is working at capacity. Reducing library hours will most likely make the library more busy on the remaining days, with 1.2 FTE less staffing.*

*-The Homer Public Library could be at risk for losing our Alaska State Library Public Assistance grant.*

*-Children's programs such as The Maker Club, Story Time, The Summer Reading Program would be either eliminated or significantly reduced.*

*-With reduced hours, the library may have to close doors to children who use the library after school, to students who use the library in the evenings, and to residents and visitors who rely on computer access to apply for jobs, conduct business, and for other needs.*

Vivian Finlay

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455 Elderberry Drive,  
Homer, AK. 99603 USA  
(907) 435-3903

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Emilie Otis <otisemilie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 2:33 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Library and the budget

Good afternoon,

I would like to comment on the budget regarding the Homer Public Library and highly encourage the city council to not cut the budget for the library. The library has seen a 50% increase in the past 5 years. The Homer Public Library could be at risk for losing our Alaska State Library Public Assistance grant if hours are cut. Children's programs such as The Maker Club, Story Time, The Summer Reading Program would be either eliminated or significantly reduced. With reduced hours, the library may have to close doors to children who use the library after school, to students who use the library in the evenings, and to residents and visitors who rely on computer access to apply for jobs, conduct business, and for other needs. Homer has very few healthy places for children to go after school. The cost of cutting the library will catch up with us in the future if we do not provide our youth with healthy choices of places to be while their parents are working. Please look at the long term effects of cutting these programs today, and how they will affect our costs in the future. Thank you,

Emilie Otis

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** penelope anderson <777pene@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 3:18 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** library reduction in budget proposal

Wow, you representatives of the people. Where are your priorities? Cutting the library budget is a terrible blow to the good citizens of Homer. What kind of message are you sending to our young people. It is tantamount to telling our young students that they are wasting their time by going to school. We depend on the library as a source of good information, good books, stimulation for the human soul and intellectual development .

We love our library staff for their personal interest in the people who come there and their helpfulness in finding good books, and their devotion to serving us. They add so much to our community in so many ways, including bringing excellent writers here to read their works. Don't forget the tremendous effort our community extended in getting the new library up and running. We cared enough about it then and we care now. We sincerely request that you reconsider your budgetary cuts and let the library continue its work in building a thriving community. Thank you for your consideration. Penelope, Janise, and Jessica Anderson

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Nina Faust <aknina51@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 3:52 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Library funding

Please send to council members and the mayor.

P.O. Box 2994  
Homer AK 99603

December 2, 2016

Homer City Council and Mayor  
Homer AK 99603

Dear Homer City Council Members and Mr. Mayor

I just read that the City Council is considering a 10% staff reduction for the Homer Public Library. I think this is a very bad idea because the library is a crucial part of our educational system. They provide a study area, tutoring rooms, computers for those who do not have internet at home, amazing children's programs like the Maker's Club, Story Time, The Summer Reading Program, and so much more. The use of our library is up 50% in the past 5 years, a testament to the value of this facility to our community.

Education is one of the most important services government provides, and libraries are an important part of helping our community to be as literate as possible. By fully supporting our library financially we gain Alaska State Library Public Assistance grant monies. We should get the most for the money invested in this facility by providing adequate funding so that it is available to students and the general public as much as possible.

I urge you to fully fund the Homer Public Library and continue these important services for our community. As a highly literate community that came together to build this wonderful facility, I believe that our community supports full funding for the library.

Sincerely,

Nina Faust

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Dolma Family <dolma@ptialaska.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 4:25 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Love the Homer Library.

Homer reads! We love our library! As we all are experiencing challenging times we need to provide healthy options for our community .

We need to keep the library functioning at full capacity.

Rather than reducing the library budget lets considering turning every other street light and Harbor light off from 11pm to 6 am. This energy / \$ savings can go toward keeping the library at full service.

The Alaska State Library Public Assistance Grant can remain intact which provides support for the Homer Public Library. The Homer Library meets the needs of a variety of diverse age and interests in our community. It has increased use by 50% over the past five years.

The library is even more vital to Homer during tough times. Thank you .  
Brenda Dolma

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## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Bonnie Jason <BJason@KPBSD.k12.ak.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 4:32 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** regarding proposed budget cuts

Dear City Council Members,

I hope that as you struggle with the budget, you remove from consideration any cuts that will impact the Homer Public Library.

As a teacher here in town, I am reminded daily of the many ways our local library supports Homer's students and families, most especially those most vulnerable. Each day, students, who would otherwise be unsupervised, walk from Homer Middle School to the library. There, they receive tutoring and access to computers, but more importantly, they receive support from caring and capable adults. In these post Boys and Girls Club times, our library has become a place of refuge for countless young people.

It is not uncommon for librarians to reach out to our school when they have concerns about a child's well-being. They have been our eyes and ears, letting us know of a who child is hungry, or lonely, or at risk. The library staff has responded to the needs of these students by providing age-appropriate, inclusive, and fun programs, such as The Maker Club and LARP.

I could go on about how much I appreciate the librarians who have visited my classrooms and supported my students by connecting them with engaging books and amazing authors. I could describe the many times the library staff has come to my rescue by finding books from libraries around the state to supplement my classroom resources. And, I could detail the countless trips my students make to the HPL web-site in search of a book our middle school library doesn't own.

But, this short note will have to suffice for now.

I appreciate your hard work and thoughtful consideration on the budget, and I truly appreciate your commitment to our community.

Good luck,  
Bonnie Jason  
Homer Middle School teacher



## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Judith Hughes <jsummershughes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 4:57 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** proposed budget cuts for the library

I'm horrified to hear how the proposed 10% budget cut will effect so many important programs and services provided to our community by the library. Instead of reducing you should be increasing! Our library is so much more than books! Story hours, leggo competitions, maker clubs, summer reading programs, helpful staff, knitting circle, help with electronic devices. I could go on and on. My family is grown, but every time I go to the library I see how utilized it is by people of all ages. And it's a lovely place to read or come to hear someone interesting speak. Reducing hours, cutting staff and services? No, no, no. Please, reconsider. Sincerely, J. Summers Hughes

Sent from my iPad

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Erin Hollowell <erin@blepsias.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 5:26 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Comments on Budget

To the Members of the Homer City Council:

First, let me thank you for your service to our community.

I am writing to express my dismay at the proposed cuts to the Homer Public Library's portion of the budget. Public Libraries are integral to a strong and informed society. They provide information equally to all, without regard for ability to pay. When I go to the library, which I do at least once each week to check out books from the collection, the parking lot is consistently full. The seats around the tables, in the study carrels, the quiet rooms, the children's library, almost every available place is consistently full of busy and engaged people - little children, our elders, teens, the whole gamut of the community. Cutting the personnel budget would mean shorter hours which would mean less availability for the public, for teens who are already looking for safe places in our community, for those who cannot afford home internet and therefore rely on the library's to apply for jobs, complete coursework, stay in touch with far-flung family members.

The Homer Public Library is a bastion of our democratic values - more than just books and banks of computers, it is still places where individuals gather to explore, interact, and imagine. It is a place where individuals come to inform themselves to become better citizens, better individuals. As a former employee of the Friends of the Homer Public Library, I can speak specifically about the care and attention that the employees of the Homer Public Library give the patrons, the seriousness with which they approach their jobs, the continual training that they undergo which is mostly on their own time and dime.

I urge you strongly to reconsider this cut to the personnel budget of the Homer Public Library. Libraries make communities livable, and it is not a stretch of the imagination to say that the Homer Public Library is the heart and hearth of our community.

Sincerely,  
Erin Hollowell

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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

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**From:** Jeff Williams - KL2HD <biologicus.primus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 5:49 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Homer Public Library

I wish to express my full support for the services provided by the Homer Public Library. I applaud the City for the foresight it has had to provide such a resource to its citizens. Many many people avail themselves of these wonderful resources. A proposed reduction in the library's budget would affect hours of operation, capacity and possible loss of state grants. I respectfully request the council reconsider and fully fund the Library and not reduce by 10%.

I realize that budgets are tight and that cuts must be made somewhere. As a property owner I would support increased mill rate to pay for these Library services if that makes a difference.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Williams  
PO Box 1268  
Homer, AK

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** John and Jan Ames <janjohnames@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 6:23 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Homer Public Library

I just heard that the funding for the Homer Public Library staff budget has been reduced by 10% in the City budget proposal.

The Homer Public Library is an important source of information services - both digital and the books we enjoy. It is a resource for computer and internet use and the programs it provides for children and others in Homer are critical to the well-being of the community. Cutting the staff hours will significantly affect the services the library can provide.

I understand that difficult decisions must be made when budgets are reduced, but cutting the library staff funding can multiply the effect of the cuts by the library losing its state funding as well.

Please reconsider these cuts and provide the resources the library needs to continue its contribution to the community.

Thank you

Jan Ames  
PO Box 2842  
Homer, AK 99603

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** siegelbetty <siegelbetty@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 7:23 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Homer City Council Budget

Dear City Council,

I am writing in support of the Homer Public Library and asking you to refrain from cutting their budget. The library is vital to our community. Decreasing staff funding 10 percent seriously and negatively impacts the public in so many ways. It is outrageous to consider this action. Do your job and figure out how to support one of our most important city's needs and beloved icon!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Siegel

1501 Race Road

Homer, AK

A long time library member and volunteer

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® 6, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Vicky Merrell <vicky.merrell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 7:45 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Library Cuts

Dear Homer City Council,

I wanted to express my support for our beautiful library. It is one of the main reasons my husband and I chose to make Homer the site of our home in Alaska five years ago. When I first moved here it was one of the main tools that I utilized to find a job and become a productive member of the community, contributing to our city's taxes. I volunteer as an EMT for the city and used the computers at the library to study and take my written practice tests before certification. Without the library staying open evenings and Saturdays, this would not have been possible. As a student at Kachemak Bay Campus I have sat in the quiet rooms at the library many times cramming with study groups before a test. My husband and I are and always will be regular patrons and appreciate that the hours are so flexible. We look forward to the day when we have a child and can benefit from the children's reading room and broaden their horizons. Our family will be regulars at Claudia's Story Time and Makers Club. Without our library, Homer will not be Homer to myself and many others. We are lucky to have such a fantastic library that is staffed with caring professionals. Please don't cut back this cherished resource that we all benefit from, a peaceful place for community gathering and personal enlightenment.

Sincerely,  
Vicky Merrell

December 3, 2016

Dear Councilman,

I am writing to urge you to vote against the recent amendment to the budget that would cut 10% from the library operating budget. These cuts would require the loss of two half time positions which would require the library to close one day a week and cut their hours on another. We have an award winning library in Homer that is heavily used by adults and children. These cuts would cause the library services to be available less often, and potentially loose its State Library Public Assistance Grant.

The City of Homer's budget is already balanced. I don't understand the need to make additional cuts. Please vote against this amendment.

Thank you for you time considering this issue,

Janet Fink  
[Janetfink17@gmail.com](mailto:Janetfink17@gmail.com)  
907-235-6890

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Scott Miller <scottysusan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 03, 2016 8:16 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Library budget

Good morning,

I'm writing to urge the city council to refrain from cutting the library budget. I realize that finances are tight and getting tighter but that is exactly why the library budget should not be cut. The Homer Library is essential and central to our community. In tough times it is a place citizens can access culture and information. Especially of note is the fact that the reduction in hours of operation resulting from a budget cut could result in loss of our Alaska State Library Public Assistance Grant as well as limiting the ability of many of to use the library at all.

Our library is a jewel and the heart of our community. Please don't cut the budget.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Scott Miller



## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Kasey Aderhold <kaseyaderhold@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 03, 2016 11:33 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Homer Public Library

I would like the following comments to be shared with the Council and included in Monday's council packet:

As a young person born and raised in Homer, I would like to voice my grave concern about the amendment to cut the Homer Public Library funding by 10% proposed by council member Tom Stroozas.

The library has been a centerpiece for our community providing services for both permanent residents and the thousands of visitors to our town every year. It is so much more than books. Many students have no where to go after school and the library provides them a safe place with plenty of educational options for passing the time until they can go home. People who cannot afford a computer or internet at their home can do their day-to-day online business at the library. Access to books, movies, periodicals, conference rooms, internet, planned activities for young and old like The Big Read, The Maker Club, and Lunch with a Councilmember have elevated our community. The library runs on a minimal budget and the goodwill of their well-organized and ebullient volunteers. These proposed cuts would result in laying off two part-time workers, closing the library entirely on Monday, shortening library hours, and a reduction in their children's programs to cover front desk shifts. To some this will be a minor inconvenience, but to others this will be great loss. The library charges no entrance fee and requires no minimum purchase; they are the only facility that welcomes any and all in our community every day. We should not cut them to the bone when free access to information and education is so important for people of all ages and backgrounds.

I urge you to reject the proposed cuts to the library. I look forward attending a future Lunch with a Councilmember with Tom Stroozas to let him know about the many ways that every dollar of our small investment in the Homer Public Library has paid off big in our community.

Sincerely,  
Kasey Aderhold

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Caryn Cordova <caryncordova@live.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 03, 2016 12:26 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Homer Public Library Funding

I support fully funding the Homer Public Library and urge the council to reject the cuts proposed by council member Tom Stroozas.

Signed,  
Caryn Cordova

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Brie Drummond <badrummond@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 03, 2016 12:47 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** In opposition to proposed budget cut to Homer Public Library

To Homer City Council members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed 10% cut to the library. The Homer Public Library is an integral and well-used part of our community and was just honored as a nationally-recognized Star Library. Such a large budget cut would reduce library personnel, hours, and programs, which would severely impact many in our community. My family uses the library every week (sometimes more) to look for new books, attend amazing children's story times, and sometimes browse and read together on a rainy day. Please do not cut our library!

Sincerely,  
Brie Drummond

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Hannah Harrison <hharrison.green@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 03, 2016 1:25 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Library budget change comment

Dear Homer Clerk,

I am writing to express my STRONG opposition to the proposed budget cut to the Homer Public Library. For a multitude of reasons, this budget cut would not improve life in Homer and is not necessary with the currently balanced budget. The library provides an invaluable resource to the Homer community, and I would hope that the city council members would recognize the tremendous services provided by the library and its volunteers and provide every possible support to their work. Please record my strong opposition to councilman Strooza's proposition and share my comments with the council members.

Thank you,  
Hannah Harrison

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Michelle Waclawski <waclawskim@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 03, 2016 2:49 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Library budget cuts

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to strongly encourage the City Council to maintain the library budget rather than making significant cuts.

The library provides a vital space for locals to work, study, read, and surf the internet for both business and pleasure. Closing on Mondays would mean school children who regular go to the library after school would have no place to go until their parents get off work. That concerns me. More and more after school services to children have been cut in recent years; this would be continuing that troubling trend.

I also know that when I lived many miles out East End Road, the library was my "go to" place that between activities, and it was often a meeting place for our family members whose activities got done at different times in different schools and we needed somewhere to connect.

Cuts to services like the library inordinately hurt people who have limited financial means. Folks who cannot afford internet service, who cannot afford to buy a computer, and who want to read without constantly purchasing books, magazines or newspapers are regular library users. There are also the many people who ride to Homer with someone else from outlying areas and need a place to hang out between activities. Where would they go, that is safe and comfortable and does not charge them?

People connect in the library, at programs and in the meeting rooms. Connected people are healthier, happier people, and that is an important aspect of the health of our community.

I tend not to be a letter writer to elected officials, but deep cuts to the Homer Public Library during a period of increased use seems deeply unwise. The use of the library cannot be measured in books checked out or computer use time. It is measured in value added to the quality of life of people in the Homer area. Please consider other cuts, if cuts must be made, that will not affect children, families and the financially challenged so much.

Respectfully,  
Michelle Waclawski  
907-299-7906  
[waclawskim@gmail.com](mailto:waclawskim@gmail.com)

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Judy Gonsalves <judydan86@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 03, 2016 6:01 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Our Homer Public Library

*Dear City of Homer Clerk,*

*Would you please share this email with all city council members prior to or during their Monday, Dec. 5, 2016 meeting? It is in reference to consideration of proposed budget cuts to our library.*

Dear Homer City Council Members,

My name is Judy Gonsalves. I am writing in support of maintaining the current budget of our vibrant and beautiful Homer Public Library. Specifically, I am writing to strongly discourage you from making any cuts to the library budget.

Even if you are not a regular library user, I think we could all agree that this library is one of the crown jewels of this little town. It's beautiful, light, well-maintained, and a welcoming place, offering a plethora of services. It's a place that everyone can afford to go to, and because we know Homer is a relatively expensive place to live, this access to ALL residents is critical.

According to recent data, library use has increased 50% in the past 5 years. Fifty percent! The City of Homer's logo phrase is 'The City that Works.' Well, our Homer Public Library is a library that absolutely 'works' in a variety of ways, for an increasing number of patrons, of all ages. Why would you want to change something that already works, and works well?

Every time I go into the library, I notice that someone is receiving assistance from a staff person at the front desk, someone else is getting help at the computers or printer, and often there is someone in the Children's library offering assistance. From what I see, staff members are busy and well utilized. Reducing staff (through budget cutting) most likely means reduced hours, and perhaps a closure during a weekday. Our library is busy and well utilized every single day it is open.

This fall I participated in a volunteer project right outside the library's front doors. As I attended to my task over several days, I was wholly impressed by the sheer number of library users passing by me on their way into the building. I hadn't realized what a busy place the library is. It was a steady stream of folks, again, of all ages, and it was wonderful to witness. On a day of a Children's Lap Sit Story time, I was delighted to see so many little ones toddle in with their parent or caregiver, and then an hour later come tumbling back out, book bags full of books. As a recently retired educator I can tell you unequivocally how much research supports early literacy exposure, so these Story Times, as well as our Summer Reading Programs, are responding to these best practices. Additionally, after school tutoring programs and Maker Club programs are providing critical support and mentoring to our Homer youth. And I know the City Council wants our Homer youth engaged appropriately. Correct?

Our library is a vibrant, thriving, resourceful and 'working' service that Homer needs, at the level at which it's functioning, nothing less. Please do not cut the library budget. It is a vital part of what Homer offers to our residents, and deserves to continue as one of our city's crown jewels.

Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Gonsalves  
PO Box 531  
Homer, AK  
907.399.2499

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** phil gordon <alaskafil@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 03, 2016 7:14 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Library staff cut proposal

While I recognize we are tightly budgeted we don't have to be stupid about it. No other city program does so much so well for so many. At such low cost. Cutting library staff will result in loss of annual book grants totaling more than we save through proposed staff cuts. 'Certainly sounds ill-considered to me.  
Phil Gordon  
299 7015

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Terri Spigelmyer <terris@ak.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 03, 2016 9:13 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Homer library funding

I support fully funding the Homer Public Library and urge the council to reject the cuts proposed by councilmember Tom Stroozas. Thank you for notifying the council of my concern.  
Terri Spigelmyer



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## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Sharon Baur <sharon.baur@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 03, 2016 9:22 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** City Council Budget -Library cuts.

I am writing in support of Homer's Public Library. Surely there must be a way to prevent cutting the library's budget the library is essential to our community.

With the 10% proposed budget cuts to the Library our community would suffer.

Staff would be cut resulting in:

1. Losing some of our important programs would need to be cut:
  1. Such as the children programs, The Maker Club, Story Time, and The Summer Reading Program
  2. The library hours would be reduced, with library having to close its doors to children that use the library after school, and to students who use the library in the evenings and to residents and visitors who rely on computer access to apply for jobs, and conduct business.

Some facts to consider:

1. Library use has increased 50% in the last five years
2. Staff is working at capacity. Reducing library hours will most likely make the library more busy on the remaining days, with 1.2 FTE less staffing.
3. The Homer Library could be at risk for losing our Alaska State Library Public Assistance Grant

Sincerely  
Sharon Baur  
4275 Kachemak Way  
Homer, AK 99603

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Kira Olsen <kira.g.olsen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 6:36 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Leave library budget intact

Dear City Clerk,

I fully support leaving the Homer Public Library budget intact, and urge the council to reject the cuts proposed by councilmember Tom Stroozas. As a kid growing up in Homer, picking out books at library was a central part of our weekly routine. I was so proud when the new building was built and it was clear that a strong library was a priority for our community.

I was looking over some of the statistics of library use from last year, and it appears that the library is being loved and used now more than ever. This is therefore no time to cut staff and shorten hours.

[http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/library/page/7253/2015\\_hpl\\_year\\_in\\_review\\_infographic.pdf](http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/library/page/7253/2015_hpl_year_in_review_infographic.pdf)

I wholeheartedly urge you to reject these budget cuts.

Sincerely,  
Kira Olsen

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Benjamin Steyer <bsteyer@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 7:06 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Homer library budget cuts

Dear Homer City Council,

As a former resident of Homer, and someone whose family still resides there, I want to express my concern at the proposed budget cuts to the Homer library. Homer is a vibrant city and the opportunities that the library provides are pivotal to maintaining what makes Homer such a unique and special Alaskan town. Maintaining balanced budgets are important, especially in these hard times for Alaska. However, funds for educational and community resources (which the library provides) are an investment in the future of the community and cuts to these institutions should be looked at as a last resort.

Sincerely,  
Ben Steyer

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Madalyn Barelle <barelle1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 8:44 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Homer Public Library

Good morning,

As a young person born and raised in Homer, I would like to voice my grave concern about the amendment to cut the Homer Public Library funding by 10% proposed by council member Tom Stroozas.

The library has been a centerpiece for our community providing services for both permanent residents and the thousands of visitors to our town every year. It is so much more than books. Many students have no where to go after school and the library provides them a safe place with plenty of educational options for passing the time until they can go home. People who cannot afford a computer or internet at their home can do their day-to-day online business at the library. Access to books, movies, periodicals, conference rooms, internet, planned activities for young and old like The Big Read, The Maker Club, and Lunch with a Councilmember have elevated our community. The library runs on a minimal budget and the goodwill of their well-organized and ebullient volunteers. These proposed cuts would result in laying off two part-time workers, closing the library entirely on Monday, shortening library hours, and a reduction in their children's programs to cover front desk shifts. To some this will be a minor inconvenience, but to others this will be great loss. The library charges no entrance fee and requires no minimum purchase; they are the only facility that welcomes any and all in our community every day. We should not cut them to the bone when free access to information and education is so important for people of all ages and backgrounds.

I urge you to reject the proposed cuts to the library.

Sincerely,

Madalyn Barelle

Homer City Council members:

Thank you for your time and effort at a task that may often seem thankless as you balance revenues and expenses to keep our city running smoothly. In the coming years, declining revenues will force many tough decisions.

At this time I would like to urge you to not implement the proposed cuts to the Homer Public Library budget for the following reasons:

- 1) The library is no longer only a repository for physical books. It is now the access point to digital information for many users. This free and available access helps community members receive training, find jobs, network with other professionals and do research.
- 2) The library is a valuable community space. Many groups of all ages use the meeting and study rooms. The library sponsors programs such as story hour, Maker Space, the Big Read, public readings, and forums that encourage community members to meet others, to socialize, and to inform themselves about community and state issues. I believe this is vital to the mental well being and health of our citizens.
- 3) Our library staff has been very effective at leveraging grants for programs and activities. A reduction in hours and staffing may make that impossible to continue and could result in the loss of the State Public Library Assistance Grant.
- 4) 4)Library use has increased 50 % in the last 5 years. Can you point to another city funded entity with that track record? Clearly, the community feels that this is a needed service.

I am not a resident of the city of Homer. In the past, I have felt that council members feel that invalidates any testimony I might have to offer. However, I am part owner of a business operating within the city and those property tax dollars support the city. I shop almost exclusively within the city limits so my sales tax monies also support the city. I do use the Homer Public Library for physical books, digital audio books, programs and meeting space. I would certainly support a mechanism whereby those of us who live outside city limits can contribute to the library through a service area tax, but I understand some tricky legal issues would need to be resolved to make that possible.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Jenny Stroyeck  
62540 Diamond Ridge Rd.  
Homer , AK 99603

**Jo Johnson**

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**From:** marshall@xyz.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 10:48 AM  
**To:** Department Clerk  
**Subject:** proposed cuts to the library budget

Please forward to Mayor Zac.  
Thank you!

Dear Mayor Zac,

First of all, I appreciate the challenging fiscal times with which you (we all) are facing. However, I urge you to reconsider the proposed cuts to the Homer Public Library's operating budget. It's my understanding that there is funding available for the library for this year. The cuts that are being proposed are in anticipation of the loss of HART funding which will go into effect in 2019. If this is accurate, I am confused as to why the proposed cuts would be happening now when there is not a fiscal issue.

Our incredible library is truly the heartbeat of Homer. The library usage has increased 50% in the last five years! This statistic alone reflects how vital the library is to our community. Our library functions far beyond the typical scope of a library lending books to the public. As a frequent patron, I have observed the library to be a vibrant space and offering resources that are not provided elsewhere in Homer. The depth of the children's programs, story time, the summer reading program, after school programs offer children opportunities to develop literacy skills and become life long learners. The computers are frequently being used by folks doing research, job hunting and students doing school work. The library also offers a safe warm place for children and students to be after school. The conference rooms are used for small group meetings. The library also offers protected space for the homeless people in Homer. It is our largest community based resource center.

The proposed cuts would effect children's programs and reduce operating hours. Staff are already working at capacity. What other opporunties are there in Homer to meet the needs that our library serves?

I ask you to critically discuss the proposed cuts and question the necessity of doing so when the funds are still available. There is time for the City Council to pursue other revenue sources.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Karen Murdock

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## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Nancy Vait <vait3@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 12:37 PM  
**To:** Tom Stroozas; Catriona Reynolds; David Lewis; Donna Aderhold; Shelly Erickson; Heath Smith; Department Clerk  
**Subject:** Library Budget Cuts

December 4, 2016

To Homer's Mayor and Members of the Homer City Council:

As a teacher, mother, reader, and Homer City taxpayer, I am opposed to the proposed 10% cuts to our library budget.

Why would we limit its use when it offers so much to so many?

In our current economy with Alaska's unemployment the highest in the nation (Alaska Daily News, 12-04-16), the parking lot is full, computers are all in use, study carrels and private meeting rooms are full, the children's room is busy, older students are in a safe environment between school and home, and the staff is busy checking out and reshelving books, CD's, DVD's, magazines and a wealth of other materials from the library's collection.

What does this tell you?

Please consider the fallout these cuts will incur.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Vait  
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Homer, AK 99603

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Anne Nixon <aenixon03@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 2:03 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Library Budget Cuts

A financial cut to the Homer Public Library is a cut to the quality of life in Homer

Anne Nixon



## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Christy Tyler <crt@sphosp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 2:10 PM  
**To:** Department Clerk  
**Subject:** LIBRARY STAFFING AND HOURS

Dear city council,

I understand times are tough and cutbacks need to be made, but I sincerely hope that the proposal to cut hours and staff at our library doesn't make it any further than discussion. I've heard a number of visitors to our community comment about our library, its resources and its friendly and helpful staff. Locals who make use of the library know its value. I count myself as one of them having and even volunteered with the Friends of the Library for a number of years. A library is a gateway to knowledge, to job opportunities, to adventure, travel, and imagination. Traffic and use has increased yearly so it would seem to me that cutting back puts the breaks on the success of the facility.

I realize that every program and service has a group who never wants to see it cut or trimmed back. I also realize that you are doing your best to make the cuts fair, that you too would rather not have to cut back on local services. I only hope that you weigh the wide-reaching good that the library does for all ages, for locals, and for outsiders but especially for children. If a person can learn to read, comprehend and enjoy doing it there is no end to what they can learn to do.

I appreciate you time and consideration on this matter.

*Christy Tyler*

Pharmacy Tech  
South Peninsula Hospital  
4300 Bartlett St.  
Homer, AK 99603  
907-235-0388

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Christi Raney <christiraney87@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 5:22 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Homer Public Library

I support fully funding the Homer Public Library and urge the council to reject the cuts proposed by councilmember Tom Stroozas

Sincerely,  
Christi Raney

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Sean Carey <scareyak@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 6:26 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Library

Greetings from a concerned voter I was distressed to learn of a proposed cut to the Homer Public Library budget. The resulting decrease in operating hours could effect other sources of revenue, at a time when overall usage is increasing. The library is central to further the education of school age children, as well as the continuing education for folks like me. MAINTAIN THE LIBRARY'S BUDGET! Thank you Sean Carey

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Ben Haunschild <bhaunschild@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 7:00 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Homer library

I fully support the Homer Public Library and it's full funding

Sent from my iPhone

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Sandra Garity <aksandy612@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 7:50 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** proposed library reduction

The staff of the Homer Public library have worked so hard to bring the library up to the stellar status that it is currently at. .

Claudia has achieved national recognition for the progressive children's programs.

The library currently functions very efficiently.

I believe it would be a tragedy to cut the funding to the library and dismantle all that they have worked so hard to achieve. Additionally, to cut the hours of service will be a discouragement to the community.

This is a vital service to the community, I would hope you would really search to find another area to reduce the budget and leave this program intact.

It becomes more complicated by jeopardizing the possibility of losing the state library public assistance grant money, they would have even less funds to try to cobble this together with.

I sincerely hope you will reconsider this move and leave the library intact and well functioning.

Sandra Garity

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Miranda Weiss <mirandaweiss@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 8:26 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** We need the library

Dear City of Homer Council Members,

About six months ago, I found myself in a parenting muddle: How could I find high quality online content--videos and games--for my kids amidst the slurry of, well, crap?

Children's librarian Claudia Haines stepped in to help. She suggested a book for parents about dealing with media for kids and she also drafted a list for me of quality programs for children that was appropriate to the ages of my kids. Wow! Where else can you get such individualized help? And at a time when we are all overloaded by media and our kids are targeted from every direction, smart help with media is not a luxury, it is a necessity.

The Homer Public Library is one of the aspects of our small, far-flung community that makes me cherish living here. Not only is it a beautiful space but it is welcoming, with programs for all ages, and books and resources that help us all be better parents, better citizens, better humans. This is not an add-on, not an extravagance. The library is an essential part of our working, living community.

Please support full funding and full operation for the Homer Library.

Thank you,  
Miranda Weiss

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Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Bestseller

“Alaska is a captivating land, and this book does justice to it. Highly recommended.”  
—*Library Journal*

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Marianne Aplin <marianne.aplin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 8:41 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Please don't cut library funding

### **Dear Council Members,**

I understand that at the last budget meeting there was a last minute amendment/proposal to cut funding to the city library. I'm asking you to deny that proposal and fund the library as originally proposed. Here's why:

Use at our beautiful public library has increased 50% in the past 5 years. I am an avid book buyer, but I count on my public library for reference books and as a resource for information. It is one of the few public indoor spaces to enjoy in our town, and is important to students, as a meeting place, and as our town's living room.

Our library staff is already working at capacity, and while I wish the facility was open more, this proposal will instead likely reduce the open hours. What a shame to have that lovely facility and resource sit dark.

The city's funding is used as a match for grants like the Alaska State Library Assistance grant, and I fear that cutting the library's budget could have a multiplier effect to further erode the facility's resources.

The library is a vital community asset - please fully fund it at no less than the current level.

Thank you for all that you do,

Marianne Aplin  
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Homer, AK 99603

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Shawn Biessel <sbiessel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 12:07 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Public Library Funding

Hello,

I'm a concerned Homer resident. I hear that there is a proposal to cut a certain amount of funding for the Homer Public Library. I ask that the City Council reject any proposal to cut the library's funding. If anything, the Library needs more funding. I believe the Library to be a public service necessity to the community. This is a place of learning, contemplation, a quiet place to think, a great place for communication, a safe space, the list goes on. A cut to the Library also hurts lower income folks more than folks that earn more. Not everyone has the money at home for internet, for example.

Please keep or expand the Public Library's funding.

Thank you,  
Shawn Biessel



## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Mary Sanders <marydon678@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 1:35 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** re: Testimony against proposed large budget cuts to the Homer Public Library

From: Don and Mary Sanders

We realize that you must make cuts in the city budget, but please do not make a 10% major cut to funding the Homer Public Library. Our outstanding library is very important in many ways to all in the community.

We know that early library use positively affects school performance of children who grow up using the library.

There are many educational programs provided through our Homer library that benefit children and adults throughout the community, and especially so in the summer when children are not in school.

Our library provides a safe and warm place for students, whose parents work and are not home after school, to do their homework and participate in library activities.

Our library provides a place for children and adults (including visitors) who need computer access.

Our library is a resource center for the community that enriches the lives of all ages.

Part of the library funding comes from Alaska State Library Public Assistance grants. It is our understanding that the library must be open 40 hours a week to be eligible for those grants. Might such a major funding cut end out costing the city more in the long run?

Please closely consider the impact of such a major cut to the library services on all in the community and to the quality of life in Homer. We need our library open and available to all.

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Suzanne B <szannebishop@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 8:10 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Homer Public Library

Dear City Clerk,

I'm writing to express my support for the Homer Public Library funding to remain the same and not be cut. The library functions well at current staffing and any changes would greatly diminish the service provided.

If I understood the newspaper article correctly, the budget cut to the library is not needed to balance the budget. Instead the cut seems like an attack on education, learning, and books. The best, most active communities are educated. Or to use the words of Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." I'm not suggesting we change the world, just that we maintain that level of education that we have an informed, educated populace. Change is inevitable.

Please support the library and do not cut funding.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne Bishop  
(907) 299-3861

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Douglas Westphal <dwestphal5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 8:24 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Library funding

As a 25 year resident of Homer I am opposed to any funding cuts that would reduce the current operating hours and service of our fabulous community library. Our library is a vital and important community resource.

Sincerely,

Douglas Westphal  
PO Box 3508  
Homer, AK 99603  
907-435-7607

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Angie Newby <angienewby1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 8:55 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Budget considerations

I do not support Library cutbacks. This is such an integral part of our community. User numbers continue to increase. For many citizens, this is a real example of City services.

Why not look at the large building reserves we set aside every year? There is a definite need for maintenance but not for new/reconstruction. The library facility is only 10 years old, city hall was recently remodeled, yet past Councils have created large replacement reserves for these buildings.

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Proceed as if success is inevitable

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow mindedness" Mark Twain  
Sent from my iPhone

December 4, 2016

Dear City Council Members,

Please do not approve the amendment that would reduce hours of operation, along with salaries and benefits for personnel at the Homer Public Library. If staff and hours are cut, our Homer Public Library, named a Star Library this year by the Library Journal Index of Public Library Service, will be severely compromised. This proposed cut will greatly diminish the plethora of vital services and programs for every citizen who lives south of Ninilchik.

Please visit the Homer Public Library's website, which lists the countless services the library offers. Librarians not only check out books and provide popular programs for all ages, they have become media mentors who share and provide access to information, connect people with community services, state and federal forms, voting information, research topics, e-forms and more.

The library is a vibrant community center that offers a safe, supportive environment for all people, including homeless citizens and students who need a place that provides the resources to which they may not otherwise have access. The public library is in "the critical business of information equity and helps 'level the playing field' for all citizens," as Claudia Haines, our children's librarian, states in her recent monthly Homer News article. While I could illuminate the need for maintaining our quality staff in order to serve the multitude of patrons, I will focus on how the library is critical for our youth population.

Over the past five years, the library use has increased 50%. Much of this increase is due to the quality and quantity of opportunities the library offers youth, including innovative programs and greater access to digital media that increases learning opportunities for all. Below are some of the programs and services for youth that could be cut if the amendment passes. (The statistics cited are from January through November, 2016):

- Early Literacy Storytimes: The children's librarian offers three story hours a week due to popular demand. For many years, the library offered one preschool story hour a week. But when the children's library room became flooded with over sixty-five preschoolers, the program expanded to twice a week for 3-5 year olds, and one day for "small fry." This past year, 3,357 caregivers and children attended 125 early literacy storytimes.
- Field trips for students – Preschool-High School: Students from Paul Banks, West Homer Elementary School, and FLEX recently came to the library for programs. The Paul Banks Preschool attends the library monthly for a story hour. Students from West Homer Elementary School visit to learn about the library's resources as well as participate in makerspace programs and use the library's digital media. FLEX students were introduced to all the resources they had access to, but were not aware of. Four hundred, thirty-six kids and teens visited the library on these field trips.

- Literacy outreach visits to area schools: Staff visit the area's school each year to educate students about the library's programs and resources as well as provide ways that digital media can enhance learning. 393 kids participated in these visits.
- Afterschool programs: Middle school students have the opportunity to participate in a weekly makerspace program where students create projects that include both digital media (e.g. 3-D printers, coding, electrical circuits) and low tech materials (e.g. cardboard, straws, and food) Middle school students are also offered 1-1 homework/tutoring services twice a week. They are paired up with high school students and adults. 330 students attended afterschool programs.
- Check out of books, audiobooks, CDs, toys, magazines: Staff helps students and parents select the media that best fits their needs and wishes. 43,772 materials were checked out, 2,667 more than in 2015
- Afterschool homework and computer center: The library provides countless students of all ages with a safe, literacy-rich environment after school. The computers, study carrels, and study rooms are always in use between 3:00 pm and 6 pm.
- Summer reading: The staff not only supports summer reading opportunities for students, which is shown to be critical for maintaining reading growth and lifelong learning, but also provides many activities, including projects, concerts, plays, and more. 1,346 kids and teens participated in thirty summer events, which is 413 more kids than the 2015 total.

Please do not cut the Homer Public Library's budget. We have the means to provide the services we need. Let's keep our nationally recognized library the necessary and vibrant community center it is. Let's continue to create the critical literacy support for our youth.

Sincerely,



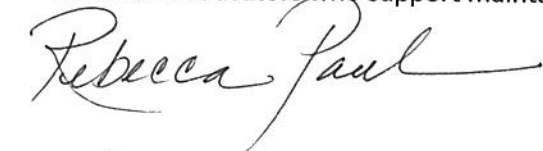
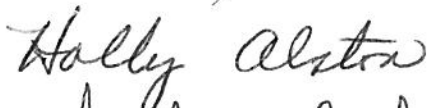
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Member of Friends of Library Board

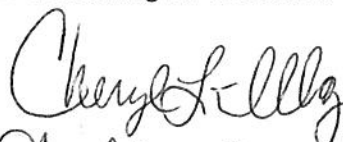
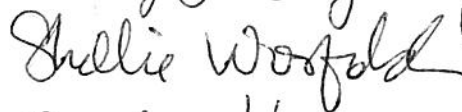
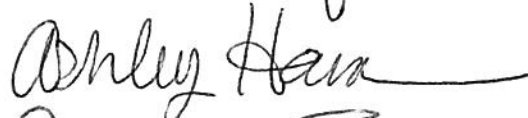
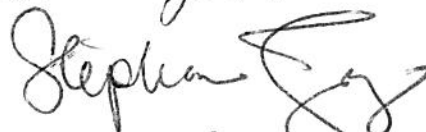
Coordinator of after-school Homework/Tutoring Club

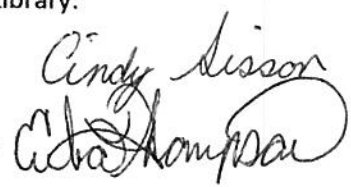
Retired Elementary School Teacher

Below are educators who support maintaining the current funding for the Homer Public Library:






## Jo Johnson

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**From:** ppwise@alaska.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 8:58 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** our precious library

Please, please allow this note to consider the implications of a library shortage.

Children will be affected!! Little ones!!! The story time and activities in music and story help pre schoolers do better in school!! Please consider this! Our town is as educated and capable as its least educated and capable and imaginative folk and you are taking this away, Tom.

High Schoolers use the library for additional work as do even the college students. Each year, more and more folks use the library. It is a central component of a town's literary and secure support of education and creativity. Not even sports can do what a library does to the folks who attend and each year more and more are attending. We need more hours and staff; not a loss of them.

I assume that those suggesting the close of the library hours are not readers, are not very interested in schools and are not as intelligent as others on the city council. I am sorry they are voted into a position to make the decisions about educational activities and the love of entertainment, new knowledge, and the personality of authors, books, and life's experiences. Our technology is wonderful, but the ability to handle a book and research with the content in our hands and the genius of Dickens and Shakespeare and Tolstoy and even Balsac as well as the lovely pictures in children's books with the morals they teach...come on...do not let back on the library.

Thank you to the city clerk for passing my thoughts onto the council - to each member of it.

I am Pat Wise at 770 Herndon Ave. A-4 apartment.  
A town lucky enough to have a library for its residents and those across the bay!



## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Hannah Bradley <hannah.elharmak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 6:10 PM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** HPL budget cuts

Dear Homer City Council,

I was very concerned to learned that a 10% cut of Homer Public Library has been proposed.

The Homer Public Library's services are too valuable to our community to be forced to reduce because of budget cuts. Though I understand the desire to save money in any way possible, this is not the right place to cut. I am convinced that HPL is an integral part of the Homer community-- part of Homer's quality of life for all ages. Because it is such a well-functioning, well-loved local organization, it needs more support, not less.

I was born and raised in Homer, still a resident despite education pulling me elsewhere (thanks local education/library!), with a considerable portion of my childhood spent at HPL, in HPL's programs, and reading HPL's books. I'm certainly not alone. Times change but the importance of HPL for Homer does not.

Please reject cuts to the HPL budget proposed by Mr. Stroozas.

Thank you,  
Hannah Bradley

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** lckrebs@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 9:36 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Library funding

Dear Homer City Council,

I live outside the city limits but have been a supporter and frequent visitor to our local library. I am writing to you in reference to the proposed budget amendment that would cut funding to our local library.

I strongly oppose this option to help balance the city budget. Our local library offers so much to our community, it is used by so many community members and is a great source for learning and connection. Our town needs to keep this facility open as much as possible, it is one of our most significant public spaces that benefits children and adults. I would like to see expanded hours and certainly not reduced hours of operation.

Please reconsider this funding option and please do not take away from something that so benefits our community.

Thank you,

Lisa Krebs  
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Homer, AK  
99603  
[lckrebs@gmail.com](mailto:lckrebs@gmail.com)

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Mary Griswold <mgmt@xyz.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 9:36 AM  
**To:** Bryan Zak; Catriona Reynolds; David Lewis; Donna Aderhold; Heath Smith; Shelly Erickson; Tom Stroozas; Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Please oppose proposed library budget cut

(please include in supplemental council packet)

Please oppose the proposed cut to the library's budget. I am impressed with our library and the considerable volunteer effort that goes into making it so good. The Library Advisory Board presented an excellent overview of the library's function and goals at the November 21 council meeting. The library provides so much benefit to our community on an already tight budget. It cannot afford any reduction, let alone a 10% cut. Mayor Zak suggested a council work session with the LAB to discuss ongoing funding questions. Please conduct this work session to develop a better appreciation for our library's essential services.

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Thomas W. Irons <tirons@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 04, 2016 11:56 AM  
**To:** Department Clerk  
**Subject:** attn: city council re library cuts

Dear Community Leaders,

Few things impact our community more than the education of our city's youth. The one place central to all the students, citizens, and visitors who seek knowledge, education, and entertainment through reading books is our public library. The thought that a community would purposely choose to reduce access (by cutting hours of operation), reduce staffing (two part time staff will have to go), eliminate or greatly reduce children's programs, and lose the state funds from the public assistance grant is short sighted at best. If you choose to cut the library budget you are choosing to greatly impede the education of our town's youth. The library has very good, very necessary children's programs that can be found no where else in town. Loss of these programs will slow the learning and growth process of our children. This may have untold negative effects on our beloved city in years to come.

In proposing to cut the library funding do you have a proposal for making (free) computer access available to those seeking jobs, conducting business, making doctor appointments, and filling other needs? Where would you tell these folks to go to find that which the library already offers?

We find ourselves in challenging financial times. I ask you to rise to that challenge, not by reducing the services of necessary organizations such as the library but by eliminating all unnecessary budget costs: maybe by reducing the city government employment rolls by 20%, maybe by not spending the city's money on unnecessary lawyers and ignoring court orders (you could charge those government officials who choose to defy the court the cost of those actions), maybe by not making property owners give their hard earned money to corporations like Enstar. There are a lot of ways to reduce the city budget— cutting the library budget need not be one of them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tom Irons  
Homer resident  
435-0454

.....person by person, decision by decision, year by year, we will either nurture and protect this natural treasure (the Arctic, the Earth) for future generations, or we will not and our world will be profoundly diminished.  
Alvah Simon in *North to the Night*

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Jeanne Parker <jeannemena@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 9:56 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Meeting Tonight

I have two things that I would like to address. I work on Monday nights.

First I want to express my support of a full Library program. There are many community benefits to a fully functioning Library, many of them involve children. Next year the school start times will be even earlier for some children, leaving even more after school time where children need good options and healthy environments to spend their time..

I also am very strongly opposed to Navy war games during the spring migration. We dare not risk damage to our ocean creatures, especially during the spring.

Sincerely, Jeanne Parker

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"I ask myself, is it just a wild flight of imagination to conceive of a world without war...but someone must try..." Julia Grace Wales

Spring catalogue and gymnastics schedule at <https://sites.google.com/site/jeannesyurt/>

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Diane Patch <depatchalaska@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 10:02 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Library

I am a resident of Fritz Creek, but a member of the Homer library. I just wanted to voice my concern over the proposed cuts to the library. The public library is an important attribute of our democracy. Many depend on it for education, communication, fact checking, and community building, as well as entertainment. The cut would cause the library to lose grant money, which is a double loss. The library supplies an avenue to a rich culture regardless of income. As a teacher I appreciate the focus the library puts on early literacy, as well as its being a welcoming space for students of all ages. I hope the Homer council will reconsider and fund our library.

Thank you,  
De Patch

Sent from my

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Lisa Whip <lwhip@kpbsd.k12.ak.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 10:12 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** The importance of the Homer Public Library--please donot make proposed cuts

### The Homer Public Library

Now, more than ever, we need to support our public library—please do not make the proposed cuts. Librarians, now are charged with helping students filter through information to find what is fact and what is opinion. Our Homer students rely on the expertise of the staff of the Homer Public Library afterschool and on weekends to navigate the digital and traditional world discerning what is appropriate and actual. The many programs that the library offers help our children grow and become part of our literary community with a link to the rest of the United States and the world. The public library is always bustling with children under adult guidance and supervision.

As a librarian at West Homer Elementary School, I work closely with the Homer Public Library for they are able to offer programs and expertise that I cannot offer my students as a half -time librarian with limited funds.

Please support our Homer Children—do not make the proposed library cuts.

Thank you,

Lisa whip

907 299-1955[X]

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Rachel Lord <rachel.e.lord@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 10:14 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Comments re: HPL reduction in the budget

Please include the following comments in Monday's Council packet. Thank you!

Dear Members of the Homer City Council,

I was deeply disappointed to learn about a last minute proposed amendment to reduce the Homer Public Library's budget by 10%.

A functioning, vibrant library is I believe an essential, core service of a functioning, vibrant community. Homer's Library provides internet access, family space, a safe space after school for kids and teens, resources for college students and job seekers, and a wealth of knowledge and information not just from books and the web, but also from the staff and volunteers. It is a safe space in our community for \*everyone\*, and should be held as an incredibly important component of our city.

Any reductions in services and departmental budgets should be measured, calculated, and discussed in depth with staff to fully understand ramifications and the true cost to benefit for all affected. The City is looking at a balanced budget for the coming year. While the overall work for a sustainable fiscal picture is not over, proposing a last-minute and significant budget cut to the Library is an irresponsible step and undermines its breadth of value across the community.

Please reject this proposed amendment.

Sincerely,

Rachel Lord  
602 Shellfish Ave



## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Adrian M Ryan <adrian.m.ryan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 10:29 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson; Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Homer Public Library Funding

I'm writing in support of fully funding the Homer Public Library.

As a child growing up in Homer, the Library was one of my most necessary refuges. I was home schooled and often left to my own devices, forced to put together my own education. Without the resources at the HPL—the helpful and knowledgeable staff, the vast array of books, the magazine subscriptions and internet access—I would not have had the chance to learn as much as I did. I surely would not have been able to matriculate at an Ivy League school, or work in the New York City tech industry.

The Library is an important resource to all the people of Homer, but most especially those left behind by family or the economy. It is a vital resource to those most in need of outside help, and one that empowers us to succeed in ways that are all but unimaginable to us as children without the examples of the outside world that the Library holds and represents.

I hope to one day show my own children an HPL that is as vital to the community as it was during my childhood. Please do not allow the Library to become a part-time resource.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Adrian M Ryan

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Cynthia Morelli <cmorelli@alaska.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 10:56 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Homer Public Library funding

Dear Homer City Council Members,

The Homer Public Library is a vital core service for our community. It serves many needs such as a community meeting space, access to reading and educational materials, internet and printing, an in town reflective space. The list goes on, but that is the gist - there is no other place like it in our town. It is essential, the budget is balanced with current funding - Please do not make any additional cuts to the Homer Public Library budget.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Morelli

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Cynthia Morelli <cmorelli@alaska.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 10:59 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** Navy war games in May

Dear Homer City Council Members,

Please stand up for the value of life of the migratory salmon, birds and sea mammals that will be impacted if the US Navy conducts war games in the Gulf of Alaska.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Morelli



**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION 2016-32  
HOMER RECORDING DISTRICT**

Vacate a 20-foot wide public trail easement centered along a pedestrian trail that traverses Lots 1-A and 1-B, as depicted on Record of Survey Guy Waddell Subdivision No. 3 June's Addition (HM 2009-40), and granted by recorded document, Serial Number 2010-000729-0, Homer Recording District; Location: within the E½ NE¼ of Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian, City of Homer, Alaska and within the Kenai Peninsula Borough; KPB File 2016-136.

WHEREAS, Holly and Paul Brennan of Homer, Alaska and Toben Spurkland of Seldovia, Alaska, have petitioned to vacate a 20-foot wide public trail easement recorded by document within serial number 2010-000729-0, Homer Recording District; and

WHEREAS, KPB 20.70 provides for the vacation of public rights-of-way and other public areas; and

WHEREAS, Homer Advisory Planning Commission approved the requested vacation on October 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the easement was granted by document without the acceptance of a governmental or public entity; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Planning Commission on November 28, 2016 that all requirements have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has found that vacating the trail easement will not be detrimental to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the vacation does not require replatting of any vacated area, and may be accomplished by a resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the above described 20-foot pedestrian trail easement is hereby vacated.

Section 2. That a sketch depicting the vacated easement submitted with the application shall be recorded with this resolution becoming Page 2 of 2.

Section 3. That this resolution is eligible for recording after consent by the Homer City Council and will be deemed void if not recorded within 90 days of adoption.

Section 4. That this resolution is void if the vacation approval is vetoed by the Homer City Council within 30 calendar days of adoption by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission.

Section 5. That this Resolution becomes effective upon being properly recorded with petitioner being responsible for payment of recording fee.

ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Blair J. Martin, Chairperson  
Planning Commission

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patti Hartley  
Administrative Assistant

Return to:  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department  
144 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

**ATTACHMENT A - PETITION TO VACATE  
PEDESTRIAN TRAIL EASEMENT**

20' WIDE PEDESTRIAN  
TRAIL EASEMENT  
TO BE VACATED

**LOT 1-A**  
3.789 AC.

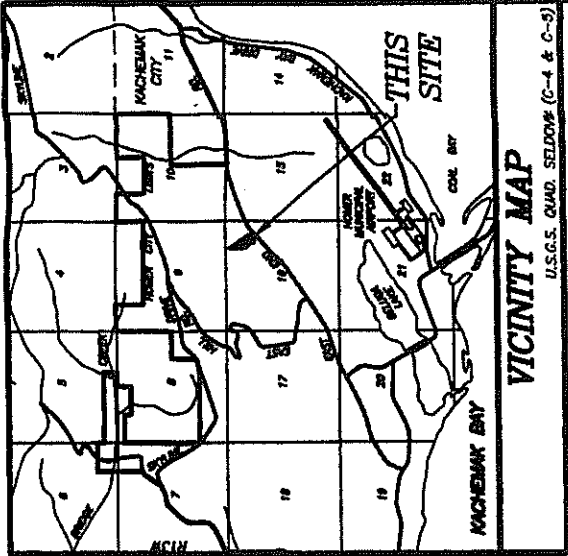
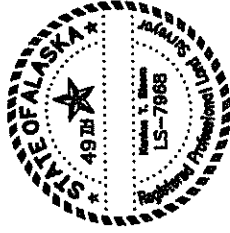
**LOT 1-B**  
1.388 AC.

**LOT 1-C**  
0.907 AC.

**LOT 1-D**  
1.112 AC.

**LOT 2**  
1.134 AC.

**LOT 1-E**  
0.975 AC.



**VICINITY MAP**

U.S.G.S. QUAD. SEIDON# (C-4 & C-5)

**GUY MADDELL SUBMISSION No. 3 JUNE'S ADDN.  
20' WIDE TRAIL EASEMENT VACATION  
(PER ROS #2008-40 H.R.D.)**

LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4, SEC 16,  
T. 6 S., R. 13 W., SEWARD MERIDIAN, CITY OF HOMER, KEWAI  
PENINSULA BOROUGH, THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ALASKA

**SEABRIGHT SURVEY + DESIGN**

1044 EAST ROAD, SUITE A  
HOMER ALASKA 99603  
(907) 235-4247

EMAIL: [seabright@seabrightalaska.com](mailto:seabright@seabrightalaska.com)

DRAWN BY: SCS	DATE: JULY 2016	SCALE: 1" = 200'
CHK. BY: K.B.	KPB #05-60	SHEET 1 OF 1

KPB 2016-136

**C/L SHEARED DRIVEWAY LINE TABLE**

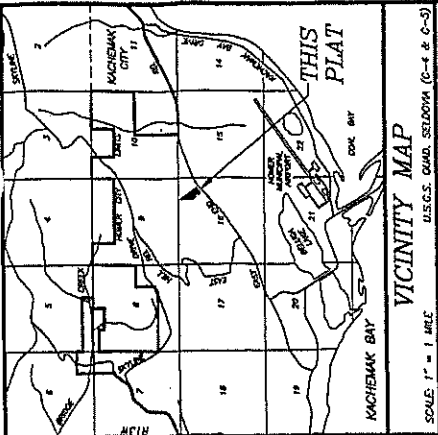
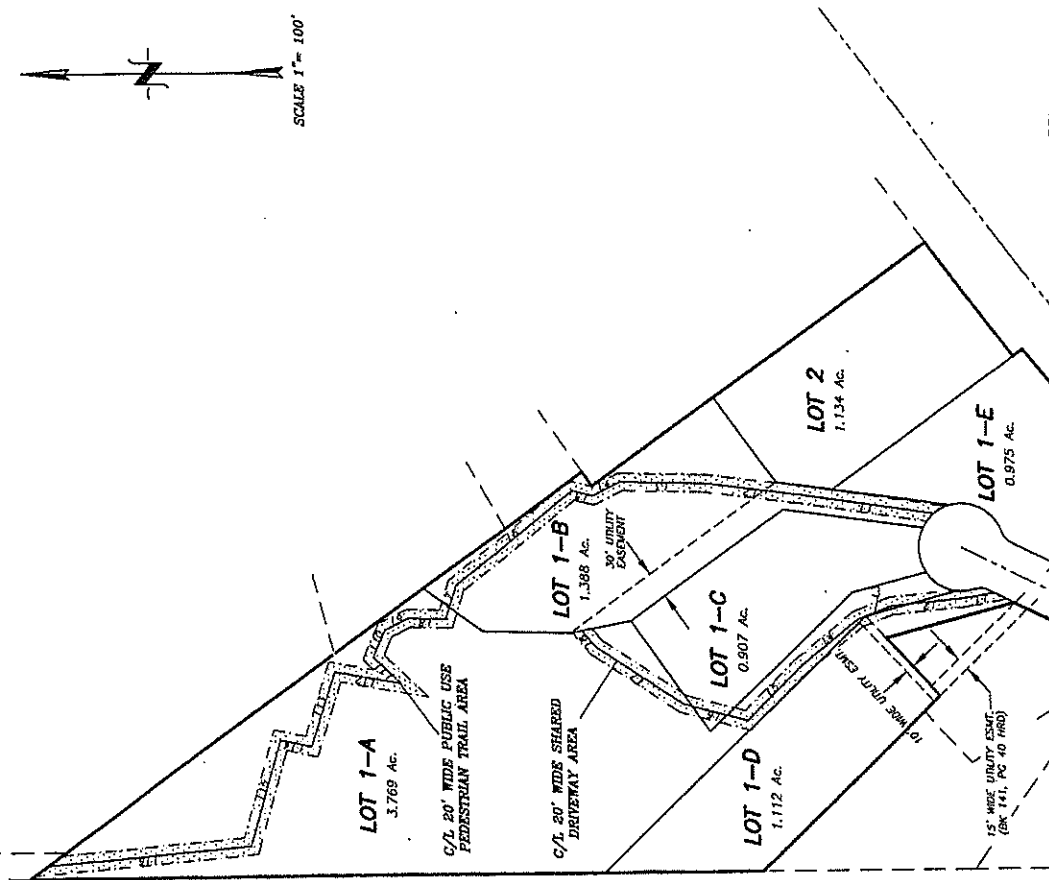
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L1	N 10°23'13" W	32.26
L2	N 05°31'12" W	89.11
L3	N 20°42'36" W	41.55
L4	N 35°50'56" W	24.99
L5	N 44°46'07" W	26.41
L6	N 14°43'06" E	118.39
L7	N 39°20'54" E	23.40

**C/L PEDESTRIAN TRAIL LINE TABLE**

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
L1	N 08°21'57" E	159.37
L2	N 07°12'57" E	108.01
L3	N 01°07'29" E	96.67
L4	N 26°03'06" W	34.68
L5	N 13°51'23" E	24.93
L6	N 39°20'52" W	32.60
L7	N 71°17'58" E	43.11
L8	N 26°03'06" W	29.79
L9	N 65°53'06" W	33.73
L10	N 43°18'10" E	41.38
L11	N 10°06'50" E	72.66
L12	N 71°48'43" W	98.92
L13	N 12°01'16" E	36.48
L14	N 73°58'13" W	36.48
L15	N 04°58'13" W	26.13



SCALE 1" = 100'



**NOTES.**

1. BASIS OF BEARING FOR THIS SURVEY IS FROM GPS STATIC OBSERVATIONS TAKEN ON THE MONUMENT POSITIONS AS SHOWN ON THIS PLAT. NAD83 ALASKA STATE PLANE GRID COORDINATES OBTAINED FROM THE GPS OBSERVATIONS WERE BASED ON THE NGS PUBLISHED VALUES FOR USCGCGS TRISTATION "HOMAR".
2. TRUE BEARINGS AND DISTANCES WERE DETERMINED BY ROTATING AND SCALING FROM GROUND USING USCGCGS TRISTATION "HOMAR" AS A SCALING POINT. TRUE BEARINGS WERE DETERMINED BY ROTATING FROM TRUE BEARINGS WERE TRUE DISTANCES WERE OBTAINED BY DIVIDING GRID INVERSE DISTANCES BY 0.999866866.
3. THE RESULTING SCALED COORDINATES WERE TRANSLATED TO A LOCAL COORDINATE SYSTEM BASED ON USCGCGS TRISTATION "HOMAR" N=100,000 E=100,000. ALL COORDINATE VALUES REPRESENT GROUND DISTANCES ORIENTED TO TRUE NORTH.

2009-40

DATE	NOV 16 2009
TIME	11:18 AM
REQUESTED BY	KENTON BLOOM
ADDRESS	BLOOM

HOMER RECORDING DISTRICT

**GUY WADELL SUBDIVISION No. 3 JUNE'S ADDN.  
(PLAT #2009-33 H.R.D.)  
RECORD OF SURVEY**

LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4, SEC 16,  
T. 6 S., R. 13 W., SEWARD MERIDIAN, CH. OF COR., KENAI  
PENINSULA BOROUGH, HOMER DISTRICT, ALASKA  
CONTAINING 9.628 ACRES

**SEABRIGHT SURVEY + DESIGN**  
1044 EAST ROAD, SUITE A  
HOMER ALASKA 99603  
(907) 235-4247  
EMAIL: seabright@seabrightalaska.com

DRAWN BY: SCS	DATE: NOVEMBER 2009	SCALE: 1" = 100'
CHECK BY: K.B.	JOB #05-09	SHEET 1 OF 1



I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR AND THAT THIS RECORD OF SURVEY REPRESENTS A SURVEY MADE BY ME UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND THE MONUMENTS SHOWN HEREON ACTUALLY EXIST AS DESCRIBED AND THAT THE DIMENSIONS AND OTHER DETAILS ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Nov 16, 09  
DATE  
Kenton J. Bloom  
KENTON BLOOM  
LS 7968





**NOTES**

1. BASE OF BEARING FOR THIS SURVEY IS FROM GPS STATIC OBSERVATIONS MADE BY THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS AS SHOWN ON THE PLAN SHEET T-122-1200. ALL DISTANCES WERE OBTAINED FROM THE GPS OBSERVATIONS WERE CHECKED BY MEASUREMENT PUBLISHED VALUES FOR CHECKS.
2. THE BEARINGS AND DISTANCES WERE OBTAINED BY ROTATING AND SCALING FROM GPS USING LOCALS TRIANGULAR POINT AS A SOLID POINT. THE BEARINGS WERE CORRECTED TO TRUE BY THE MEAN ANGLE OF THE PLAN SHEET T-122-1200. THESE DISTANCES WERE OBTAINED BY ANGULAR AND INVERSE DISTANCES BY CLASSIFICATION.
3. THE BEARING SCALED COORDINATES WERE TRANSLATED TO THE LOCAL COORDINATE SYSTEM BY THE MEAN ANGLE OF THE PLAN SHEET T-122-1200. ALL COORDINATE VALUES REPRESENT CIRCULAR DISTANCES OBTAINED TO TRUE NORTH.
4. A 5/8" X 3/8" REBAR WITH 2' ALONG (PER 5, 2007) SET CORNERS OF THE SUBDIVISION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.
5. THE BEST ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY IS FROM STATE OF ALASKA DETAIL RIGHT-OF-WAY MAP ALASKA PROJECT No. 100-01-01(10) THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND PROVISIONS OF THE ALASKA CONVEYANCE AGREEMENTS AS SHOWN ON THIS PLAN AND THE BOUNDARY LINES OF LOT 1.
6. THE FRONT 15 FEET ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE 3 FEET ADJACENT TO SIDE LOT LINES (UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE) SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS PLACED WITHIN AN EASEMENT WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE ABILITY OF A UTILITY TO USE THE EASEMENT.
7. THE BEST ELECTRIC AND TELEVISION LINE EASEMENT INCLUDING COPS AND ANCHORS.
8. PORTIONS OF THE SUBJECT LOTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS OR ENCUMBRANCES PRIOR TO ANY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY IN RELATION.
9. NO PERMANENT STRUCTURE SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED OR PLACED ON THESE LOTS TO USE THE EASEMENT WITH THE ABILITY OF THE UTILITY TO USE THE EASEMENT AND SERVED.
10. THESE LOTS WILL BE SORTED BY CITY OF ANCHORAGE AND SERVED.
11. NO ACCESS TO STATE MAINTAINED RIGHTS-OF-WAY PERMITTED UNLESS APPROVED BY THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY AND AIRPORTS.
12. THESE LOTS IS SUBJECT TO THE CITY OF ANCHORAGE ZONING REGULATIONS.


**COINTE TABLE**

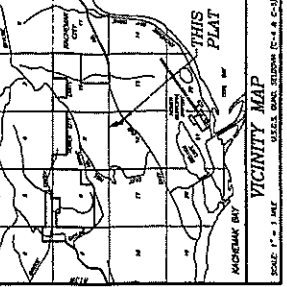
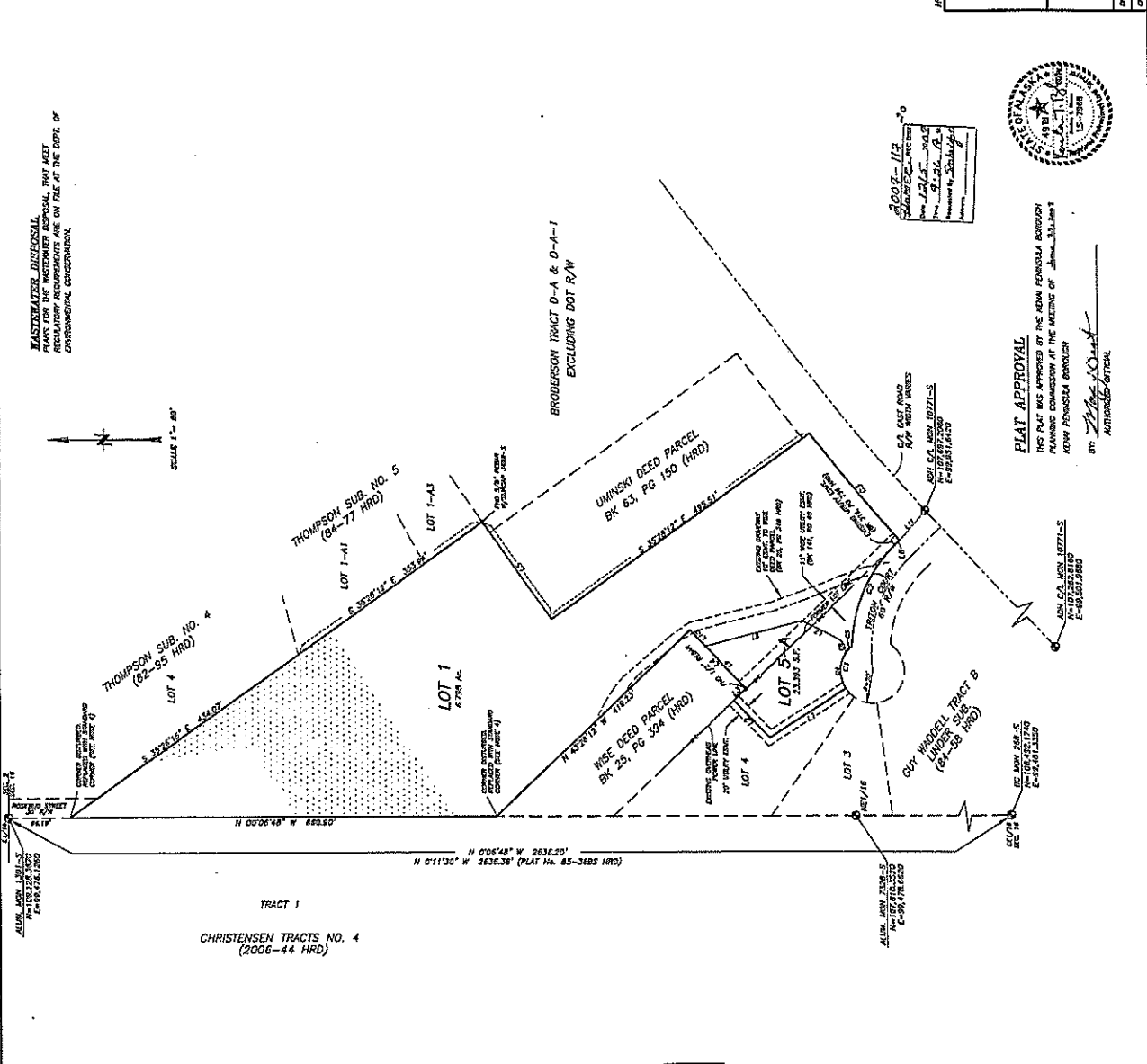
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**LINE TABLE**

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
1	N 0°11'30" W	2636.20'
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**LEGEND**

 IMPROVED AREA IN EXCESS OF THE GRADE



**CERTIFICATE OF KENNESHA**  
I, *[Signature]*, Surveyor, do hereby certify that the above described plat was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly licensed and bonded Surveyor of the State of Alaska. I am a duly licensed and bonded Surveyor of the State of Alaska. I am a duly licensed and bonded Surveyor of the State of Alaska.

**NOTARY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
I, *[Signature]*, Notary Public for Alaska, do hereby certify that the above described plat was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly licensed and bonded Surveyor of the State of Alaska.

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I, *[Signature]*, Notary Public for Alaska, do hereby certify that the above described plat was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly licensed and bonded Surveyor of the State of Alaska.

**NOTARY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
I, *[Signature]*, Notary Public for Alaska, do hereby certify that the above described plat was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly licensed and bonded Surveyor of the State of Alaska.

**PLAT APPROVAL**  
THE PLAT WAS APPROVED BY THE ANCHORAGE PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE MEETING OF JANUARY 31, 2007.  
ANCHORAGE OFFICIAL

# GUY WADDELL SUBDIVISION, UMINSKI DEED OF RECORD

## BOUNDARY SURVEY

H.R. BOOK 104 PAGE 130 & BOOK 101 PAGE 79, B63-P150  
A PORTION OF TRACT "C", GUY WADDELL BOUNDARY SURVEY  
LOCATED IN NE 1/4 SEC. 16, T6S, R13W, S.M., CITY OF HOMER, AK.

SCALE 1" = 100'  
AREA = 9.026 AC.  
8-8-1984  
BY JUNE UMINSKI 173 W. PIONEER AVE. HOMER, ALASKA 99603

### PLAT APPROVAL

This plat was approved by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission on 02-18-1974  
for recording by the State Recorder as a Deed of Record Boundary Survey.

BY [Signature] OFFICIAL DATE

### LEGEND

- ✦ - 1917 brass cap monument by GLO, found
- ⊙ - 1971 brass cap mon. by 268-S, found
- ⊙ - 1979 brass cap mon. by 3686-S, found
- - 1974 aluminum mon. by 1301-S, found
- - 5/8" rebar, found
- o - 1/2" x 2" rebar, set
- ( ) - record

### OWNERS CERTIFICATE AND DEDICATION

We hereby certify that we are the owners of the property shown and described hereon, and that we hereby adopt this plan of subdivision, and dedicate all R.O.W.'s to public use, and grant all easements to uses shown.

Jane Uminski 173 W. Pioneer Ave.  
JUNE UMINSKI HOMER, AK. 99603

### NOTARY'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

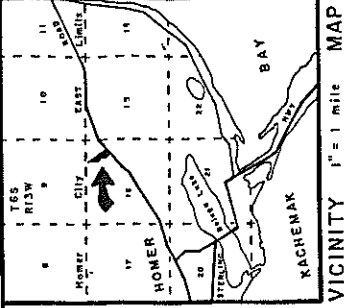
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of March, 1984.

[Signature]  
NOTARY FOR ALASKA

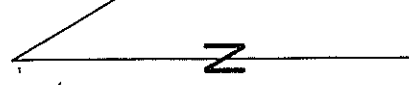
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COMMISSION EXPIRES APR. 3, 1984

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVAL FOR  
RECORDING SUBDIVISION  
PLAT WITH ADEP



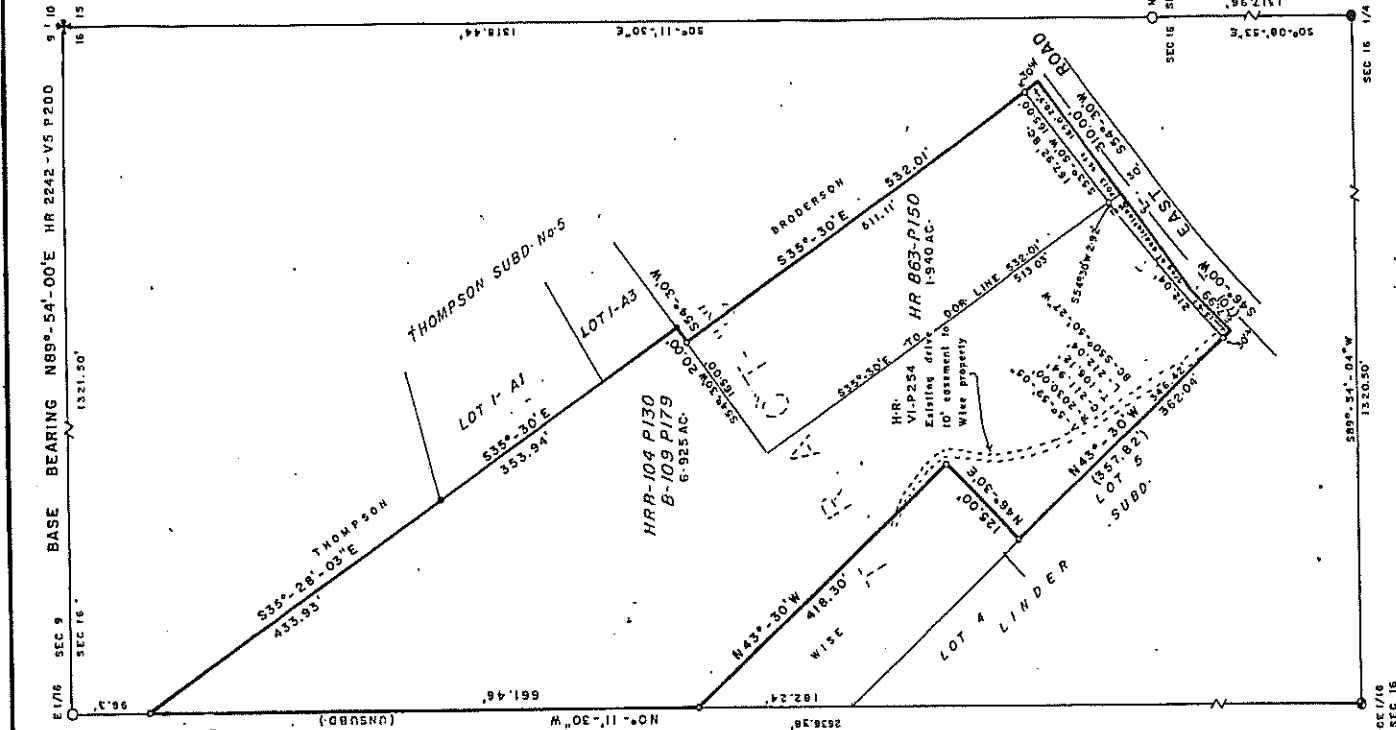
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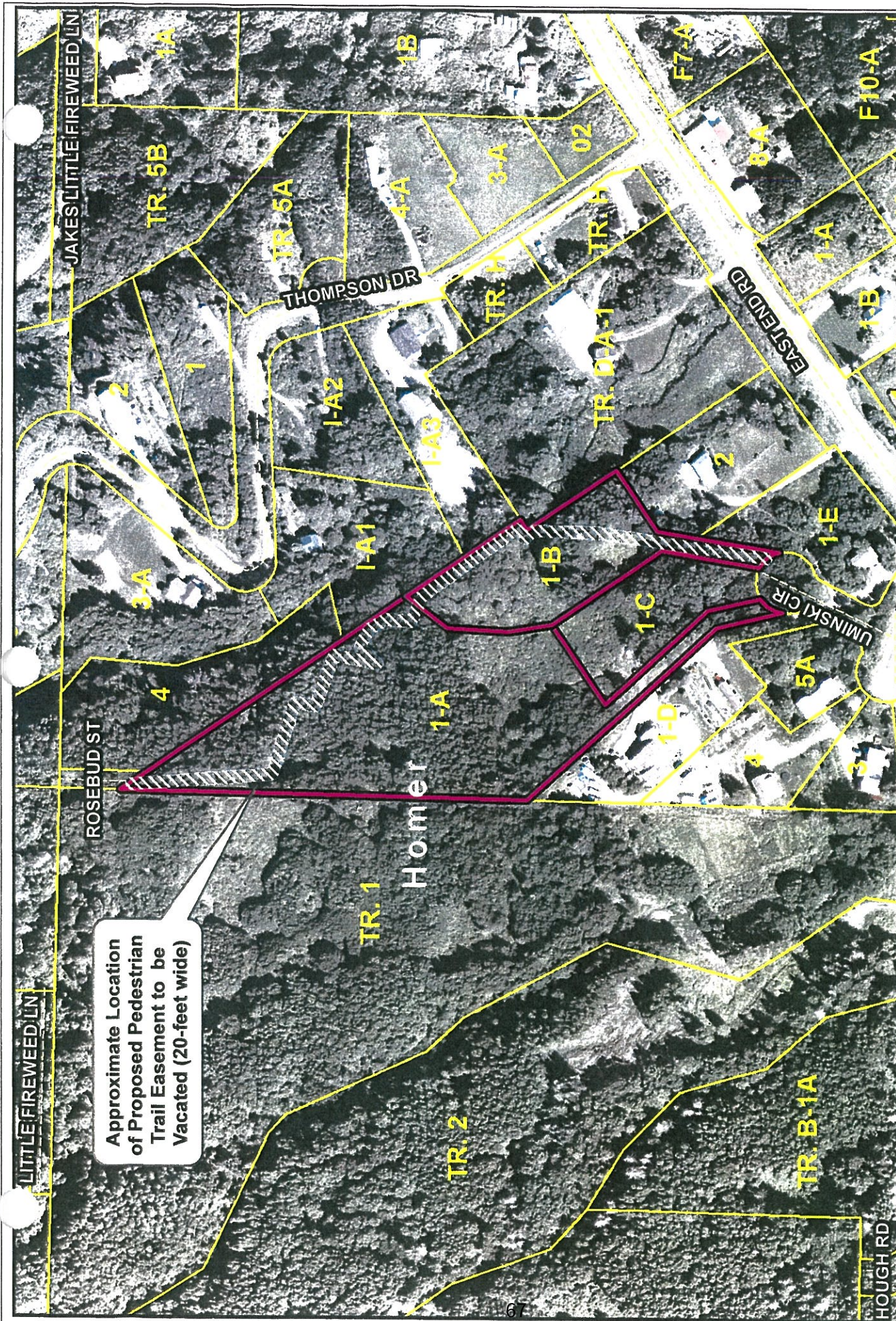
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HOMER, AK. DIST.  
DATE 3-22-85  
BY J. J. [Signature]  
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BOX 27  
99568  
BUCK, AK.







Approximate Location of Proposed Pedestrian Trail Easement to be Vacated (20-foot wide)

Subject Parcels

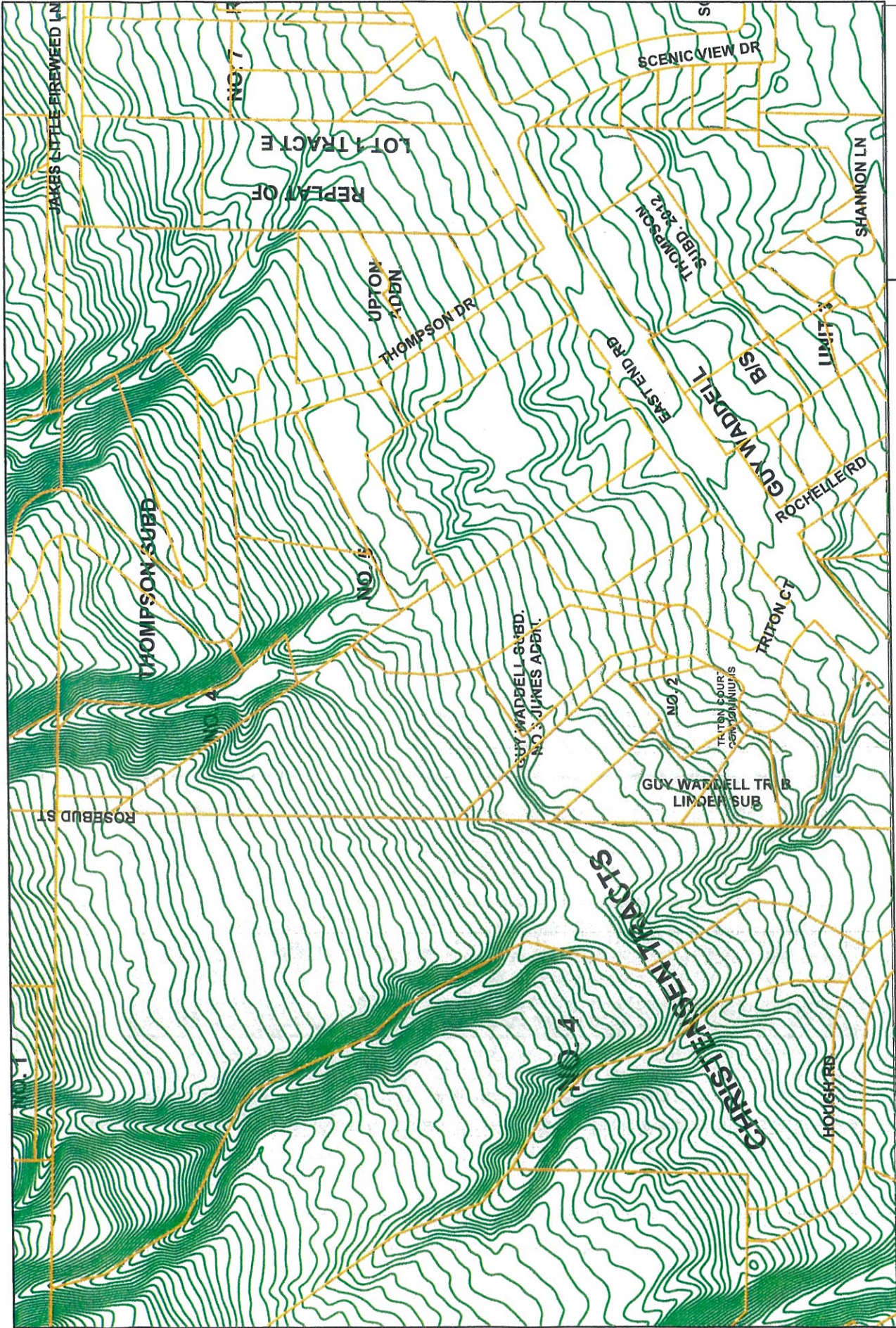


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Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department

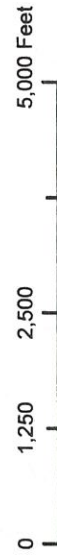
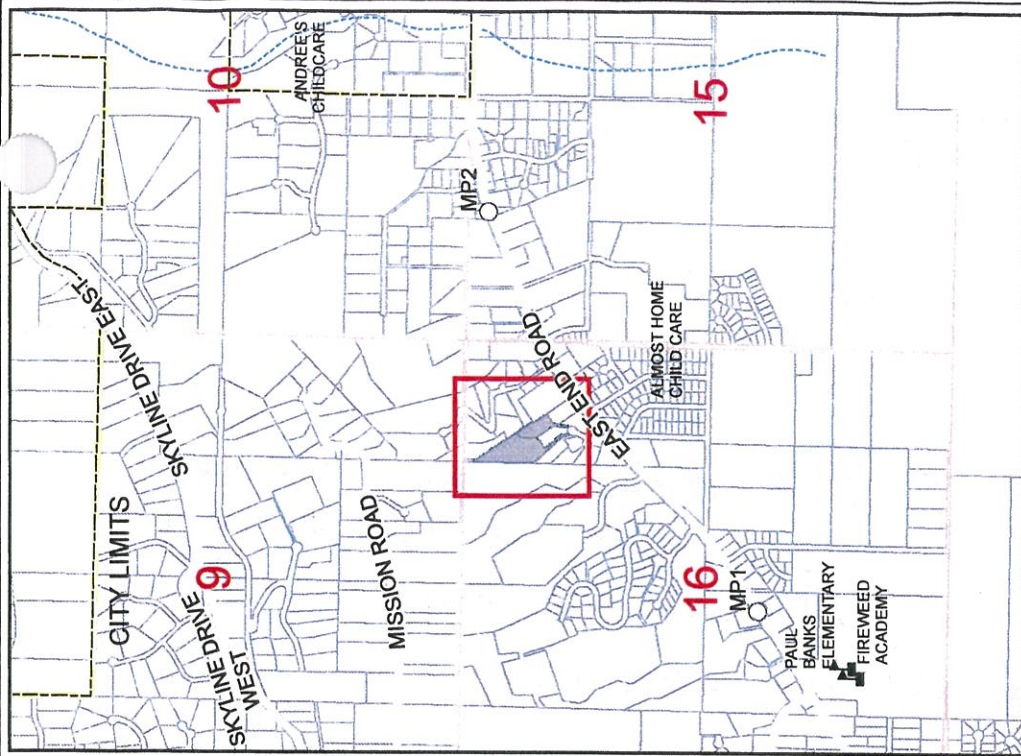
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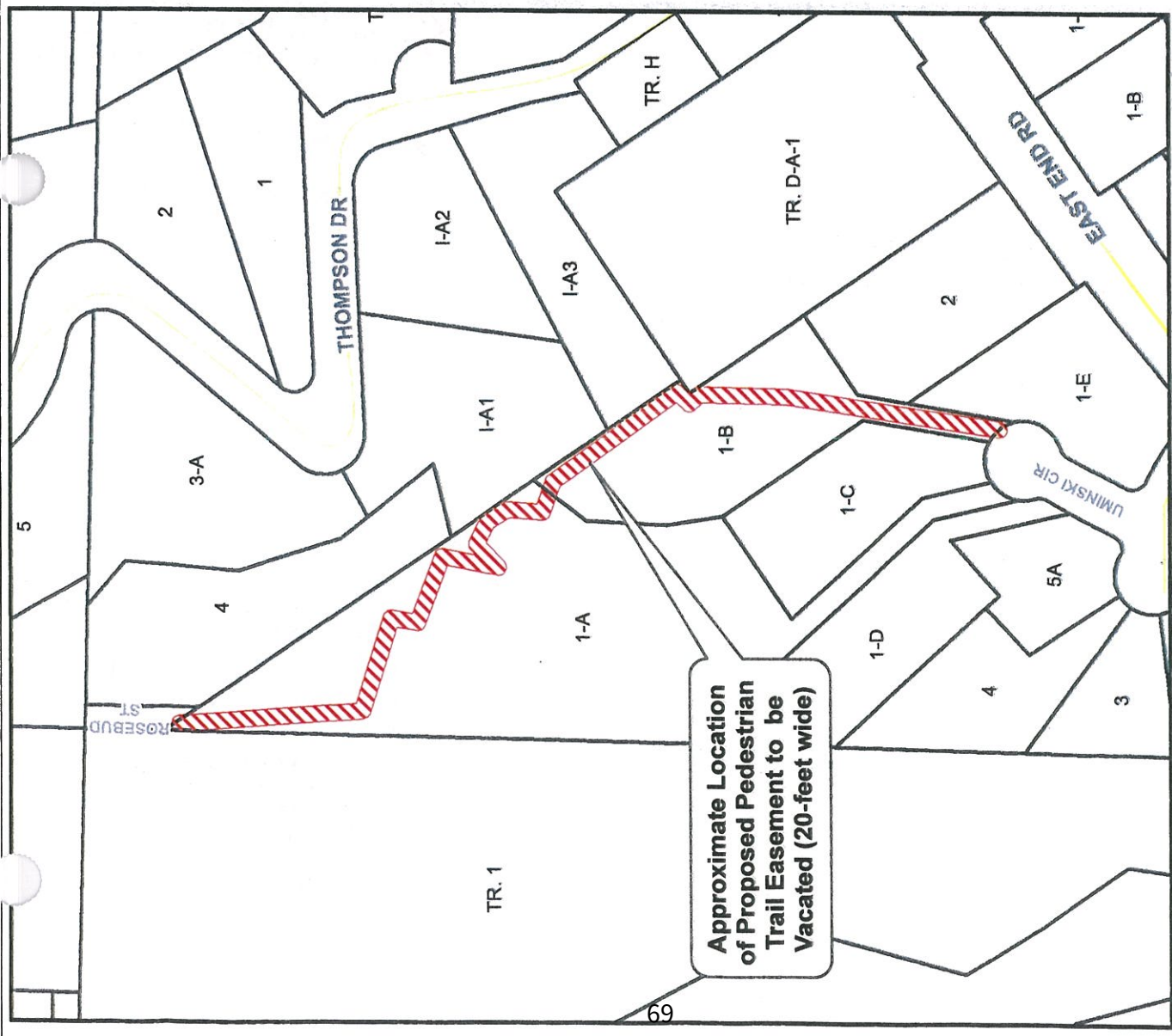
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**KPB 2016-136  
T06S R13W S16  
CITY OF HOMER**

ESolomon, KPB  
Date: 11/1/2016



**Approximate Location  
of Proposed Pedestrian  
Trail Easement to be  
Vacated (20-foot wide)**

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11-07-2016

ATTN: LIZ SOLOMON  
KPB PLANNING DEPT

RE: VACATING TRAIL EASEMENT

MS. SOLOMON -

KENNETH R. (BOB) MOORE and FRANCES S.  
MOORE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO VACATING THE  
TRAIL EASEMENT ON LOTS 1A and 1B AS  
DESCRIBED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

*Kenneth R. Moore*  
KENNETH R. MOORE

*Frances S. Moore*  
FRANCES S. MOORE

RECEIVED  
NOV 10 2016  
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

*pbu*  
11-15-16

**Hartley, Patricia**

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**From:** Kasey Aderhold <kaseyaderhold@gmail.com>  
**Content:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 10:20 AM  
**To:** Hartley, Patricia  
**Subject:** Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission Letter of Support for Vacating Easement  
**Attachments:** Aderhold\_UminskiEasement\_KPBPC.pdf

To Whom It May Concern,

I have attached a written letter as testimony for the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission in regards to the Request to vacate a public trail easement at 1968 Uminski Circle, Lots 1A and 1B Guy Waddell Subdivision No. 3 June's Addition T6S R13W S16. Please forward this to the commission before their meeting on November 28, 2016 at 7:30pm.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Kasey Aderhold

Kasey Aderhold  
1205 Cook Way  
Homer, Alaska 99603

Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission  
144 North Binkley Street  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

November 23, 2016

RE: Vacate a public trail easement at 1968 Uminski Circle, Lots 1A and 1B Guy  
Waddell Subdivision No. 3 June's Addition T6S R13W S16

Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission –

I am writing to voice my support for vacating the public trail easement at 1968  
Uminski Circle, Lots 1A and 1B.

In July of this year, I put in an offer to buy Lot 1B that was accepted. This easement  
was not disclosed prior to the acceptance of my offer. During the seven-day period  
set aside for researching the property, my real estate agent Scott Connelly found a  
previously unknown plat that included this public trail easement through the  
middle of the lot. Since the easement greatly restricts and devalues the land for  
private use, I added an amendment to the original accepted offer to have the  
easement vacated prior to going through with the purchase. The current owners  
agreed to the amendment and have been working with the original surveyor  
through this process.

I am a big supporter of public trails, but there is no evidence that this trail is  
currently in use or would be of any use if developed. As someone born and raised in  
Homer who is looking for a permanent residence, I have found that options and  
available lots are limited within city limits. I have been locked in limbo since July,  
under a contract to purchase lot 1B once the easement has been vacated. I would  
like to conclude this pending transaction and be able to move forward with my  
plans.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Kasey Aderhold



Motion carried.

### **Presentations**

### **Reports**

PL 16-58, City Planner's Report

City Planner Abboud reviewed the staff report in included in the packet.

### **Public Hearings**

Testimony limited to 3 minutes per speaker. The Commission conducts Public Hearings by hearing a staff report, presentation by the applicant, hearing public testimony and then acting on the Public Hearing items. The Commission may question the public. Once the public hearing is closed the Commission cannot hear additional comments on the topic. The applicant is not held to the 3 minute time limit.

#### **A. Staff Report PL 16-61, Public Trail Easement Vacation in Guy Waddell Subdivision No. 3 June's Additions, Lots 1-A and 1-B**

City Planner Abboud reviewed the staff report. Mr. Abboud explained it is questionable if the easement is valid because it wasn't dedicated to anyone. Usually they go to the City and the City would accept the trail easement. The Borough questioned its validity as well.

Holly Brennan, applicant and property owner, commented this trail easement came to light when her sister was interested in purchasing the adjacent lot. Ms. Brennan explained she and her husband had no idea the trail easement was there; it was not disclosed by the seller or realtor during the purchase of the property, it was not identified by the title company in the title report, nor in the record of survey. The trail easement causes them to lose about 1/3 of an acre through the middle of their property and eliminates the privacy of the lot. In review of the recorded document regarding the trail easement the Kenai Peninsula Borough and City agree with the vacation.

Acting Chair Bos opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

There was no rebuttal from staff.

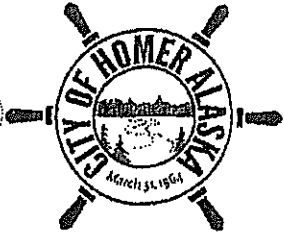
It was clarified this will eliminate the entire trail easement.

Commissioner Highland commented that she is an advocate for trails but agrees with the vacation in this instance.

VENUTI/ABRAHAMSON MOVED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVES STAFF REPORT PL 16-61 AND THE VACATION OF THE PUBLIC TRAIL EASEMENT IN GUY WADDELL SUBDIVISION NO. 3 JUNE'S ADDITION, LOTS 1-A AND 1-B.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT



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### Staff Report 16-61

TO: Homer Advisory Planning Commission  
 FROM: Rick Abboud, City Planner  
 DATE: October 19, 2016  
 SUBJECT: Staff Report PL 16-61, Vacation of Easement at Lot 1-A and 1-B Guy Waddell Subdivision No. 3

**Requested Action:** Request for approval for the vacation of a public trail easement. Conduct a public hearing, and forward a recommendation to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission.

### General Information:

Applicants:	Land Owners Paul and Holly Brennan T. Spurland, Uminksi Properties	Representative: Kenton Bloom, RLS
Location:	Uminksi Court, north of East End Road, and east of Triton Court	
Parcel ID:	17902091, 17902092	
Zoning Designation:	Rural Residential District	
Existing Land Use:	Single Family home, and vacant	
Surrounding Land Use:	North: Large lot residential South: Residential East: Ravine, residential West: Residential	
Comprehensive Plan:	This route is not shown in the Homer Non-Motorized Transportation and Trail Plan, an adopted part of Homer's Comprehensive Plan.	
Public Notice:	Notice was sent to 44 property owners of 70 parcels as shown on the KPB tax assessor rolls.	

### Introduction

This trail easement was dedicated with the recording of a plat in 2009. The trail is not constructed. It could be a potential route between Mission Road and East End Road, however the terrain is fairly steep, and more easements would be required to complete the trail connection.

**Analysis**

Public Works Comments: PW has no objections to the vacation of the Pedestrian Trail Easement in the Guy Waddell Subdivision. Planning staff has not received any public comment on the proposed vacation. The trail is unconstructed, and the terrain is fairly steep were the trail to extend to Mission Road or beyond. Staff does not find any compelling reason to retain this trail easement.

**Staff Recommendation:** Vacate the trail easement.

**Attachments**

1. Application
2. Public Notice



**Record in Homer Recording District**

**Easement for Public Trail**

Whereas, Uminski Properties, LLC. of P.O. Box 82, Ester, AK 99725, is the owner of the real property:

Guy Waddell Subdivision No. 3 June's Addition (Plat # 2009-33 H.R.D.), located in the NE ¼, Sec. 16., T. 6S., R. 13W., S.M., City of Homer, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Third Judicial District, Alaska. ("the property"); and

Whereas, Uminski Properties, LLC, desires to dedicate a 20 foot wide pedestrian trail centered along the centerline of the existing pedestrian trail (as depicted on the Record of Survey, Serial No. 2009-40 R.S.) on the property located in the NE ¼, Sec. 16., T. 6S., R. 13W., S.M., City of Homer, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Third Judicial District, Alaska.

Whereas, Uminski Properties, LLC desires that the public use the dedicated pedestrian trail easement for foot traffic and horse traffic and not for motorized traffic such as ATVs, motorcycles, or snow machines;

Now therefore, for good and valuable consideration, Uminski Properties, LLC hereby dedicates to the public for use as a pedestrian trail the 20 foot wide easement centered along the centerline of the existing pedestrian trail as depicted on the Record of Survey, Serial No. 2009-40 R.S.

Uminski Properties, LLC may develop and maintain the easement area but is expressly not obligated to do so. Nothing in this dedication to the public shall limit or prohibit the State of Alaska's ability to develop and maintain the easement area for the purposes for which the easement is created.

This easement shall run with the land and shall benefit the public.

Date: 2/22/10

By: T. Spurkland  
Tobben Spurkland,  
Uminski Properties, LLC

Its: Owner

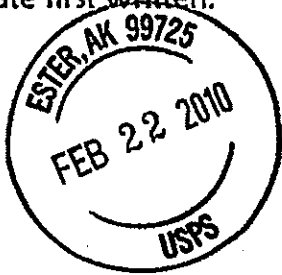
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TOBBEN SPURKLAND  
BOX 82  
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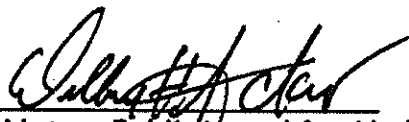
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Third Judicial District)

This is to certify that on this 22 day of February, 2010 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of Alaska, duly sworn and commissioned as such, personally appeared TOBBEN SPURKLAND, Owner of Uminski Properties, LLC, known to be the individual who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledgment to that said person signed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes herein described.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date first written.



  
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Notary Public in and for Alaska  
My Notary Expires: Postmaster, Ester AK 99725

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cc  
File for Record at Request of:  
**First American Title Insurance Company**

AFTER RECORDING MAIL TO:

Name: Paul Joseph Brennan and Holly Ann Brennan

Address: 350 Grubstake

Homer, AK 99603

File No.: **0222-2060671 (CL)**

### STATUTORY WARRANTY DEED

THE GRANTOR, **Uminski Properties, LLC**, whose mailing address is **PO Box 46, Seldovia, AK 99663**, for and in consideration of **TEN DOLLARS AND OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION**, in hand paid, conveys and warrants to **Paul Joseph Brennan and Holly Ann Brennan, husband and wife**, residing at **350 Grubstake, Homer, AK 99603**, the following described real estate, situated in the **Homer** Recording District, Judicial District, State of **Alaska**:

**Lot 1-A, GUY WADDELL SUBDIVISION NO. 3 JUNE'S ADDN., according to the official plat thereof, filed under Plat Number 2009-33, Records of the Homer Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska.**

SUBJECT TO reservations, exceptions, easements, covenants, conditions and restrictions of record, if any.

Dated: March 27, 2013.

Uminski Properties, LLC

  
By: Tobben Spurkland/Manger

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Statutory Warranty Deed-continued

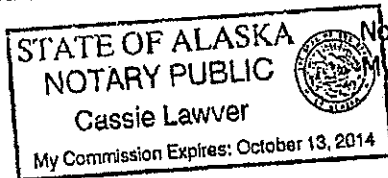
March 25, 2013

STATE OF Alaska )  
 ) SS.  
 Third Judicial District )

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on this 27 day of March, 2013, before me the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared **Tobben Spurkland**, known to me and to me known to be the **Manger** of the limited liability company that executed the within instrument and known to me to be the person who executed the within instrument on behalf of **Uminski Properties, LLC**, the limited liability company therein named and acknowledged to me that such limited liability company executed the same pursuant to Articles of Organization and Operating Agreement.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

*Cassie Lawver*  
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Notary Public in and for Alaska  
 My commission expires 10/13/14



To: Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission

From: Holly & Paul Brennan

Re: Request to vacate a pedestrian trail easement at 1968 Uminski Circle, Lots 1A and 1B Guy Waddell Subdivision NO. 3 June's Addition T6S R13W S16

Date: October 28, 2016

We fully support, as does the City of Homer Advisory Planning Commission, the vacation of this trail easement.

We spent six years looking for our perfect Homer property before purchasing Lot 1A of Guy Waddell Subdivision No. 3 June's Addition (now 1968 Uminski Circle). While we valued the privacy of the lot above all else, we were also sensitive to finding any restrictions/covenants that would limit the property's use. The property satisfied our requirements, so we purchased the raw land and built our home.

It wasn't until a few months ago, after owning the property for more than three years, that this trail easement document (recorded with KPB as 2009-40) was found. The discovery of this easement has shattered our world. The potential for people and animals traveling through the middle of our property eliminates the privacy of the home we just built, which includes several large windows (one of them in a bathroom) facing our backyard where this easement is dedicated. Additionally, the easement drastically reduces the area that we can develop, reducing the value of our property well below the amount we currently owe on our loan.

Our personal reasons for wishing to vacate this easement aside, records indicate that this easement has never been developed or used historically, nor would it benefit the public in the future.

- Up to and including the current property plat (2009-33), there is no mention or indication of a trail. A Record of Survey was recorded separately, weeks later. The easement dedication was recorded months after that, on March 4, 2010. Prior to this date there is no mention of an easement in any documents related to this subdivision.
- The easement has no connection to any other easement or right-of-way. As described, the easement ends at Rosebud Street, a remnant of a right-of-way that has no connection to any potential or developed road or trail system. KPB Plat Committee waived the requirement to provide a connection to this right-of-way when approving the current 2009-33 subdivision plat on August 10, 2009.

It is our hope that this nightmare will end with the vacation of this trail easement, so that we may continue to use and enjoy our property as we had prior to the discovery of the easement.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Holly & Paul Brennan  
1968 Uminski Circle  
Homer AK 99603





Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department  
 144 North Binkley  
 Soldotna, Alaska 99669-7599  
 Toll free within the Borough 1-800-478-4441, extension 2200  
 (907) 714-2200

**Petition to Vacate Public Right-of-Way/Easement/Platted Public Area  
 Public Hearing Required**

Upon receipt of complete application with fees and all required attachments, a public hearing before the Planning Commission will be scheduled. The petition with all required information and attachments must be in the Planning Department at least 30 days prior to the preferred hearing date. By State Statute and Borough Code, the public hearing must be scheduled within 60 days of receipt of complete application.

\$500 non-refundable fee to help defray costs of advertising public hearing.  
 City Advisory Planning Commission. Copy of minutes at which this item was acted on, along with a copy of City Staff Report. PATTI HARTLEY HAS, PER EMAIL 10/28 W/ HOLLY BRENNAN  
 Name of public right-of-way proposed to be vacated is dedicated by the plat of GUY WADDELL SUB NO. 3 JUNE'S ADD. Subdivision, filed as Plat No. 2009-40 in KPB-HOMER Recording District.

Are there associated utility easements to be vacated?  Yes  No  
 Are easements in use by any utility company? If so, which company N/A  
 Easement for public road or right-of-way as set out in (specify type of document) PLAT 2009-40 as recorded in Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ of the HOMER Recording District. (Copy of recorded document must be submitted with petition.) RECORDED 3/4/2010

Submit three copies of plat or map showing area proposed to be vacated. Must not exceed 11x17 inches in size. In the case of public right-of-way, the submittal must include a sketch showing which parcels the vacated area will be attached to. Proposed alternative dedication is to be shown and labeled on the sketch.

Has right-of-way been fully or partially constructed?  Yes  No  
 Is right-of-way used by vehicles / pedestrians / other?  Yes  No  
 Is alternative right-of-way being provided?  Yes  No

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The petitioner must provide reasonable justification for the vacation. Reason for vacating:  
TRAIL EASEMENT SERVES NO CONNECTING TRAILS

The petition must be signed (written signature) by owners of the majority of land fronting the right-of-way, easement, or platted public area proposed to be vacated. Each petitioner must include address and legal description of his/her property.

Submitted By: Name: T. Squelbala Signature as:  Petitioner  Representative  
 Address: P.O. Box 46  
Seldovia AK 99663

Petitioners: Paul J Brennan PAUL J BRENNAN  
 Signature: Holly Brennan Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: HOLLY BRENNAN Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: 1968 UMINSKI CIR HOMER Address: \_\_\_\_\_

