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Memorandum 21-203

TO:	HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM:	KEN CASTNER, MAYOR
DATE:	DECEMBER 8, 2021
SUBJECT:	RE-APPOINTMENT OF KARIN MARKS TO THE KENAI PENINSULA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Homer City Code 2.76.040(i) directs that the Economic Development Advisory Commission should provide a representative for the KPB Economic Development District Board.

The seat is for three years, commencing in January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2024.

The Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District (KPEDD), a private non-government resource, enhances the quality of life for Borough residents through responsible and sustainable regional economic development.

Since 1988, KPEDD has been involved in a variety of projects, including public works projects, shellfish industry development, international trade, promoting a North Slope Natural Gas Pipeline to Cook Inlet, infrastructure development, workforce planning, community action plans, and tailored business assistance. Each year KPEDD hosts the Industry Outlook Forum, an educational event held in alternating communities which discusses current federal, state, local, and industry projects.

Goals and objectives are developed with broad community support in the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, or CEDS. These identified goals and action plans shape the economic development for the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

RECOMMENDATION: Confirm the re- appointment of Karin Marks as the EDC Representative on the KPEDD Board.

Fiscal note: N/A