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## Travel Authorization for Mayor Castner, and Council Members Hansen, Lord, and Erickson to attend the Alaska Municipal League Winter Conference in Juneau, Alaska February 20-22, 2024

**Item Type:** Action Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
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The Alaska Municipal League (AML) Winter Legislative Conference will take place in Juneau, Alaska February 20-22, 2024. Mayor Castner and Councilmembers Hansen, Lord, and Erickson have indicated an interest in attending.

The AML is a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan, statewide organization of 140 cities, boroughs, and unified municipalities, representing over 97 percent of Alaska's residents. Originally organized in 1950, the League of Alaska Cities became the Alaska Municipal League in 1962 when boroughs joined the League.

Meetings include Alaska Conference of Mayors, AML Board, committees and meeting with Legislators.

Cost estimates for travel include round trip airfare from Homer to Juneau \$700 and room rates at \$239 per night Feb. 16 to 18 only and \$259 per night for any additional nights. Per Diem is \$58 per day, for three meals. Conference cost is \$200. The approximate total cost without any additional night's stay is \$1500 per person.

In consultation with the City Attorney, it's recommended that not more than three Council members attend the conference to avoid potential complications with the Open Meetings Act.

**Recommendation:** Approve travel for Mayor Castner and Council Members Hansen, Lord, and Erickson to attend the AML Winter Legislative Conference in Juneau, February 20-24, 2024.