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#### Written Testimony

Regarding Commissioner Scott Smith - chair of Planning Committee.

In regards to his dismissal. There are no grounds for dismissal - he is upstanding, caring and fair adult. On the person that is filing this motion to dismiss - I believe that there is substantial background on him and his continuous attacks on the councils within the city of Homer, to see past the smoke he is creating - make a fair judgement in favor of Mr Scott Smith.

#### Electronic Signature

Jill C Shimko

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Hi Melissa,

Would you please provide this to the PC for tonight's meeting?

Thanks

Julie

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**From:** Travis Brown <[tbrown@ci.homer.ak.us](mailto:tbrown@ci.homer.ak.us)>  
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**To:** Julie Engebretsen <[JEngebretsen@ci.homer.ak.us](mailto:JEngebretsen@ci.homer.ak.us)>; Rick Abboud <[RAbboud@ci.homer.ak.us](mailto:RAbboud@ci.homer.ak.us)>  
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**From:** Jones  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:26:04 PM (UTC-09:00) Alaska  
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Written Testimony for the Planning Commission Name: Terry Jones Email: [tjonesrjones@gmail.com](mailto:tjonesrjones@gmail.com) Phone: 19074357694 Residency: Meeting to Participate In: Planning Commission Special Meeting (if scheduled) Thu, 04/15 Comments of the Audience - Citizens may comment on any topic. Written Testimony:  
The petition to ban Scott Smith from the Planning Commission submitted by Frank Griswald has no merit. Scott Smith is a man of great integrity and honesty. He is the kind of person Homer needs on its planning commission.  
Electronic Signature: Terry Jones Submitted on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 - 5:26pm The results of this submission may be viewed at: <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/node/60481/submission/46222>

**From:** [Matt & Jill Hockema](#)  
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We are writing to oppose the motion for disqualification and termination of Commissioner Scott Smith submitted by Frank Griswold.

We do not feel Mr. Smith's remarks were inappropriate or reprehensible as Mr. Griswold claims. Mr. Smith admitted that he has not participated in public hearings, nor has he been exposed to the procedures prior to serving on this board. As each of you know, there is always a learning curve when stepping up to serve on any board or commission. The comment from Mr. Smith, "I giggled at the end of it when I got off, that's for sure," does not, and should not, disqualify him from serving on the Planning Commission, nor does it make him unsuitable to serve on the board or in any pending appeals.

Once again, Mr. Griswold is wasting the city's time, resources, and money with another frivolous appeal/lawsuit. Please vote to to allow Mr. Smith to continue on as a chair on the Planning Commission and dismiss Mr. Griswold's appeal.

Sincerely,  
Matthew & Jill Hockema  
907-235-3798  
Homer, AK

**From:** [Cassie Lawver](#)  
**To:** [Department Clerk](#); [Mayor Email](#)  
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Commissioner Frank Venuti  
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Commissioner Charles Barnwell  
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Commissioner Kalie Petska-Rubalcave  
Commissioner Roberta Highland  
Rick Abboud, City Planner  
Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner  
Ken Castner, Mayor  
Rob Dumouchel, City Manager  
Jan Keiser, Public Works Director

I am writing in opposition of Frank Griswold motion for disqualification and termination of Commissioner Scott Smith. As each of you know, it is it a learning curve when you step up to serve on a commission/board. Unfortunately it is "learn as you go". And Mr. Griswold also quoted Mr. Smith. I don't think that quote is grounds for disqualification. I am just shock that your time is being wasted on this motion. Nothing I read in Mr. Griswold motion was "inappropriate". Please vote to throw out this motion. It does not hold merit and is a time waster. Mr. Smith should carry on as a chair on the Planning Commission.

Thank you,  
Cassie Lawver

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**From:** [AdamHykes@protonmail.com](mailto:AdamHykes@protonmail.com)  
**To:** [Department Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Special Planning Commission Meeting 4/15  
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Dear City Planning Commision or whom it may concern,

I am in no way troubled by Commissioner Smith's comments, which now have him "in the hot seat". I am however a bit suprised that this simple comment is the basis for Mr. Griswold attempt to remove Mr. Smith from his position. Its a fairly innocuous comment, I had to read it twice because I thought I had missed something. This strikes me as a political move rather than anything remotely close to "reprehensible conduct", as Mr. Griswold asserts.

Its a small town, and I can vouch for the conduct of Mr. Scott Smith. I have known him for a number of years, and his integrity is impeccable. He is a pretty straight shooter though, and his "just says it like it is" style is likely to ruffle the feathers of some. This is simply Mr. Smiths personality. Its fine if someone doesn't like him on a personal level, but that's not a matter of professional conduct. Lets be adults here.

Respectfully,  
Adam Levi Hykes

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Wed, 04/14/2021 - 5:26pm

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**Last Name** Jones

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**Phone Number**

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**From:** [Doug](#)  
**To:** [Department Clerk](#)  
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Scott Smith should not be removed from planning commission for the reason stated! It was insignificant and clearly an attempt to remove him without just cause! Thanks Doug Stuart

Sent from my iPhone