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To the LBC,

My name is Jason Ross. I have lived in Nikiski since I was 8 years old in 1982. I was a freshman when our high school first opened. Nikiski has fought hard for everything we have. And most of our opposition since the 1960's has been from the borough itself. We send our tax dollars to Binkley street and they decide how much to return. Last year we sent 2.2 million dollars of road service tax money to the borough, they allowed 650,000 to come back to Nikiski but only spent 370,000 on our roads. We have hundreds of borough roads out here. They took the road service and centralized it without a vote of the people in 1991 after the people voted to tax themselves for the opportunity to maintain our roads with our money. I'm tired of calling the borough road maintenance department about the condition of my road I live on to have it fall on deaf ears. I'm also tired of the borough negotiating the crappy contracts with the contractors and ties their hands on the ability to do the work to the standards required by the borough.

The borough has a comprehensive plan that does not line up with Nikiski values, and probably any unincorporated area of the borough.

The idea of self determination and going our own direction is what I like the most about incorporating. When something comes in that affects Nikiski, we do not get a say in the matter, instead we get to deal with the result of that affect.

Nikiski has almost 6000 people living within its boundaries and have no voice. No opportunity to say yes or no to the things that affect us.

The boundaries of our service areas were decided by the borough and the state, not by the residents.

If the borough has its way Binkley street will take over all our service areas as they have the road service into one huge centralized government. For them it's about the dollars and control. For us it's about self determination and striking our own direction.

Thank you,

Jason Ross

Sent from my iPhone