Notice of Preliminary Report Concerning the Petition to Incorporate Nikiski as a Home Rule City

The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (Department) is issuing a preliminary report on May 10, 2017, regarding the petition to incorporate Nikiski as a home rule city. The preliminary report contains the department's findings and a recommendation to the LBC. The department recommends the LBC deny the petition. The report, petition, and all related materials are available on the LBC website:

https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/LocalBoundaryCommission/2016PetitionforIncorporationofNikiski. aspx

The publication of this report opens a public comment period. Interested persons or entities may submit written comments with the department regarding this preliminary report. Comments should also be sent to the petitioner's representative at the address below. Comments sent to the department should be accompanied by a statement that the comment was also submitted to the petitioner, or the commenter should notify the department of an inability to send a comment to the petitioner in accordance with 3 AAC 110.480. Comments must be received in the office below by <u>4:30 p.m., Monday, June 12, 2017</u>:

LBC staff, 550 W. 7th Ave., Ste.1640, Anchorage, AK 99501; Fax: 907-269-4563; Email: LBC@alaska.gov

Please also submit the comments to the petitioner's representative: Stacy Oliva, P.O. Box 7925, Nikiski, AK 99635; info@nikiskiinc.org; Fax: 907-776-8838

Following receipt and consideration of comments on this preliminary report, the department will issue a final report. The regulation found in 3 AAC 110.530 sets out the procedures governing departmental reports. The LBC will then hold at least one public hearing on the petition. If the LBC approves the petition, incorporation will be subject to a vote by registered voters within the proposed city.

Questions may be directed to the department at the above mailing address, email address, or fax number, or by calling 907-269-4559.

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