

LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

STATE OF ALASKA

In the Matter of the Petition to )  
Incorporate Nikiski as a Home Rule )  
City, )  
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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH’S COMMENTS REGARDING THE PRELIMINARY REPORT OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION  
OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS (“DCRA”)

The Kenai Peninsula Borough (“KPB”) has reviewed the Preliminary Report to the Local Boundary Commission (“LBC”), dated May 10, 2017, responding to the petition to incorporate Nikiski as a home rule city. The KPB appreciates the report’s thorough analysis of the citizens’ petition. The KPB agrees with the DCRA’S analysis that the petition fails to meet certain standards for incorporation of a home rule city. Notably, the report cited the petition’s lack of justification for including in the city of Nikiski the large substantially unpopulated area on the West Side of Cook Inlet and the entirety of Cook Inlet. The report also noted the petition does not offer additional services to those already provided by the borough in the proposed area of incorporation. The report correctly determined that such a far-reaching incorporation would not meet the state standards required to incorporate a home rule city.

The KPB reaffirms its original brief filed with the LBC on March 8, 2017, and has no new information to provide at this time.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017, at Soldotna, Alaska.

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