

LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

STATE OF ALASKA

In the Matter of the Petition to)
Incorporate Nikiski as a Home Rule)
City,)
_____)


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 31st day of May, 2017, at Soldotna, Alaska.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH



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) ss.
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT)


I, Cynthia Balsler, upon oath, hereby state the following based upon my information and belief and not otherwise:

1. I am employed by the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and,
2. On the 31st day of May, 2017, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the Kenai Peninsula Borough's Comments Regarding the Preliminary Report of the Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development, Division of Community & Regional Affairs ("DCRA"), Dated May 10, 2017 on the following:

Stacy Oliva, Petitioner's Representative
PO Box 7925
Nikiski, AK 99635


Cynthia Balsler

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, the undersigned Notary Public for the State of Alaska on this 31 day of May, 2017, at Soldotna, Alaska.


Notary Public for the State of Alaska
My commission expires: 9/27/19

