



MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Klein, Chair and
Members of the Board

DATE: January 31, 2016

FROM: Cynthia Franklin
Director, ABC Board

RE: Bethel Spirits #5447

This is an application for a new license to which we have received one or more public objections. The stated reason for the objection is that liquor licensed establishments harm public health and safety objectives in Bethel and its neighboring villages.

Date objection received	January 19, 2016
Notice given for hearing?	Yes, 20 days notice in public notice for meeting
Statutes/Regulations Applicable	AS 04.11.470; AS 04.11.510(b)(2); AS 04.11.320(a)(1)
Question before the board	<p>1) The board should consider, after a review of all relevant information, whether the issuance of the license would be in the best interest of the public pursuant to AS 04.11.320(a)(1)</p> <p>2) The board may use any objection and the reaction of the public and local governing body to the license, as ascertained after holding the hearing under AS 04.11.510(b)(2) to assist in its determination of the answer to question number 1 above.</p>
Board Action	<p>Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Issue license2) Deny; issue written findings of fact in support of decision per AS 44.62

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January 19, 2016

Cynthia A. Franklin
Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Commission Board
Atwood Building,
550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1600,
Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: Objection to Liquor Licenses in Bethel, AK

Dear Ms. Franklin:

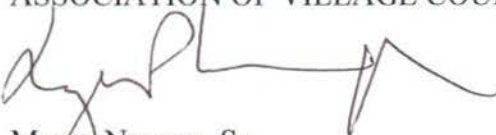
On behalf of the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), the 56 Native tribe and villages served by our non-profit organization, and as a non-profit entity within the State of Alaska, we are hereby serving upon the ABC Board the attached Executive Board Resolution No. 15-04-01 dated April 22, 2015.

This resolution and letter is meant as an objection to the pending and approved liquor licenses in Bethel, Alaska. Specifically, license #5447, Bethel Spirits package store application for 750 Front Street; and license #5445, Fili's Pizza restaurant eating place application for 110 Osage Street and attached resolution are meant as an objection to those licenses.

Please forward on to the board members and we will be also sending this to the two establishments and will be emailed to joe.samaniego@alaska.gov as required by the objection guidelines set forth by the ABC Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to file this Objection and please feel free to contact AVCP General Counsel, Liz Pederson regarding this objection should the board feel necessary to do so.

Sincerely,
ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS


Myron Naneng, Sr.
President



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EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EXECUTIVE BOARD
BETHEL, ALASKA APRIL 22, 2015

RESOLUTION 15-04-01

TITLE: Opposing the Opening of Liquor Stores in Bethel

WHEREAS The Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) is the recognized tribal organization and non-profit Alaska Native regional corporation for its fifty-six member indigenous Native villages within Western Alaska and supports the endeavors of its member villages; and

WHEREAS AVCP fully supports its member villages in all aspects of their self-determination, health and well-being; and

WHEREAS Sobriety in our villages is a self-determination, public health and well-being issue of the greatest importance; and

WHEREAS Alcohol abuse causes significant disruptions and damage in the lives of our people, which is evidenced by alarmingly high rates of social disorder, including domestic violence, child neglect/abuse, criminal activity, increased rates of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, and the continually rising incidents of preventable death; and

WHEREAS The availability of alcohol for purchase at liquor stores in Bethel will increase access to alcohol locally, and negatively impact the flow of alcohol to outlying villages in the AVCP Region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Village Council Presidents Executive Board strongly urges the Bethel City Council to protest the liquor applications of Bethel Spirits, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bethel Native Corporation, the Alaska Commercial Company, and any other business establishment that is in the process of applying, or whose application is currently pending before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

ADOPTED by the Association of Village Council Presidents Executive Board on this 22nd day of April 2015 with a duly constituted quorum of members present.

James Paul, Vice-Chairman

Myron P. Naneng, Sr., President