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RE: Release of the *Public Review Draft Municipality of Anchorage Historic Preservation Plan (MOAHPP)*

Dear Community Council Members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to brief you on the *MOAHPP* at your meeting on February 21, 2018. We finalized the public review draft for release in March.

The *Public Review Draft MOAHPP* was unveiled at the Anchorage Museum's First Friday event on March 2, 2018 to 3000 people, "the largest crowd to ever to enjoy a First Friday event," according to Museum staff. There were a few community council members in attendance, and community council leadership. We truly appreciated having you there.

The First Friday reveal included a series of displays, a presentation, a short oral history film and meaningful conversation between MOA staff, Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) members, *MOAHPP* consultants and the public.

During the presentation, MOA staff gave a short overview of the *MOAHPP*, which discusses the economic (revitalization and incentives), and social (quality of life and identification of landmark resources) benefits of historic preservation. Draft Community Council Histories were also made available to the public, in support of action items identified in the *MOAHPP*.

The *MOAHPP* was developed in partnership with the HPC, and included public workshops, consultations, a public online survey, and interviews with a variety of stakeholders. The *MOAHPP* intends to provide direction to Anchorage's Historic Preservation Program by identifying visions, goals, and action items needed to support ongoing historic and cultural preservation in the Anchorage area.

The *MOAHPP Public Review Draft* is available at:

- * To view and download: www.AnchorageHistoricPreservationPlan.com,
- * Hard copies at: Planning Department Counter - 4700 Elmore Road, Anchorage.
- * Draft Community Council Histories are available directly from the Planning Department.

The *Public Review Draft MOAHPP* comment period ends April 30, 2018.

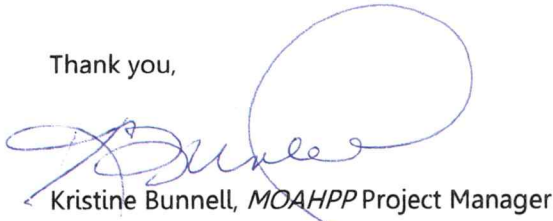
Hard copies are being disbursed to all community councils directly to individual addresses or the Federation of Community Council's center. Please contact either me, or Holly Spoth-Torres, project Public Involvement Lead, for any comments or questions at holly@huddleak.com or 907-223-0136.

We have also included the draft history of your community council area. Please feel free to share with your members, and add any information, histories, photos, or other ideas that you think will make the history of your area more informative.

Comments are due on the *Public Review Draft MOAHPP* by Monday April 30, 2018. The *Public Review Draft MOAHPP* will then be edited and published as a *Public Hearing Draft MOAHPP* sometime in July 2018.

I would be happy to present individually to your community council at your request. Please contact me at bunnellkr@muni.org, or 907.343.7993

Thank you,



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