

Resolution No. 2020-01

Subject: Municipality of Anchorage Emergency Order EO-16

Whereas; the Sand Lake Community Council is a private, not-for-profit, voluntary, self-governing association composed of residents, property owners, business owners, and representatives from the Sand Lake Community Council neighborhood designated by the Anchorage Assembly; and

Whereas; the purpose of community councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; and

Whereas; from time to time, the Sand Lake Community Council works alongside other community councils; and

Whereas; other Community Councils are considering a resolution substantially the same as this resolution; and

Whereas; Emergency Order EO-16, dated November 25, 2020, closes in-person dining and service at businesses in the hospitality industry, including restaurants, bars, breweries and nightclubs; and

Whereas; the closure of in-person dining at such businesses [will lead/has led] to massive layoffs of employees; and

Whereas; the thousands of employees losing their jobs already have been suffering financially due to earlier Emergency Orders or similar Mandates; and

Whereas; many of the employees losing their jobs were making at or near minimum wage; and

Whereas; the employees losing their jobs will be unable to provide for themselves or their families; and

Whereas; the overwhelming majority of employees of the hospitality industry and other affected industries wish to continue working; and

Whereas; in the aftermath of earlier Emergency Orders and similar Mandates, the large majority of businesses in the hospitality industry faithfully complied with those government instructions, adapting business operations to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and improve the safety of employees and customers; and

Whereas; Emergency Order EO-16 fails to take account of the human cost related to the consequences described above, such as increased unemployment, homelessness, depression, suicide, and reduced quality of life; and

Whereas; shutdowns contradict WHO and CDC guidelines on the societal costs thereof;

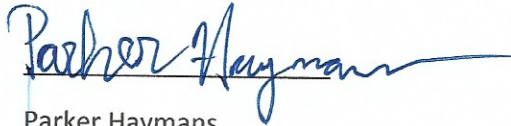
Whereas; current surge modelling may be based on faulty assumptions and predictions causing unnecessary and undue societal damage;

Whereas; government aid in the form of grants or loans to affected businesses has been insufficient to meet the needs of these businesses and their employees;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved; the Sand Lake Community Council requests the Acting Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage to immediately rescind or substantially modify Emergency Order EO-16;

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved; the Sand Lake Community Council requests that, if the Acting Mayor declines to rescind Emergency Order EO-16, the Assembly of the Municipality of Anchorage revoke emergency powers granted to the Acting Mayor

Adopted, this 14th day of December, 2020 by the Sand Lake Community Council.



Parker Haymans

SLCC President

16 votes in favor
11 votes against

12/14/2020

6 votes abstain