

Mountain View Community Council

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING MOUNTAIN VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY OPERATING HOURS

WHEREAS, The Mountain View branch of the Anchorage Public Library has been serving an increasing number of residents and visitors to the community of Mountain View since it reopened in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain View branch library is adjacent to Clark Middle School and highly utilized by after-school children; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain View branch library provides an invaluable resource to the community of Mountain View including access to the accumulated knowledge of the world to all who enter the library doors; and

WHEREAS, use of the Mountain View branch library increased drastically during its second year in operation, including increases of: 27% in circulation, 31% in people in the library, 49% in borrowers, and 90% in overall program attendance; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain View branch library operates for thirty-four hours per week; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain View branch library is part of Anchorage's community wide public library system which stretches from Eagle River to Girdwood; and

WHEREAS, a 2013 budget before the Anchorage Assembly for consideration proposes reductions in operating hours of all branch libraries of the Anchorage Public Library system to twenty one hours per week, representing a reduction of thirty eight percent (38%) of Mountain View branch library operating hours; and

WHEREAS, access to and use of the Mountain View branch library requires the library to be open; and

WHEREAS, reducing operating hours denies the community of Mountain View access to the very library they worked so hard for so long to open;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

The Mountain View Community Council urges the members of the Anchorage Assembly to provide operating funds in the 2013 library budget sufficient to maintain current operating hours of all libraries in the Anchorage Public Library System including the Mountain View branch library.

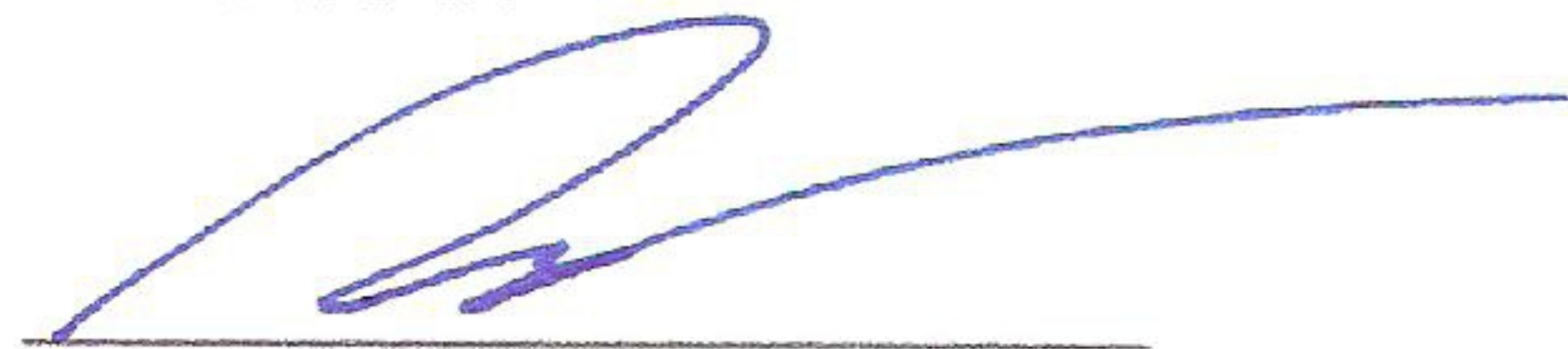
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Mountain View Community Council


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