

HOCC Reapportionment Resolution
Resolution to Support the South Anchorage and Hillside Community

WHEREAS, the Huffman O'Malley Community Council (HOCC) is dedicated to the advancement of issues related to living in the South Anchorage and Hillside area of the Municipality of Anchorage. We promote the character of our shared community experience and interests; and

WHEREAS, the Hillside is a well-established, cohesive neighborhood whose residents share neighborhood road connections and many common community connections; and

WHEREAS, Hillside is one neighborhood and our community is bound by the Hillside District Plan and represented by five Community Councils; and

WHEREAS, our community bond relies on our shared community experience and location. Neither lot size, drinking water source, or street maintenance source are important factors in our community definition. Our community is linked by lifestyle, shared location, close road access, and homestead history; and

WHEREAS, the Hillside has little community connection i.e., schools, churches, parks, shared stores and coffee shops, or community activities with Eagle River; and this connection between Hillside and Eagle River is only similar to any other part of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the population of Eagle River far outweighs the population on the Hillside proposed to move and therefore would divide our community and not represent the residents of the Hillside; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly must conduct Reapportionment after declaring itself malapportioned. That declaration was made November 23, 2021, and the deadline is to complete activity within six months to reapportion itself. We do not understand the rush to adopt maps with little time for boundary review. Anchorage Assembly's Reapportionment Committee has presented ten maps for review on February 9th, but these maps may not be the maps under consideration. This process seems rushed; and

WHEREAS, Reapportionment must consider 1) Districts must be compact, contiguous and a relatively integrated socioeconomic area, 2) The principle of equal protection and "one person, one vote" must be maintained.

WHEREAS, five of the maps remove portions of the Hillside and joins them with District 2 (Eagle River) which would remove a compact and contiguous district, does not keep common community interests together, and does not maintain 'one person one vote'; and

WHEREAS HOCC does not support maps that divide our community citing lot size as a division in our community. We do not support bringing all or portions of Hillside into District 2.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that HOCC urges the Assembly to support our community identity and allow the Hillside to stay separate from Eagle River in our representation. HOCC supports maps that keep the Hillside in District 6.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that HOCC supports reapportioned districts which keep the lower and upper Hillside together forming a district with boundaries similar to the Hillside District Plan and with road access to support community functions and a compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated district.

Resolved this 9th day of February 2022

Signature

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