WHEREAS the Huffman/O'Malley Community Council as stated in Article III of the Municipal Charter exists to afford citizens an opportunity for maximum community involvement and self-determination and Article IV to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in local affairs and to perform those functions and exercise those powers granted or permitted by the provisions of municipal code 2.40.050 and 2.40.060,

WHEREAS Huffman/O'Malley Community Council views the proposed ordinance AO 2022-60, as a threat to the Separations of Powers between the Executive and Legislative branch by making it possible to unseat the elected Mayor with a 2/3rds vote of the Assembly,

WHEREAS the Municipal Code already provides ways to unseat a Mayor through Referendum, Recall and violations as stated in the Code of Ethics,

WHEREAS this proposed AO 2022-60 will create instability, division, and discord in the Municipality of Anchorage now and in the future,

WHEREAS the Assembly and Mayor's office should have a healthy tension that keeps government balanced, and the minority represented,

WHEREAS the citizens of Anchorage expect both branches to approach disagreements and conflict in a respectful and productive manner without threat of an elected officials removal and to keep the best interest of Anchorage and its citizens as the priority,

WHEREAS action listed in the proposed AO 2022-60 as constituting a breach of the public trust, applying only to the Mayor, are already covered in the Code of Ethics,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Huffman/O'Malley CC supports the current Code that the branches of government within the Municipality of Anchorage stay separate, keeping the powers of the Assembly and the powers of the Mayor the same as contained in the Municipal Code as to retain public trust and avert the institutional chaos, further eroding of the public trust in its government.

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