

Taku Campbell Community Council Resolution

2023-01

A Resolution Opposing the proposed use of the Arctic Recreation Center and its property as a location for a low barrier shelter and other homeless services

WHEREAS, the Taku Campbell Community Council ("TCCC") is an organization representing the interests of the residents of the Taku Campbell area of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, most of the community councils have been excluded from the planning and identification of appropriate locations to consider for homeless services, and

WHEREAS, the Arctic Recreation Center, adjacent to the Taku Campbell Community Council has been identified as a location for a low-barrier homeless shelter by members of the Assembly and MOA, in an area with long established quiet neighborhoods, churches, schools, and parks, and became a topic of concern by our community during our regular March 9th meeting, and

WHEREAS, another option such as the Elmore Navigation site for homeless services, has the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) and the large ANMC campus of available services located immediately nearby and provides the associated services that are required to address drug and alcohol dependencies and mental health issues of this population, in addition to Providence Hospital, API, and Alaska Regional, and

WHEREAS, this Community Council feels strongly that all community councils and all Anchorage residents have the potential to benefit from continued use of the ARC as it is currently zoned and used, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Taku Campbell Community Council supports the voice of our community to oppose the proposed change in use of the ARC,

AND FURTHER RESOLVE THAT criteria must be established by the Assembly with involvement by the community and community councils in addressing homelessness issues and services prior to selection of any location for such facilities/services.

Resolved, this 13th day of April 2023.


Bernadette Bradley
Taku Campbell Community Council President

4/13/2023

Date

Vote: 9 in favor, and 3 opposed.