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## FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS Community Councils Center 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100 Anchorage, Alaska 99503

November 13, 2023

Dear Municipal Clerk Heinz,

The Federation of Community Councils (FCC) executive board offers the updated 2024 proposed budget for your review and consideration.

The previous proposed budget, submitted on November 1, 2023, shared a salary for a managerial position to perform FCC operations. The desire of the FCC executive board is to hire a director-level position, which includes expertise in the areas of finance and organizational leadership. We have a strong desire to offer a competitive salary and a benefits stipend competitive with other non-profit director positions. In addition, upon learning that the Ombudsman's Office will retain the \$10,000 for FCC training purposes, we removed that line from this budget.

Please accept the updated 2024 proposed budget, which reflects the will of the board. Our proposed budget continues to reflect the following commitments and values:

- The FCC will work to achieve a reputation as a well-run, effective, and efficient organization;
- The FCC will add value to community councils, their processes, services, and most importantly, their members and all Anchorage residents;
- The FCC will improve communications with community councils;
- The FCC will work with and through the Ombudsman's Office to conduct training opportunities, educating and empowering community members participating in community councils and municipal government; and
- The FCC will responsibly maximize efficiencies with overhead costs.

Lastly, our proposed budget acknowledges inflationary costs being felt locally and statewide.

The executive board envisions 2024 as a year of opportunity by hiring a fulltime director with strong financial experience and organizational leadership skills who will focus on important internal structural work, such as ensuring strict grant compliance, reviewing all internal policies, and streamlining financial policies and procedures to manage Anchorage taxpayer funds responsibly.

We believe this important work, over the long-term, will lead to improved and increased services for community councils.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Hall, FCC Treasurer