

**Downtown Community Council
Resolution 2023-11**

A Resolution Regarding a Neighborhood Produced “Call to Action”

Whereas, the Community Councils within the boundaries of the North Anchorage District 1 Assembly Seat have long experienced impacts associated with homelessness policies, and

Whereas, the Anchorage community has periodically established “Task Forces” for purposes of evaluating policy options, and

Whereas, the Anchorage Community has spent hundreds of millions developing an acceptable social and housing support system built to make homelessness brief and intermittent, and

Whereas, the numbers of homeless individuals continue to increase while federal financial resources are shrinking, and

Whereas, our Public Parks and Green Spaces are frequently subject to impromptu conversion for homeless encampments, and

Whereas, neighborhood businesses experience significant increases in pilferage, and security costs when a walk-in homeless shelter, allowed and unallowed homeless encampments are in close proximity, and

Whereas, neighborhood residents, property owners and the general public are often subjected to unwarranted abuse of persons and/or property, and

Whereas, Anchorage serves as the main services hub for Alaska and draws people from across the state, some of which are unable to return from where they come from, and

Whereas, there is an increasing realization the world we live in is undergoing a period of Disruptive Changes caused by advanced technologies (automation, robotics, digital economy, etc.), accelerating temperatures, increased global competition that collectively present severe challenges to individuals burdened with physical addictions, mental and/or behavioral health issues or other limiting factors, and

Whereas, our neighborhoods form the bedrock of a stable, civically engaged and caring community but current approaches to homelessness are producing rips in our civic fabric,

Whereas, the homelessness challenge requires an all hands-on deck attitude with everyone working together as a cohesive team, and

Whereas, the presence of a significant number of individuals from the Unincorporated Borough area of Alaska within Anchorage’s homeless population presents evidence the State of Alaska is not meeting its constitutional mandates to provide adequate services to the Unincorporated Borough.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Downtown Community Council supports the “Call To Action” produced by the volunteer efforts of Community Council leaders in the North Anchorage District 1 Assembly Seat area, and

Therefore, Be It Also Resolved the Downtown Community Council supports the Municipality and elected State officials working together to obtain sufficient funding to close the current gap between level of need and existing resources to address the homelessness situation in our communities.

The Downtown Community Council by unanimous vote (s) on this 29th Day of November, 2023
Approved Resolution 2023-11.

Attested To By

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