

February 11, 2019

**To:** The Honorable Leaders of the Alaska Senate and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Dear Senate President Giessel and Judiciary Committee Chair Shelley Hughes:

**Re: Trevor Shaw appointment to four-year term as a public member of the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct beginning March 1, 2019.**

My name is Susan Pickrell of Ketchikan Alaska. I currently serve on the Ketchikan Gateway Borough as an Assembly Member and as a Council Member of the Ketchikan Indian Community Tribal Council. The statements that I make in this letter are solely mine and do not represent the opinions or endorsement by any governmental body that I currently serve on. I am a lifelong citizen of Ketchikan, Alaska. In addition, I have served on the Ketchikan School Board three times, and was appointed to serve on a State Council and Committee by two Governors - Walter J. Hickel, and Governor Tony Knowles.

I have known Trevor Shaw for more than five years. I first met him when he was serving on the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School Board when he was eighteen years old. Over the years, I have served with him, in a variety of committees and capacities related to education and the greater Ketchikan area at large.

With regard to his service on the Ketchikan School Board, Trevor has always been an outstanding School Board Member and School Board President. Trevor is a talented communicator and is conscientious about letting the public know about the School Board's actions including the district's progress and challenges. Trevor is able to work well with others and was always respectful of the other board members and superintendent. While on the School Board, Trevor served on a Liaison Committee between all Ketchikan governmental bodies including the City of Ketchikan, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, City of Saxman and the School District. This committee was able to recommend a change in how funding is appropriated to the school district thereby eliminating the constant friction between the Borough Assembly and the School Board. In addition, under Trevor's leadership, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District was able to adopt a fiscally sound district budget, while working with the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly, which meant our community was able to set aside additional monies while other school districts are struggling to fund their districts. Finally, as an Alaska Native leader, I have been impressed with Trevor Shaw's support for the improvement of Alaska Native education. On numerous occasions, Trevor attended meetings with Native educators and leaders to listen to their concerns. Trevor has been vocal about the school districts and his personal commitment to improving the educational experience for Alaska Native students and their parents in our community.

I have also had the pleasure of knowing Trevor on a personal basis for the last two years and I have found him to be a community member of the highest caliber. Trevor is always polite, always respectful no matter who he is listening or speaking to. He is compassionate about the needs of others and always values the contributions of others as is evidenced by his service on the Ketchikan Youth Court, United Youth Courts of Alaska, and Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee.

The Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct would benefit from Trevor's commitment to the community of Ketchikan and the State of Alaska. This is well demonstrated by Trevor's record of public service for the last five years. He always shows up for meetings on time and well prepared; Trevor is an excellent community member and communicates with others the issues that are important to the community and State of Alaska in an effective and respectful manner. Trevor has earned the respect of his peers and was honored by being selected by the Alaska Journal of Commerce as one of *Alaska's Top Forty Under 40* in 2018.

I am honored to support the selection of Trevor Shaw on the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct and would be happy to provide any further information on this matter.

Sincerely,

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