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**Subject:** Sanctioning of Charitable Event - Alaska SeaLife Center Soiree 2024  
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Dear Legislators and Staff,

Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson, Chair of Legislative Council, has sanctioned the below charitable event:

- Alaska SeaLife Center Soiree 2024, to be held on Saturday, February 3 at the Anchorage Museum

Please see the below and attached information on the event and Senator Gray-Jackson's approval. Legislative Council at their February 3, 2005 meeting, granted the Chair of Legislative Council the ability to sanction charitable events under AS 24.60.080(a)(2)(B). The Chair would at the next scheduled Legislative Council meeting have the Council ratify the Chair's approval of the event(s). It will also be posted on the Intranet under Legislative Council Sanctioned Charitable Events [link](#).

Per AS 24.60.080(a)(2)(B) it allows lobbyists to give tickets to a charitable event to Legislators and legislative staff. The charity must be a 501(c)(3) corporation and the Legislative Council must give approval in advance of the gift giving. The value of the ticket counts against the annual limit on lobbyists (\$250).

Tickets from persons who are not lobbyists may exceed the \$250 gift limit. A disclosure of the value of the ticket is required within 60 days as well as gifts received at the particular charity event that have a value of \$250 or more.

Best regards,

Jessica

**Jessica Geary**  
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**From:** Jeff Stepp <Jeff.Stepp@akleg.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 2:23 PM

**To:** Jessica Geary <Jessica.Geary@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Request for Sanctioning of Charitable Event - Alaska SeaLife Center Soiree 2024

Jessica,

Per the email below, Senator Gray-Jackson has sanctioned the Alaska Sealife Center Soiree on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at the Anchorage Museum.

I have verified that the Seward Association for the Advancement of Marine Science, doing business as the Alaska SeaLife Center, is eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions.

Thank you,

Jeff

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**From:** Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson <[Sen.Elvi.Gray-Jackson@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Elvi.Gray-Jackson@akleg.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 2:04 PM

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**Cc:** Jeff Stepp <[Jeff.Stepp@akleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Stepp@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Request for Sanctioning of Charitable Event - Alaska SeaLife Center Soiree 2024

Dear Tara,

Please consider this email as approval for sanctioning the Alaska Sealife Center event described in your request (i.e., the Alaska Sealife Center Soiree). I will notify Jessica Geary, Executive Director, Legislative Affairs Agency. This action will then be ratified at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

You may move forward with your event.

I appreciate the Alaska SeaLife Center's mission to "generate and share scientific knowledge to promote understanding and stewardship of Alaska's marine ecosystems." Good luck with the soiree.

Sincerely,

*"Representing Your Interests"*

**SENATOR ELVI GRAY-JACKSON**

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**From:** Tara Riemer <[tarar@alaskasealife.org](mailto:tarar@alaskasealife.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:44 AM

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**Cc:** Jeff Stepp <[Jeff.Stepp@akleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Stepp@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** Request for Sanctioning of Charitable Event - Alaska SeaLife Center Soiree 2024

Dear Chair Gray-Jackson,

The Seward Association for the Advancement of Marine Science (SAAMS), doing business as the Alaska SeaLife Center, requests sanctioning by the Alaska Legislative Council for the Alaska Sealife Center Soiree. The Soiree will take place on the evening of Saturday, February 3, 2024, at the Anchorage Museum.

This event is a fundraiser and donor thank you event. Attendees will meet ASLC staff and board members, and be educated about the various aspects of the Alaska SeaLife Center's mission to generate and share scientific knowledge to promote understanding and stewardship of Alaska's marine ecosystems.

Proceeds from this event go to SAAMS dba Alaska SeaLife Center, a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization (Federal Tax ID Number 92-0132479). Proceeds will be used by the Alaska SeaLife Center to support program areas including education, research, and wildlife response.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,

Tara Riemer

**[Tara L. Riemer, Ph.D. \(she/her\)](#)**

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