

**Senate Bill 146
Snow Classic
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Attached is a sample of letters received in support of Senate Bill 146. We have received letters from the following individuals, corporations and organizations, which are available upon request:

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January 12, 2012

Senator Cathy Giessel
Alaska State Legislature
120 4th Street, State Capitol, Room 3
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Giessel:

Thank you for introducing and supporting the SB146 establishing the Alyeska Snow Classic operated and run by Four Valleys Community School, Inc. (FVCS). Our organization supports this legislation. We request your continued support to enact this charitable gaming event into law.

For 30 years FVCS has been an essential year-round educational, recreational and cultural center for Girdwood and the Turnagain Arm Communities. We offer more than 200 classes, programs and events per year. FVCS focuses on lifelong learning, community involvement and efficient use of resources. We actively engage in collaborations and partnerships with local businesses, nonprofits and private donors to provide the full spectrum of services the Four Valleys communities seek.

An Alyeska Snow Classic will strengthen Four Valleys Community School and enable us to continue to meet the needs of the residents of Bird, Indian, Girdwood and Portage. A successfully operated Alyeska Snow Classic could fund our budget without recourse to property tax dollars when combined with our fundraising efforts.

In 1981 FVCS was created by community volunteers and is still governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Due to the strength of its volunteer base, it is one of the very few remaining Community Schools operating in the state. Over 650 volunteers contribute their talents and time to support a wide range of activities. Whether it is individual or family growth, FVCS provides many opportunities to learn, serve and recreate.

FVCS is an integral and vital part of community life in Girdwood and Turnagain Arm because it is the only organization that brings together a diverse spectrum of people for educational, recreational and cultural opportunities in an environment that is healthy and safe year round. Our organization is in full support of the legislation establishing the Alyeska Snow Classic.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Reichlin, Chair
Four Valleys Community School, Inc.

Education, Recreation and Cultural Activities
for the communities of Indian, Bird, Girdwood & Portage



Municipality of Anchorage

PO Box 390, Girdwood AK 99587



Parks & Recreation Department

January 12, 2012

Alaska State Legislature
120 4th Street, State Capitol, Room 3
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Committee Members of the House and Senate;

I am writing in support of Four Valleys Community Schools in their efforts to create the Alyeska Snow Classic and I urge you to support the needed legislation to create and approve an Act establishing the Snow Classic as an authorized form of charitable gaming.

I am a long time member of the Girdwood Community. FVCS has been operating for over 30 years and I am proud to say I have been involved with them throughout this entire time in one way or another. Over the years I have worked as Coordinator, held a volunteer position on their board, and have volunteered as instructor, teaching many varied classes for the benefit of community members. I tell you this to show that I am in a unique position having been involved with the organization in every conceivable way and continue to support this non profit organization. When I say they have been instrumental in changing the face of our community through educational, cultural & recreational programming it is not an exaggeration. At this time, as a Municipality of Anchorage employee in Girdwood, I continue to work closely with the community school as they continue to provide much of the recreational programming that is typically sponsored by the municipality.

Over the years, the community school has evolved from a municipal program to a non profit organization and continues to provide vital services to the Girdwood community. The change from a municipally sponsored program to a non profit has been difficult, as funding is always an issue. The community has supported the organization with small recreational grants, however this funding is not assured. The creation of the Snow Classic would help insure that the program of much needed funding without requesting local tax dollars. If successful, this game of chance has the potential to provide FVCS with a steady income stream and the ability to help other local non profits as well.

While I know that there are often questions about the suitability of games of chance, I feel strongly that the Snow Classic would not be a problem. A event such as these occurs only once a year and participation is strictly optional. It would provide a annual revenue stream for a hard working, funding strapped non profit that has a proven track record of giving back to and improving their community since 1981.

I urge you to support legislation creating the Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools, Inc.

Sincerely,

Jonnie Lazarus
Girdwood Parks and Recreation

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January 12, 2012

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Four Valleys Community School, Inc.

P. O. Box 790

Girdwood, AK 99587

Subject: Alyeska Snow Classic

To Whom It May Concern:

At a meeting of the board of directors of Girdwood 2020, upon motion duly made and seconded, the board unanimously approved holding an "Alyeska Snow Classic" to be operated and administered by Four Valleys Community School, Inc. with proceeds supporting Four Valleys Community School programs.

Accordingly, we encourage legislative support for SB 146 and HB 245.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana Stone Livingston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Diana" being the most prominent.

Diana Stone Livingston, Cochair

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December 9, 2011

Alaska State Legislature
120 4th Street, State Capitol, Room 3
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Committee Members of the House and Senate,

This is a letter of support for the creation of the Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools (FVCS).

I believe that the inception of an Alyeska Snow Classic administered by FVCS would aid the organization in supporting programs offered to residents of Indian, Bird, Girdwood, and Portage, all small communities along the Turnagain Arm.

- o FVCS has been operating since 1981
- o FVCS is one of the last remaining Community Schools operating in the state of Alaska
- o FVCS provides educational, recreational and cultural activities and operates similar to Parks & Recreation or a YMCA.

By operating the Alyeska Snow Classic, FVCS can meet the goal of funding its programs without the need of municipal tax dollars. It is also our hope that the Alyeska Snow Classic will one day allow FVCS to assist other non-profits in the Four Valleys.

I urge you to vote in favor of the legislation creating an Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools, Inc.

Sincerely,



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Ski Area General Manager & VP
Alyeska Resort



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Little Bears Playhouse, Inc.
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December 9, 2011

Alaska State Legislature
120 4th St., State Capitol, Room 3
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Committee Members of the House and Senate:

This is a letter of support for the creation of the Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools (FVCS). Little Bears Playhouse, Inc., the non-profit childcare center serving the same communities as FVCS, supports this legislation. We request your continued support to help enact this charitable gaming event into law.

The services of FVCS are essential for Girdwood and the other communities of Turnagain Arm. An Alyeska Snow Classic will strengthen FVCS and enable them to continue to meet the needs of the residents of Bird Creek, Indian, Girdwood, and Portage. A successfully operated Alyeska Snow Classic could fund the organization's budget, combined with other fundraising efforts.

Similar to Little Bears Playhouse, Inc., FVCS was created by community volunteers and is still governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Several hundred FVCS volunteers contribute their talents and time to support a wide range of activities. FVCS provides many opportunities for people of all ages in the Turnagain Arm area. Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. would like to see that continue for many more years to come!

FVCS is a very important part of community life in Bird Creek, Indian, Girdwood, and Portage. Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. is in full support of the legislation establishing the Alyeska Snow Classic.

We urge you to vote in favor of this legislation! Thank you.

Sincerely,

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January 15, 2012

Alaska State Legislature
120 4th Street, State Capitol, Room 3
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Committee Members of the House and Senate,

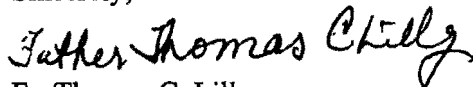
I am writing to encourage you to support the creation of the Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools (FVCS).

For the past six years I have served the religious needs of the Catholic community of Girdwood and beyond as Pastor of the Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows, Girdwood, a mission of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Anchorage. I have come to deeply appreciate the volunteer spirit of the community of Girdwood, with parents and non-parents alike coming together to support the kids in their community. I believe that the inception of an Alyeska Snow Classic administered by FVCS would aid the organization in supporting programs offered to residents of Indian, Bird, Girdwood, and Portage. One of my parishioners has been affiliated with FVCS for a number of years and has told me that:

- FVCS has been operating since 1981;
- it is one of the last remaining Community Schools operating in the State.; and
- it provides educational, recreational and cultural activities and operates similar to Parks & Recreation or a YMCA.

I fully support the goals of FVCS and the opportunities it provides for children. By operating the Alyeska Snow Classic, FVCS can meet the goal of funding its programs without the need of municipal tax dollars. I urge you to vote in favor of the legislation creating an Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools, Inc. Please feel free to contact me personally if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,


Fr. Thomas C. Lilly
Pastor