

December 1, 2014  
P.O. Box 1234  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

The Honorable Bill Walker  
Governor of Alaska  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker,

As we recently discussed, I am interested in being considered for one of the positions that expire February 1, 2015 on the University of Alaska Board of Regents. Attached please find my resume for your favorable consideration for this appointment. In submitting my resume for consideration I very much would like to share my dedication, commitment, and knowledge about Alaska's people, programs, and resources to help "Shape Alaska's Future."

As a lifelong Alaska, I am familiar with the issues that have confronted and continue to challenge our state as well as our university system. I know from my own experience that a strong, sustainable state economy, social and cultural community and workforce are quite dependent on a dynamic university system, one that enhances its communities while addressing statewide needs. For such goal to be successful, they must work in a cooperative relationship. Neither stands alone.

My family's relationship with the University of Alaska dates back over 65 years to my father's attendance at the original campus in College in 1947. My earliest memories of higher education are of both my parents grinding their way through night school courses at the old Anchorage Community College. Each family generation since has been involved with the University system in some capacity as it has expanded, with family members attending in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau, Bethel, and the Kenai Peninsula. I attended Anchorage Community College classes in mid-1970s, and as an adult, served two terms on the Kenai Peninsula College Council beginning in 1997, including one term as Chair.

In my working life, I have observed firsthand the important role played by the University in such areas as resource development, so critical for maintaining a strong economy. The University is integral for creating the skilled workforce so necessary for attracting and maintaining the kinds of businesses that will continue to move Alaska in a positive direction. In addition the University's established partnerships with schools, public entities, and private industry must continue to be flexible, to innovate and to be responsive to all its partners.

Throughout my career, I have worked with various community groups and nonprofit organizations that addresses issues associates with at-risk youth, education, environmental protection, resource development and transportation. For instance, I was privileged to serve on a federal advisory panel for the U.S. Department of Transportation. In the course of these assignments and in my regular work, I have traveled to and experienced every region our great state.

Governor, as you know, my commitment and devotion to the State of Alaska are steadfast. As a University of Alaska regent, I will work the strong goal of continued development and growth of a university system that attracts our best scholars and thinkers in Alaska and from elsewhere, and one that is held in high esteem around the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lisa M. Parker', with a stylized, flowing script.

Lisa M. Parker

Attachment: Resume of Lisa M. Parker

Lisa M. Parker



## **SUMMARY**

External Affairs and Government Relations professional with proven experience in the areas of stakeholder engagement, securing passage of legislation, obtaining federal funding, and advocating before Federal, State, and Local governments. Worked with Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority (AIDEA) to secure legislative approval for the first \$125 million in bonding authority to build the DeLong Mountain Transportation System, AIDEA's largest and most successful project. Worked eight years for one of the world's largest fertilizer manufacturers advocating at the local, state and federal level in 15 states. External Affairs and Government Relations Manager for aggressive oil and gas company with operations in Cook Inlet. Previously served as a professional legislative staff member, borough planning director and city councilperson. In-depth understanding of Alaska Arctic and natural resource issues including Cook Inlet and North Slope natural gas issues. Exceptional interpersonal and oral and written communication skills.

## **SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **Legislative/Governmental**

- Passage of legislation providing pricing stability of royalty natural gas
- Passage of legislation authorizing issuance of \$2 billion tax free bond package
- Passage of legislation appropriating \$5 million for coal gasification project
- Appropriation of \$2 million from Denali Commission for coal gasification project
- Acquisition of \$125 million financial support for Red Dog Mine
- Acquisition of federal funds for educational training for Northwest Arctic Borough & NANA
- Planning Director for one of largest Boroughs in Alaska – Kenai Peninsula Borough

### **Funding and Grants**

- Secure Federal Funding to assist in mitigation of Kenai Peninsula Spruce Bark Beetle infestation
- Obtain U.S. Department of Education \$1 million grant for Red Dog Mine
- Secure \$7.0 million to support investigation of a coal gasification project

### **Management and Organizing**

- Stakeholder engagement for natural resource projects around Alaska – Northwest Arctic Borough, Municipality of Anchorage and Kenai Peninsula Borough
- Coordinated, organized, and managed first non persistent product oil spill response organization in Alaska
- Planning, organizing and coordinating Red Dog Mine opening celebration for over 2000 persons to include local, state and international participants
- Participated in negotiating rulemaking process for USCG Vessel Response Plans

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Apache Corporation – External Affairs & Government Relations Manager 2011- present
- Agrium U.S.A., Inc – Government & Community Relations Manager 2001-2009
- Kenai Peninsula Borough – Borough Planning Director 1995-1999
- Alaska Chadux Corporation – General Manager 1994-1995
- Parker Horn Company – President – 1994-Present
- Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council, Executive Director – 1991-1994

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Cominco Alaska Incorporated, Anchorage, Alaska, Government and Environmental Manager
- Alaska Land Use Council, Anchorage, Alaska, Principal Advisor to Governor of Alaska 1982-1984
- Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, Various Assistant positions to House Chairmen

## **EDUCATION**

- The American University, Washington, D.C., Bachelor Political Science, 1979 Cum Laude
- Harry S. Truman Scholar, 1978 for academic excellence and public service
- Certificate in Corporate Community Outreach, Boston College, March 2006
- Emergency Management Institute, NFIP Community Rating System

## **AWARDS**

- U.S. Coast Guard Public Service Commendation, 1992
- Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Gene Guess Award, 1975

## **AFFILIATIONS**

- Governor's Oil and Gas Policy Transition Team, December 2011
- Resource Development Council Board of Directors – 2004 – Present
- Alaska Chamber Board of Directors – 2010 – present
- Kenai Peninsula Food Bank Board of Directors – 2013 – present
- Kenai Peninsula Planning Commission – December 2010 – January 2012
- Kenai Peninsula Borough Board of Adjustment – December 2008 – December 2010
- Alaska State Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors – September 2009 - Present
- City Councilperson, Soldotna, Alaska – 2002-2007
- Conference of Alaskans, 2004
- Anchorage Charter Commission, 1975 (elected to Commission at age 19)
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline Safety Standard Committee 1994-1999, Committee Chair – 1994-1998, Reappointed 2004
- University of Alaska, Kenai River Campus, College Council 1997-2003, Vice-Chair 1999-2002
- Blood Bank of Alaska, Board of Directors 2000-2002
- Kenai Watershed Forum Board of Directors, 1999-2002
- Governor's Water Quality Work Group, 1996-1997

- American Planning Association, Alaska Chapter, Regional Vice-President South Central Alaska 1997-1999
- Alaska Trails Plan Review Taskforce, Governor's Trail & Recreational Access for Alaska Citizens Advisory Board, 1999
- Governor's Natural Resources Policy Transition Team, Chair Subcommittee on Oil, Gas, and Mining, 1995
- International Oil Spill Conference Technical Review Committee, 1994-1995
- Alaska Common Ground, Board of Directors, 1991-1993
- Kenai Peninsula Community Care Center, Board of Directors, 1992-January 2007
- National Association of Environmental Professionals, 1988-1998
- Mining and Petroleum Training Services, Board of Directors, 1984-1992
- Alaska Reapportionment Board, Vice-Chair, 1990
- Assist numerous non profit organizations in capital campaigns and fundraising efforts