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Memorandum

TO: Senator Bishop, Chair
            Community and Regional Affairs Committee

FROM: Liz Clark
            Secretary of the Senate

DATE: January 30, 2015

SUBJECT: Local Boundary Commission
            Statement of Decision

In accordance with art. X, sec. 12, Alaska Constitution, the President has referred the following to your committee for review:

Local Boundary Commission Statement of Decision, dated November 12, 2014
Detachment from and Concurrent Annexation to the City of Allakaket

Attachment(s)
LC:jcs

January 23, 2015

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The Honorable Kevin Meyer
President
Alaska State Senate
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182
ATTN: Senate Secretary Liz Clark

Subject: Legislative Review of Detachment from and Concurrent Annexation to the City
              of Allakaket

Dear President Meyer:

The Local Boundary Commission ("commission" or "LBC") presents to the First Session of
the Twenty-Ninth Alaska State Legislature the commission's decision to approve the
detachment of 174 acres from and the concurrent annexation of 12.3 square miles of
territory to the City of Allakaket ("City"). This presentation is done pursuant to article X,
section 12, of Alaska's constitution. Under article X, section 12, the commission "may
present proposed changes to the legislature during the first ten days of any regular session.
The change shall become effective forty-five days after presentation or at the end of the
session, whichever is earlier, unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of
the members of each house."

In 2013 the City of Allakaket had petitioned to detach 174 acres of land important to the
Alatna community, and concurrently annex 12.3 square miles of land and water. Allakaket
residents had moved to higher ground outside of city limits after the 1994 flood and wished
to be included in the city again.

On October 14, 2014, the LBC held a duly noticed public hearing in Allakaket regarding the
petition. At the hearing the commission heard sworn testimony from several witnesses for
the city. The commission also heard comments from public members favoring the proposed
boundary changes. No comments were made against the proposed boundary changes. After
careful review, the commission voted 5 to 0 to approve the detachment and concurrent an-
nexation petition.

Members: Lynn Chrystal, Chair;
John Harrington, First Judicial District; Robert Harcharek, Second Judicial District;
Darroll Hargraves, Third Judicial District; Lavell Wilson, Fourth Judicial District

On November 12, 2014, the commission issued its written decision. The decision is enclosed for your reference. These documents and all public materials regarding this annexation petition can also be found at:
http://commerce.state.ak.us/dca/lbc/2014_Allakaket_Detachment_and_Concurrent_Annexation_Petition/.

Should you have any questions, please contact Local Boundary Commission staff at 907-269-4559 (Brent Williams), or at LBC@alaska.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lynn Chrystal
Chair

Enclosures: (1) *Local Boundary Commission Decision in the mater of the petition for detachment from and concurrent annexation to the City of Allakaket*
   (2) *Return Receipt*

RECEIPT BY THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

This is to acknowledge receipt on JAN. 27, 2015 , of the Local Boundary Commission's presentation to the First Session of the Twenty-Ninth Alaska State Legislature of its decision to approve the detachment of 174 acres from and the concurrent annexation of 12.3 square miles of territory to the City of Allakaket, as authorized under article X, section 12, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

By:_____   Date:____1/27/2015_____