



Municipality of Anchorage

Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor

April 11, 2017

Honorable Pete Kelly
Senate President
Capitol Building, Room 111
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Honorable Bryce Edgmon
Speaker of the House
Capitol Building, Room 208
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Confirmation of Jahna Lindemuth

Dear President Kelly and Speaker Edgmon:

As you consider the nomination of Jahna Lindemuth for Attorney General, I urge you to look at her strong legal credentials and also the steps she has taken as Acting Attorney General to improve public safety in the Municipality of Anchorage.

Ms. Lindemuth has a broad spectrum of legal experience from 18 years in private practice. This experience makes her well suited to handle the variety of legal challenges facing the State of Alaska, including many we face in Anchorage. When I came into office, the State Troopers had already announced they were pulling out resources in our Turnagain Arm communities. Ms. Lindemuth came to the table with an open mind and has helped guide our discussions to find ways for the Anchorage Police Department and the State Troopers work together along the Arm.

In addition, Ms. Lindemuth has worked with many parties, including APD and our Municipal Prosecutor's Office, to assemble several criminal justice reforms now found in SB 54 that passed the Senate almost unanimously. This is just one example of how Ms. Lindemuth can bring divergent perspectives together to develop a balanced approach to difficult challenges.

I strongly believe Ms. Lindemuth has both the management, legal and leadership skills to be an effective and fair Attorney General for all Alaskans. I hope you will quickly confirm her to this critical position.

Sincerely,

Ethan Berkowitz