

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Marijuana Control Board, Rural Public

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:

Preference Order Board

2) Local Boundary Commission

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
Big Game Commercial Services

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Ely	Gilbert	Cyrus

Conflict of Interest

Full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010 is required for certain boards and commissions. Are you willing to provide this information if required for the board or commission which you are applying?

Yes

Service in a public office is a public trust. The Ethics Act (AS 39.52.110) prohibits substantial and material conflicts of interest. Is it possible that you or any member of your family will benefit financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you are applying? If you answer 'yes' to this question you MUST explain the potential financial benefit.

No

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.

Current:

City of Kiana- City Administrator

NANA Regional Corporation - Director

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

The City of Kiana owns and operates a Alcohol Package Store, as such I have direct and indirect experience in operating a licensed Alcohol premises in Alaska. Marijuana retailers follow similar regulations and guidelines.

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

Alaska Alcohol Server Card (TAPS)

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.

State of Alaska Big Game Commercial Services, Board member - 2020-Current

Native Village of Kiana, President - 2019-Current

NANA Development Corporation, Chairman 2016-2020

NANA Regional Corporation, Vice-Chairman 2016-2017

City of Kiana, Vice-Mayor 2010-2014

Native Village of Kiana, Board Member 2009-2015 & 2019-Present

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?

No

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

By submitting this online application, I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employees or other persons who know me to obtain an additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.

Type "I certify"

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To Whom it May Concern;

My name is Ely Cyrus, I am writing a letter to express my interest in regards to the vacancy on the Marijuana Control Board, specifically the open Rural Public seat. I live and work in Kiana, a community within the Northwest Arctic Borough.

I am interested in serving on this board because of the parallels it has in relation to current and past alcohol regulation in our state. Growing up in a rural community, which until very recently was subject to a local option ban on Alcohol, helps me to understand the importance of regulating a controlled substance and ensuring there is proper oversight in its use.

Throughout my youth, alcohol was illegal to possess or purchase in our community yet it was still present. I applaud the state and voters for taking steps to realize that banning a substance such as Marijuana does not simply make it go away.

I do not use or consume any marijuana products but I recognize the importance of regulating the industry. I do not believe this industry can be self-regulated at this time, and the State's involvement is crucial to help grow it within our state. The industry has proven it provides a growing market for job opportunities as well as new tax opportunities for state and local governments.

I would like to be a part of the process that ensures companies and organizations involved in manufacturing and dispensing of these products do so in a safe and consistent manner. I believe with proper oversight and compliance with state regulations will help to ensure safety for residents in rural communities and statewide who choose to use these products.

Sincerely,

Ely Cyrus