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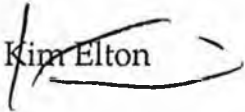
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SENATOR KIM ELTON

MEMORANDUM

4/16/2001

To: Senator Gene Therriault, Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee

From: Senator  Kim Elton

Re: Hearing Request for SJR 27

I respectfully request a hearing for SJR 27, supporting a new National Guard armory in Juneau. This resolution expresses the Alaska Legislature's support for the Guard and its mission in Southeast Alaska. The legislature has long proved itself a friend to men and women in uniform, and this resolution provides us with another opportunity to support their service.

I have met with a number of my constituents who are members of the Alaska National Guard on this issue. Support for a new armory is tremendous both in the guard and in the community at large, as evidenced by the City and Borough of Juneau's resolution, which I have attached.

I ask that you hear this resolution at your earliest convenience.

Attachments:
Sponsor Statement
Resolution

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SJR 27

Supporting a National Guard Armory in Juneau

Sponsor Statement

During the last several years, the Alaska Army National Guard and the University of Alaska Southeast have each sought ways to construct much-needed new facilities. The National Guard armory in Juneau no longer meets the Guard's needs, and must move from its present location because it sits on Mental Health Trust land. The university lacks a suitable student recreational facility. Today, the two institutions are working together to build a joint facility near Auke Bay. This proposed facility would provide a cost-efficient way to meet the needs of both organizations.

In 1998 the Mental Health Land Trust claimed the present site of the Juneau armory as part of a settlement agreement, and the state is currently renting the site at a cost of \$330,000 per year. The trust plans to redevelop the site for other uses, so a new Guard facility is essential.

Juneau is the battalion headquarters for the National Guard units in Southeast Alaska. As such, it serves as the nerve center for emergency readiness in the Alaska panhandle. Each region of Alaska poses its own unique characteristics and geographic challenges to emergency response and Guard readiness. The Juneau armory has for years provided the local knowledge and expertise so essential to accomplishing the Guard's mission.

In 1998, the legislature recognized the value of a new armory with an appropriation. Today, as the Guard pursues a federal appropriation for the new joint facility, SJR 27 will show the legislature's official support. Through this resolution, we will demonstrate that the State of Alaska recognizes and supports the Guard and the good work it does in our state.

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SJR 27
 (S) Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title: National Guard Armory in Juneau BRU: _____

Sponsor: Senator Elton Component: _____
 Requester: State Affairs Committee Component Number: _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 | FY 2007 |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Personal Services | | | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | |
| Contractual | | | | | | |
| Supplies | | | | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
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| CHANGE IN REVENUES () | | | | | | |
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 1002 Federal Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1003 GF Match | | | | | | |
| 1004 GF | | | | | | |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | |
| Other (Specify Type) | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

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| Full-time | | | | | | |
| Part-time | | | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | | | |

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Phone 465-4522

Senator: /s/ SENATOR THERRIAULT Date 4/25/01
Committee Chair



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March 23, 2001

The Honorable Kim Elton
Alaska State Senator
Mail Stop 3100
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Subject: Resolution of the City & Borough of Juneau, Serial No. 2086
A Resolution Encouraging State and Federal Funding for the Relocation of the
Alaska National Guard Armory

Dear ^{Kim} Senator Elton:

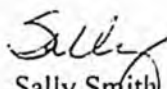
Enclosed is a copy of a resolution adopted at the March 19, 2001 meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska Assembly, in support of relocation of the Alaska National Guard Armory.

The National Guard plays a vital role in the safety and welfare of Southeast Alaska during times of natural disasters and emergencies. The steep mountains, deep waters, open oceans and inland channels of Southeast Alaska provide for a challenging environment for emergency management, and it is imperative that rescue workers understand the climate, culture and coordinates of the area.

The men and women serving in the National Guard in Juneau are our neighbors, our co-workers, and our friends, who give many hours of their busy lives perfecting their emergency readiness skills. We depend on their expertise in times of crisis, tragedy and loss. Those who serve, deserve modern training facilities to provide for their safety and education.

The City and Borough of Juneau unanimously supports the relocation and construction of a new National Guard Readiness Center in Juneau. Please lend your support to this effort. I would be happy to discuss this project with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Sally Smith
Mayor

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 03/19/2001
Drafted by: S. Gilbertson /
J. Corso

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2086

**A Resolution Encouraging State and Federal Funding for the
Relocation of the Alaska National Guard Armory.**

WHEREAS, the Alaska National Guard has occupied an armory in downtown Juneau since 1960, and

WHEREAS, the property on which the armory is located is now owned by the Alaska Mental Health Trust, and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau and the Mental Health Trust have worked together to provide a new site for a National Guard Readiness Center, and

WHEREAS, relocation of the facility will allow a significant area of the downtown waterfront to be redeveloped for a mixture of private and public uses, and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau has donated ten acres of land for construction of a new National Guard Readiness Center, and

WHEREAS, the National Guard is also considering constructing a joint facility with the University of Alaska Southeast, and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important for the safety and welfare of Juneau residents that a National Guard facility be constructed to provide necessary assistance in times of natural disasters or other emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the National Guard facility will also serve the needs of other Southeast Alaska communities which have limited emergency services;

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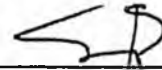
CBJ Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. That the Alaska Congressional delegation and the Governor of Alaska are respectfully requested to provide the federal and state funding necessary to construct a new National Guard Readiness Center in Juneau.

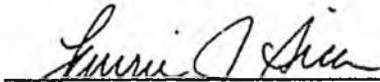
Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 19th day of March, 2001.



Sally Smith, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie J. Sica, Clerk