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Department of Public Safety
Alaska Police Standards Council

Sarah Palin, Governor
Walt Monegan, Commissioner

April 5, 2007

The Honorable Bill Thomas, Jr.
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol, Rm. 434
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: SB 99 and HB 193, Relating to the composition of the Alaska Police Standards Council

Dear Representative Thomas:

The Alaska Police Standards Council Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Director, as well as the Vice-Chair of Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police have met with many senators and representatives since introduction of this legislation. No one at APSC had been approached regarding any change being made to the structure of the Council and because of the magnitude of the impact any change of this kind would produce, we added it as a priority to the agenda of our April 2, 2007, meeting in Anchorage this week.

APSC extended a formal invitation to Mr. John Cyr, Executive Director of PSEA, to attend the meeting and explain to the Council the request for structural change to its composition. Mr. Cyr did attend and presented to the Council the rationale for requesting this legislation and what the Public Safety Employees Association hoped to accomplish by its passage.

Mr. Cyr advised the Council that the main thrust of these bills is *equity*, stating that the 'rank and file' want an equal voice in the business of the Council. He advised that, although the proposed legislation was aimed at replacing existing membership with organized labor-nominated, front line officers, PSEA would consider adding these officers to the current structure of the Council, as long as the legislature would accept a fiscal note for the additional seats.

Various Council members asked Mr. Cyr what had prompted the push to change the make-up of the Council and also if there was a perception that something was "broken" or ineffective in some way. Mr. Cyr clearly stated that the Council was not broken or negligent in any way with respect to training or certification. He was complimentary of the work the Council carries out.

On further questioning, Mr. Cyr could only identify one actual request from PSEA membership – that the Council provide more "current & relevant" training. Mr. Cyr could not define exactly what aspect of training standards were not relevant or current, only that he was being told it was a problem by some of the officers.

Council members advised Mr. Cyr that, although APSC coordinates and funds statewide training, it is up to the individual agencies to create and maintain their own ongoing departmental training programs. While each department must require its officers to meet APSC minimum standards, best practices and standards are developed and administered by the respective law enforcement

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agencies, not APSC. There was obviously a gap in understanding between what PSEA thought Council's role was with respect to training as opposed to its actual role and responsibility.

Mr. Cyr concluded his presentation with the statement, "the political reality is that the Governor is cutting \$150,000,000 to the state budget, and we (PSEA) need representation", relating to decisions resulting from these budget cuts.

A poll of each Council member showed deep concern over changing the current composition of the Council. Council membership is extremely concerned that PSEA is attempting to push Council into a "labor-management" role by their use of the term *equity*. APSC has never been a labor-management influenced group, and for good reasons. The Council is an executive level decision-making body that deals with complex decertification matters of police, correction and probation officers. It is these decisions that require seasoned executives of law enforcement, correction/probation, and of our public, all of whom are appointed by the Governor to provide a necessary balance of professional knowledge, training with public transparency and trust.

The attempt to remove chief administrative officers and public members from the Council and replace them with organized labor-nominated, line officers severely impinges on the professional standards and certification role of Council -- the number one priority here is to maintain the public trust. Organized labor's number one priority is to its membership.

The Council fully supports the establishment of an ad-hoc Training Advisory Committee to make recommendations on best practices and standards. This committee could be made up entirely of non-command level personnel.

In conclusion, the Alaska Police Standards Council strongly opposes HB 193 and SB 99.

Sincerely,

Terry Vrabec
Executive Director

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§ 18.65.290

(6) "parole officer" means a person appointed by the commissioner of corrections or employed by a correctional facility in this state to perform the duties of supervising the parole of prisoners under AS 33.16;

(7) "police officer" means

(A) a full-time employee of the state or a municipal police department with the authority to arrest and issue citations; detain a person taken into custody until that person can be arraigned before a judge or magistrate; conduct investigations of violations of and enforce criminal laws, regulations, and traffic laws; search with or without a warrant persons, dwellings, and other forms of property for evidence of a crime; and take other action consistent with exercise of these enumerated powers when necessary to maintain the public peace;

(B) an officer or employee of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities who is stationed at an international airport and has been designated to have the general police powers authorized under AS 02.15.230(a);

(C) a University of Alaska public safety officer with general police powers authorized under AS 14.40.043;

(8) "probation officer" means a person appointed by the commissioner of corrections or employed by a correctional facility in this state to perform the duties of a probation officer under AS 33.05. (§ 1 ch 178 SLA 1972; am §§ 10, 11 ch 19 SLA 1981; am § 8 ch 112 SLA 1988; am § 1 ch 71 SLA 1989; am § 2 ch 107 SLA 1992; am § 2 ch 10 SLA 1998; am § 9 ch 126 SLA 1998; am §§ 1 — 4 ch 160 SLA 2004)

Revisor's notes. — Reorganized in 1986, 1988, and 1998 to alphabetize the defined terms. Paragraph (2) was enacted in 2004 as paragraph (8) and renumbered in 2004, at which time paragraphs (2)-(7) were renumbered as (3)-(8).

Effect of amendments. — The first 1998 amendment, effective April 14, 1998, in subparagraph (7)(A) [formerly (6)(A)], substituted "municipal" for "local" near the beginning and deleted "carry a concealed weapon" following "evidence of a crime" near the end. The second 1998 amendment, effective September 21, 1998, added paragraph (5) [formerly (4)].

The 2004 amendment, effective July 23, 2004, added paragraph (8) [now (2)], added paragraph (2)(B) [now (3)(B)] and made related changes, and inserted "or employed by a correctional facility in this state" in paragraphs (5) and (7) [now paragraphs (6) and (8)].

Legislative history reports. — For Senate letter of intent in connection with the amendment to (5) [now (6)] of this section by § 1, ch. 71, SLA 1989 (SSSB 110), see 1989 Senate Journal 602.

Opinions of attorney general. — To be a police officer within the meaning of this statute, an officer must be currently working full time for a police department, that is an organized civil force whose basic purpose and function is to maintain peace and order and to prevent and investigate criminal offenses. September 18, 1977 Op. Atty Gen.

As applied to the coverage of AS 18.65.130 — 18.65.290, the term "police officer" is more restrictively defined than the definition in AS 01.10.060 to include all those full-time employees of police departments administered by the state or one of its political subdivisions, who have full police duties and the authority to enforce all of the laws of the State of Alaska which carry a penalty for their violation. September 18, 1977 Op. Atty Gen.

Comparing the classification of "peace officer" in AS 01.10.060 with that of "police officer," it is apparent that police officers, as defined in paragraph (3) [now paragraph (7)], are always peace officers since they have full police duties that are exercised on a full-time basis. However, the converse of this proposition can never be the case, that is, peace officer status does not automatically vest one with the status of a police officer since peace officers are not necessarily employees of a police department and do not necessarily have the power to enforce all the penal, traffic or highway laws of the state. September 18, 1977 Op. Atty Gen.

Most Village Public Safety Officers and Village Police Officers are not "police officers" under the definition in paragraph (3) [now paragraph (7)]. Whether an individual officer is subject to regulation by the Alaska Police Standards Council depends upon the circumstances of his or her employment and has to be determined on a case-by-case basis. July 1, 1984 Op. Atty Gen.

NOTES TO DECISIONS

Youth counselors at McLaughlin Youth Center are not "correctional officers" within the meaning of paragraph (3) [formerly (2)], but the term "correctional officer" formerly used in AS 12.55.125(c)(2) encompassed the youth counselors at McLaughlin.

Wilson v. State, 967 P.2d 98 (Alaska Ct. App. 1997).
Applied in *Clark v. State*, 738 P.2d 772 (Alaska Ct. App. 1987).
Quoted in *Alaska Inter-Tribal Council v. State*, 933 P.2d 947 (Alaska 2005).

Section

- 310. Identification cards
- 311. Anatomical gift

Sec. 18.65.310. Ident ment shall issue a card ide 28.15.111, except that the letters across the face of it

(b) A person may obtain applying to the departmen

(c) Any person who know an identification card conc required by the departmen

(d) It is a misdemeanor fraudulent identification ca

(e) It is a misdemeanor person to be used by any ot

(f) A person who violates punishable by a fine of \$500

(g) If the person applying is 60 years of age or older, cl SLA 1973; am § 1 ch 259 SL am E.O. No. 99 § 15 (1997);

Cross references. — For legislat intent regarding the 2002 amendm section, see § 1, ch. 63, SLA 2002, i porary and Special Acts.

Sec. 18.65.311. Anatomic time that an identification c; anatomical gift under AS 13.5 hold z may cancel the gift.

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Revisor's notes. — In 2004, in subsect 13.52" was substituted for "AS 13.50 or i anatomical gift in a living will under AS "AS 13.52.170" was substituted for "AS 13 order to reconcile chs. 68 and 83, SLA 200- **Effect of amendments.** — The first 200

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Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
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House Bill 193 Sponsor Statement

House Bill 193 adds three certified police officers with at least five years of experience to the Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC). By doing this, those who are charged with the daily enforcement of the law will have input into the training and standards as participating members of the State's board which certifies police officers.

At present, the APSC is the only board in state government without representation by the group most affected by its decisions. Although the APSC has seats assigned to Chiefs of Police, to the Commissioners of Public Safety and Corrections and to members of the public, it has no line officers on the board. By contrast, according to a survey done by legislative research staff, of ten western states, only two had no line officers on their police standards boards.

The APSC has done a fine job, but it can benefit from the presence of line officers who can bring their particular experience and perspective to the board.

I urge your support of HB 193.

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Sectional Analysis House Bill 193

Section 1. Adds three police officers by reducing the number of chief administrative officers or chiefs of police from four to three; moves the correctional administrative officer to chief administrative officers or chiefs of police and reduces the number of public members from four to three.

Section 2. Allows labor organizations that represent public safety employees a means to nominate police officers for consideration by the Governor.

Section 3. Provides a system of transition for the three police members to take positions on the APSC.

Adding Three Police Officers to the Alaska Police Standards Council.

The bill will:

- Keep the composition of the APSC at 11 members to keep operating expenses and budget neutral.
- Adds three police officers by reducing the number of chief administrative officers or chiefs of police from four to three; moves the correctional administrative officer to chief administrative officers or chiefs of police, reduces the public members from four to three with at least two from communities of 2,500 population or less.
- Allows three representatives of police, who are working law enforcement officers with 5 years of experience in policing, an opportunity to offer their valuable insight as to all phases of police standards.
- Improves the quality of decision making by including those who are charged with the mission of enforcing the law a means for input as participating members of the APSC.
- Allows labor organizations that represent public safety employees a means to nominate police officers for consideration by the Governor.
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A Comparison of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission with the Alaska Police Standards Council

Responsibility: Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Standards

- Sec. 14.20.450. Responsibilities of commission.
- The commission shall have the initial responsibility of developing, through the teaching profession, criteria of professional practices in areas including, but not limited to:
 - (1) ethical and professional performance;
 - (2) preparation for and continuance in professional services; and
 - (3) contractual obligations.

Investigative Authority

- The commission shall
 - (1) establish procedures, and adopt regulations to implement the purposes of AS 14.20.370 - 14.20.510;
 - (2) conduct investigations and hearings on alleged violations of ethical or professional teaching performance, contractual obligations, and professional teaching misconduct;
 - (3) review the decisions of the department regarding the issuance or denial of certificates and in its discretion recommend reversal of decisions.
- The Commission may
 - (1) subpoena witnesses, place them under oath, and maintain written records;
 - (2) warn or reprimand members of the teaching profession, if in the judgment of the commission such action is warranted;
 - (3) suspend or revoke the certificate of a member of the teaching profession for one of the reasons set out in AS 14.20.030 except that in the case of an administrator, the commissioner must concur;
 - (4) request assistance through any of the investigative processes of any existing professional teaching organizations when analyzing charges of breach of ethical or professional teaching practices.

Responsibility: Alaska Police Standards Council

Standards

- Establish minimum standards for employment as a police officer, probation officer, parole officer, municipal correctional officer, and correctional officer in a permanent or probationary position and certify persons to be qualified as police officers, probation officers, parole officers, municipal correctional officers, and correctional officers under AS 18.65.130 - 18.65.290.

Investigative Authority

- The council has the power to
 - Investigate when there is reason to believe that a police officer, probation officer, parole officer, municipal correctional officer, or correctional officer does not meet the minimum standards for employment; in connection with the investigation the council may subpoena persons, books, records, or documents related to the investigation and require answers in writing under oath to questions asked by the council or the administrator.

Comparison - continued

- **Training and curriculum**

- The Commission shall:
 - (1) review the regulations of the department as they relate to teacher certification and recommend necessary changes;
- The Commission may:
 - (1) study proposals developed by regular committees of any existing professional organization whose members are within the teaching profession
 - (2) make any recommendation to the board or to school boards that will promote an improvement in the teaching profession;

- **Employ an Administrator**

- Sec. 14.20.470. Powers of commission.
- The commission may
 - (1) appoint an executive secretary, delegate those ministerial functions to the executive secretary as the commission may decide and set the executive secretary's compensation with a starting salary not exceeding range 26, step B c' the pay plan for state employees in AS 39 27.011(a)

- **Training and curriculum**

- The Council has the power to:
 - (1) establish minimum criminal justice curriculum requirements for basic, specialized, and in-service courses and programs for schools operated by or for the state or a political subdivision of the state for the specific purpose of training police recruits, police officers, probation officers, parole officers, municipal correctional officers, and correctional officers;
 - (2) consult and cooperate with municipalities, agencies of the state, other governmental agencies, universities, colleges, and other institutions concerning the development of police officer, probation officer, parole officer, municipal correctional officer, and correctional officer training schools and programs of criminal justice instruction;

- **Employ an Administrator**

- Employ an administrator and other persons necessary to carry out its duties under AS 18.65.130 - 18.65.290;
- 7) charge and collect a fee of \$50 for processing applications for certification of police, probation, parole, municipal correctional, and correctional officers.

Composition of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission and the Alaska Police Standards Council

- **Professional Teaching Practices Commission – 9 Members**

- **Composition**

- The commission consists of the following members:
 - (1) five classroom teachers;
 - (2) one principal;
 - (3) one superintendent;
 - (4) one representative of the office of the commissioner;
 - (5) one representative of an Alaska institution of higher learning.

- **Alaska Police Standards Council – 11 Members**

- **Composition**

- The council consists of the following persons:
 - (1) four chief administrative officers or chiefs of police of local governments;
 - (2) the commissioner of public safety or a designee of the commissioner;
 - (3) the commissioner of corrections or a designee of the commissioner;
 - (4) one correctional administrative officer who is employed at the level of a deputy director or higher; and
 - (5) four members of the public at large with at least two from the communities of 2,500 population or less.
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Selection of Members of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission and the Alaska Police Standards Council

• Professional Teaching Practices Commission – 9 Members

- Sec. 14.20.410. Selection of members.
- (a) Members of the commission shall be selected as follows:
- (1) the five classroom teachers from lists of names submitted by recognized Alaska teachers' organizations, each list not to exceed 12 names; however, in lieu of one of the five, one classroom teacher may be selected from a list of not more than four names signed and submitted by not less than 25 teachers who have no affiliation with any organization qualified to submit nomination lists, with the limitation that no teacher may sign more than one list in any year,
- (2) the principal from a list of three names submitted by the Alaska Principals Association;
- (3) the superintendent from a list of three names submitted by the Superintendents Advisory Commission;
- (4) the representative of the office of the commissioner from a list of three names submitted by the commissioner;
- (5) the representative of an Alaska institution of higher learning from lists of names submitted by Alaska institutions of higher learning, each list not to exceed three names.
- (b) The lists shall be submitted to the commissioner who shall submit them as a group to the governor's office.
- (c) At least 30 days before a position on the commission is due to become vacant, the chairman shall cause notice of the impending vacancy to be published and to be conveyed to each organized group eligible to submit a list of nominees.
- Sec. 14.20.420. Term of office.
- (a) The term of office for each member of the commission is three years and, except as provided in AS 39.05.080 (4), each member serves until a successor is appointed.
- (b) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the governor and, except as provided in AS 39.05.080 (4), an appointment to fill a vacancy is for the unexpired term.
- (c) An individual may not serve more than a total of two 3-year terms.

• Alaska Police Standards Council – 11 Members

- Appointment.
- The commissioner of public safety or a designee and the commissioner of corrections or a designee shall serve during each commissioner's continuance in office. Other members of the council shall be appointed by the governor for staggered terms of four years, except that a member may not serve beyond the time the member holds the office that established eligibility for appointment. A vacancy on the council shall be filled for the remainder of a member's unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

The **Alaska Police Standards Council** is a regulatory and quasi-judicial body that was created by Senate Bill 1, Chapter 178, and enacted by the State Legislature, effective July 7, 1972.

The Legislature granted the Council the power to adopt regulations establishing minimum selection and training standards for employment as police officers as well as other regulations for the administration of the act. In 1988 House Bill 367 expanded the council's jurisdiction to include corrections, probation and parole officers. The council is composed of 11 members appointed by the governor, and they meet formally four times each year.

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Jon Bolling	Public Representative	Craig
Dick Burton	Public Representative	Ketchikan
Robert Heun	Member	Police Chief, Anchorage Police Department
Dan Hoffman	Member	Police Chief, Fairbanks Police Department
Charles T. C. Kamai	Member	Police Chief, Kodiak Police Department
Bob Kean	Public Representative	Anchorage
Chuck Kopp	Chairman	Police Chief, Kenai Police Department
Walt Monegan	Member	Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
Joe Schmidt	Member	Commissioner, Department of Corrections
Donna White	Member	Director, Probation & Parole
Janey Wineinger	Public Representative	Chickaloon

MISSION

To produce a highly trained and positively motivated professional, capable of meeting contemporary law enforcement standards of performance.

APSC VISION

To build on the foundation of skill and knowledge acquired at the basic academy, with continued education and training where the officer may enhance those skills and increase proficiency in all aspects of job performance.

To cooperatively establish a career path within the respective agencies, by providing qualified members with advanced training opportunities for developing leadership and supervisory skills.

To ultimately increase the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the law enforcement and corrections community by assuring a climate of professionalism and conscientious standards.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 14, 2007
To: Representative Bob Lynn, Chair
House State Affairs Committee
From: Representative Bob Roses
Re: HB 193

I respectfully request scheduling of HB 193 for consideration by the House State Affairs Committee.

Enclosed are:

1. The most recent version of the bill
2. Current Sponsor Statement
3. Sectional Analysis
4. Letters of support and other appropriate backup documentation

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact Crystal Novotney at 465-4967 in my office if you have any questions or concerns.



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The Honorable Bob Lynn
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Lynn:

The Alaska Police Standards Council has been tracking HB 193 and Senate Bill 99, both of which propose to change the composition of the Council by replacing current public, law enforcement and corrections Council positions with line officers nominated by organized labor.

Municipalities from across Alaska recognize that the changes sought through this legislation are not in the best interest of and, in reality, actually challenge the integrity of the Council. AS 18.65.220 and AS 18.65.240 give the Alaska Police Standards Council full authority to certify officers that meet their minimum standards and decertify officers who do not. Organized labor has always had open access to the Council, and rightfully so, to advocate its membership's interests to that body. This legislation has received intensive review and discussion by the Council and it remains clear that it will most certainly not achieve what is intended by its passage. It will, in fact, destroy the past and current composition balance held by the Council and also dares to destroy the fairness reputation that the Council has held since its inception. This will, in turn, negatively affect the public trust.

Please join with me and with the elected leadership of our municipalities who have passed the attached resolutions in opposing HB 193 and SB 99.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles M. Kopp".

Charles M. Kopp
Chairman
Alaska Police Standards Council

Introduced by: Mayor Thompson
Date: April 23, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 4273

A RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING HB193, WHICH SEEKS TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the composition of the Council is essential in ensuring that the mission of the Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) is carried out;

WHEREAS, the mission of APSC is to produce highly trained and positively motivated professionals capable of meeting contemporary law enforcement standards of performance;

WHEREAS, having diversity of members from different geographic and demographic areas of Alaska is paramount in meeting this goal;

WHEREAS, HB 193 as introduced, and if passed, would remove two members from the eleven member council, and replace them with two union-nominated employees;

WHEREAS, this would change the complexion of the council, and cause a shift in the balance which would favor labor organizations, who may not focus on APSC's missions as their primary concern;

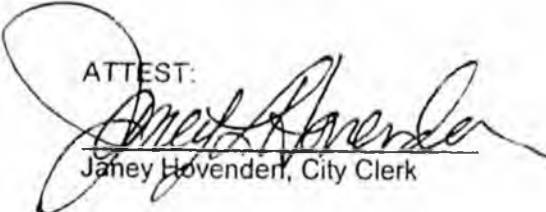
WHEREAS, passage of HB 193 will change the dynamics of the council from an impartial group of professionals who are interested in preserving the integrity of Alaska's law enforcement system and the public trust, to one weighted towards special interest.

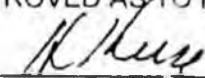
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Fairbanks, Alaska, that the City hereby declares their opposition to the passage of HB '93, and that such opposition be immediately voiced to the members of the City's Interior legislative delegation.

Passed, Approved and Effective this 23rd Day of April, 2007


STEVE M. THOMPSON, MAYOR

AYES: Cleworth, Roberts, Stiver, Seeliger, Brown
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Hilling

ATTEST:

Janey Hovender, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Herbert P. Kuss, City Attorney

Sponsored by: Yoder

**CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2007-043**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD,
ALASKA, OPPOSING HB 193 WHICH SEEKS TO CHANGE THE
COMPOSITION OF THE ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the composition of the Council is essential in ensuring that the mission of the Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) is carried out; and

WHEREAS, the mission of APSC is to produce highly trained and positively motivated professionals capable of meeting contemporary law enforcement standards of performance; and

WHEREAS, having diversity of members from different geographic and demographic areas of Alaska is paramount in meeting this goal; and

WHEREAS, HB 193 was introduced, and if passed, would remove three members from the eleven member council, and replace them with three union nominated employees; and

WHEREAS, this would change the complexity of the council, and cause a shift in the balance which would favor labor organizations, who may not focus on APSC's mission as their primary concern; and

WHEREAS, passage of HB 193 will change the dynamics of the council from an impartial group of professionals who are interested in preserving the integrity of Alaska's law enforcement system and the public trust, to one weighted towards special interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA that:**

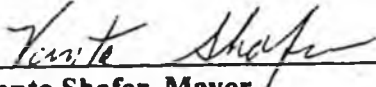
Section 1. The City of Seward hereby declares their opposition to the passage of HB 193.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Seward, Alaska, this 23rd day of April, 2007.

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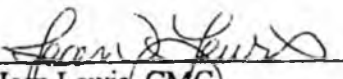
THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA



Vanta Shafer, Mayor

AYES: Dunham, Valdatta, Thomas, Bardarson, Amberg, Shafer
NOES: None
ABSENT: Schafer
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



Jean Lewis, CMC
City Clerk
(City Seal)

