

**SB**

**146**

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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Senator Cathy Giessel Senate District P

### Senate Bill 146 Sponsor Statement

**“An Act establishing a snow classic as an authorized form of charitable gaming.”**

Senate Bill 146 would allow Four Valleys Community School, Inc. to conduct a “snow classic” to raise funds for their organization. The snow classic would be operated much like other contests already allowed under statute: contestants would buy a ticket and guess the depth of snow accumulated by a specific date and time on Mount Alyeska. The winner would receive half of the net proceeds from the fundraiser.

Four Valleys Community School, Inc. (FVCS) is a nonprofit organization that annually offers more than 250 classes through the year and sponsors community events. While most of the participants are Turnagain Arm area residents, people from neighboring communities such as Anchorage, Eagle River, and Homer have participated in FVCS events. FVCS also supports athletes and local high school graduates with scholarships.

When community school funding from the Anchorage School District was eliminated, local residents supported FVCS becoming a 501c(3) nonprofit to ensure that lifelong learning and recreational opportunities remain available to the community. FVCS recruited volunteers to administer and teach, secured corporate and private donations, and fostered community involvement. Operating the snow classic will help achieve the short-term goal of self-sufficiency while keeping classes affordable and locally available. It also further the long-term goal of creating a stable fundraising opportunity to enhance the entire community.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Bill Version SB 146  
 Fiscal Note Number 1  
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Identifier (file name) SB146-DOR-TAX-02-02-12 Dept. Affected Revenue  
 Title Snow Classic Appropriation Taxation and Treasury  
 Allocation Tax Division  
 Sponsor Senator Giessel  
 Requester (S) L&C OMB Component Number 2476

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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Estimated **SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs** \_\_\_\_\_ (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated **CAPITAL (FY13) costs** \_\_\_\_\_ (separate capital appropriation required)  
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)**

Initial version

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FISCAL NOTE #1

STATE OF ALASKA  
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 146 \_\_\_\_\_

**Analysis**

**Bill Language:**

The bill will add one more gaming activity to the authorized statutory lists, thus allowing one organization, the Four Valleys Community School in Girdwood, to conduct a snow classic. It will not affect any other organization because it is restricted to this one group. It will not affect the private sector because the private sector, outside of not-for-profit organizations, does not qualify for the permit required to conduct a gaming activity.

**Revenues:**

A snow classic will generate minimal revenue—under \$1,000.

**Expenditures:**

Department of Revenue can administer the provisions of this bill utilizing existing resources.

**Senate Bill 146**  
**Snow Classic**  
**Sectional Analysis**

- Section 1:** Adds "snow classics" to the existing list of games of chance and skill that can be permitted by the department of revenue.
- Section 2:** Adds "snow classics" to the existing definition of "activity" for the purposes of AS 05.15.115(c), which limits how permittees can contract with operators.
- Section 3:** Adds "snow classics" to the existing list of activities that can be licensed under AS Chapter 05.15. Games of Chance and Contests of Skill.
- Section 4:** Defines and describes the "snow classic."

## **Alyeska Snow Classic**

The Alyeska Snow Classic is a new proposed gaming fund raiser for Four Valleys Community School, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Girdwood, Alaska. Winner(s) are determined by the exact guess of the total snow accumulation on the ground at the established Measurement Station on Mount Alyeska in Girdwood, Alaska. The total snow measurement from the ground up is taken by a neutral party on the publicized date and time. The measurement is to the nearest  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inch. The winner(s) are to be notified after the measurement is taken. Their names are to be announced at a designated Alyeska Resort event on the annually publicized date and time.

**Tickets:** All tickets are numbered and accounted for. Each ticket has the following information printed on it:

1. Name of the event: Alyeska Snow Classic
2. Date and time of measurement: To be established annually with Alyeska Resort
3. Beneficiary: Four Valleys Community School, Inc.

**Participation:** Tickets are sold by participating Girdwood businesses and the Four Valleys Community School, Inc. (FVCS) staff for \$5 per ticket. Each ticket allows the participant one guess at the total snow accumulation from the ground at a specific day and time. Completed tickets are deposited into a sealed container at the participating businesses and FVCS office. All ticket sales close one month prior to measurement date at the end of the business day. Once the ticket sales are closed, ticket sale monies, unsold tickets and sealed containers with completed tickets are picked up from each business by FVCS monitors. Prior to the measurement, all tickets distributed for sale are accounted for by the FVCS monitors. The FVCS monitors are trained adults responsible for recruiting participating businesses, working with the business' employees on record keeping and procedure, delivering needed materials, re-supplying materials and picking up the guesses with accounting, ticket sale monies and secure container with guesses. All monitors and the measurer will be neutral persons who are unable to participate and win.

**Prize:** One prize is awarded equally to the winner(s) who guess the exact snow accumulation from the ground. The prize money is half the net amount. The net amount is the difference between the ticket sales and the administrative costs to run the Alyeska Snow Classic. The administrative costs include but are not limited to all printed materials, advertising, all supplies to include sealed ticket containers, accounting files for businesses, participating business earnings and staff and monitor payroll associated with this event.

**Winners Announcement:** Winner(s) are to be notified as quickly as possible. This notification process begins with the announcement of the snow accumulation measurement and winners on the specific publicized date at the designated Alyeska Resort event.

**Senate Bill 146  
Snow Classic  
Support Letter Index**

Attached is a sample of letters received in support of Senate Bill 146. We have received letters from the following individuals, corporations and organizations, which are available upon request:

Alpine Air Alaska	Little Bears Playhouse, Inc.
Alyeska Resort	Malecha, Kris
Brodine, Carolyn	McCarty, Heidi
Cassen, Kristen	McCarty, Michael
Channon, Betty	McCombs, Zach
Cook, Cassie	McDermott, Catherine
Crocker, Janice	Mohl, Kelly
Damasius, Dalia	Montague, Kevin & Patty
Daniels, Elliot	Moore, Suzie
Davidson, Beth	Nix, Bethanie
Davidson, Christi	Nix, George
Day, Richard & Sali	Pederson, Julie
Dodds, Christy	Powers, Diane
Doepken, Julie	Preis, Pat
Donnelly, Maggie and Christopher	Rein, Alison
Dorius, Kerry	Rios, Selita
Double Musky restaurant	Ruckle, Derek
Dow, Clinton	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
Earl, Howard & Shannon	Schmideke, Kari
Epley, Sharnee	Shoffner, Katharina
Finch, Matt	Sirles, Elizabeth
Four Valleys Community Schools	Stahl, Dana
Frankevich, Joan	Stone, Amy
Gallup, John	Tenny, Mitchell & Ron
Girdwood 2020	The Bake Shop
Girdwood Parks and Recreation	Thill, Mary
Girdwood Rotary Club	Valhalla Construction
Girdwood -Turnagain Arm Lions Club	Wilkinson, Ken
Girdwood, Inc.	Yeager, Lenore & Tom
Graham, Nina	
Hammel, Rorie	
Hatcher, Rachel	
Hawes, Mandy	
Hickox, Scott	
Hoessels, Gabrielle	
Jack Sprat Restaurant	
Kauffman, Stacey	
Kiland, Janette	
Knutson & Associates, Attorneys at Law	
Lantz, Andrea	
Lions Girdwood-Turnagain Arm	

**Senate Bill 146  
Snow Classic  
Support Letter Index Part II**

Attached is a sample of additional letters received in support of SB 146. We have received letters from the following individuals, corporations and organizations, which are available upon request:

Casa del Sol LLC - Jessica Stamm  
Cleo Ent. LLC & Chair Five Restaurant – Spike Farley  
Girdwood Board of Supervisors  
Girdwood Styling Salon - Malia Dittman  
Glacier City Snowmobile Tours – Chris Roberts  
Great Alaskan Tourist Trap - Connie Coolie  
Lordan, Stacie  
Malecha, Peter  
The Ice Cream Shop + Bud & Carol's B & B - Carol Makar



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January 12, 2012

Senator Cathy Giessel  
Alaska State Legislature  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street, State Capitol, Room 3  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Giessel:

Thank you for introducing and supporting the SB146 establishing the Alyeska Snow Classic operated and run by Four Valleys Community School, Inc. (FVCS). Our organization supports this legislation. We request your continued support to enact this charitable gaming event into law.

For 30 years FVCS has been an essential year-round educational, recreational and cultural center for Girdwood and the Turnagain Arm Communities. We offer more than 200 classes, programs and events per year. FVCS focuses on lifelong learning, community involvement and efficient use of resources. We actively engage in collaborations and partnerships with local businesses, nonprofits and private donors to provide the full spectrum of services the Four Valleys communities seek.

An Alyeska Snow Classic will strengthen Four Valleys Community School and enable us to continue to meet the needs of the residents of Bird, Indian, Girdwood and Portage. A successfully operated Alyeska Snow Classic could fund our budget without recourse to property tax dollars when combined with our fundraising efforts.

In 1981 FVCS was created by community volunteers and is still governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Due to the strength of its volunteer base, it is a one of the very few remaining Community Schools operating in the state. Over 650 volunteers contribute their talents and time to support a wide range of activities. Whether it is individual or family growth, FVCS provides many opportunities to learn, serve and recreate.

FVCS is an integral and vital part of community life in Girdwood and Turnagain Arm because it is the only organization that brings together a diverse spectrum of people for educational, recreational and cultural opportunities in an environment that is healthy and safe year round. Our organization is in full support of the legislation establishing the Alyeska Snow Classic.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Reichlin, Chair  
Four Valleys Community School, Inc.

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*Education, Recreation and Cultural Activities*  
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## **What is Four Valleys Community School?**

Four Valleys Community School (FVCS) is a local, non-profit 501c3 tax-exempt organization, whose core purpose is *community enrichment*, achieved by providing educational, recreational, and cultural activities for all ages. It serves the community members of Girdwood, Bird, Indian and Portage.

The non-profit was formed when state and school district funding was being cut. FVCS is based on the historical community education model and philosophy - which advocates processes and programs that utilize the total community environment and local resources. It promotes life long learning and emphasizes that educational, social, cultural and recreational opportunities be afforded to all residents of all ages. The community school serves as a catalytic agent by providing organization and leadership to mobilize local resources for individual and community improvement and enhancement. Based on the widely accepted components of community education, FVCS has adopted specific Goals and Objectives.

In other words, because Girdwood does not have a YMCA, a community center, a Health Club, Sylvan Learning Center and all the various other amenities afforded to those located geographically closer to Anchorage, Four Valleys Community School has largely filled that gap over the years. Four Valleys Community School has been successful in partnering with various local entities to provide space, expertise, and diverse activities for the community. Currently, and through August 2012, a Memorandum of Agreement with the Anchorage School District provides for the use of the Girdwood school building at youth nonprofit rates. We have had a positive relationship with Alyeska Resort as well, and management has been supportive.

Our business and agency partners are instrumental. Our instructor base is largely volunteer oriented, which is notably astounding each and every day. People are willing to give their time and skills in order to make their entire community a better place. We cannot do what we do without them. Four Valleys Community School is truly a community based organization, committed to providing meaningful educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities for local community members.

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## **Four Valleys Community School, Inc. Program Description and Beneficiaries**

Four Valleys Community School, Inc. (FVCS) offers local residents of four Turnagain Arm communities year round learning opportunities and community enhancing activities. FVCS practices the three basic components of community education, life long learning, community involvement, and efficient use of resources. The FVCS office and main facility at Girdwood School is open beyond the regular school day to provide academic, recreation, health, social service and work-preparation activities for people of all ages.

The majority of our organization's time is allocated to developing, promoting and managing community school classes. We recruit instructors, schedule the facilities, advertise programs, register students and monitor all the classes. A wide spectrum of classes is offered for all ages. Typically, 250 classes are offered yearly in three programs. Scholarships are available for anyone who cannot afford the registration fees. Please see the Fall/Winter 2011 Program attachment.

FVCS works with agencies such as the US Forest Service and the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors and other local non-profits to provide for the needs of our communities. Interagency cooperation encourages efficient use of local resources. We help support a community health fair each year and bring a veterinarian from Anchorage to offer residents local access to health care for their pets. FVCS also organizes other community events including music concerts, a "Family Dance" event in early spring, a community wide volunteer appreciation barbeque in the spring and an annual "All Sports Swap" in the fall. Some of these gatherings double as fundraisers as well as community service events. FVCS enriches the community by financial support of activities such small theatrical productions (on the school stage), school technology upgrades, recycling efforts within the school

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and a year round recreational program to get local kids engaged in regular exercise to develop a healthy lifestyle.

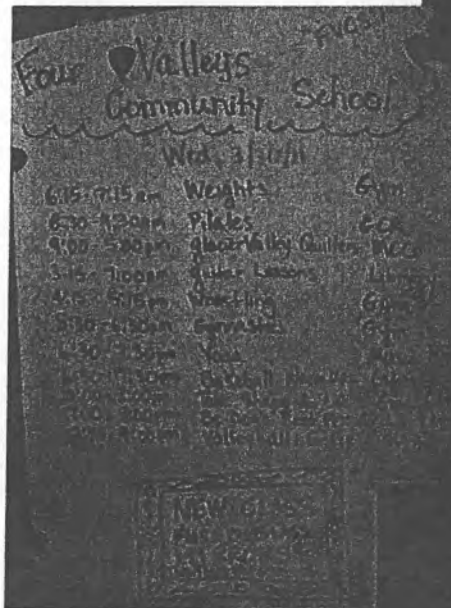
FVCS encourages volunteerism, promotes civic responsibility and provides leadership and service opportunities to groups and individuals. For example, we collaborate with other organizations like the Turnagain Arm Lions Club, the Girdwood Rotary Club and the Girdwood Volunteer Fire Department to provide items to needy families during the holiday season. Gifts are donated by local residents by taking an ornament off an "Angel Tree" located in the community school office. The ornament is then replaced with an age appropriate gift for a needy child. FVCS supports "The Goldstitchers", a local quilting group who creates and donates a unique quilt annually to benefit one of the local non-profit organizations.

FVCS recognizes outstanding community service by awarding two individuals with a "Community Service Award" at our annual volunteer barbeque. Together with the Lions Club, Four Valleys awards two post-secondary scholarships of \$750 each to graduating local seniors who have been actively involved in our community and are attending college full time. Six scholar athlete awards are made in the fall to deserving youth who qualify, complete the application and successfully interview with a community based committee.

Our direct program beneficiaries are people of all ages from the communities of Bird Creek, Indian, Girdwood and Portage. Additional participants travel from Anchorage, Eagle River, Homer and other localities to attend some of our events and classes. Annually, FVCS serves over 6,800 participants and attracts more than 700 volunteers.



**Four Valleys Community School**  
Enriching *community* by providing recreational,  
educational and cultural activities





# Municipality of Anchorage

PO Box 390, Girdwood AK 99587



## Parks & Recreation Department

January 12, 2012

Alaska State Legislature  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street, State Capitol, Room 3  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Committee Members of the House and Senate;

I am writing in support of Four Valleys Community Schools in their efforts to create the Alyeska Snow Classic and I urge you to support the needed legislation to create and approve an Act establishing the Snow Classic as an authorized form of charitable gaming.

I am a long time member of the Girdwood Community. FVCS has been operating for over 30 years and I am proud to say I have been involved with them throughout this entire time in one way or another. Over the years I have worked as Coordinator, held a volunteer position on their board, and have volunteered as instructor, teaching many varied classes for the benefit of community members. I tell you this to show that I am in a unique position having been involved with the organization in every conceivable way and continue to support this non profit organization. When I say they have been instrumental in changing the face of our community through educational, cultural & recreational programming it is not an exaggeration. At this time, as a Municipality of Anchorage employee in Girdwood, I continue to work closely with the community school as they continue to provide much of the recreational programming that is typically sponsored by the municipality.

Over the years, the community school has evolved from a municipal program to a non profit organization and continues to provide vital services to the Girdwood community. The change from a municipally sponsored program to a non profit has been difficult, as funding is always an issue. The community has supported the organization with small recreational grants, however this funding is not assured. The creation of the Snow Classic would help insure that the program of much needed funding without requesting local tax dollars. If successful, this game of chance has the potential to provide FVCS with a steady income stream and the ability to help other local non profits as well.

While I know that there are often questions about the suitability of games of chance, I feel strongly that the Snow Classic would not be a problem. A event such as these occurs only once a year and participation is strictly optional. It would provide a annual revenue stream for a hard working, funding strapped non profit that has a proven track record of giving back to and improving their community since 1981.

I urge you to support legislation creating the Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools, Inc.

Sincerely,

Jonnie Lazarus  
Girdwood Parks and Recreation



Girdwood, Alaska 99587  
www.girdwood2020.org

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Four Valleys Community School, Inc.  
P. O. Box 790  
Girdwood, AK 99587

Subject: Alyeska Snow Classic

To Whom It May Concern:

At a meeting of the board of directors of Girdwood 2020, upon motion duly made and seconded, the board unanimously approved holding an "Alyeska Snow Classic" to be operated and administered by Four Valleys Community School, Inc. with proceeds supporting Four Valleys Community School programs.

Accordingly, we encourage legislative support for SB 146 and HB 245.

Sincerely,

Diana Stone Livingston, Cochair

December 9, 2011

Alaska State Legislature  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street, State Capitol, Room 3  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Committee Members of the House and Senate,

This is a letter of support for the creation of the Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools (FVCS).

I believe that the inception of an Alyeska Snow Classic administered by FVCS would aid the organization in supporting programs offered to residents of Indian, Bird, Girdwood, and Portage, all small communities along the Turnagain Arm.

- o FVCS has been operating since 1981
- o FVCS is one of the last remaining Community Schools operating in the state of Alaska
- o FVCS provides educational, recreational and cultural activities and operates similar to Parks & Recreation or a YMCA.

By operating the Alyeska Snow Classic, FVCS can meet the goal of funding its programs without the need of municipal tax dollars. It is also our hope that the Alyeska Snow Classic will one day allow FVCS to assist other non-profits in the Four Valleys.

I urge you to vote in favor of the legislation creating an Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools, Inc.

Sincerely,



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Ski Area General Manager & VP  
Alyeska Resort



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Little Bears Playhouse, Inc.  
PO Box 350  
Girdwood, AK 99587-0350  
December 9, 2011

Alaska State Legislature  
120 4th St., State Capitol, Room 3  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Committee Members of the House and Senate:

This is a letter of support for the creation of the Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools (FVCS). Little Bears Playhouse, Inc., the non-profit childcare center serving the same communities as FVCS, supports this legislation. We request your continued support to help enact this charitable gaming event into law.

The services of FVCS are essential for Girdwood and the other communities of Turnagain Arm. An Alyeska Snow Classic will strengthen FVCS and enable them to continue to meet the needs of the residents of Bird Creek, Indian, Girdwood, and Portage. A successfully operated Alyeska Snow Classic could fund the organization's budget, combined with other fundraising efforts.

Similar to Little Bears Playhouse, Inc., FVCS was created by community volunteers and is still governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Several hundred FVCS volunteers contribute their talents and time to support a wide range of activities. FVCS provides many opportunities for people of all ages in the Turnagain Arm area. Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. would like to see that continue for many more years to come!

FVCS is a very important part of community life in Bird Creek, Indian, Girdwood, and Portage. Little Bears Playhouse, Inc. is in full support of the legislation establishing the Alyeska Snow Classic.

We urge you to vote in favor of this legislation! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joan Lower, President  
Little Bears Playhouse, Inc.

joan@alaska.net  
907-223-3112

***Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99516  
(907) 345-4466***

January 15, 2012

Alaska State Legislature  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street, State Capitol, Room 3  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Committee Members of the House and Senate,

I am writing to encourage you to support the creation of the Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools (FVCS).

For the past six years I have served the religious needs of the Catholic community of Girdwood and beyond as Pastor of the Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows, Girdwood, a mission of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Anchorage. I have come to deeply appreciate the volunteer spirit of the community of Girdwood, with parents and non-parents alike coming together to support the kids in their community. I believe that the inception of an Alyeska Snow Classic administered by FVCS would aid the organization in supporting programs offered to residents of Indian, Bird, Girdwood, and Portage. One of my parishioners has been affiliated with FVCS for a number of years and has told me that:

- FVCS has been operating since 1981;
- it is one of the last remaining Community Schools operating in the State.; and
- it provides educational, recreational and cultural activities and operates similar to Parks & Recreation or a YMCA.

I fully support the goals of FVCS and the opportunities it provides for children. By operating the Alyeska Snow Classic, FVCS can meet the goal of funding its programs without the need of municipal tax dollars. I urge you to vote in favor of the legislation creating an Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools, Inc. Please feel free to contact me personally if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Thomas C. Lilly*

Fr. Thomas C. Lilly  
Pastor

**Municipality  
of  
Anchorage**



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**GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS**

Erin Eker, Karen Zaccaro, Co- Chairman  
David Chadwick, Janice Crocker, Tommy O'Malley,

*Dan Sullivan, Mayor*

January 16, 2012

Alaska State Legislature  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street, State Capitol, Room 3  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Committee Members of the House and Senate,

This is a letter of support for the creation of the Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools (FVCS).

We believe that the inception of an Alyeska Snow Classic administered by FVCS would aid the organization in supporting programs offered to residents of Indian, Bird, Girdwood, and Portage, all small communities along the Turnagain Arm.

- o FVCS has been operating since 1981
- o FVCS is one of the last remaining Community Schools operating in the state of Alaska
- o FVCS provides educational, recreational and cultural activities and operates similar to Parks & Recreation or a YMCA.

I urge you to vote in favor of the legislation as written in House Bill 245 and Senate Bill 146 creating an Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools, Inc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Zaccaro".

Karen Zaccaro, Co-Chair, Girdwood Board of Supervisors



P.O. Box 1018  
Girdwood, AK 99587

1/14/12

Alaska State Legislature  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street, State Capitol, Room 3  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Committee Members of the House and Senate,

I am a business owner in the Girdwood Valley and support the creation of the Alyeska Snow Classic operated and run by Four Valleys Community Schools (FVCS) HB 245 /SB 146.

FVCS has been operating since 1981 and is one of the last remaining Community Schools in the state of Alaska. It is such an important source of education, recreation and cultural enrichment to the Turnagain Arm area. I believe that the inception of an Alyeska Snow Classic HB 245 /SB 146 would aid FVCS in offering programs to residents of Indian, Bird, Girdwood, Portage, and all small communities along the Turnagain Arm.

The community has supported FVCS with small recreational grants however the funding is not assured. The creation of the Alyeska Snow Classic would help FVCS become self sufficient. By operating the Alyeska Snow Classic, FVCS can meet the goal of funding its programs without the need of municipal tax dollars.

I urge you to vote in favor of the legislation creating an Alyeska Snow Classic HB 245 /SB 146.

Sincerely,

Chris Roberts

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.



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January 21, 2012

Alaska State Legislature  
120 4th Street, State Capitol, Room 3  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Committee Members of the House and Senate,

We are owners of a small business here in Girdwood and we would like to voice our support for the creation of the Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools. House bill 245 and Senate Bill 146 are currently under consideration for this purpose.

Four Valleys Community Schools has been an integral part the quality of life we enjoy here in Girdwood for our family and for the families of our employees.

The Alyeska Snow Classic will enable Four Valleys Community Schools to continue to provide the quality recreational programs that the community has come to depend on.

We believe organizations such as Four Valleys Community Schools provide the support our community needs to reach its full potential as an economic tourism center.

We hope you will support our community by voting in favor of the legislation creating an Alyeska Snow Classic administered by Four Valleys Community Schools, Inc.

With respect and gratitude for your service,

Karen Zaccaro, AIA Assoc.