RPCC Resolution in Support of the Development of ASAM Level 3.3 High Intensity Residential Treatment Services in Anchorage and Continued Community Council Collaboration

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Constitution provides that one of the responsibilities of State and Local Government is to provide for the public health,

WHEREAS, State Statutes provide that home rule municipalities have the authority and responsibility to provide for the public health,

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage, under its home rule authority, has accepted the authority and responsibility to act on behalf of the people in its community to ensure public health,

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage, in collaboration with Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness, United Way, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Rasmuson Foundation and the Anchorage Homeless Leadership Council is working to reduce homelessness and has identified ASAM Level 3.3 Clinically Managed, Population Specific, High Intensity Residential Services as a key part of the array of services needed to assist homeless people on the path to independence.

WHEREAS, Dick Mandsager, Rasmuson Foundation Senior Fellow, on behalf of the Anchorage Homeless Leadership Council, recently offered [Anchorage Daily News, December 4, 2020]:

"We are encouraged that the acquisition of the Golden Lion Hotel for the establishment of a residential treatment center is moving forward. Treatment of substance abuse is a key part of the array of services needed to assist people to independence. This facility and the residential services provided there have been needed for a long time in Anchorage, both to support those people experiencing homelessness and to support others with homes."

WHEREAS, representatives from the Administration have indicated they expect to include a requirement for a neighborhood impact statement and mitigation plan in the RFP for Treatment Services [January 11, RPCC Meeting]

WHEREAS, representatives from the Administration have indicated they expect that the neighborhood impact statement and mitigation plan will be a consideration in the evaluation of proposals and proposed contract award [January 11, RPCC Meeting]

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Rogers Park Community Council supports the Municipality's continued exploration of the development of a level 3.3 high intensity drug.alcohol addiction treatment facility in Anchorage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Rogers Park Community Council (RPCC) requests that the Administration provide the RPCC with timely notice and a meaningful opportunity to review and comment on the Alaska Treatment Center RFP requirements and evaluation criteria, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Rogers Park Community Council (RPCC) requests that the Administration provide the RPCC with a representative seat at the table of the proposal evaluation committee to ensure that local community concerns are a well vetted consideration in the evaluation of the proposals, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Rogers Park Community Council requests that the Administration provide the RPCC with timely notice and a meaningful opportunity to review and comment on the proposed Alaska Treatment Center treatment services contract award.

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