

Municipality of Anchorage



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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Resolution 2022-20 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT** **FOR AREAWIDE BOND PROPOSAL FOR CEMETERIES IN ANCHORAGE**

Whereas, in 2015 voters in Girdwood voters passed an ordinance allowing the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) powers to tax property owners to establish and maintain a cemetery in Girdwood by an unprecedented 68.7% in favor; and,

Whereas, the GBOS established a committee, The Girdwood Cemetery Committee, which pursued the goal of establishing a cemetery whose meetings are open to the public and which reports regularly to the GBOS; and,

Whereas, public land was chosen from several offered sites from the Municipality of Anchorage's Heritage Land Bank after extensive public process; and,

Whereas, the GBOS expended public funds for the environmental study which proved the suitability of the chosen site; and,

Whereas, communication and consultation has been maintained with the Director of the Anchorage Memorial Park and the Municipality's Memorial Park Advisory Board since 2002; and,

Whereas, a design and construction cost estimate was created for a multi-phase development plan for the establishment of the Cemetery in 2019; and,

Whereas, the Anchorage Daily News reported in 2020 that the Anchorage Memorial Park had space for public burials for five more years; and,

Whereas, the Girdwood Cemetery Committee has reached out with community councils in Chugiak and Eagle River who expressed their wishes to establish a cemetery in the northern part of the Municipality of Anchorage, has shared information, participated in their public process, and has helped coordinate efforts toward that goal; and,

Whereas, the Girdwood Cemetery Committee has also coordinated efforts with the Municipality's Memorial Park Advisory Board to help promote needed improvements for the Anchorage Memorial Park; and

Whereas, through the coordinated efforts of the Girdwood Cemetery Committee, the Eagle River and Chugiak Community Councils, and the Municipality's Memorial Park Advisory Board, a bond proposal is being developed to fund the establishment of a cemetery in Girdwood at an estimated cost of \$5M, a cemetery in Eagle River and for renovations and improvements at the Anchorage Memorial Park;

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors requests the Municipality of Anchorage place an areawide bond for those projects on the Spring 2023 Municipality of Anchorage Areawide Ballot.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 this 17th day of October 2022.



Oct 17, 2022

Briana Sullivan
GBOS Parks and Recreation and Cemetery Chair

Date



Attest