

## **North Star Community Council**

### ***Draft Resolution:***

Activating Community Spaces for the Benefit of Local Residents

March 8, 2023

Whereas the North Star Community Council is tasked with advocating for programs and policies that support safe neighborhoods and safe streets.

Whereas our community council area has for years been negatively impacted by the plight of our homeless/houseless neighbors,

Whereas the lack of appropriate accommodations/shelter for the homeless has resulted in our parks, green spaces, trails, and other community facilities being used as campsites by those who have no other option for housing.

Whereas these campsites are near our neighborhood schools, public facilities, and walking thoroughfares, and have no basic resources including food storage, toilet facilities, or trash removal.

Whereas NSCC has in December of 2022 passed a resolution calling for the Municipality of Anchorage to increase both temporary and long-term housing options as well as shelter beds for the houseless population, so that unhoused individuals and families have adequate options for their needs, and the camps in our neighborhoods can be abated.

Now therefore let it be resolved that the members of the North Star Community Council seek to work with State and Municipal representatives and agencies to identify projects and advocate for funding for the purpose of re-activating our public spaces, trails, and facilities for the benefit of NSCC families. These project types include but are not limited to parks, playgrounds, dog parks, community gardens, single-track bike paths, ultimate frisbee courses, etc.