

Midtown Community Council

1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100 Anchorage, AK 99503

Executive Letter 10-23-23 Police Substation

To: Mayor Bronson, Anchorage Assembly, and Anchorage City Clerk

The Midtown Community Council (MTCC) supports Ordinance No. AO 2023-104, an ordinance **authorizing a five (5) year lease with one (1) five-year option to extend between the Municipality of Anchorage (Tenant) and First National Bank Alaska (Lessor) for premises located at 1751 Gambell Street for an Anchorage Police Department Substation**, for the following reasons:

- The MTCC area has been hit with a huge increase in theft, vandalism, and other crimes over the summer and we are looking for solutions to this problem. The MTCC area has had over a \$1,000,000 in substantiated damage from April 15 to the first of July. We feel that since that time, at least another \$500,000 in theft and vandalism has occurred. We feel that an increase in police presence will serve our community to prevent future damage at this level.
- The North/South movement of traffic in the Gambell area will lead to quicker responses. Officers will not have to leave this patrol area for breaks as this facility will provide that service.
- The 150-square-foot space will be leased to the city for five years with a five-year option for \$10.00 per year. **YES! \$10.00 per year!**
- Currently Anchorage is suffering from a serious shortage of officers; this substation will allow officers to perform their job with greater efficiency, do their paperwork in a safe area, and take breaks in the local area as needed.
- The MTCC feels increased police visibility would help our crime rate.

The MTCC is asking for support from the Anchorage Assembly in passing subject Ordinance as it is a win win for the city, the police department, and the community.

Respectfully,

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