

Midtown Community Council  
1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100  
Anchorage, AK 99503

December 13, 2023

Resolution Number 2023-07

In the matter of

**The Midtown Community Council DOES NOT SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF A MIDTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Midtown Community Council (MTCC) is an organization representing the interests of the residents, businesses, and property owners of the Midtown area of Anchorage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Community Development Authority (ACDA) is facilitating the exploration of forming a Midtown Business Improvement District (BID); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Midtown BID would overlay the MTCC boundary and directly affect MTCC property owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Midtown BID would increase taxes to property owners within the MTCC; and

**WHEREAS**, Midtown has become an area of rampant crime, causing a substantial increase in business and property expenses (including property security, vandalism repair, stolen property, etc.) which will not be alleviated with a Midtown BID; and

**WHEREAS**, Midtown office and retail buildings have higher than normal vacancy rates due to crime and less demand for office and retail uses, and high vacancy leads to greater sensitivity to increased expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, after careful consideration the MTCC believes that the proposed Midtown BID would not bring "services not currently available in Midtown" which would warrant increased expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, an exploratory committee assembled by the Municipality of Anchorage to help "Midtown property owners and businesses determine if a Midtown BID would be a useful financial tool for providing certain services not currently available in Midtown" will be meeting soon to make a recommendation to the Assembly on the proposed Midtown BID; and

**WHEREAS**, the MTCC has worked with its membership and determined that its membership does not support a Midtown BID;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the **MTCC DOES NOT SUPPORT** the proposed formation of a Midtown Business Improvement District.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, the MTCC requests that the Exploratory Committee puts forth a recommendation to the Anchorage Assembly that a Midtown Business Improvement District **NOT BE CREATED**.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Midtown Community Council this 13 day of December 2023.

Kristine Stoehner

Kris Stoehner, President of the Midtown Community Council

Vote: 10 in favor, and 1 opposed.