

Presented by: Assemblymember
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2491

A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for the Immediate Return of All Permits to Open the Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Mine.

WHEREAS, the Kensington Gold Mine is a “shovel ready project,” which is of vital importance to the economic and employment well being of Juneau and all Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has voiced its support for the Kensington in Resolution Serial No. 2332 dated October 10, 2005, Resolution No. 2399 dated April 2, 2007 and Resolution No. 2490 dated June 29, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly filed an amicus brief in support of the Kensington with the Alaska District Court on May 5, 2006, and with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on October 5, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States reversed the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision halting the Kensington Gold Mine construction activities on June 22, 2009, in a 6-3 decision; and

WHEREAS, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals dissolved the injunction on construction activities on July 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Kensington Gold Mine has a highly successful, voluntary, affirmative action program to recruit, train and employ Alaska Natives and other Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, unemployment in Southeast, Alaska is high and reaches approximately 62% among adult Alaska Natives in Southeast, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Kensington will immediately create approximately 300 construction jobs, 200 direct operation jobs and 170 indirect jobs which are needed by the people of Juneau and Southeast, Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

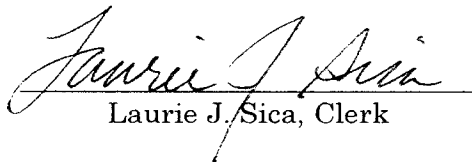
Section 1. The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau expresses its firm support for the immediate opening of the Kensington without any further delay in the return of the permits by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Army Corps of Engineers or any other agency.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 13th day of July, 2009.


Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Clerk