

Presented by: Assemblymember
Sanford
Introduced: 06/29/2009
Drafted by: J.W. Hartle

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2490

A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for Immediate Opening of the Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Project.

WHEREAS, the Kensington Gold Mine is a "shovel ready" project which is of vital economic importance to Juneau, and Southeast Alaska, and will create over 300 jobs during construction and 200 long-term, high paying, year-round jobs when in operation, with an annual payroll of over \$16 million; and

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

WHEREAS, three environmental groups challenged the permits issued to Coeur Alaska for the Kensington Project in the U.S. District Court; and

WHEREAS, after the District Court of Alaska affirmed the permits, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals halted construction on the project with an injunction in August, 2006, pending further legal process within the Ninth Circuit and then the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has now reversed the Ninth Circuit Court and has ruled in a 6-3 decision on June 22, 2009, that Coeur Alaska's permits are valid and that the case be remanded to the Ninth Circuit for entering of judgment accordingly; and

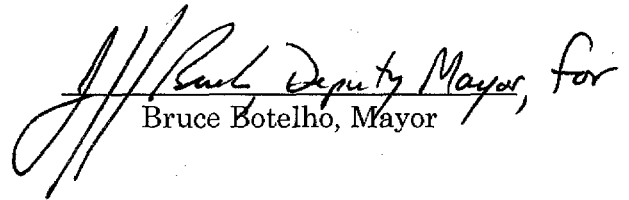
WHEREAS, the community of Juneau and Southeast Alaska need the jobs and the economic stimulus created by the project that have been halted for nearly three years by the Ninth Circuit injunction that no longer has merit given the Supreme Court's decision.

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

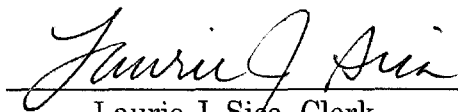
Section 1. The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau expresses its support for legal action to vacate the Ninth Circuit injunction and get the project in operation as soon as practicable.

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

Adopted this 29th day of June, 2009.


Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Clerk