

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

Serial No. 2536

A Resolution Expressing Assembly Opposition to “Ballot Measure #1 - Initiative Prohibiting the Use of Public Funds to Lobby or Campaign; and Prohibiting Holders of Government Contracts and Family Members from Making Political Contributions,” Which Will Be on the August, 2010, Alaska Primary Election Ballot.

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2010, an initiative will be on the Alaska primary ballot, which will ask the voters to decide if public funds can be used for election campaigns; and

WHEREAS, municipalities would apparently be affected in the following way:

- Municipalities would not be able to hire lobbyists for capital projects or for help with Legislation;
- Elected municipal officials and/or employees would not be able to travel to Juneau to talk with the Legislature unless they pay for their travel and lodging with their own money; and
- Municipalities would not be able to have any person lobby unless they are specifically invited by a Legislator.

WHEREAS, this initiative would seriously disrupt the relationship between Alaskan municipalities and their legislative delegations, to the detriment of all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, this initiative would seriously infringe upon the citizens' right to communicate with their elected officials; and

WHEREAS, holders of state or local government contracts of over \$500 per year would be prohibited from making political contributions, as well as would their family members; and

WHEREAS, non-profits that receive local or state funds or grants would find that board members and their immediate family could no longer take part in government issues; and

WHEREAS, the term "anti-corruption" is a very misleading term used by the proponents of the initiative, as in reality it is a basic attack on our Constitutional rights of free speech and our right to petition our government for redress; and

WHEREAS, this initiative was adopted in the State of Colorado, three years ago, and was recently struck down as unconstitutional.

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

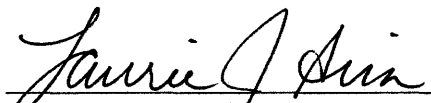
Section 1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau opposes adoption of "Ballot Measure #1 - Initiative Prohibiting the Use of Public Funds to Lobby or Campaign; and Prohibiting Holders of Government Contracts and Family Members from Making Political Contributions."

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

Adopted this 28th day of June, 2010.


Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Clerk