

CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU ECONOMIC STABILIZATION TASK FORCE

CBJ Economic Stabilization Task Force created.

There is created within the City and Borough of Juneau an Economic Stabilization Task Force to be composed of two co-chairs and members from the civic, financial, and business communities appointed by the Mayor.

These members will serve for six months, unless extended by the Mayor.

Background.

Since the first reported case of COVID-19 in the United States on January 21, 2020, in Seattle, the pandemic has spread to all 50 states and has temporarily shuttered industries and businesses around the country. Despite early imposition of health measures, Juneau has not remained outside its reach. The economic challenge brought on by the spread of COVID-19 and the resulting fundamental desire to protect public health has necessitated urgent action to protect our local and regional economy. In particular, the City and Borough of Juneau needs to identify the infrastructure and community economic revitalization programs that will protect the segments of community and the economy most at immediate risk while also building a foundation for long-term recovery.

Purpose.

The purpose of the task force is to review the economic landscape and make recommendations to the assembly. In particular, the task force should:

1. Examine federal and state government financial assistance programs and identify and prioritize any “gaps” that exist.
2. Identify and promote strategies that enable businesses to continue operations safely such as curbside pick-up, take-away, delivery, and other innovative services. Additionally, explore strategies that enable businesses and Juneau’s economy to recover in the long term.
3. Act as Liaison with the Governor’s Alaska Economic Stabilization Team

The task force will prepare and submit reports on topics and timelines as requested by the Assembly. Initially, meetings shall be held at least once a week for two months, but as the recovery begins, the meetings can be held with less frequency.

Meetings, Officers, Records, Quorum, and Staff Support.

The task force shall hold its meetings making use of social distancing techniques. All meetings shall be open to the public and advertised through the Municipal Clerk's office.

Mr. Max Mertz and Ms. Linda Thomas will serve as Co-Chairs.

The task force should solicit suggestions and proposals from the public to provide local support to our business community. The task force should also enlist, as appropriate, community members with expertise in various business sector (i.e. housing).

A majority of the task force members shall constitute a quorum in the transaction of its business. The task force shall follow the procedures used by the Assembly for transaction of its business, as interpreted by the City Attorney as necessary. The committee shall keep a record of its meetings, transaction, finding, determinations and written public comments received, which shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk and be open to public inspection at reasonable times.

The Finance department will provide staff support and assistance to the task force as appropriate and as time and priority allows.

Dated: April 6, 2020.



Beth A. Weldon, Mayor
City and Borough of Juneau