Presented by: Mayor and Assembly
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1329

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ADVISORY BALLOT PROPOSITION ON WHETHER THE CITY AND BOROUGH SHOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A NAVY HOMEPORT IN JUNEAU AND CONTINUE THE EFFORTS NECESSARY TO KEEP JUNEAU IN CONTENTION AS A POSSIBLE SITE.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau is one of eleven communities in Alaska currently being studied by the United States Navy for its potential as a site for a "homeport," and

WHEREAS, at this point in its decision process, the Navy has not determined the size of the proposed homeport facility, or the number or types of vessels that would to be assigned to the installation, and

WHEREAS, the best information available at this time indicates that the proposed homeport would serve two ships and that between 500 and 1,000 uniformed personnel and 100 direct civilian employees would staff the homeport and the ships, and

WHEREAS, as a rough comparison, the population impact of the homeport would be approximately two to four times the size of the current U.S. Coast Guard and National Guard presence in Juneau, and

WHEREAS, the city and borough is currently involved in the Navy homeport site evaluation process, and

WHEREAS, prior to the commitment and expenditure of additional municipal resources on this project, the Assembly has determined that it would be appropriate to ask the voters whether they are supportive of the city and borough continuing the site evaluation process with the Navy;

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

1. Submission of Proposition to Voters. The proposition set forth in section 2 of this resolution shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the city and borough at the next regular election to be held on October 4, 1988. The city and borough clerk shall prepare the ballot proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters as provided by this resolution and shall perform all necessary steps in accordance with law to conduct the election and place the proposition before the qualified voters at said regular election.

2. Proposition. The proposition to be submitted to the voters as required by section 1 shall read substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. _____

ADVISORY PROPOSITION ON WHETHER THE CITY AND BOROUGH SHOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A NAVY HOMEPORT IN JUNEAU AND CONTINUE THE EFFORTS NECESSARY TO KEEP JUNEAU IN CONTENTION AS A POSSIBLE SITE.

Explanation of Proposition

This ballot proposition is a nonbinding advisory vote. It asks the voters whether they want the City and Borough of Juneau to continue to investigate the possibility of a U.S. Navy homeport in Juneau. General community support is a very important factor in the Navy's decision. The Navy will not locate the homeport in a community that objects to it. No final decision by the city and borough can or will be made until the Navy decides upon the size and location of the homeport, and the effects on Juneau are determined and discussed in detail by the community. Before a final decision is made, a second ballot proposition will be submitted to the voters to ask whether they want a Navy homeport located in Juneau.

A "YES" vote means that you support the city and borough continuing to work with the Navy to determine the size,

proposed location, and social, economic, and environmental effects of a homeport in Juneau, and continuing the efforts to keep Juneau in the running as a possible site. A "YES" vote does not commit Juneau to proceeding with the project if, after receiving more information, the community by vote decides that a homeport is not in the community's best interests.

A "NO" vote means that you are opposed to the location of a Navy homeport in Juneau under any circumstances.

Proposition

Should the City and Borough of Juneau continue to pursue information regarding the proposed development of a U.S. Navy homeport in Juneau and continue the efforts necessary to keep Juneau in contention as a possible site?

YES [ ]

NO [ ]

3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 22nd day of August, 1988.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

Resolution Serial No. 1329 was submitted as Proposition No. 5 to the qualified voters of the City and Borough of Juneau at a regular election held on October 4, 1988. Proposition No. 5 failed by a vote of 3,758 in favor and 4,252 against.