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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Assembly President Ron Drathman
Members of the Assembly

FROM: Borough Clerk Linda Murphy

DATE: November 6, 1998

SUBJECT: Proposition Summary - Greater Seward Area Advisory Planning Commission

If approved by the Assembly, the following proposition summary will be provided to the voters receiving ballots for the January 12, 1999 special election:

PROPOSITION SUMMARY

On March 10, 1998, a petition was submitted to the Borough Clerk seeking the formation of an advisory planning commission for the Greater Seward Area. Of the 86 signatures on the petition, 78 were determined by the Clerk to be the signatures of registered voters residing within the boundaries of the proposed advisory planning commission district. Following certification of the petition, the Borough Planning Department conducted public hearings within the proposed advisory planning commission area, and the Borough Assembly conducted a hearing on this proposal at its regular meeting held in the City of Seward on May 5, 1998.

As required by the Borough Code, the Mayor submitted Ordinance 98-47 (an ordinance establishing an advisory planning commission as requested) to the Borough Assembly. On September 15, 1998, the Assembly conducted a public hearing on this ordinance, and testimony was heard from a number of parties supporting and opposing the formation of an advisory planning commission. Following the public hearing, the Assembly voted to postpone further consideration of the ordinance until January in order to provide time for an advisory vote to be conducted among the affected residents.

Advisory planning commissions are established to provide residents with an additional avenue to participate in land use planning activities proposed for their community. These advisory commissions make recommendations to the Borough Planning Commission with respect to land use planning and public land management issues which may affect the existing and/or future character of the community. Members of an advisory planning commission are appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Borough Assembly.

A YES vote on this proposition indicates your support for the creation of an advisory planning commission in your area. A NO vote indicates your opposition to the creation of an advisory planning commission.

The Borough Assembly will consider the results of this advisory election when debating and voting on Ordinance 98-47.