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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk 

DATE: May 3, 2011

RE: R2011-045: A Resolution Declaring the Borough Assembly to be Malapportioned and Authorizing the Assembly President to Appoint a Reapportionment Committee

The Borough has received the results of the 2010 Census. Following is a comparison of population from 2000 and 2010.

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Kenai Peninsula Borough	49,691	55,400	11.0%
Cities:			
Homer	3,946	5,003	26.8%
Kachemak City	431	472	9.5%
Kenai	6,942	7,100	2.3%
Seldovia	286	255	[10.8%]
Seward	2,830	2,693	[4.8%]
Soldotna	3,759	4,163	10.7%

Nine (9) Assembly Districts divided by new Kenai Peninsula Borough population of 55,400 persons, make the target number 6,160 persons per Assembly District.

		<u>% OF DEVIATION FROM TARGET</u>
Assembly Districts:	District 1 – Kalifornsky	6929 12.5%
	District 2 – Kenai	5498 [10.8%]
	District 3 – Nikiski	5997 [2.7%]
	District 4 – Soldotna	6374 3.5%
	District 5 – Sterling/Funny River	6976 13.5%
	District 6 – East Peninsula	5666 [8.0%]
	District 7 – Central Peninsula	5994 [2.7%]

District 8 – Homer	5475	[11.0%]
District 9 – South Peninsula	6491	5.4%

As you can see, the Assembly Districts as a whole have changed significantly as have the areas within the corporate boundaries of the six (6) cities of the Borough. Therefore, the numbers would indicate that the Assembly Districts are malapportioned.

Please find attached:

- Spreadsheet comparing 2000 and 2010 census data per community;
- Map showing the Assembly District deviations;
- Proposed timeline for the reapportionment process.