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**DAVID R. CAREY
BOROUGH MAYOR**

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: David R. Carey, Mayor *DR Carey*

DATE: May 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution 2011-053 Authorizing amendment to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) participating agreement to exclude the position of Mayor

I am requesting the assembly exclude the position of Mayor from coverage with PERS. In the long run, this will save the borough money. In the short term, savings from reducing the contribution to PERS for wages paid on the Mayor's position will be offset by the past service cost the Borough will be responsible for paying as determined by PERS.

The position of Mayor is a temporary position based on a 36-month contract between the voters and the person they elect. Term limits allow for a maximum of 6 years consecutive service. Taking the Mayor's position out of PERS recognizes that the Mayor's position is not intended to foster career politicians with life-long retirement paid for by the taxpayers.

A copy of the termination study by Buck Consultants has been included as part of this packet.