
Subject: FW: for Brent Johnson

From: joalaska [mailto:joalaska@ptialaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2011 11:45 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: for Brent Johnson

Hi Jonhi,
If it is still possible, could you give this to Brent Johnson before the Assembly meeting tonight?

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I understand that there will be a move tonight. to add two new employees to the Kenai Rivershed Forum, or some such group. I am asking you to oppose this plan.

I am one of your constituents, and would like to ask you to not support adding ANY NEW EMPLOYEES tonight.

We do NOT need to be hiring more employees. This move would just be the start of another unnecessary agency, which will undoubtedly keep right on growing.

Please show us that yor intent is to REDUCE GOVERNMENT, NOT INCREASE IT.

Thank you,

Joann Odd

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From: joalaska [mailto:joalaska@ptialaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 1:22 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: oops!

Hi Johni,

Sorry I sent by email some comments I wanted added to tonight's Assembly packet.

I've got that terrible cold that's going around, and wasn't thinking, I guess....forgot to give my name and address:

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in case you can still get it in.

Thanks
joann

From: joalaska
To: jblankenship@borough.kenai.ak.us
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 11:52 AM
Subject: please add to packet

Can this be added to the packets of all assembly members, for tonight's meeting?

Regarding Ordinance 2011-19-70: Appropriating \$200,000 to Hire a Consultant to Assist the Borough in Determining the Course of Action to Pursue Regarding Curtailing Health Care Costs (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee):

How will this proposed study differ from the recent similar study done by the State of Alaska? Spending \$200,000 to study this issue LOCALLY, is a waste of time and money. The Mayor should study the results of the STATE study, before spending more Borough money for information that may already exist at the state level. Voters WILL be looking very closely, to see where this \$200,000 is spent and who is hired to do it.

Regarding Ordinance 2011-19-72: Appropriating \$4,700,000 for the Purpose of Constructing a Radiation Oncology Facility at Central Peninsula Hospital (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee):

I object to earmarking this huge amount BEFORE negotiations are completed by both parties. We should see final proposals as to this issue before ANY Borough money is committed. If no solution between the hospital and the doctors is arrived at, that is the time to consider this HUGE amount.

Why isn't this money coming out of the large surplus fund the hospital has built up?

Isn't there a 1.5 million dollar limit the Assembly can request before adding this HUGE amount on to the taxpayers? I thought an initiative limiting the amount the Borough could spend without voter approval, is still a law?

Regarding Ordinance 2011-19-73: Appropriating \$569,292 from the Equipment Replacement Fund for the Purchase of New Sales Tax Software (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

I object to the purchase of NEW sales tax software until the people have been given adequate reasons for this expenditure. This seems like a LOT of money for a software program. I thought we just bought new software a few years ago. Why isn't that adequate? Didn't it bring in enough money?

Will this 'new software' become obsolete in a few years?

Was there any examination done to see if a comparable program might be found that costs less?

Is this just another way the new Mayor shows his disregard for the voters intent to SAVE MONEY, NOT SPEND MORE?

Regarding Ordinance 2012-07: Amending KPB Titles 2-Administration, 4--Elections and 16--Service Areas to Provide that All Kenai Peninsula Borough Service Area Boards are Appointed Instead of Elected (Murphy) (Hearings on 04/03/12 and 04/17/12) (Referred to Policies and Procedures Committee)

THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS! The PEOPLE should select who is on these Boards, NOT the Assembly.

Is this just one more POWER GRAB by the Assembly? If you pass this, legal action WILL follow, and MORE MONEY will be needed to defend this in court.

I ask the Assembly to re-think this horrible idea and shelve it for good!

Regarding Resolution 2011-108: Approving a New Senior Clerk Typist Classified Position in the River Center Department (Mayor) (Referred to Policies and Procedures Committee) TABLED 01/17/12

Again, our new Mayor seems to never run out of ways to spend more money. Will there be NO END to ways you can spend money on the River Center? What will ever be ENOUGH?

Times are HARD for a lot of Borough residents, and spending more money on NON ESSENTIAL ITEMS does not help.

Have you looked into ways PAPER WORK could be reduced, or whether existing employees are being used efficiently? Maybe some Department heads could type some of their own work? If they had to do it, maybe they would think twice before adding new regulations and policies that just generate more paperwork and justify hiring more people.

Is there ANY stipulation that this new position must be filled by a Borough resident? At least that would give a job to a local person.

Hiring new employees should be the LAST RESORT, because once they are hired, they are seldom, if ever, let go, and their benefits program adds to the financial indebtedness of the Borough and Borough taxpayers.

To the Assembly: I am ASKING YOU, to please review all possible ways to save money- not spend more.

The increase in gas prices and heating fuel costs mean that those of us on fixed incomes must make hard choices on how our money is being spent. I now have 1/4 of my spendable income cut, and must find ways to make what I get - go farther. I expect nothing less from you, who spend our tax dollars.

YOU can just increase my taxes, _I_ have no way to increase what I get.

PLEASE GET THE SPENDING UNDER CONTROL! Learn to prioritize our needs against our wants. PLEASE!