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For reading:

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2000-253(S)(as amended)

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY OPPOSING STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURE 4: (BILL LIMITING PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION) TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS OF ALASKA AT THE NOVEMBER 7, 2000 GENERAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, before Alaska's voters at the November 7, 2000 general election is the question of whether to approve Statewide Ballot Measure 4, a proposition which would limit property assessment and taxation by municipalities throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Proposition #4 would remove local control of property tax rates and local decisions over property taxation; and

WHEREAS, Proposition #4 applies to taxes levied or pledged to pay for bonds issued beginning January 1, 2001; would have a devastating effect on future bonding for construction of schools, fire stations, roads, and other public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the 10 mill limit on local property taxes imposed by Proposition #4 would require many local governments in Alaska, including the Municipality of Anchorage, to substantially reduce essential public services such as police protection, fire protection, education, street maintenance and snow removal; and

WHEREAS, Proposition #4 would also force local governments throughout Alaska to cut or eliminate public services necessary to the preservation of the quality of life for local residents such as parks and recreation programs, health services, libraries and cultural amenities, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, implementation of Proposition #4 with its limits on annual adjustments to assessment of real property would create great inequities in assessment of real property throughout Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that:

Section 1: The Assembly opposes Ballot Measure #4 scheduled for the general election of November 7, 2000

Section 2: This resolution takes effect upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 29th day of August, 2000.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk