
Geotechnical Advisory Commission (GAC) Charter

GAC Vision

The Geotechnical Advisory Commission (GAC) shall provide professional advice to the Municipality of Anchorage on issues relating to natural hazards risk mitigation and be recognized as a premiere advisory group.

GAC Mission

Act in an Advisory Capacity

Act in an advisory capacity to the Assembly, the Mayor, Heads of Executive Departments, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Platting Board, the Building Board, and the Building Safety Division.

Provide Information and Technical Guidance

Recommend studies and identify program changes that will mitigate the risks associated with natural hazards. Act as a technical resource to the professional design community.

Sponsor Educational Programs

Sponsor, and take an active part in, programs that will disseminate information to government agencies, the public, and our peers.

Support Natural Hazards Risk Mitigation Efforts

Provide support to efforts by others to address the issues related to natural hazards risk mitigation.

By achieving this mission, we create an opportunity to be an effective body in mitigating the potential damaging effects of natural hazards events.

GAC Purpose

The GAC shall:

- give professional advice,
- receive peer recognition,
- provide value to stakeholders,
- operate with integrity,
- be objective and reasonable,
- disseminate information,
- recommend program changes,
- sponsor and support education programs,
- recommend/support special studies, and
- advocate for natural hazards risk mitigation.

Key Success Factors and Strategies

Priority	Success Factor	Strategy
1	Stakeholder Satisfaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactive engagement/communication with Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) entities (stakeholders): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assembly ▪ Building Safety Division, Development Services Department ▪ Mayor's Office ▪ Planning and Zoning Commission ▪ Planning Department ▪ Platting Board ▪ Port of Alaska ▪ Project Management and Engineering Department ▪ Urban Design Commission • Commit to timely response to requests and inquiries • Establish communications committee for external coordination • Solicit feedback from stakeholders
2	Advancement of Education in Natural Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with technical/professional societies that have an education focus • Reach out to MOA entities mentioned above to offer information and educational materials related to geotechnical engineering and that are germane to their areas of practice • Collaborate with the State Seismic Hazard Safety Commission
3	Advocate for Risk Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support responsible development in the MOA, by advocating for establishment of local standard of practice for geotechnical services • Participate in International Building Code and International Residential Code review/amendments • Provide input/reviews for design criteria manuals • Reevaluation of hazard maps • Regular input for the MOA All Hazard Mitigation Plan • Continue to support post-earthquake damage assessment training by coordinating/supporting efforts by Structural Engineers of America – Alaska, United States Army Corps of Engineers, etc. • Continue to advocate for Anchorage to the Advanced National Seismic System • Identify risk sources and work with stakeholders to address them proactively

ENDORSEMENT

We, the members of the Municipality of Anchorage Geotechnical Advisory Commission, enthusiastically and fully endorse this Commission Charter for guiding and enhancing efforts in natural hazards risk mitigation.

John Thornley, Chair

Kyle Brennan, Vice Chair

Dennis Berry

Steven Halcomb

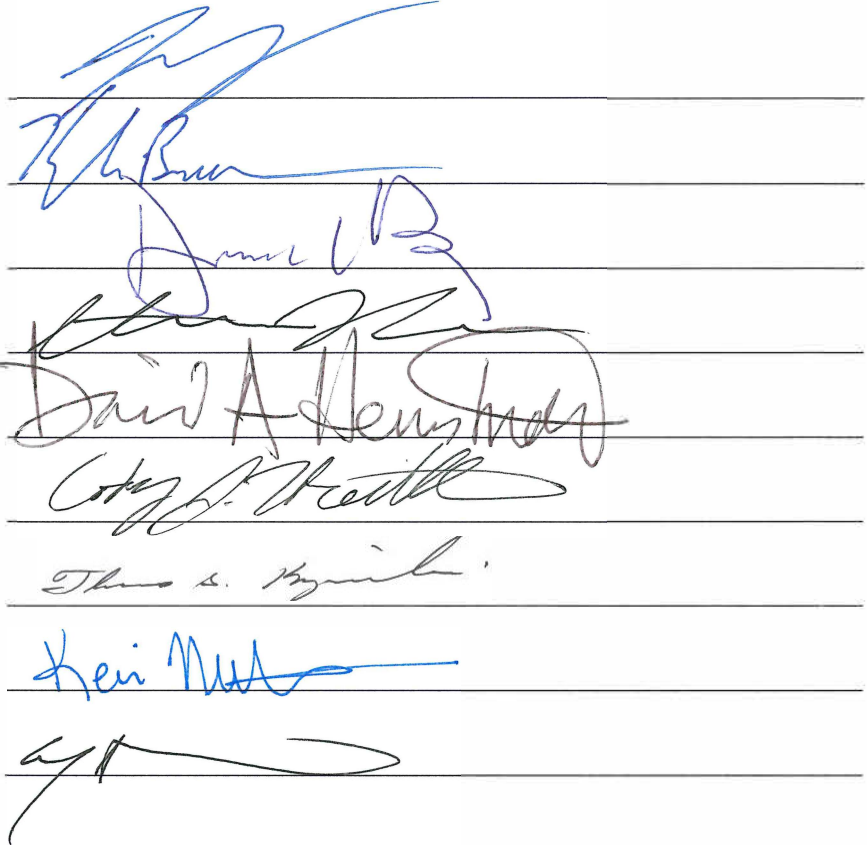
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The image shows nine handwritten signatures in blue ink, each corresponding to a name listed on the left. The signatures are written on a set of horizontal lines. The signatures are: John Thornley, Kyle Brennan, Dennis Berry, Steven Halcomb, David Hemstreet, Cody Kreitel, Thomas Krzewinski, Keri Nutter, and Amy Steiner.