2022 Proposed

General Government Operating Budget and Six Year Fiscal Program











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Dear Residents:

As we forge a new direction for the Municipality of Anchorage, my 2022 operating budget will help guide Anchorage back to an economically prosperous and business-friendly community, with an emphasis on decreasing Municipality spending, compassionately resolving the homelessness crisis, reducing the burden for development, and ensuring public safety.

Our future is bright. I am committed to creating a government that embraces personal responsibilities, with strong private sector economic growth, while maintaining continued vigilance to ensure the health and safety of our residents.

The impacts of COVID-19 have challenged our citizens, our businesses, and our health care sector. To revitalize our economy, I formed an Economic Recovery and Diversification Committee, under the Anchorage Community Development Authority. The results of their work will form the base for building a stronger, more diversified private sector, generating more jobs, and increasing revenues. By working with our state and federal partners to secure the necessary funds, we are accelerating the reconstruction of our rapidly deteriorating Port of Alaska. As the gateway for commerce to the majority of Alaskan residents, maintaining a viable port in Anchorage is critical to a robust economy, and is one of my highest priorities.

Our community of people experiencing homelessness faces unique challenges that require additional resources. Ensuring their health and safety is another priority of my Administration. We are committed to implementing a compassionate solution to homelessness while providing the resources to assist them to regain their independence.

It is essential that the government control spending. This past year, Anchorage experienced an outmigration of the population resulting in a lowering of the number of tax revenues that may be collected under the Municipal Tax Cap. Recognizing our shifting demographics and increase government spending over the last several years, we requested all departments present budgets that reflected a 5% reduction in spending. The 2022 budget is a reduction from the 2021 budget and demonstrates that we can achieve increased efficiencies while maintaining core services, with the ultimate goal of reducing the property tax burden on our taxpayers at a crucial time when economic revitalization should be a priority.

This 2022 budget reflects my commitment to all people of Anchorage.

Thank you,

Dave Bronson Mayor of Anchorage

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