MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM



No. AM XXX-2022

Meeting Date: March 10, 2022

From: **Assembly Chair LaFrance and Assembly Member Rivera** 1 2 3 Subject: **Amendment to 2022 Audit Plan** 4 On January 11, 2022, the Assembly approved AM 3-2022, As Amended, which 5 6 adopted the 2022 Audit Plan. 7 Since adoption, an issue has arisen which has led us to submit an amendment to the 8 9 2022 Audit Plan. An incident at the Gaslight Lounge which involved Anchorage Safety Patrol (ASP) led to inquiries about the contract and policies of the contractor. During 10 this inquiry, it was discovered that a contract compliance audit has never been 11 12 conducted by Internal Audit for this critical public safety contract of the Municipality of Anchorage. Some years ago, Internal Audit assisted the contractor in doing a self-13 audit, but due to the nature of this work, no public documentation exists. 14 15 16 Internal Audit routinely conducts contract compliance audits for a variety of Municipal contracts, including our senior centers, community centers, and others. We argue that 17 18 this critical public safety contract should face similar scrutiny. 19 To not impact the workload of Internal Audit, this amendment removes the Anchorage 20 21 Convention and Visitors Bureau contract audit and adds in a contract compliance audit for ASP. 22 23 24 Internal Audit was consulted during the creation of this amendment. 25 We urge support of this amendment to the 2022 Audit Plan. 26 27 28 Respectfully submitted: 29 30 31 Felix Rivera Assembly Member, District 4 (Midtown) 32 33 34 Suzanne LaFrance Assembly Chair, District 6 (South Anchorage) 35