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Assembly Leadership Statement on Unanimous Passage of First Quarter Budget Revision

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At last night's meeting, the Anchorage Assembly unanimously passed the first quarter budget revision of the 2022 general government operating and alcohol tax budgets (AR 2022-98), restoring funding to school resource officers, building safety inspectors, the fire department mobile crisis team, and domestic violence prevention. The approved budget added the Mayor's public safety requests, restored funds that were approved by the Assembly in December, and added modest additional resources for public safety.

"The budget we passed leverages our city's strong financial position to make responsible investments in public safety while staying under the tax cap," said Assembly Vice-Chair Christopher Constant. "Budgets are a reflection of a community's values and vision. With this budget, we are making the statement that our city believes in our future and we are ready to invest in that future."

"This is a great example of how government should work. We considered many ideas, had thoughtful debates, compromised, and made decisions based on community input," said Assembly Chair Suzanne LaFrance. "On behalf of Assembly leadership, we thank the Budget and Finance Committee co-chairs, Forrest Dunbar and Austin Quinn-Davidson for their hard work in developing the amendment package, and we thank all of the Assembly members for the countless hours they put into researching issues, listening to community members, and developing solutions. We also thank the Bronson Administration for setting clear budget goals and working with the Assembly on the amendments to pass a budget that puts the Municipality in a strong position for the rest of the year."

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