



ASSEMBLY BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

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sent via email

Dear Ona Brause, Acting OMB Director,

As the Co-Chairs of the Assembly's Budget and Finance Committee, we are enclosing our budget priorities for 2025. These priorities stem from past Assembly resolutions, as well as an ongoing dialogue among Assembly members on shared policy priorities. While not all of these ideas have been explicitly endorsed by the full body through resolution, these are the priorities we anticipate will be brought up by Assembly members as you work your budget proposals through the Assembly process.

Public Safety

- Maintain levels of service and continuation budgets for the Anchorage Fire, Health and Police Departments.
- Fund Department of Law increased staff needs for body worn camera data analysis, storage and evidentiary requirements.
- Continue to fund alcohol tax priorities identified by the voters, including long-term cost-saving prevention programs like those that prevent child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence.
- Expand the Anchorage Safety Patrol: This program helps reduce first responder costs.
- Full funding of the Mobile Crisis Team (24/7) for 2025.
- Operational dollars to bring online a necessary drug and alcohol treatment center.



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- Development of an Office of Housing Solutions that combines homelessness response from AHD, including HUD funding, led by a Department Director that combines the Chief Housing Officer and Homelessness Coordinator positions.

Infrastructure

- Winter maintenance, including snow plowing of roads, public transit locations and sidewalks.

Municipality of Anchorage

- Encourage recruitment and retention of employees to fill current vacancies and reduce turnover and provide opportunities for employee development to position the Municipality as a more competitive employer.
- Maintaining a high level of service across all departments.
- Fiscal responsibility, including efficient use of resources and the highest return on investment for public dollars spent.
- Maintain public access to Assembly meetings, through streaming, broadcasting, and/or other means.

Sincerely,

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