WHEREAS the Anchorage Municipal Charter Part, VIII, Sec 8.01 establishes Community Councils as representatives for neighborhoods in planning and development; and

WHEREAS Community Councils are intended to reflect actual neighborhoods and provide guidance advice on management of lands within their boundaries; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) has begun construction of a 150-bed homeless shelter and navigation center located south of Tudor Road between Elmore Road and Tudor Center Drive; and

WHEREAS a homeless shelter requires a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) which was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) at its August 2022 meeting; and

WHEREAS the shelter must meet nine criteria including that the use must mitigate or offset any significant adverse impacts resulting from its operations; and

WHEREAS the CUP requires an annual report through a public hearing at PZC that details performance and impacts of the shelter and to demonstrate that the shelter and its operations are in compliance with the original conditions of approval; and

WHEREAS UACC residents and members have expressed concerns about possible negative impacts from the shelter to surrounding neighborhoods, trails, institutions, and commercial areas on both the north and south sides of Tudor Road; and

WHEREAS the MOA has not shared operating or programming plans or associated budgets to detail the facility’s function as a navigation center and how it will ensure positive outcomes for clients and ensure offsite impacts are offset or mitigated; and

WHEREAS MOA staff members have publicly committed to stand up an advisory board comprised of community councils, businesses, and UMED institutions; and

WHEREAS the UACC has convened Tudor Elmore Shelter Committee as a regular committee of the community council.
NOW THEREFORE the UACC hereby resolves:

1. That the Municipality of Anchorage collect baseline data prior to the shelter being operational from which to assess performance and impacts for the shelter’s required annual report and public hearing.

2. That the Municipality of Anchorage make public its plan and associated budget focused on shelter operations and programming.

3. That the above plan detail the budget, strategies, and staffing it will use to mitigate onsite impacts from shelter on trails, parks, residential, institutional, and commercial areas.

4. That the Municipality of Anchorage be responsive to the UACC’s past and ongoing requests for information.

5. That the Municipality of Anchorage establish with full diverse and broad membership a Tudor Elmore Shelter advisory board represented by residents, community councils, UMED institutions, local businesses, shelter operator, and MOA staff prior to the start of shelter operations.

6. That the Municipality of Anchorage identify the primary Municipal point of contact for the shelter who can respond timely to requests for information about shelter operations.

Resolution Vote: For: 18 Against: 0 Abstain: 2

This resolution was approved by the University Area Community Council this 5th day of October, 2022.

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Tyler Robinson, President, UACC