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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THE MUNICIPAL
ADMINISTRATION TO ENSURE THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE HOUSING AND
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETS THE INTENT OF CODE REQUIREMENTS**

WHEREAS, AMC 4.60.260 requires the composition of the Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) Commission to include a minimum of four citizens representing lower-income neighborhoods and the remainder of the Commission shall be composed of citizens who experience disabilities, and representatives of each of the following interests: real estate industry, banking industry, not-for-profit housing organizations, homebuilders, and residential shelter providers; and

WHEREAS, given the recent appointments of three new HAND Commission members, the Municipal Ombudsman was requested to review the Commission's composition per the Code requirements; and he reported the following as of February 16, 1999:

"None of the three people who were newly appointed as commission members at the February 9, 1999, Assembly meeting reside or have their place of work in the Renaissance Zone. None of the three are disabled or represent disabled people in their line of work. From an occupational standpoint, the government relations consultant has a fiscal policy and budget issue background which could fit the banking industry category. The landscape architecture and planning person could be considered part of the real estate industry and the director of marketing owns rental property which could fit the real estate category.

With the recent appointments, the commission has 11 members, three vacancies that were carried over, and one other vacancy resulting from not being reappointed. There is at least one person representing each of the interest areas and the disabilities area. There are three members representing the lower-income neighborhoods; however, one of these people also represents one of the interest areas. It would appear that with the number of commission members, the intent is to have each of the positions for lower-income areas, the disabilities area, and the interest area (10 positions) represented by a different person before potentially doubling up on representation."

WHEREAS, the Assembly agrees that the intent of the Code requirements is for each of the Commission's positions - the lower-income areas (4), the disabilities area (1), and the interest areas (10) - be represented by a different person before potentially doubling up on representation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

That the Assembly requests the Municipal Administration to ensure that the composition of the HAND Commission meets the intent of AMC 4.60.260

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this _____ day of _____, 1999.

ATTEST:

Chair

Municipal Clerk