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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 99- 262

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RESCINDING THE
SELECTION OF A SITE FOR THE PROPOSED SOUTH ANCHORAGE HIGH SCHOOL AND
REMANDING THE SELECTION TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR
FURTHER INVESTIGATION, REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION.**

WHEREAS, in 1984, the Anchorage School District identified a need to acquire sites for both a junior and senior high school to meet future needs of Southeast Anchorage, and the Anchorage School District and the Municipality's Community Planning Department jointly undertook a study to select sites for these future junior and senior high schools; and

WHEREAS, three alternative senior high school sites were evaluated at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Community Planning Department, the Anchorage School Board, and the Municipality's Planning and Zoning Commission in accordance with AMC 21.15.015C, at the time of the original staff recommendations in 1984 and again later following additional staff evaluations in 1985, recommended a joint junior/senior high school site; and

WHEREAS, during its June 25, 1985 meeting, the Anchorage Assembly chose to select separate sites for the future junior and senior high schools; and

WHEREAS, Goldenview Middle School now occupies one of the three sites originally evaluated but not recommended for a junior or senior high school; and

WHEREAS, circumstances have changed between 1985 and 1999, including:

Demographics of the Southeast Anchorage population differ from 1984 projections,

Lake Otis Parkway has been upgraded to a four-lane roadway with adequate pedestrian access adjacent to one of the evaluated sites,

Utilities are adjacent to both vacant evaluated sites,

The owners of site S1, Pioneer Pit, are currently willing and interested in selling their property for a school site,

AMC 25.25 School Site Selection and Acquisition School Building Construction has been strengthened in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage acquired the 50 acre site chosen by the Municipal Assembly known as S2A, the Hines Property, west of Elmore Road between Huffman and DeArmoun Roads; and

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3 WHEREAS, the costs of design, site preparation, and construction of the South Anchorage
4 High School were approved by the Anchorage voters in April of 1999; and

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6 WHEREAS, the upgrading of Elmore Road between Huffman Road and DeArmoun Road
7 is necessary for the opening of the senior high school on the site currently selected; and

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9 WHEREAS, Elmore Road at this location is a city road which requires the voters of
10 Anchorage to approve a bond to upgrade it to required standards; and

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12 WHEREAS, it would be financially imprudent to spend site specific design, clearing or
13 construction monies on the school site approved in 1985 until Municipal voters approve adequate
14 access to the site; and

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16 WHEREAS, Elmore Road upgrade bond proposal cannot be approved by the voters until
17 the April 2000 Municipal election at the earliest; and

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19 WHEREAS, it makes sound financial and business sense to re-evaluate investments
20 including land and capital funds, prior to long-term commitment.

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22 NOW, THEREFORE, the Municipal Assembly hereby resolves:

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24 **Section 1:** That the Assembly's decision in AR 85-125 - selecting a 50 acre site known as
25 site S2A, the Hines Property - is rescinded as a South Anchorage High School site.

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27 **Section 2:** That the two sites known as S1, Pioneer Pit, and S2A, Hines Property, which
28 were evaluated as senior high school sites in the 1984 Southeast Anchorage School Site Selection
29 Study, be remanded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further investigation, review, and
30 recommendation.

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32 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____
33 1999.

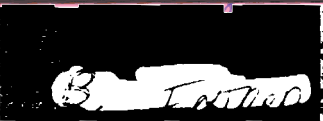
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44 Municipal Clerk
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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED 9/14/99
	A Resolution Rescinding the Selection of a Site for the Proposed South Anchorage High School and Remanding the Selection to the Planning and Zoning Commission for Further Investigation, Review and Recommendation	INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED AR
2	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly	DIRECTOR'S NAME George Wuerch
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY Greg Moyer	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER 4755
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS DATE
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	Municipal Manager	
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	Operations Manager	
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	Health and Human Services	
	Police	
	Public Works	
	Transit	
	Merrill Field (Airport)	
	Municipal Light and Power	
	Anchorage Water and Wastewater	
	Port	
	Solid Waste Services	
5	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS	
		
6	ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE 9/14/99	7 PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED 9/21/99

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