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10 **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES & CRITERIA TO BE USED IN**  
11 **DEVELOPING THE 2000 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**  
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13 WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly and the Mayor wish to continue to develop a  
14 strong working relationship with both the Legislature and the Governor to emphasize  
15 issues of concern to Anchorage which carry local, regional, or statewide significance.  
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17 WHEREAS, the State must deal with revenues declining over time, while meeting the  
18 challenge of reducing the cost of State government through rational and equitable  
19 means; and  
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21 WHEREAS, in these times of depressed State revenues, government should focus on  
22 the least costly, most efficient means of providing public services; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Anchorage represents 41.7% of the State's population and serves as a  
25 regional and statewide center for health care, social services, and cultural and  
26 recreational services; and  
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28 WHEREAS, Monies for the Safe Communities and Revenue Sharing programs for  
29 Anchorage have been cut by 79% overall since 1986; and  
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31 WHEREAS, Anchorage needs to receive adequate funding for its public services and  
32 critical programs, and  
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34 WHEREAS, funding cutbacks in the AHFC Weatherization Program have harmed ~~large-~~  
35 ~~families and~~ low income, disabled, and elderly citizens served by the program; and  
36 with young children,

37 WHEREAS, FY 2001 funding decisions regarding Safe Communities and Revenue  
38 Sharing programs need to be based on fiscal equity, recognizing the contribution by local  
39 taxpayers in generating income for and subsidizing State operations; and  
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41 WHEREAS, Municipal property owners should not have to unduly pay for the cuts in the  
42 Safe Communities and Revenue Sharing programs, or unfunded State mandates; and  
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44 WHEREAS, Anchorage needs to protect its citizens and facilitate effective government  
45 operations through appropriate legislation during the Twenty-second Legislature; and  
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WHEREAS, restructuring of regulated, basic service industries, such as electric and refuse collection, is a highly complex issue that deserves detailed, careful and informed decision making; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's fishing industry is facing problems which jeopardize its economic value and the thousands of jobs it supports; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Anchorage Municipal Assembly are beginning the process of developing a 2000 Legislative Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that the following guidelines and criteria be used in developing the 2000 Legislative Program:

**Section 1. Operating Budget --**

(a) The Municipality advocates for fiscal equity with regard to any State FY 2001 funding decision, including adequate funding for Safe Communities and Revenue Sharing programs, or any similar replacement programs.

(b) The Municipality opposes transfers of responsibilities or mandates without adequate funding.

(c) The Municipality strongly urges the Legislature to maintain funding for the Anchorage Human Services Community Matching Grant at least the minimum requested FY 2000 level of 1.4 million.

(d) The Municipality also strongly urges the Legislature to fully fund the AHFC Weatherization program, whose grant was dramatically cut in FY 1999, to at least the FY 1996 full funding level of 1.77 million.

(e) The Municipality supports full funding of the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Central Region's Maintenance and Operations and Capital Projects budgets for roads.

**Section 2. Capital Budget --**

(a) The Municipality intends to request State capital grants that reflect one or more of the following criteria:

- Projects which are part of a program providing benefits to substantially all of Anchorage.
- Projects which emphasize public safety and health

- Projects that will provide our city's youth with positive recreational opportunities/alternatives, and which in turn may help to reduce juvenile crime.
- Projects expected to produce new long-term positive economic results and strengthen Anchorage's economic base.
- Projects which either reduce or do not increase operations and maintenance costs
- Projects which address State/Federal mandates, such as ADA

(b) The Municipality supports an equitable distribution of Capital Budget funds.

(c) The Municipality strongly supports continuation of the 70/30 statutory Capital Project Matching Grant Program. The Municipality believes the 70/30 Capital Matching Grant Program constitutes a rational approach to allocating limited State capital dollars to priority projects identified and supported by the local community.

(d) The Municipality strongly supports an equitable share of FY2001 funding to Anchorage for water and wastewater improvement projects, through the 50/50 Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) grant program.

### **Section 3. Legislative Issues—**

(a) The Municipality intends to continue working with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and the Legislature in the multitude of issues involved with the restructuring of the electric industry.

(b) The Municipality does not oppose refuse collection industry restructuring provided that the ratepayers and taxpayers are protected from monopolistic price fixing, cross-subsidization, and loss of value of the taxpayers' investment.

(c) The Municipality supports legislation to provide local government with adequate State funding of mandated programs/services or to provide a local option for participation in the program/services.

(d) The Municipality intends to propose a variety of changes to clarify and refine existing Alaska Statutes in order to enhance the ability of local government to operate more effectively.

(e) The Municipality is opposed to any new or increased State taxes that unfairly impact Anchorage.

(f) The Municipality urges the legislature to address the problems facing the fishing industry and work toward protecting the economic viability and the thousands of jobs it supports.

(g) The Municipality intends to oppose any new legislation that impairs the ability of local government to operate effectively and efficiently.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 26th day of  
October, 1999.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk