

Submitted by: Chairman of the Assembly at the
Request of the Mayor

Prepared by: Department of Law

For reading: JUNE 19, 2001

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2001-189

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM AREAWIDE GENERAL FUND BALANCE 0101 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW TO FUND LEGAL RESEARCH, INVESTIGATION, REPRESENTATION AND ACTION TO DEFEND AND ADVANCE ASSEMBLY AND MAYORAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STATE'S DECENNIAL REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2001 the Anchorage Assembly, by unanimous vote of its nine members present, recommended to the Alaska Redistricting Board that:

1. "the Government Hill neighborhood be rejoined with Downtown Anchorage for purposes of representation in the Alaska Legislature"; and

2. "Legislative Districts which include portions of the Municipality should extend no further south than Whittier and Hope and, instead, be directed toward the Point McKenzie area and/or north along the Glenn/Parks Highways."; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Tremaine representing south Anchorage opposed sharing an election district with Valdez; and

WHEREAS, the State Redistricting Board has combined south Anchorage with Valdez contrary to the specific recommendation of the Assembly and Assembly Member Tremaine representing south Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, combining south Anchorage with the City of Valdez raises a serious and substantial issue that such house district violates the Alaska constitutional mandate that election districts be contiguous, compact and an integrated socio-economic area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez City Council unanimously opposes combining the City of Valdez with the south Anchorage House District and, on June 18, 2001 authorized litigation protesting the final State Redistricting Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Redistricting Board has also separated Government Hill from downtown Anchorage contrary to the Assembly's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the State Redistricting Board has combined the Fort Richardson and Elmendorff Military bases with Government Hill separate from Downtown Anchorage and adversely affecting the voting rights of resident military personnel; and

1 WHEREAS, the State Redistricting Board failed to fulfill or honor four of the five essential
2 criteria identified by the Mayor in his May 4, 2001 letter to the Assembly and the Board necessary
3 to protect the best interests of Anchorage and its voters and residents; now therefore,
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5 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:
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7 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$50,000 from the Areawide General Fund (Fund
8 0101) to the Department of Law, Account 3111 for Budget Year 2001 Operating Expenses for legal
9 research, investigation, representation and action to defend and advance the Assembly and Mayoral
10 recommendations protecting the Municipality's best interests in the State's dicennial
11 reapportionment.
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13 Section 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the
14 Assembly.
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16 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this ____ day of _____, 2001.
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Chair of the Assembly

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Municipal Clerk
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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 580-2001

Meeting Date: JUNE 19, 2001

From: Mayor

Subject: AR 2001- 189 ; Appropriating \$50,000 from Areawide Fund Balance to the Department of Law For Research, Investigation, Representation And Legal Defense Of Assembly and Mayoral State Redistricting Recommendations.

This Resolution appropriates \$50,000 to the Department of Law to defend and advance the Assembly and Mayoral and south Anchorage Assembly member's recommendations for the State's decennial reapportionment plan.

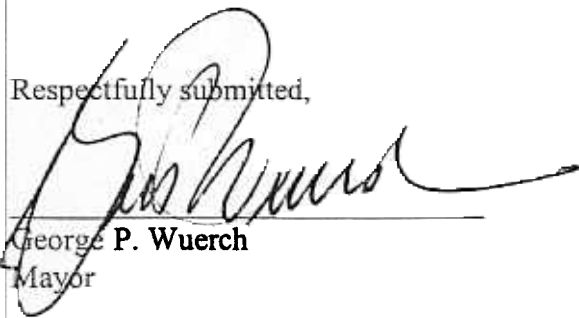
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
101-740	Areawide Fund Balance	\$50,000

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
101-1151-3111	Legal Services	\$50,000


Harry Kieling
Municipal Manager


William A. Greene
Municipal Attorney

Respectfully submitted,


George P. Wuerch
Mayor

Fund Certification 101-740 Areawide Fund Balance
Not to exceed \$50,000


For Kate Giard
Chief Fiscal Officer

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