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ASSEMBLY ACTION TAKEN

Submitted by: Assemblymember TESCHE, Taylor

Prepared by: Department of Assembly

For reading: April 23, 2002

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2002-127

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDING  
SELECTION OF A NEW MUNICIPAL LIBRARIAN BASED ON PROFESSIONAL  
QUALIFICATIONS AND ESTABLISHING A SELECTION COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN  
THE PROCESS**

WHEREAS, Municipal Librarian Tim Lynch has resigned his position effective August 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Librarian exercises overall responsibility for the operation and management of Alaska's premier public library system; and


WHEREAS, the Assembly recognizes the importance of an advanced degree in library science from an institution accredited by the American Library Association, as well as substantive experience in the overall operation and management of a library as minimum qualifications for this position.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves

**Section 1:** That in the judgement of the Assembly, the new Municipal Librarian should, at a minimum, have received an MS in Library Science by an institution accredited by the American Library Association, and at least four years professional experience in the management of a library or library system at an executive level.

**Section 2:** That if members agree to serve, the Mayor shall appoint an Advisory Selection Committee to assist in the selection of a new Municipal Librarian. The Committee shall include the Dean of the UAA Conservation Library, the State Library Director, the Fairbanks Public Library Director, two Municipal Library Staff representatives who are not executives, a member of the Library Advisory Board, and a member of Friends of the Library.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 23rd day of April 2002.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk

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April 26, 2002

Anchorage Assembly

FROM: Mayor George P. Wuerch

SUBJECT: Veto of Assembly Resolution 2002-127, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recommending selection of a new municipal librarian based on professional qualifications and establishing a selection committee to assist in the process.

The Assembly Resolution provides an alternative regarding the appointment of a Municipal Librarian. Pursuant to the authority cited in the Charter for the Municipality of Anchorage, I hereby veto Assembly Resolution 2002-127 for the following reasons:

1. The executive and administrative power of Anchorage is vested in the mayor (ref. Charter Section 5.01(a)). The executive power includes the power to appoint executive employees, subject only to the requirement that the assembly confirm the appointment of department heads (ref. Charter Section 5.02(a)). The Librarian position does not require Assembly confirmation.
2. Anchorage Municipal Code provides that the Mayor may utilize any recruitment and referral sources and techniques he deems appropriate to obtain the highest caliber employees for executive positions and may appoint whomever he has determined can best discharge the duties of an executive position at his discretion. AMC 3.30.173. By establishing specific criteria for hiring a Municipal Librarian and establishing an advisory commission, the Assembly Resolution is inconsistent with Mayor's wide discretion under the Anchorage Municipal Code regarding the recruitment and selection of executive employees.
3. The professional requirements stated in AR 2002-127 are already included in the job qualification currently used by Employee Relations.

The authority and discretion to select and appoint executives is clearly a function the Anchorage Charter and Code vest in the Mayor.

I encourage the Assembly to uphold this veto.

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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT		DATE PREPARED
	A Resolution Recommending Selection of a New Municipal Librarian Based on Professional Qualifications and Establishing a Selection Committee to Assist in the Process		18-Apr-02
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	Municipal Manager		
	Cultural & Recreational Services		
	Employee Relations		
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer		
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