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To the Federation of Community Councils Board of Delegates and Community Councils Executive Boards:

Thank you to the Community Council officers, members, and Federation delegates who responded to our online survey questionnaire since it opened in November or who helped find volunteers for a Boundary Advisory Committee. The following is an update regarding the *10-year Review of Community Council Boundaries* project:

For Updated Project Information. Every 10 years, the Municipality reviews community council boundaries and seeks input on whether any boundaries between the community council districts should be adjusted. This 10-year review was initiated in November with visits to the Federation and an online questionnaire. For more information, its overall requirements, and upcoming meetings, visit our [project web page](#). It includes **White Paper #1**, which summarizes the public process requirements and boundary review criteria.

Public Questionnaire Responses – Identifying Boundary Study Areas. Many thanks to the several hundred people who responded to the online survey questionnaire or who emailed comments to me. That feedback is the basis for identifying boundary study areas. Last week, the Community Councils Center broadcast a mass public info alert that the questionnaire comment deadline is extended to Friday, February 17. The online questionnaire closes at 5 p.m., so please take a few minutes to respond to this brief questionnaire if you have not already, or encourage others to do so. **White Paper #2** (*forthcoming*) will summarize the public feedback and list the resulting Boundary Study Areas.

Boundary Advisory Committee. The Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) are responsible for consulting with the community councils and recommending any proposed boundary adjustments to the Assembly. Because of the number of questionnaire responses and Boundary Study Areas identified by respondents, the Planning Department organized a *Boundary Advisory Committee*, with help from the Federation delegates and Community Council officers in finding volunteers. The Boundary Advisory Committee is a geographically representative group of 12 Community Council members. Its purpose is to serve as a sounding board, giving feedback to the Planning Department and the PZC regarding proposed changes to boundaries. Committee meetings will be noticed and open to the public.

To solicit volunteers, staff emailed the Federation's updated (12/27/2022) master contact list of officers on January 5, seeking volunteers or suggested names. Community Councils Center staff, the Municipal Ombudsman, the chair of the Chugiak-Eagle River Advisory Board, a former Assembly member and HALO official, and several Community Council officers were contacted for help in finding volunteers to ensure representation for certain parts of the Municipality. Twelve people volunteered for the Committee (roster attached), and its first meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27.

Your Community Council's Role. With the Committee's advice, the Planning Department will prepare and within several months release a draft set of recommendations as to the Boundary Study Areas. There will be at least a 2-month period seeking public comments from the Community Councils in the form of resolutions from your council and addressed to the PZC. The PZC will then hold a public hearing. Please contact me at (907) 343-7916 or tom.davis@anchorageak.gov if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Attachment: Boundary Advisory Committee Roster