April 15, 2020

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and emergency orders, MOA Elections is requiring that voters or members of the public who wish to offer testimony on topics at the Anchorage Election Commission Public Session of Canvass on Friday, April 17, 2020, do so through e-mail, telephone, or other written correspondence. To protect the staff, the public, and commission members, the MOA Election Center will have limited access to essential personnel until further notice. Members of the press who wish to attend are asked to reach out to the Clerk’s office in advance so that accommodations for them can be made. The meeting will be broadcast on Facebook Live on the Municipal Clerk’s Facebook page : @ANCMuniClerk.

MOA Elections has based this decision not to allow in-person public testimony on Governor Dunleavy’s COVID-19 Health Mandate 011, effective March 28, 2020, for all persons to remain at their place of residence; and Mayor Berkowitz’s “hunker down” Executive Order, effective March, 22, 2020, for people of Anchorage to remain home as much as possible to slow the spread of COVID-19.

MOA Elections is taking extraordinary steps to allow remote testimony and is providing detailed instructions below as to how the voters or members of the public may offer testimony to the Election Commission. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, MOA Elections is broadcasting the Public Session of Canvass on Facebook Live as well as recording the session. The Commission agenda and topics that will be considered on Friday, April 17, 2020, is attached.

**HOW TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS OR GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Written testimony and general comments** are encouraged. Email is the most effective way to get information to Election Commission members. Please submit written testimony or comments to Elections@muni.org by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020. The written testimony and comments will become part of the record of the meeting. In the subject line of the email:

- For written testimony on agenda items, please identify the agenda item on which you wish to provide testimony (For example: *Election Commission Testimony: Agenda Item 5.B. Review of Pending Rejected Ballot Envelopes*); OR
- For non-agenda items or general comments, please identify the general topic of your comments to be directed to Election Commission. (Example: *Election Commission General Comments: Recommended new drop box location.*)
Telephonic testimony and general comments will be accepted but are not encouraged due to concerns about sound in the meeting space. Even so, if you wish to provide telephonic testimony or general comments, please email Elections@muni.org by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020. Please include your name and phone number in the email. In the subject line of the email:

- For telephonic testimony on agenda items, please identify the agenda item on which you wish to provide testimony (For example: *Election Commission Telephonic Testimony: Agenda Item 5.B. Review of Pending Rejected Ballot Envelopes*); OR
- For telephonic testimony on non-agenda items or general comments, please identify the general topic of your comments to be directed to Election Commission. (Example: *Election Commission Telephonic General Comment: Recommended new drop box location*.)

The MOA Elections Team will call you once at the number you have provided. You will have 3 minutes to provide testimony on the topic you have identified.

HOW TO VIEW OR LISTEN TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION PUBLIC SESSION OF CANVASS

The Anchorage Election Commission Public Session of Canvass will be held at the MOA Election Center, 619 E. Ship Creek Avenue, Door D, on the East Side of the Building, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only essential personnel will be admitted to the meeting. The April 17, 2020, Election Commission Public Session of Canvass will be broadcast on Facebook Live at @ANClerk. The Election Commission meeting recording will be archived on the Municipal Meetings page at http://www.muni.org/Meetings, under “Archived Videos & Agendas” and the “2020 – Other Meetings” tab.

For more election information, please visit muni.org/elections, or call the Voter Hotline at 243-VOTE (8683).

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