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FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 36

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING COMMENTS TO THE ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD REGARDING THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

WHEREAS, The population of the Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough) is 95,655 according to the decennial U.S. Census; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the State of Alaska requires the Alaska Redistricting Board (Board) to reapportion house districts based upon the population as near as practicable to the quotient obtained by dividing the population of the state by forty, or an ideal district size of 18,335 people, thereby entitling the Borough to 5.22 house seats; and

WHEREAS, Overpopulating the Fairbanks North Star Borough's districts shortchanges the people of the Fairbanks North Star Borough and systematically underrepresents Fairbanks North Star Boroughs voice in state government; and

WHEREAS, Where possible, all of the excess population of a municipality should be placed together in one other district in order to maximize effective representation of the excess group; and

WHEREAS, Borough residents have the right to substantial equality of population among their districts as compared to other districts in the state, and these deviations can be easily reduced as evidenced by proposed plans adopted by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Some draft plans contain Borough districts which combine geographical areas of the Borough that are not reachable without crossing the district boundaries, and some will require driving through three other districts to reach each part, which is unnecessary in the urban areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, Existing communities of interest should be represented based on city boundaries, geographical proximity, and interconnected neighborhoods that share common interests and values.

WHEREAS, The Assembly encourages the Redistricting Board to do a comprehensive review of any plan before it is finalized to ensure established neighborhoods and subdivisions are not unnecessarily divided in ways that place residents in districts away from their common-interest neighbors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks North Star Borough supports a redistricting plan that maximizes the representation of Borough citizens by grouping the excess population as a whole into one district rather than overpopulating five districts and further requests contiguous and compact districts that keep communities of interest together.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution should be forwarded to the Alaska Redistricting Board.

ADOPTED THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2021.

Mindy O'Neall
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Lyke, Cooper, Wilson, Lojewski, O'Neall, Williams
Noes: Cash, Tomaszewski
Other: Sanford (Abstained)