

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
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To: Anchorage Assembly  
Mayor Dave Bronson

RE: AO2024-9, AM91-2024, AM78-2024  
Removal of Rockridge Drive between O'Malley Rd. and East 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the Upper O'Malley Limited Road Service Area Boundaries and related actions

The Hillside Community Council (HCC) Board of Directors appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the above referenced, proposed Assembly ordinance and accompanying memorandums related to the removal of Rockridge Dr. between O'Malley Rd. and East 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the Upper O'Malley Limited Road Service Area (LRSA) boundaries.

These documents were published last week. In order to provide feedback to the Assembly and Administration prior to the deliberation of these documents on January 23, 2024, the HCC Board of Directors met with District 6 Assembly members Sulte and Johnson, and the Upper O'Malley LRSA Board Chair on Saturday, January 20, and is issuing this letter.

Rockridge Drive, between O'Malley Rd. and East 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue, is the primary access road for O'Malley Elementary. O'Malley is the neighborhood school for the mid-Hillside, Hillside East and home to the Anchorage School District (ASD) French Immersion program. Since 2000, winter maintenance on Rockridge Dr. has been performed and paid for by the Upper O'Malley LRSA members, even though this section of the road is outside the geographical boundaries of the LRSA. The non-compensated, volunteer LRSA Board must perform the administrative functions related to maintaining a road that accesses an ASD school. And, since 2000, the LRSA property owner members have paid a contractor to pick up its snowplow blade, leave its LRSA, and paid for travel time to reach and clear Rockridge Dr., even though the LRSA receives no monies to pay for this maintenance.

The HCC Board of Directors understands and supports the desire of the LRSA Board of Supervisors to focus the efforts and monies of its resident taxpayers on the roads within its geographical boundaries, and to allow its members to make this decision through a ballot proposition. This portion of Rockridge Dr., which sees a greatly increased rate of traffic due to its use as access for the ASD elementary school, should be proposed to Anchorage voters to be included in the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA), like other roads serving schools within the Municipality.

We cannot in good conscience support AM91-2024, a proposition that leaves no plan in place for winter maintenance of a road used to access a school within the Municipality. To ensure the safety of students, staff, families and community members, HCC Board of Directors respectfully encourages all stakeholders, the Assembly, the Administration and the Anchorage School District to ensure that a plan is in place for timely winter maintenance on Rockridge Dr. to access O'Malley Elementary, should the voters choose to remove Rockridge Dr. from the Upper O'Malley LRSA.

Respectfully submitted,



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