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SENATOR JOHNNY ELLIS MINORITY LEADER

The Honorable Dan Sullivan Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage 632 W 6th Avenue, Suite 840 Anchorage, AK 99501

Mayor Sullivan:

Recently, your administration proposed plans to relocate the Karluk Manor to a new site in the Mountain View area. I strongly urge you to involve all local stakeholders in the upcoming negotiations over the location and development of this project by working closely with the Mountain View Community Council (MVCC) and other interested community organizations.

As the municipally-recognized community forum for this area, the MVCC provides a crucial conduit between private citizens and public officials. In negotiations such as those concerning the Karluk Manor, the Council serves as a crucial point of contact for community residents to bring local perspectives and share innovative ideas. A planning process that does not fully incorporate consultations with the MVCC and other recognized community organizations would miss an opportunity to develop an approach that satisfies community concerns while maintaining the important services of the Karluk Manor.

It is my understanding that the Mountain View Community Council, as well as the Anchorage Community Land Trust and the Mountain View Business Roundtable, have not yet been fully involved in the planning process for the Karluk Manor relocation. I urge you to share all relevant information with these organizations and incorporate their substantive recommendations as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to continuing to work with your administration and Mountain View community organizations to determine the best possible arrangement for the Karluk Manor.

Sincerely.

Sen. Johnny Ellis

Cc: Rep. Geran Tarr

Assemblyman Patrick Flynn

Daniel George, Mountain View Community Council President

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