



Rabbit Creek Community Council

1057 W. Fireweed Ln. Ste. 100, Anchorage, AK 99503



July 7, 2016

Re: Campaign Sign Placement

Dear Candidates and Campaign Staff,

Thank you all for your contributions to a vibrant democracy and civic participation by placing yourselves up for election to offices of public trust. The Board of the Rabbit Creek Community Council would like to wish you the best of luck on your endeavors and for a vibrant – and civil – election season.

At our regular meeting of June 9, 2016, the Board of this Council voted unanimously to send this letter to the most active campaigns in the council area as of June 9 due to complaints brought to the Council's attention. These include races for the United States Senate and House of Representatives as well as Alaska State House, District 28 and Alaska State Senate, District N.

We would very respectfully and very firmly remind all campaigns that campaign signs should not be placed in either state or municipal rights of way, affixed to sign posts and poles, or placed on private property without the express consent of the owner or manager of said property regardless of whether it is technically legal so to do. This Council very much supports freedom of expression but equally do we support the rights of property owners. Residents do, after all, pay taxes on right of way on their property; and the RCCC views such easements as being for future infrastructure needs for the public benefit. Furthermore, whether for political, personal, or professional reasons, property owners may not wish to associate or be associated with a campaign or with any campaigns.

As further reports of violations are made known to us, we will attempt to contact you to assist residents of our council area to find mutually agreeable solutions to any issues. However, we recognize the rights of property owners and managers to disassemble and otherwise dispose of any infringing signs in ways they deem fitting.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments. I and the rest of the Council can be reached at rabbitcreekcc@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Adam S. Lees, Chair