

## DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Anchorage, Alaska

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To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to express our full support of the Downtown Community Council for the Anchorage Memorial Cemetery Bell Tower project.

A new bell tower and electronic carillon for the downtown cemetery is something that the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery Advisory Board and the Fairview Community Council have been advocating to build for more than a decade. In May 2017, we voted in support of this project because downtown neighbors agree that this project will provide a beautiful addition to the cemetery with its gift of song, and will bring life and warmth to the space. The visitor experience at the cemetery will be beautifully enhanced. Homes and businesses neighboring the cemetery will also be positively impacted by increased visits to this downtown space.

**We strongly support plans for enhancements to the Anchorage Memorial Cemetery, and view the project as building the emotional and physical sense of community we are committed to in building a better Anchorage.** We look forward to this project preserving the historic cemetery and bringing joy to new generations.

Please know I would be happy to offer my support via the phone should you like to talk in person. Thank you for considering this worthy project to be managed through the Anchorage Park Foundation.

Please feel free to contact me at 854-3633 or [downtown.c.council@gmail.com](mailto:downtown.c.council@gmail.com).

Regards,



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