

**UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UACC)
RESOLUTION 2019-01**

A Resolution of UACC in Support of MOA Proposition 9 – Retail Alcohol Tax

WHEREAS the Anchorage Municipal Charter Art, VIII, Sec 8.01 establishes Community Councils as representatives for neighborhoods in planning and development; **and**

WHEREAS Community Councils are intended to reflect actual neighborhoods and provide guidance advice on management of residents health and safety within the MOA; **and**

WHEREAS the Anchorage community has seen an increase in crime related to the lack of mental health services and substance abuse treatment and the community has been asking for a solution for years; **and**

WHEREAS the MOA proposes to tax alcohol at 5% and dedicate the revenue to public safety, mental health, and substance abuse and misuse treatment and prevention; **and**

WHEREAS a 5% tax could raise between 11 to 15 million dollars annually; **and**

WHEREAS the revenue could be used to fund alcohol and substance abuse detox, treatment and prevention education, expand Anchorage Safety Patrol, team social workers with police and EMTs for mental health evaluations, or fund homeless remediation services like camp abatement; **and**

WHEREAS a majority of people who are homeless describe the need to have some kind of mental health and/or substance use treatment services to get back on their feet; **and**

WHEREAS the Administration is require to present how the revenue is being spent and the Assembly will have to approve new and continued spending with public input; **and**

WHEREAS the revenue is greatly needed in the community and will help as many as 4,000 additional Anchorage residents.

NOW THEREFORE, UACC hereby resolves to support the Municipal Alcohol tax in Proposition 9.

Resolution Vote: For 13 Against: 1 Abstain: 0

This resolution was approved by the University Area Community Council this day of March 6, 2019.



Paul R Stang, President, UACC