



Rabbit Creek Community Council

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August 25, 2020

To: AFD Forrester John See
From: Rabbit Creek Community Council
Re: Recognition of Service to the Rabbit Creek Community Council

John,

The Rabbit Creek Community Council (RCCC) unanimously passed a motion at our August 13th, 2020 Council meeting thanking you for your support and service to the Council and the entire Hillside community leading the Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) Firewise program and assisting our community awareness, training, assessment and all hazard resiliency efforts. We greatly appreciated your experience, knowledge and the additional University of Alaska Anchorage, Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), AFD and State of Alaska resources you coordinated to support our efforts. We hope your original goal of seeing us become a recognized Firewise Site will be reached in the future as we build on the work you so enthusiastically and expertly completed here.

Attending so many Community Council and committee meetings, including many that you attended as a volunteer when you were off contract, was a tremendous effort on your part, and one for which we are grateful. We always enjoyed your participation. Your comfortable and knowledgeable approach to the topic made it easy for us to expand our efforts to benefit the entire Hillside community.

As we recognized your work at our August meeting, the RCCC additionally noted in its motion that we encourage the MOA to continue to fund and staff the community Firewise program and the work you have done coordinating Hillside area fire load assessment, critical route identification, and fire treatment zones, increased use of early detection technology development to improve rapid response capability. Additionally, we are encouraging the MOA to continue the work you championed with early spring community awareness programming, community drills, and a focus on the unique challenges of the Hillside that have many isolated residential areas and limited regional routes for evacuation. The RCCC hopes your work will continue in the future and we wish you a peaceful and enjoyable retirement.

Sincerely,

Ann Rappoport, Co-Chair
Rabbit Creek Community Council

Ky Holland, Co-Chair
Rabbit Creek Community Council

cc: John Weddleton, Anchorage Assembly
Suzanne LaFrance, Anchorage Assembly
Mayor Ethan Berkowitz
Jodie Hettrick, Chief, Anchorage Fire Department