

South Addition Community Council Resolution 2020 - 01

WHEREAS the Anchorage Municipal Charter 4.01 requires that the Assembly shall consist of 11 assembly members elected from “compact and contiguous territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socioeconomic area” but otherwise does not dictate the Assembly Districts other than that they be reapportioned from time to time if they become malapportioned; and

WHEREAS under the current Municipal Code, § 2.25.010, there are six assembly election districts, of which 5 are two-member districts and one, District 1, is represented by only one assembly member; and

WHEREAS, historically it was anticipated that the single member district would periodically rotate, and

WHEREAS, District 1 has been the only single member district for more than thirty years (since 1985); and

WHEREAS it is believed that the best and most equitable assembly representation is six two-member districts since this assures each assembly member shall reside relatively close to the neighborhood(s) he/she represents and that each assembly member shall have an equivalent burden in terms of addressing the needs and concerns of the community he/she represents; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 12 will appear on Anchorage’s April ballot, eliminating the single-member district and creating six equally-sized districts, each represented by two Assembly members, at the next redistricting;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED by the South Addition Community Council that the Council supports the passage of Proposition 12, which would require six two-member member assembly districts upon the next reapportionment.

Passed / Failed by a vote of ___ to ___ with ___ abstaining on ___/___/_____

Moira Gallagher, President
South Addition Community Council