



**Senator Gray-Jackson's Notes  
Russian Jack Community Council  
April 14, 2021**

*Happy Spring!*

- Today, is day 86 of the first session of the 32<sup>nd</sup> legislative session. As we approach the voter approved 90-day limit, I'm confident that we will be in session for the full 120 days required in the Constitution with the possibility of extending for the allowed 10 days.
- HB76, extending the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency, was passed in the House and is now in the Senate. It was heard in the Finance Committee on Monday and Tuesday and I am hopeful that it will pass the Senate within a week.
- The Finance Subcommittees that I serve on – Health and Social Services, Labor and Commerce, Community and Economic Development are all in closeout mode which means that budget recommendations will go to the Finance Committee.
- Below is the status of my bills submitted during this session:
  - SB 1- Chokehold Ban-Ref. to STA, JUD, Awaiting a scheduled hearing.
  - SB 2- Peace Officers; De-Escalation, Misconduct-Ref. to STA, JUD, FIN. First hearing was on March 25th.
  - SB 3- Police Officers; Oral Warning/De-Escalate- Ref. to STA, JUD, FIN. Awaiting a scheduled hearing.
  - SB 4- Prohibit Peace Officers Shooting at a Moving Vehicle- Ref. to STA, JUD. Awaiting a scheduled hearing.



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SB 5- Proclaim Juneteenth Day a Holiday- Ref. to STA. Awaiting a scheduled hearing.

SB 7- State Trooper Policies: Public Access-Ref. to STA, JUD. Awaiting a scheduled hearing.

SB 46- Law Enforcement: Registry; Use of Force- Ref. to CRA, STA, FIN. Tentative hearing April 20<sup>th</sup> in CRA.

SB 47- Vehicle Registration/Persons W/Disability- Ref. to STA. Heard in STA and is now in the Rules Committee awaiting to be sent for a vote on the Senate Floor.

SB 80- Public Schools: Mental Health Education- Ref. to EDC, HSS, FIN. Heard in EDC, and HSS is scheduled to be heard on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Note: **STA**-State Affairs, **EDU**-Education, **JUD**-Judiciary, **FIN**-Finance

**How to Stay Informed**

- During the session, you can tune into the Capitol happenings by watching Gavel to Gavel, my Senator Elvi Facebook and Twitter pages and, of course, by reviewing my monthly newsletters.

If you are not receiving my monthly newsletter, please let us know.

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\_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
IN OPPOSITION TO THE DELCARED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ Community Council is a private, not-for-profit, voluntary, self-governing association composed of residents, property owners, business owners, and representatives from the \_\_\_\_\_ Community Council neighborhood designated by the Anchorage Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of community councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the \_\_\_\_\_ Community Council works alongside other community councils; and

WHEREAS, other Community Councils are considering a resolution substantially the same as this resolution; and

WHEREAS, AR 2020-398(S), dated November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 extended the Declaration of Emergency for the 6<sup>th</sup> time granting the Mayor's Office "Special powers during a state of public health emergency" A.M.C. 3.80.065.

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office has yet to provide a large enough burden of proof to show that the request for "Special powers during a state of public health emergency" qualifies as a Public Health Emergency as outlined in A.M.C. 3.80.030 and as stated:

Public health emergency means an occurrence or imminent threat of an illness or health condition that:

1. Has been identified by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services or Anchorage Health Department to be caused by any of the following:
  - a. The appearance of a novel or previously controlled or eradicated infectious agent or biological toxin; or
  - b. Bioterrorism, defined as the intentional release of viruses, bacteria, or other germs that can sicken or kill people, livestock, or crops; and
2. Poses a high probability of any of the following harms, provided that one or more persons located within the municipality are among the affected population:
  - a. A large number of deaths in the affected population;
  - b. A large number of serious or long-term disabilities in the affected population; or
  - c. Widespread exposure to an infectious or toxic agent that poses a significant risk of substantial future harm to a large number of people in the affected population.

WHEREAS, there has been no actual statistical or scientific evidence to prove that either a large number of deaths have occurred in the Municipality of Anchorage due to COVID-19, nor that COVID-19's morbidity and mortality rates justify the reasoning that a large number of death could occur due to

COVID-19. The requirement of 2(a) as outlined in A.M.C. 3.80.030 for a Public Health Emergency is not met; and

WHEREAS, there has been no actual statistical or scientific evidence to prove that either a large number of serious or long-term disabilities have occurred or will occur in the Municipality of Anchorage. Further, there is no evidence to indicate that serious or long-term disabilities will affect a large number of the population who contracts COVID-19. The CDC has stated that most people who contract COVID-19 will recover fully.<sup>1</sup> The requirement of 2(b) as outlined in A.M.C. 3.80.030 for a Public Health Emergency is not met; and

WHEREAS, since there have not been a large number of deaths in the Municipality of Anchorage; the morbidity and mortality rates of COVID-19 indicate that it will not cause a large number of deaths in the Municipality of Anchorage; and COVID-19 does not pose the threat of serious or long-term disabilities in a large number of the individual who contract it, it can be deduced that even if wide spread exposure to the infectious agent known as COVID-19, would not pose a significant risk of substantial future harm to a large number of people in the affected population. The requirement of 2(c) as outlined in A.M.C. 3.80.030 for a Public Health Emergency is not met;

WHEREAS, the 2 part requirement as outlined in A.M.C. 3.80.030 for a Public Health Emergency are not met due to the fact that none of the conditions in section 2(a)-(c) have been met;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the \_\_\_\_\_ Community Council requests the Assembly of the Municipality of Anchorage act to immediately declare that an emergency no longer exists and as pursuant to AMC section 3.80.080, the Assembly may terminate the emergency proclamation at any time;

PASSED AND APPROVED by the \_\_\_\_\_ Community Council with a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Community Council

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/long-term-effects.html>

**RUSSIAN JACK COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION 2021-X**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RUSSIAN JACK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (RJCC) IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED PARKING LOT UPGRADES AT DAVE ROSE PARK**

WHEREAS, Dave Rose Park is 14.47 Acre Special Use Park located in the Russian Jack neighborhood of East Anchorage,

WHEREAS, Dave Rose Park features a playground, picnic shelter, paved trails, a sledding hill, basketball court, parking lot and Kilikiti Field (Samoan Cricket),

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Kilikiti Field at Dave Rose Park was constructed and became the home to the Alaska Cricket Association,

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to expand the existing parking lot from 25 to 50 spaces to accommodate the increased demand for parking associated with the use of the Kilikiti Field,

WHEREAS, an expanded parking lot will help address impacts to neighbors from on-street parking during Kilikiti play,

WHEREAS, the proposed parking lot upgrades include a second driveway access point for improved vehicle circulation, gates to limit afterhours access, ADA accessible parking spaces, a location for a portable restrooms, and a connection to the existing paved trail,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the RJCC supports the proposed parking lot upgrades at Dave Rose Park.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Russian Jack Community Council on April 14, 2021 by a vote of: FOR 13, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 0.

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President