

Mountain View Community Council

A Resolution advocating that the Anchorage School Board continue to mandate attendance by board members at Community Council Meetings

Resolution 2024-02

Whereas, the purpose of Community Councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of participating in the government process and local affairs, and

Whereas, Community Councils are recognized in Anchorage's Home Rule Charter (Article VIII. Community Councils, Section 8.01 Establishment and Procedures) and the Assembly authorizes each council by ordinance, and

Whereas, the Municipal Charter states Community Councils are to afford citizens an opportunity for maximum community involvement and self-determination, and

Whereas, the Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 2.40 Community Councils, 2.40.020 Purpose of Chapter states the intent of Councils are to: give people a means to work together in a manner that will have an impact on their community development and services, give governmental agencies a method for receiving opinions, needs, desires and recommendations of residents and groups, and give local governing bodies an improved basis for decision-making that establishes priorities affecting community development and individual well-being, and

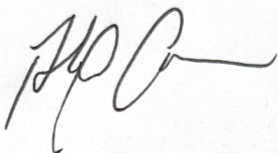
Whereas, Mountain View is a historically diverse community with an incredibly high percentage of school age children, many of whom have varying degrees of access to information, whose families primary language is not English, and

Whereas, the Mountain View Community Council was recently informed that the ASD school board is considering rewriting the bylaws that require community council attendance for board members in a fashion that lessens the attendance requirements, and

Whereas, we see School Board updates as value added to our meetings, and a necessary means of communication that keeps the community informed of this important information they need in order to be informed and involved in the workings of their elected public servants and the policies that impact our families,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain View Community Council formally opposes any bylaw change that would lessen the community council attendance requirements of school board members.

This Mountain View Community Council, after obtaining a quorum of 10 or more members, approved this resolution by a vote of 18 Ayes 0 Nays and 0 Abstentions. Attested this 22nd day of May, 2024.



Phil Cannon, President
Mountain View Community Council