

University Area Community Council

Resolution No. 2025-01

A Resolution in Support of Merging the Tudor Area Community Council into the University Area Community Council, Retaining the Boundary between University Area and Scenic Foothills Community Councils, and Retaining the Boundary between University Area and Campbell Park Community Councils

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that a review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the current 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas; and

WHEREAS a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments; and

WHEREAS the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee received questionnaire survey responses recommending changes to the boundaries of University Area Community Council (UACC) and its neighbors in several places, and evaluated those proposals as Boundary Study Areas #8, #9, #10, #12, and #13; and

WHEREAS in October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* providing the recommendations of staff and the Boundary Advisory Committee regarding each of the study areas and has requested Community Councils to review and respond with written comments; and

WHEREAS the October 2024 public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* recommends no changes to UACC in Boundary Study Areas #9, #10, and #13, however recommends transferring neighborhoods east of Boniface Parkway from UACC to Scenic Foothills Community Council in Boundary Study Area #8, and to merge the Tudor Area Community Council district with UACC in Boundary Study Area #12; and

WHEREAS University Area Community Council has reviewed the public hearing draft report and its recommendations for Boundary Survey Areas #8, #9, #10, #12, and #13; and

WHEREAS the University Area Community Council has been actively communicating with the Tudor Area Community Council about the merger of the Tudor Area and University Area

Community Councils. Members of the University Area Community Council and Tudor Area have been attending each other's respective community council meetings to discuss the merger. Both the University Area Community Council and Tudor Area Community Council support the merger. A vote was held at the January 8th UACC supporting this boundary merger; and

WHEREAS 10 years ago in the previous Boundary Study, the easterly boundary of UACC contiguous with the Scenic Foothills Community Council boundary was to be retained at Baxter Road. A resolution changing this boundary failed to pass at that time. Several residents in the area between Boniface and Baxter attend UACC meetings regularly and serve on the board. A vote was held at the January 8th UACC meeting to retain the existing boundary with Scenic Foothills Community Council.

WHEREAS [INSERT any further whereas statements providing information you [wish PZC to know about UACC any of the 5 boundary areas begin addressed].

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- A. University Area Community Council opposes the public hearing draft recommendation in Boundary Study Area #8 to transfer the area between Baxter Road and Boniface Parkway from University Area Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council. UACC supports retaining its existing boundary with Scenic Foothills at Baxter Road.
- B. University Area Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendation in Boundary Study Area #9 to retain the Scenic Foothills Community Council existing boundaries with UACC.
- C. University Area Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendation in Boundary Study Area #10 to retain University Area Community Council instead of subdividing or otherwise substantially reconfiguring its district.
- D. University Area Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendation in Boundary Study Area #12 to merge the Tudor Area Community Council district into University Area Community Council.
- E. University Area Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendation in Boundary Study Area #13 to retain its existing southern boundary with Campbell Park Community Council at Tudor Road.

To include in a resolution, a vote in favor of Merging Tudor Area with UACC, this University Area Community Council approved this change by a vote of 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, & 0 Abstentions.

To include in a resolution, a vote in favor of Retaining boundaries between Scenic Foothills and UACC at Baxter Road, this University Area Community Council, approved this change by a vote of 6 Ayes, 1 Nays, & 1 Abstentions.

Attested this 23rd day of February 2025



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University Area Community Council