

SUBJECT: SPORTS COMPLEX

REQUESTED BY: Council Member Patrick

PREPARED BY: K. VanGorder

DATE: February 12, 2001

FOR AGENDA OF: February 12, 2001

SUMMARY:

At the last council meeting the Wasilla City Council directed administration to move forward with the Sports Complex idea.

In order to allow administration to move forward with bringing a bond issue to a vote of the people, it is first necessary to plan what we intend to build, decide how much it will cost and figure out where it will be located. This requires time and effort on someone's behalf to put together a package that can be brought forward and decided on by the residents of Wasilla.

The Mat-Su Borough has expressed an interest in this facility and we are requesting that they fund half of the anticipated cost to put this package together.

Total estimated cost for a professional services contract:	\$30,000
City of Wasilla's share:	15,000

I propose using \$10,000 from the Planning Department's salaries fund and \$5,000 from Council Contingency. (Which has a balance of \$25,100 today.)

FISCAL IMPACT: No X Yes, amount requested: \$ 15,000

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

Administration Initial: *SP*

Recommend Approval
(SP)

2/12/2001
Amended to direct not
not to enter into any
contracts with an A+E
firm prior to hearing back
from the bond bank.

Presented to council on 2/12/2001
Action taken: Approved Denied
other: Amended
Verified by *K. VanGorder*

SUBJECT: SPECIAL ELECTION FOR SPORTS COMPLEX

REQUESTED BY: Council Member Patrick

PREPARED BY: K. VanGorder *KV*

DATE: February 6, 2001

FOR AGENDA OF: February 12, 2001

SUMMARY:

I thought about bringing an advisory vote idea to the table at this time and it seems redundant to hold an advisory vote now and a bond vote in the fall. I want to get this issue back on the table for council to discuss and amend it if they feel it is necessary. Hopefully administration will have some dollar figures for us to hash over which I suspect will affect our vote on this issue.

I am proposing to hold a special election in the spring of this year, 2001, to ask the residents of the city of Wasilla to approve a bond issue for the purpose of funding a multi-use sports arena.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Yes, amount requested: \$ Fund:

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOMMENDED ACTION:

To hold a special election in the spring of this year (2001) to ask the residents of the city of Wasilla to approve a bond issue for the purpose of funding a multi-use sports arena.

Administration Initial: *SP*

** I concur re: special election in the spring to concentrate on this project; to take advantage of falling interest rates; to save time/resources through our planning process & site selection process, etc. SP*

Gail Wilson-Phillips & Craig Flippo [gailwp@alaska.net]
Monday, February 05, 2001 7:41 AM
You are invited! Mat-Su Youth CO-USE Facilities Development

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Just a reminder!

**You are invited! Mat-Su Youth CO-USE Facilities Development
next meeting Feb. 6th (tomorrow), 7pm Wasilla City Hall
we are contacting you because the initial steps of forming a CO-USE Facilities
outh Facilities and office is underway. (to be named at tomorrow's meeting)**

Please contact Harold or Shell with any information and or thoughts.

Harold Newcomb,376-5346

Shell Ewing,373-6012/357-2355,onecryo@matnet.com

**Please note the attached survey that can be given to a non-profit youth group you
now could benefit from sharing office,storage and office help for filing and
phones ect.**

tentative Meeting Agenda

Meeting Chair: Harold NewcombSteering Committee/CO-USE Development

1. Introductions

2. Reading Mission Statement Objective:

To combine resources of Valley nonprofit organizations to realize the economic benefits of
shared office, meeting and storage spaces. To share phone, fax and modem lines. To remain
autonomous. To explore the use of one web site for all participants. To reduce the duplication of
efforts by volunteers. To enhance community access to services provided by the groups.

3. Reading Goals:

To create a committee comprised of one spokesperson from each participating group to
create a working calendar, develop communication between the groups, to explore the possibilities
of shared office staff, to create open dialog with City, Borough and State representatives and
agencies to better serve our memberships.

4. Benefits Please voice your information for benefits here!

Synopsis of Benefits

1. Economics

*Phone line costs

*Fax line costs

*Modem line costs

*Office Rental costs

*Storage Rental costs

2. Enhance Community Access

*Web site-Centralized Community access 24/7

*Forms and filing-Centralized Community access (One Stop Shop)

*Better location

3. Redundancy of Volunteer time

*Paid office administrator

*Phones

*Calendar/scheduling

*Filing

Copying

5. MEANS

6. IMMEDIATE GOALS

7. DEVELOPMENT OF CO-USE FACILITIES WORK COMMITTEE

8. END OF MEETING: Open discussion after../trip to see possible facility site...

Visitors have record economic impact

By Nancy Pounds
Journal Assistant Editor

Tourism in Anchorage hit record marks in 2000 with bed taxes totaling \$10.8 million, up from \$9.5 million in 1999, according to the Anchorage Convention Visitors Bureau. The group presented its results for 2000 during a Jan. luncheon at the Egan Civic Convention Center. ACVB officials also outlined priorities for 2001, including a push for a new convention center by 2005. LMN Architects in Anchorage was chosen in November to complete a study on a possible new center, said Bruce Bustante, ACVB president and executive. The firm is working with a business that specializes in designing convention centers, LMN Architects of Seattle, and a report is due May, he said.

The first public meeting on a proposed new convention center is set for 4-8 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Egan Center, he said. About \$5 million from the 2000 bed tax collected is committed to the city's general fund, ACVB officials said.

The year of record-setting results included \$82.3 million in economic impact from conventions in Anchorage last year, said Bob Neumann, vice chairman of the ACVB board of directors. For figures from 2000 ACVB has started using a new formula from the International Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus to figure the economic impact of conventions. The new formula lists delegates attending at \$405.39 for a state delegate; \$839.53 for a national, international or regional delegates or \$1,044.32

TOURISM

for a trade show delegate over an average of 3.59 days.

Using the old formula, 2000 would have recorded \$70.8 million in economic impact, ACVB reported. In 1999 total economic impact from conventions was \$51.4 million, down from \$59.1 million in 1998.

In 2000 ACVB serviced a total of 778 conventions, compared with 492 in 1999 and 472 in 1998.

One important annual event and the city's largest convention is the Alaska Federation of Natives meeting in October, he said.

"The state market continues to be our No. 1 source for conventions in Anchorage," said Neumann, owner of Grizzly's Inc., a downtown retailer.

Competition for state meetings is on the rise due to an increase in hotel beds, he said.

For example, this summer 362 new hotel rooms are due to come on line.

ACVB also books conventions for upcoming years, and in 2000 ACVB booked conventions totaling an estimated \$70.3 million in economic impact using the new formula.

Using the previous formula for deriving economic impact of conventions, 2000 would have registered a \$60.1 million economic impact compared to \$70.2 million in 1999.

ACVB also tallied a high in tourism sales for 2000, Neumann said. In 2000 tourism sales were \$80.6 million, up from \$77.1 million in 1999. However, tourism sales includes only visitor business tracked by ACVB and not the total impact of leisure visitors to Anchorage, he said.

Membership at the marketing organization reached 1,394

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ACVB lists 2000's successes

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last year, up from 1,384 in 1999.

Anchorage tourism this year should be buoyed by current hotel renovations, as well as the upcoming Special Olympics World Winter Games March 4-11.

"The opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics World

Winter Games provides an opportunity to showcase Anchorage to a watching world as athletes, coaches, family and friends head to Anchorage, Alaska, for the largest event that has ever been hosted by our city," Neumann said.

ACVB officials also listed the group's goals for 2001, which include increasing tourism and convention revenue, and marketing the city as a year-round visitor destination. The group also aims to boost the community's awareness of the benefits of the visitor industry.

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CITY OF WASILLA
PRIORITIZED NOMINATIONS TO THE
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
FY 2000-2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

CAPITAL PROJECTS

SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECTS

... then, passed
unanimously by
Wasilla City
Council Oct. '98

All of the school district projects are, of course, very important. We support the district's recommendations. We would like to encourage that all new facilities in the central area be located in Wasilla to better serve students. We welcome any partnering prospect that may be required for city utility services.

MSB CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. Multi-use Sports Arena, including indoor and outdoor ice.
Resolution No. WR 97-42 supports outdoor ice near Brett Memorial Arena.

2. Joint MSB/City of Wasilla - Multi-Use Public Safety Facility
Construct a new Wasilla Lakes fire service area facility.

3. Mat-Su Regional Core Area Library
New facility on large site is needed (20,000 square feet floor area minimum). In April 1996, the City of Wasilla contracted for a needs assessment and conceptual design. In addition, a community survey was conducted to gauge community support for this project. Based on input from meetings, established guidelines for public library planning and survey tabulation, a conceptual design was presented in the fall of 1997. The library task force is in the process of reviewing library options.

4. Road Upgrade/Paving Grant Match
Additional funds contributed to this program should be considered. We believe major collector streets such as Spuce Avenue should receive a larger grant match (\$50,000.00 per mile is a small proportion of the cost to engineer and pave the roads).

5. Borough-wide Community Water Resource Protection Program
We request that the borough nominate this project, develop scope, and request sufficient funding to assure protection our community water systems, such as lakes, rivers and streams.

6. Borough-wide Park Access Program
We request that the borough nominate this project, develop scope, and provide funding to assist cities and/or community councils improve access to parks. Examples would include paving Endeavor Street which leads to Lake Lucille Park (this park services over 1000 campers annually and an athletic field is now at this location. The road is primarily used by the park users). Another example would be assisting the city of Wasilla in building a road from Lucas to the Bumpus ballfields. Both of these parks are heavily used by residents of the

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
SIX YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FY 1999 - FY 2004
PROJECT NOMINATION APPLICATION

1. Organization: City of Wasilla

Prepared by: City Administration

Date: October 5, 1998

2. Project Title: **MULTI-USE SPORTS ARENA**, including indoor and outdoor ice

New Project

Continuing Project

3. Location: Wasilla, AK – preferably in the commercial area.

4. Description: A facility for common events held in a multi-purpose area such as sporting events, conventions, trade shows, concerts, etc.

5. Purpose of Project:

Not only does our winter city desire a facility for all MSB residents to enjoy desired indoor activities, but tremendous positive economic impacts would result from this long-awaited arena.

6. Will project improve a safety problem or public health concern? Please explain: -
The increase of physical activities will help provide healthier citizens. Valley families and youth (including school teams and clubs) will benefit by requiring less travel time for practices and competitions. The resulting economic boost from a multi-use arena would allow the city to consider financing increased public safety.

7. Will project replace, expand, or upgrade an existing borough facility in need of improvement? Will provide expansion and improvement to all existing MSB parks and recreation facilities, including the Brett Memorial Arena.

8. Will project be revenue producing? Yes.

If so, how much annually? To be determined.

9. Site is: To be determined by public input, should be located near core retail area.

10. Status of plans: Multi-use athletic facility is proposed in Wasilla Comprehensive Plan.

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11.	Breakdown of Costs (to nearest thousand):	
	Land and rights-of-way	\$ MSB or City of Wasilla
	Engineering & design	\$ 400,000. - 600,000.
	Construction	\$ 5,400,000. - 8,500,000.
	Furniture and equipment	\$ 0. - 500,000.
	Other costs (legal, admin, contingencies, etc.)	\$ 200,000 - 400,000.
	TOTAL	\$ 6,000,000. - 10,000,000.

12.	Annual Operating and Maintenance Costs*	
	Annual operating costs	\$ 50,000. - 100,000.
	Annual maintenance costs	\$ 50,000. - 100,000.
	Other	\$ 25,000. - 50,000.
	TOTAL	\$ 100,000 - 250,000.

(*indicate savings by minus sign)

13. Relation to other projects:
 Could work in conjunction with the Brett Memorial Ice Arena. Ideally, site would be located within walking distance to Wasilla schools, centrally located for all MSB residents. The city's bike path plans could tie in this project with other areas and facilities that will be connected via our bike paths.

14. Relation to any long range general plans/program:
 Similar projects have been on the MSB CIP needs list. A multi-use athletic facility has been discussed for years in the City of Wasilla, it is addressed in the Wasilla Comprehensive Plan.

15.	Anticipated source of financing:	
	Current revenue	\$
	State grant	\$
	Federal grant	\$
	Special assessment	\$
	Special fund	\$ 5,000,000. - 9,000,000.
	(Certificate of Participation or GO)	
	General obligation bonds (GO)	\$
	Revenue bonds	\$
	<u>Other City of Wasilla</u>	\$ 1,000,000.

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16. Comments: Upon securing MSB support for this project, the City of Wasilla Administration would propose a city funding ordinance to help fund this project, up to \$1,000,000. The City of Wasilla would invite discussion of responsibility of operation and maintenance of the sports arena. As pointed out in the Wasilla Comprehensive Plan, it is not the intent that this sort of facility would compete with private sector providers, but that it would be developed to serve those functions which are in high demand yet are not largely satisfied by the private sector.

for Palin

to: Mayor Palin
Tuesday, January 16, 2001 6:17 PM
Mayor Palin
'Dept. Heads'
subject: Multi-Use Sports Complex

JAN 24 2001

CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA

to: City Council + Planning Commissioners

good effort is underway in the community to unify the many, many youth sports organizations and allow the groups to come together under one umbrella to better serve the Valley's youth activity needs.

attended an organizational meeting last night with 13 representatives of some of the different youth organizations that are realizing they are duplicating services, they're individually renting space for their offices, equipment, volunteer personnel, etc., and that they could better coordinate their efforts (including their fundraising efforts) and resources by sharing space and resources. These youth organization officials represent a portion of the thousands of Valley youth sports participants. (Valley soccer groups alone attract approximately 2,600 participants, the Youth Football program has 900 e-mail recipients, Little League has hundreds of players on its roster, etc.)

The conclusion at last night's meeting was that we will continue to meet (City Council chambers will be used for some of the larger meetings) and other youth-oriented groups, such as 4-H, Boys and Girls Scouting groups, less "visible" groups that may include swim and gymnastics clubs, etc., will be encouraged to join the effort to work together for a better product for the community:

Also concluded was the need for action on the multi-use sports facility that has been discussed, studied, analyzed, proposed, etc. for at least the last 20 years here in the Valley. I have various sports complex surveys, designs, feasibility studies, scoping notes, etc. which date back to 1981 that show that our community has a need for such a complex.

I have had many conversations with the Borough Mayor, Palmer Mayor, Rep. Vic Kohring, private developers (including Howard Nugent, who supports us moving forward with a multi-use arena, versus him going forward with his single-use (ice arena) facility), and many, many others regarding this project. As of yet, I have not heard any hesitation from anyone in individuals' support of the city taking the lead with this project to see it come to fruition.

Our Parks and Rec Commission voted unanimously at our last meeting to support the city of Wasilla moving forward in support of a complex.

The concept for ^{GREAT IDEA} this facility includes: combining Howdie Nugent's plans for two sheets of indoor ice, with versatile flooring over at least one sheet of ice to allow basketball/volleyball courts, indoor soccer, convention and banquet-type facility, seating for at least 3000 people, etc. The cost would certainly depend on what uses would be accommodated in the facility, an estimate at this time would be around \$6,500,000 to \$11,000,000. ^{NEEDED.}

My fiscally conservative philosophy supports this idea as I look at the money that government spends on projects, programs, personnel and facilities to "fix" societal ills and I realize that it's become more politically correct and accepted for government to throw money towards "after-the-fact fixes", instead of preventative measures that a community could take to support and promote

hy, family-oriented, positive, constructive activities and lifestyles. Even on the local level we d hundreds of thousands of dollars on our Police Dept., Youth Court, DARE Program, etc. to e as "after-the-fact fixes" for juvenile problems. We are in a position to help prevent the lems that we are now forced to pay to attempt to remedy.

Administration has waited patiently - for over four years now - for either the private sector, or e other public entity, to build that which is requested and supported by area residents. Yet the ey still doesn't have an arena. I believe we will have our arena when the city of Wasilla steps up takes the lead and decides to move forward. We are in the position, with our sales tax revenue, basic infrastructure in place, and with people on board who will give this project 110% effort, to ce this happen.

potential funding scenarios that may be considered to build and operate such a facility include:

- General Obligation Bond
- Revenue Bond
- Certificate of Participation

e voters would ultimately decide whether this project would happen or not.

ere is a tremendous amount of vocal support for this type of project in the Valley and I will be spectfully requesting council consideration of moving forward on formulating a plan and, ultimately, ballot proposition for our voters to decide. Thank you.

NEEDED!
education ceremonies...statewide prep competitions, allowing Wasilla to become a "destination point"...trade shows...indoor ccer...basketball...volleyball...4-H competitions...scouting...dry land training...figure skating...hockey...indoor running ick...etc.etc.etc. CONCERTS, PLAYS, PROMS!

DYNAMITE!

How CAN I HELP?

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**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 98-47**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDING PRIORITIES
FOR INCLUSION IN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH'S SIX (6) YEAR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP), FY 2000-2005.**

WHEREAS, the city of Wasilla represents a community of more than 5,000 people who are also citizens of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, the city of Wasilla is the hub for the fastest growing area in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough provides for many important roads, services and public facilities serving the Greater Wasilla community, either directly or through service areas and contracts for construction and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the city of Wasilla is also served by the State of Alaska which maintains highways, roads and other public facilities including the Parks Highway, Knik-Goose Bay Road, Palmer-Wasilla Highway, Main Street/Wasilla-Fishhook Road, Crusey Street, Church Road, Old Matanuska Road, and Lucus Road; and

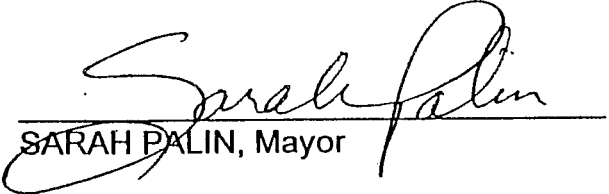
WHEREAS, the State of Alaska administers the federal airport improvement program funds for the Wasilla Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Planning Commission wishes to endorse community priorities for needed Borough and State capital improvement projects in the greater Wasilla area, particularly highways, roads and public facilities; and

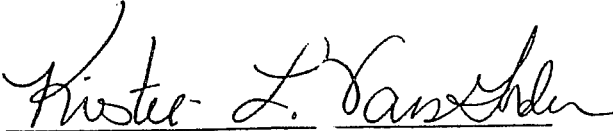
WHEREAS, the comments of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough six year plan should be provided to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough no later than November 16, 1998.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council approves the prioritization of projects as identified in Attachment "A" for inclusion in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's six year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), FY 2000-2005, and adopted here by reference.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the Wasilla City Council this 12th day of October, 1998.


SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AE
City Clerk

[SEAL]

ve Gros stated that it is not near enough to charge \$25.00, either charge more or omit any fee.

other comments were made. Mayor Stein closed the hearing to the public.

B. Bumpus Ballfield Development Funding:

1. Ordinance Serial No. 96-16;

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public.

rt Menard spoke in support of the project and the ordinance.

ve Gros added that he supported the ballfields being done right and recommended that the professionals y attention to the topography for the future of the ground. Mentioning that the ground does settle and can a layer of silting water on top.

other comments were made. Mayor Stein closed the hearing to the public

COMMISSION REPORTS:

ott Sterling: Borough Assembly representative reported that the next meeting will be on 4/16 with a rksession beginning at 3:00. Expressed an interest in getting together with the City of Wasilla about the 6 ar plan, addressing our immediate area.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS 5 MINUTE LIMIT)

A. Curt Menard: Habitat for Humanity ask if the City of Wasilla has any lots they would be will donate for the construction of a home for this program. The program has been in existence for 20 year d has build about 40,000 in which each family must give 500 hours of sweat equity into the project. Dr. enard ask for support.

B. Bruce and Wanda Long:

r. Long requested that their 2 lots in Parks Manor which are slated to be zoned residential be included in e Commercial zone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (NONE SCHEDULED)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Wasilla Comprehensive Plan;

1. Ordinance Serial No. 96-06; (Adoption)

ere was no objection to placing Ordinance Serial No. 96-06 back on the table for the following nendments:

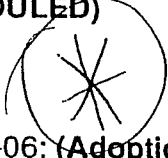
r. Dvorak, City Planner explained the difference in the maps presented: Land use map shows the future of e city, the Development Code is the zoning of today. He stated that future councils will go to the omprehensive Plan to determine future requests.

otion/Second: Chappel/Palin

mend Ordinance Serial No. 96-06 to delete the wording "Multi family rentals" on pages 4-12 and otion passed with Mr. Hartrick dissenting.

ere was no objection to eliminate the word "consider" throughout the document, so ordered.

MAIN MOTION TO ADOPT
COMP. PLAN
AS AMENDED - PASSED ^{on} 4-8-96
includes multi-use facility



Approved in Resolution No. 98-41
10/12/98
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WASILLA CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

IM No. 98-108

SUBJECT: Matanuska-Susitna Borough's six year Capital Improvement Program for FY2000-2005.

PREPARED BY: Planning Staff

DATE: September 23, 1998

FOR AGENDA OF: October 12, 1998

SUMMARY:

The Wasilla Planning Commission passed Resolution No. 98-17 at the September 22, 1998 regular meeting supporting the list for MSB CIP for FY2000-2005.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Yes, amount requested: \$ Fund:

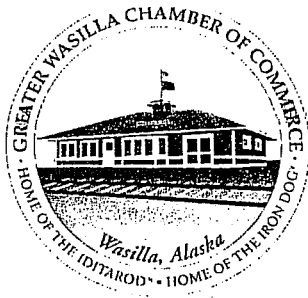
RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Move to approve the Wasilla City Council Resolution Serial No. 98-47



Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: WPC Resolution No. 98-17



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Voted "Alaska's Outstanding Local Chamber of Commerce ~ 1998"

RESOLUTION 01-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER WASILLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN
SUPPORT OF SCHEDULING CONSTRUCTION FOR MAJOR AREA ROAD
IMPROVEMENTS DURING "OFF" HOURS.**

Whereas, the mission of the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce is to create a positive economic and civic climate in the Greater Wasilla area; and

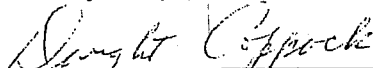
Whereas, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities will soon be involved in significant construction and renovations to main highways and traffic corridors throughout the most densely populated and most heavily commercialized areas of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

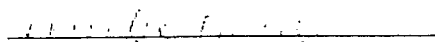
Whereas, those same construction projects could have a very negative impact upon the movement of people and merchandise, and the ability of businesses to operate; and

Whereas, normal traffic flow and movement of emergency vehicles is critical to the vitality and safety of the community.

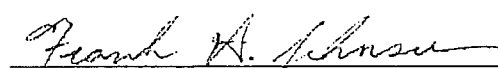
Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce does hereby request that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities schedule road construction on all major Greater Wasilla projects between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am.

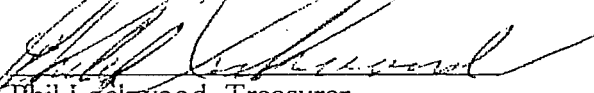
Hereby, adopted by the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce this 17th day of January, 2001.


Dwight Coppock, President


Annette DeLong, Vice-President


Bill Moll, Secretary


Frank Johnson, President-Elect


Phil Lockwood, Treasurer


ATTESTED: Bill Moll, Secretary

Presented to Council
Date: 1/22/01
verified by: H

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January 19, 2001

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Growing with Alaska's Mat-Su Valley since 1947

Palin pushes for construction of sports complex

BY RINDI WHITE
Frontiersman reporter

WASILLA — Valley sports enthusiasts have been pinning for a multi-use sports complex for years and there may be a fresh glimmer of hope on the horizon. Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin recently presented city council members with information suggesting the council contemplate using some of the city's surplus

sales-tax revenues to fund a multi-use sports complex. She said she will further discuss the issue with council members at their Monday meeting.

In a recent discussion with the Frontiersman, Palin said she feels the city is reaching a point where it is financially able to return to Valley residents some of the benefits of its sales-tax revenues.

"They're paying our bills for

us," she said. "This would give something back to the larger community."

Wasilla Finance Director Ted Leonard said the city generated nearly \$5 million in revenues in its fiscal year 1999. In fiscal year 2000, those revenues increased to nearly \$5.5 million. Leonard said he expected that number to rise by about 5 percent during this fiscal year, if the economy remains strong.

Palin explained consumers outside the city limits who shop in Wasilla stores supply much of the city's sales-tax revenues. So far, the income generated from that tax has primarily gone toward satisfying infrastructure — roads, sewer and water — needs for the city's residents. Now that many of those needs are being met, Palin said, the city may be able to spread the wealth, so to speak.

And wealth would be what's needed if sports facilities were to be built. Palin estimated the cost of the complex would fall somewhere between \$6.5 and \$11 million, depending on the accommodations. The mayor envisions a spinoff of the two-sheet ice arena local developer Howard Nugent has envisioned. She would like to see the addition of versa-

Friday, February 2, 2001

**Support multi-sports
complex**

To the editor:

Please support the ideas of the multi-purpose complex in our Valley. My husband, Tim Straub, asked 10 years ago for this type of project. His idea was equine rich, however, it would have served the area residents well. Our area is ready for this type of a project. It was "thinking ahead" 10 years ago, today it could even be a bit behind. Please allow the city residents to vote on how to spend the tax dollars that we pay. We simply "pool" our monies to have better purchasing power for our community.

*Diana Straub
Wasilla*

WASILLA AREA SENIORS, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Council
+ Commissioner
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(SP)

RESOLUTION 2001-01

A resolution of the Board of Directors of Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. supporting the City of Wasilla in their efforts to build a multi-purpose community facility in the Wasilla area;

WHEREAS, Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc., an Alaska non-profit corporation, which owns and operates the Floyd D. Smith Senior Center, also known as Wasilla Senior Center, is the senior service provider in the area, including socialization services, and;

WHEREAS, Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. has developed the Wasilla Senior Campus that currently is the home to over 100 senior citizens, and;

WHEREAS, Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. recognizes the need for additional recreational opportunities for all the community residents, especially activities of interest to senior citizens and;

WHEREAS, Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. believes that a community multi-purpose facility, such as a sports center would offer more opportunity for seniors to participate in community activities and attend special events:

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. hereby supports the efforts of the City of Wasilla to lead a community effort to determine feasibility of, and if feasible, to construct, a multi-purpose community facility.

PASSED this 1st day of February, 2001 at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Elmer Feltz Date: 2-6-2001
Elmer Feltz, President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

June A. Robinette Date: 02/06/00
June Robinette, Secretary, Board of Directors

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Charles W Heath
11630 Nix Ct.
Anchorage, Ak. 99515 CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA
February 7, 2001

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To the City of Wasilla
r.e. Proposed Multi-use Arena

Dear Wasilla Residents,

CITY OF WASILLA
CLERK'S OFFICE

I'm writing you in the hopes that I may be able to give you an outside perspective of what your proposed multi-use arena may bring to your city. I grew up in Wasilla and most of my family still resides in the area. I moved to Anchorage in the early 90's to take a teaching job and to broaden my cultural and athletic horizons. That's a fancy way of saying, "I moved because I was bored with the limited facilities the Valley had to offer."

Since then, I've coached, managed, and played on many athletic teams at the high school level and beyond. These include mostly hockey, soccer, and football teams. Anchorage is currently enjoying a boom in hockey participation due to the fact that there have been four new sheets of indoor ice constructed in the past 18 months. These rinks are also being used for many figure skating competitions including next months international Special Olympics.

For years I've wondered what was taking the Valley so long to get on the ball and add to its' extremely limited sports and convention facilities. I've heard rumors now and then that somebody was going to build this or that, but nothing ever materializes. I hope you realize that you have an amazing opportunity to contribute to your city (and the entire Valley) by constructing this proposed complex.

It's incredible to me that kids in the Valley have to risk driving all the way to Anchorage to simply attend a hockey practice; let alone a game. I've been to the gun shows at the high schools and seen how overcrowded they are. I've seen football players preparing for playoff games practice in mud and snow. I've seen high school athletes trying to get in shape for track season training in the halls of the high school!

Here's what I would like to see happen. The new complex should contain a central ice rink with seating for at least 3000. There should also be a separate, regulation size practice rink. The main rink should have a removable hardwood court to accommodate major basketball games. There are no indoor tennis facilities in the Valley so I would construct six courts which would be encircled by a six lane running track. Attached to this, I would construct an indoor soccer facility with quality artificial turf. (This could double as a football practice facility when the weather is nasty). Beside the soccer field, you may as well allocate a six foot wide, 120 foot long runway and pit to accommodate long and triples jumps for track and field events.

No one in the State currently has the ability to host an indoor track meet. This alone would draw thousands of visitors to Wasilla (meaning more sales taxes coming in to help pay for all of this). Don't forget about the convention aspect of the complex either.

I can't stress enough the potential you have in front of you. Wasilla is a fairly divided community with nothing central to join it together. This could be the premier facility in the State! What a perfect centerpiece for the Valley. I've told my family that if something like this was actually constructed, I'd move back. I'm sure there are others that feel the same.

*Thanks for your consideration,
Charles W Heath*

Friends of Wasilla Public Library

Ley Schleich, President
391 N. Main St., Wasilla, AK 99654

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CITY OF WASILLA
CLERK'S OFFICE

MEMO

TO: Wasilla City Council Members
Mayor Sarah Palin
FROM: Ley Schleich, President, Friends of Wasilla Public Library
DATE: February 1, 2001
RE: Sports complex and library services

Members of the Friends of Wasilla Library have taken a keen interest in the recent actions by Wasilla City Council to pursue the building of a multi-use sports complex. We enthusiastically agree with the rationale offered for this facility, persuasively articulated by Mayor Palin. However, we would feel even more positive about the action if it was part of a comprehensive plan of services and facility needs, one which defines public library services as a local government's responsibility and describes when and how Wasilla will address library needs as well as ice/sports facility needs.

We hardly wish to squelch the idea of the sports complex, but we wish to take this opportunity to recall for you the history and status of our library facility issues. I have forwarded this same summary to the *Frontiersman*, with the hopes that it will generate new momentum to address library service and facility needs in a similar way to that of the sports complex.

A short history of the library facility issues:

The City of Wasilla, with the authority of state law, has owned and operated Wasilla's library since 1978. The current library building opened in 1978. With 4,000 square feet it was projected to meet the city's needs for 20 years, through 1998. Population growth, however, exceeded projections. In 1985 the basement was remodeled with State funds, doubling the floor space, but since 1990 the library has been deemed too small. Standard industry guidelines indicated in 1997 that our library *at that time* should be 16,000 square feet, *not including* meeting space.

What has been done to address this problem?

- The 1995 Wasilla Comprehensive Plan identified overcrowding and parking and traffic flow problems as severe.
- In 1996 the Friends of Wasilla Library, in cooperation with the City Administration, established a community Building Committee, and Architects Alaska was hired by the City to help conduct a needs assessment and conceptual design.
- In 1997, under the direction of Mayor Palin, a public opinion survey regarding library needs was distributed to all residents in the library's "service area" (of which then and now includes approximately 80% of non-city residents). Results showed:
 - 93% of the respondents felt the library is a basic community service (this included frequent and infrequent or non-users of the library);
 - 73% felt Wasilla needed a larger library and expanded resources; the areas needing the

most improvement were parking, book collection, table and seating space, overcrowding, reference collection, electronic resources and audio-video collection.


- The most preferred means of funding a new facility were sales tax (35%), property tax (17%), and "other" (24%);
 - The most preferred means of providing operating expenses for the library were sales tax (40%), property tax (14%) and "other" (20%)
- These and many other responses were tabulated and presented to Wasilla City Council in May 1997. Later that year Architects Alaska presented their concept drawings and cost estimates to Council.
 - In 1998 Wasilla City Council established a Building Options Committee, comprised of Council members, Building Committee representatives, and others, to look at all options for addressing library space needs.
 - In 1999 this committee reported back to the Council their findings, including the pro's and cons of reducing the costs of a new building, leasing existing space, exploring a build-to-suit arrangement, securing grants, or doing nothing.
 - Also in 1999 the City solicited ideas from the Friends concerning what our vision was for Wasilla's library, for purposes of preparing the City Comprehensive Plan. Our vision statement was forwarded to the Planning Department that summer, and included the need for expanded services and a place to provide those services.
 - Later in 1999 the Friends initiated an effort to bring together elected officials, administration, library staff, and advocates from throughout the borough to look at governance, funding, and planning needs related to libraries in the borough. The outcome of this effort was a general consensus to pursue funding agreements between the cities (Wasilla and Palmer) and the Borough for library services, and to request the Borough Library Board continue to provide leadership for ongoing facility planning and other matters.
 - In 2000, as part of its regular review process, the Borough Library Board, revised its comprehensive plan and emphasized the need for sound library facility planning, especially given the immediate needs in some areas. The Borough Assembly will be reviewing this document and, hopefully approving it, in the next few weeks.

That brings us to the present, and explains why we are watching with interest the apparent groundswell of support for the multi-use sports complex. We are heartened by the fact that the City of Wasilla and the Mat-Su Borough administrations are finding some common goals and ways of working together on this project (as they did with the public safety building).

We do NOT wish to debate the relative merits of a library *versus* a sports complex, or a library *versus* a public safety building. What we desire is recognition of the value of a strong public library in our community, and serious, sustained attention given to achieving that for the greater Wasilla area.

Attached is a summary of what a strong public library offers our community. We hope we can count on you to help make it a reality.

Sincerely,



Ley Schleich
President, Friends of Wasilla Library

Cc: Borough Library Board

What a Strong Public Library Offers Our Community

Compiled by Ley Schleich for the Friends of Wasilla Public Library

1. It's often the best source of easily available, timely, and affordable information needed for personal, family, and job-related purposes.
2. Its collections and services are important adjuncts to our schools and college and are essential to homeschoolers and independent learners of all ages.
3. Its children's program helps introduce young children to reading, stimulate young minds, and foster a life-long interest in learning. It is the only library serving children of preschool age. It promotes reading over the summer and at other times when other libraries are closed. (Children who read regularly improve their reading skills better than those who do not.)
4. It provides a safe, wholesome place for young people and families. For some youth, reading or working at the library is their alternative to unsafe or delinquent behavior. For many families, regular library visits are ways to nurture family bonds as well as to nurture love of reading and learning.
5. It contributes to our quality of life. The collections, books, tapes, videos, internet access, special programs, and other services offer an unlimited capacity to inform and entertain patrons.
6. It can be a gathering spot for community-based decision making, cultural events, and conferences, fostering a healthy community identity. It's one of the few places that offers opportunities for old and young people to be together.
7. It can make the community more inviting to prospective businesses and other citizens looking to settle in the area. Healthy libraries in our community can have a positive effect on property values and the local economy.
8. It is a local government service readily available to all, offering a positive and tangible example of how their tax dollars are working for them.
9. It can help people make more informed business decisions, improve job skills and opportunities, or even break out of the cycle of poverty, helping the local economy.
10. Its interlibrary loan and technology services link patrons with resources throughout the world. Many reference materials are not publicly available elsewhere in a community.



HOUSTON CHAMBER of COMMERCE

February 6, 2001

Honorable Mayor, Sarah Palin
Wasilla City Council
City of Wasilla
290 E. Herning Ave.
Wasilla, AK 99654-7091

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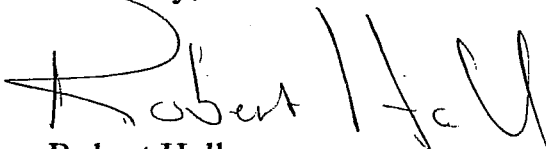
Re: Multi-use Sports Complex

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Council;

The Houston Chamber of Commerce is excited by the prospect of the construction of a multi-use sports complex in Wasilla. The council's decision to pass a memorandum supporting the efforts to move forward on the project is applauded.

Should the council decide to place the issue on the ballot, it would allow the voters of Wasilla an opportunity to make a positive quality of life statement. The Complex would benefit not only Wasilla, but also the entire Mat-Su Valley. The City of Wasilla is to be commended for taking the initiative in addressing the needs of the community.

Sincerely,



Robert Hall
Houston Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President

Multi-Use Sports Complex/Convention Center

A multi-use sports facility has been discussed, studied, analyzed, proposed, etc. for at least 20 years here in the Mat-Su Valley. Studies show our community has a need for such a complex. A population growth rate within the City of Wasilla of 66% over the past 10 years and the growing need for ice time and places for organized sports and functions has pushed our community to a critical stage. Individuals and teams, youths and adults have all expressed the need for more facilities. Currently team spaces are filled to capacity and gym and ice space for games and practices are not available.

A multi-use sports complex would unify the many youth sports organizations and allow the groups to come together under one umbrella to better service the Valley's youth activity needs. Presently youth organizations are duplicating services, individually renting space for their offices, equipment, volunteer personnel, etc. A complex would allow them to better coordinate their efforts (including their fundraising efforts) and resources by sharing space and resources.

Concept for this facility includes: sheets of indoor ice, with versatile flooring over at least one sheet of ice to allow basketball/volleyball courts, indoor soccer, convention and banquet-type facility, seating for at least 3000 people, etc. Local school graduation ceremonies could be held in the Valley. Conferences, concerts and performances needing expanded seating capacities would be accommodated.

A multi-use facility such as this would allow for user fees to remain in the Valley as opposed to Anchorage and surrounding areas where users are now forced to commute. Sales tax revenue would be generated by increased economic activity in the city. Increased tourist/hotel industry revenue would be generated by the use of such a facility. This facility's operations would be contracted out to the private sector in a competitive bid process.



Application for General Obligation Bonds

A request for the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority (the Bond Bank) to purchase a revenue bond issue of the applicant. This isn't considered a commitment on the part of the applicant or the Bond Bank. Additional information may be requested before a final recommendation.

I. General Information

A. Name of Governmental Unit (Applicant):

City Of Wasilla

B. Type of government (home rule, first class, authority, etc.):

First Class

Contact Person for the government:

Name:		Title:	
Ted Leonard		Finance Director	
Address:		City:	State: Zip:
290 E. Herning		Wasilla	AK 99687
Phone:	Fax:	E-mail:	
(907) 373-9070	(907) 373-9085	tleonard@ci.wasilla.ak.us	

D. Applicant's Bond Counsel:

Name:		Title:	
David Thompsom, Preston Gates & Ellis		Bond Attorney	
Address:		City:	State: Zip:
701 5th Avenue, Suite 5000		Seattle	WA 98104-7078
Phone:	Fax:	E-mail:	
(206) 623-7580	(206) 623-7022	davidt@prestongates.com	

E. Applicant's Financial Advisor or Underwriter (if applicable):

Name:		Title:	
Address:		City:	State: Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	E-mail:	

II. Issue Information

A. Total amount of bond purchase request:
 6,000,000 to 10,000,000

Term of loan requested:(date) 20 to 25 yrs.

B. If a bond election is required, provide a copy of the bond election ordinance and ballot proposition.

Attached

AND

If a bond election has been held, provide the votes for and against the issue(s):

Yes:	No:	Percent of registered voters casting ballots:
		%

C. Security for the Bonds
 Does the municipality intend to pledge any specific assets or taxes in addition to property tax? Provide details of the additional security.

Attached Sales Tax

D. Will you need interim financing? No.

1. If applicable, provide interim financing information:

Amount:	Maturity:	Rate:	Lender:

2. Provide information that would impact the Bond Bank's ability to retire the interim financing with permanent financing. Attached

E. Describe project to be financed, including the information requesting in 1-6. If this information is available in a project feasibility study, you may reference and attach it.

1. Are engineering and specifications completed? Yes No

2. If not, when are they projected for completion? _____

3. Have construction bids been awarded? Yes No

4. Are there additional state or local approvals required? Yes No

5. Describe timing/scheduling plan: _____

6. What is the projected completion date? 2 Years From Date Of Bond Issue

F. Sources of uses of funds

Sources of Funds (In Thousands)	
Bonds (this application)	\$6,000 to 10,000
Federal Funds*	\$
State Funds*	\$
Applicant's Funds	\$
Other (specify)	\$
Total:	\$6,000 to 10,000

Uses of Funds (In Thousands)	
Construction	\$4,920 to 8,200
Engineering	\$180 to 300
Contingency	\$600 to 1,000
Cost of Issuance	\$
Other	\$300 to 500
Total:	\$6,000 to 10,000

*If federal or state funds are involved, provide a complete description of the status and uses of these funds.

1. Indicate which costs, including costs of issuance, would be paid for with AMBBA bond proceeds:
 All cost would be paid with AMBBA bond proceeds.

III. Credit Information

Provide the loan agreements or copies of the cover page of official statements for your government's outstanding bonds. Attached

B. Has your municipality entered into lease purchase agreements or other financing agreements supported by General Fund revenues? Yes No

If yes, provide amount of financed, purpose and principal amount outstanding. \$

C. Are any of the above referenced issues supported by special assessments on benefited property, revenues, user fees or state reimbursement for school construction projects? Yes No

If yes, please attach details. Attached

D. Has your government ever failed to meet its debt service coverage requirements or other covenants on general obligation, revenue, or special assessment bonds? Yes No

If yes, please attach an explanation. Attached

E. Has your government ever defaulted on any of its general obligation, revenue, or special assessment bonds? Yes No

If yes, please attach an explanation. Attached

F. Provide information on the amount, timing, and purpose of any bonds you have authorized by the voters, but not yet issued. Attached. No other bonds have been authorized.

G. Attach your government's forecast on amount, timing, and purpose of future general obligation or revenue bond financing. If this information is available in your long-term plan, provide a copy.

Attached No other bond financing is planned at this time.

H. Give a brief summary of your local economy. Include major industries and their projections. Describe any positive or negative trends or factors. (If this information is available in an annual report, provide a copy with your application.) Attached

I. List the five largest employers in your area:

Name	Type of Business	Number of Employees
1 Mat-Su Borough Schools	School District	1,568
2 Valley Hospital	Hospital	418
3 Safeway/Carrs	Retail	416
4 Walmart	Retail	353
5 Fred Myers	Retail	300

Are any of these employers expected to make changes in work force or operations? Yes No

If yes, provide an explanations. Attached

J. Please provide population figures for your community for the last five years. Indicate the source of your figures.

Year	Population	Source
1996	4635	Department Of Labor
1997	4917	Department Of Labor
1998	5134	Department Of Labor
1999	5213	Department Of Labor
2000	5568	Department Of Labor

K. List the ten largest taxpayers within your boundary:

Name	Type of Business	Assessed Valuation
1 Willmington Trust Co.	Retail	14,014,900
2 Cottonwood Creek Mall LLC	Property Dev. & Retail Malls	11,376,800
3 Pedersen Floyd/Creekside	Property Dev. & Retail Malls	8,804,100
4 Wal Mart Stores Inc.	Retail	8,686,900
5 Wasilla LLC	Property Dev. & Retail Malls	7,780,100
6 Karabllnikoff/Newcomb	Family Trust	6,814,400
7 Seagull Energy Corp.	Natural Gas	4,657,400
8 Valley Hospital Assoc. Inc.	Medical Center	3,797,000
9 Nye Frontier Ford	Automobile Dealership	3,433,800
10 Mary E. Johnson	Property Dev. & Retail Malls	3,113,600

L. Provide assessed valuation and property tax collected for all taxable property within your corporate limits for the past five years. Attached

M. Provide your audited financial statements from the last two years (provide your unaudited statement if audit hasn't been preformed). Attached

N. Provide your current year's budget. Attached

O. Provide your capital improvement plan. Attached

P. Provide any other financial or economic information that will assist evaluation of your application. Attached Alaska Economic Trend Article - Profile Of Mat-Su Borough

IV. Legal Information

- A. Provide a certificate of your legal counsel that establishes there is no litigation pending or threatened in
1. affecting the corporate existence of your government, or the titles of officers to their respective offices, or seeking to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale or delivery of the bonds, or the right of the applicant to levy and collect taxes pledged or to be pledged to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, or the pledge thereof, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity or enforceability of the bonds or the loan agreement between the applicant and the Bond Bank, or contesting the power of your government or your authority with respect to the bonds; or
 2. against your government or involving any of the property or assets of or under the control of your government, which, whether individually or in the aggregate involves the possibility of any judgement or uninsured liability which may result in any material change in the revenues properties, or assets, or in the condition, financial or otherwise, of your government.
- B. An opinion or certificate to the same effect, dated the date of the closing, shall be delivered to the Bond Bank on the date of closing.
- C. If any such litigation is pending or threatened, attach a description of the litigation, including caption and case number, description of the relief requested as it pertains to the matters described, and the procedural status of the litigation

The facts and representations in this application and all attachments are true and accurate in all respects and no material facts are omitted to the best of my knowledge

Fed Leonard

Name (print)

Finance Director

Title



Signature

2/9/00

Date of Application

Please return all applications to:

Deven Mitchell

Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority

Department of Revenue

PO Box 110405

Juneau, AK 99811-0405

(907)465-2388 phone

(907)465-2389 fax

deven_mitchell@revenue.state.ak.us

City Of Wasilla

Summary Of The Local Economy

For The City OF Wasilla

The City of Wasilla is located in the Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) Borough, which is the third largest Borough in the State. The Mat-Su Borough is the fastest growing area in the State of Alaska. The Mat-Su Borough's population has grown by 40 percent over the last 10 years and the City of Wasilla's population has grown by over 66 percent since 1991. Population growth is one of the key economic ingredients for the robust economy in the City of Wasilla.

Through careful planning and investment in the City's infrastructure, the City of Wasilla has developed itself into the retail trade center for the Mat-Su Borough. It is estimated that the City of Wasilla provided services for over 42,400 people in the Mat-Su Borough (approximately 76 percent of the Borough's total population). Traffic counts support this estimate. Based on Alaska Department of Transportation vehicle counts, over 31,615 vehicles traveled through Wasilla per day in 1999. It is estimated that the retail and service expansion will continue to expand at a rapid rate as the City of Wasilla's and the Greater Wasilla area's populations continue to grow.

One of the main exports from the City of Wasilla and the Mat-Su Borough is labor. It is estimated that over 38 percent of the Borough's population works in Anchorage (Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development). Vehicle counts in 1998 showed that over 40,000 vehicles traveled from the Mat-Su Borough each day to Anchorage. It is estimated that the Mat-Su Borough will continue to attract more people from the Anchorage Area to invest their earnings in housing, consumer goods, businesses and services located in the City of Wasilla in the up coming years. It is estimated that the total percent of Anchorage/Mat-Su Region population living in the Mat-Su Borough will increase from 18 percent in 1999 to 26 percent in 2018 (source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development).

The key factor to this robust migration from Anchorage to the Mat-Su Borough and the City of Wasilla is the availability of less expensive housing. According to the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the average sales price of a single-family home in the Mat-Su Borough is nearly 23 percent below the price of an Anchorage home. Also, other factors have had an influence on homeowner's decisions to move to the Mat-Su Borough. Surveys have shown that a more rural lifestyle and the ability to live on larger sections of land are appealing to homeowners. These factors along with the State's investment in the transportation infrastructure between the Municipality of Anchorage and the Mat-Su Borough will continue to make the Borough an attractive place to live.

Another ingredient to the expansion of economic activity in the City of Wasilla and the Mat-Su Borough is the availability of developable land. It is estimated that the City of Wasilla and the Mat-Su Borough will capture more of the share of the total economic development that occurs in South Central Alaska as the amount of developable land shrinks in the Municipality of Anchorage. An example of this trend is increased number of car dealerships in the Borough that service both residents in the Borough and

City Of Wasilla

Summary Of The Local Economy

For The City OF Wasilla

Anchorage. The development of the new port facility at Point McKenzie and possibility of new projects such as a commuter railroad will help the expansion of this type of economic investment to continue in the City of Wasilla.

The tourist industry is becoming one the keystones of the City of Wasilla's economy along with the Mat-Su Borough's economy. The Mat-Su Borough has become a vacation spot for people living in the South Central Alaska. According to the Mat-Su Borough, hotel sales receipts have grown by over 600 percent since 1993 and hotel employment has increased by over 300 percent since 1990. Also, a significant number of people living outside the Mat-Su Borough own recreational property in the Borough. These people spend their weekend in the Borough spending money in the City's retails stores for food and other services. Another section of the tourist economy that is growing is the group tour section. Since the City of Wasilla is a Gateway to the Denali park system, tourist groups traveling through the City to get to the Park system are stimulating the City's economy.

Other industries that will continue to play an indirect part in the City's economy include agriculture and resource extraction. According to the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development over half of all agriculture production in Alaska is from the Mat-Su Borough. With the development of Point Mckenzie and the possibility of a Trans Alaska Gas pipeline, the resource extraction portion of our economic activity, will also continue to play an important role in the City's economy in the future years.

In summary, the future looks bright for the City of Wasilla's economy. Based on investment trends of large retail companies and the demographic trend for the Borough, the City of Wasilla will retain its position as the retail center for the Mat-Su Borough. According to estimates from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce, the Mat-Su Borough's population could surpass 100, 000 by the Year 2018. This population trend means that the City of Wasilla could be servicing over 76,000 people by the Year 2018. Retail and service expansion will continue to dominate the City of Wasilla's economy. The City of Wasilla's economy is ultimately linked to the Mat-Su Borough's and the Municipality of Anchorage's economy. As long as the South Central's economy expands, the City of Wasilla should retain it's place as one of the strongest performing economies in the State of Alaska.

Trend Analysis of Sales Tax Receipts

	FY 94	FY 95	% of Total	FY 96	% of Total	FY 97	% of Total	FY 98	% of Total	FY 99	% of Total	FY 00	% of Total	FY 01*	Estimated % of Total
Jul	275,125	321,153	8.37%	348,611	8.35%	381,427	8.65%	400,253	8.74%	437,915	8.92%	455,144	8.28%	483,386	8.65%
Aug	269,222	339,904	8.20%	363,757	8.71%	398,381	9.04%	398,692	8.70%	416,849	8.49%	435,885	7.93%	500,334	8.37%
Sep	272,198	320,801	8.29%	356,699	8.54%	382,955	8.69%	392,286	8.56%	419,647	8.54%	443,955	8.08%	479,194	8.39%
Oct	260,302	342,856	7.92%	371,876	8.90%	416,139	9.44%	438,773	9.58%	458,047	9.33%	525,471	9.56%	525,485	9.49%
Nov	260,169	305,348	7.92%	345,329	8.27%	354,227	8.04%	367,025	8.01%	391,457	7.97%	529,088	9.62%	560,604	8.54%
Dec	314,403	392,761	9.57%	425,892	10.20%	429,687	9.75%	450,359	9.83%	499,620	10.17%	552,810	10.06%	562,755	10.02%
Jan	219,706	260,621	6.69%	285,931	6.89%	309,543	7.02%	314,194	6.86%	331,835	6.76%	342,702	6.23%	-	6.62%
Feb	218,710	246,344	6.66%	285,931	6.85%	290,160	6.58%	299,743	6.54%	323,111	6.58%	364,511	6.63%	-	6.58%
Mar	264,055	293,111	8.04%	316,344	7.69%	335,161	7.60%	345,363	7.54%	380,127	7.74%	431,385	7.85%	-	7.71%
Apr	272,473	285,237	8.29%	308,327	7.48%	328,651	7.38%	343,792	7.50%	362,041	7.37%	430,639	7.83%	-	7.57%
May	308,370	331,116	9.39%	363,699	8.68%	377,477	8.56%	400,582	8.74%	422,257	8.60%	463,862	8.44%	-	8.59%
Jun	350,407	374,249	10.67%	398,249	9.54%	404,159	9.17%	430,449	9.40%	468,179	9.53%	521,855	9.49%	-	9.48%
Totals	3,285,140	3,813,501		4,176,436		4,407,967		4,581,511		4,911,085		5,497,307		3,111,759	
% Increase Over Prior Year		16.08%		9.52%		5.54%		3.94%		7.19%		11.54%		5.76%	

Budget Analysis Based on FY 01 Budget

	FY 99	FY 01 Budget	Fy 01 Actual	Variance
Jul	437,915	458,207	483,386	25,179
Aug	416,849	443,733	500,334	56,601
Sep	419,647	444,860	479,194	34,333
Oct	458,047	502,890	525,485	22,595
Nov	391,457	452,362	560,604	108,242
Dec	499,620	531,048	562,755	31,707
Jan	331,835	350,698	-	-
Feb	323,111	348,916	-	-
Mar	380,127	408,584	-	-
Apr	362,041	401,131	-	-
May	422,257	455,376	-	-
Jun	468,179	502,193	-	-
Totals	4,911,085	5,300,000	3,111,759	2,188,241
Percent Over Budget		9.84%		

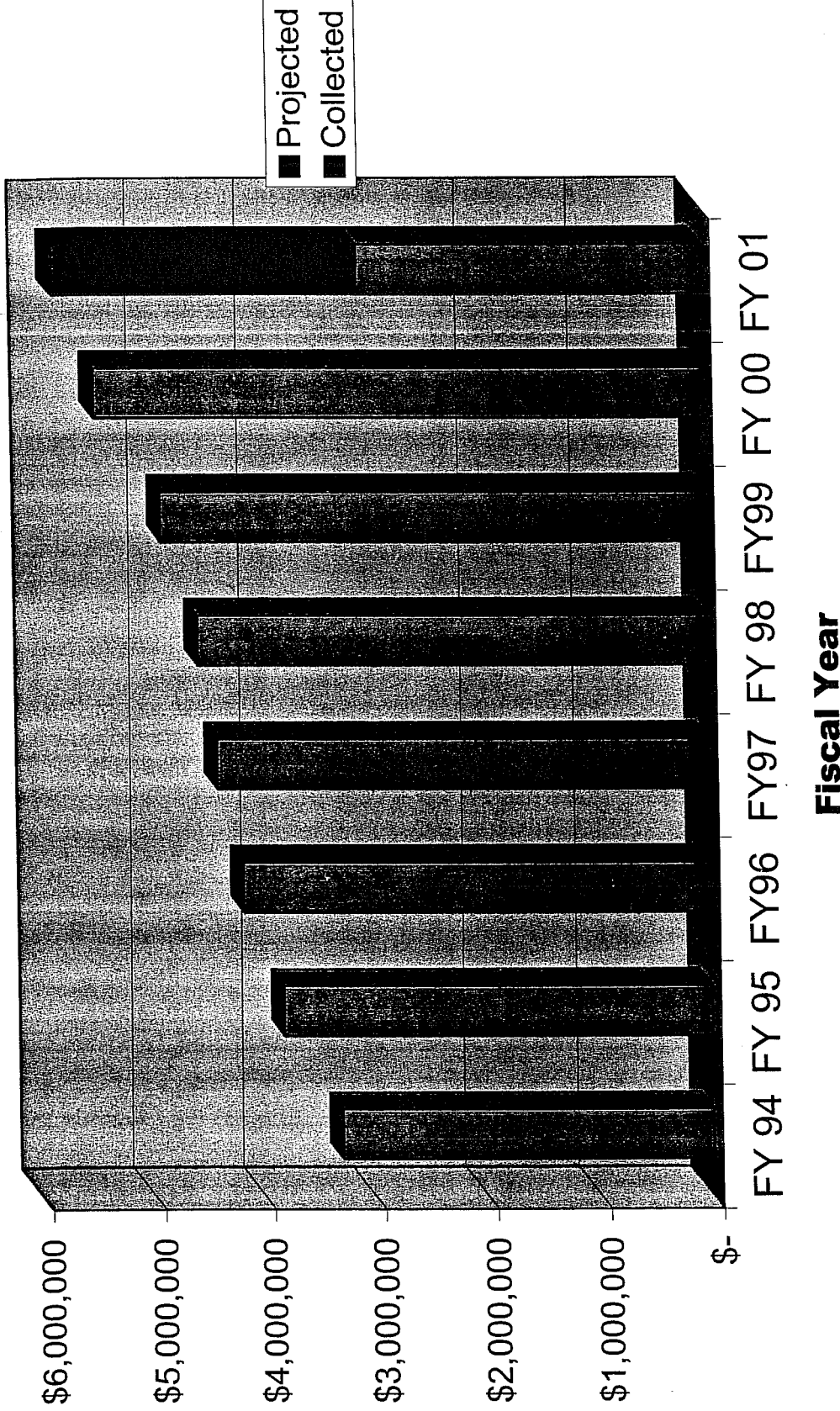
Analysis Based On FY 01 Projections

	Fy 01 Projection	Fy 01 Actual	Variance
Jul	502,512	483,386	(19,126)
Aug	486,638	500,334	13,696
Sep	487,874	479,194	(8,680)
Oct	551,515	525,485	(26,030)
Nov	496,101	560,604	64,503
Dec	582,395	562,755	(19,640)
Jan	384,608	-	-
Feb	382,652	-	-
Mar	448,090	-	-
Apr	439,917	-	-
May	499,407	-	-
Jun	550,750	-	-
Totals	5,812,458	3,111,759	4,725

*Note December 2000 numbers include \$25,000 for estimated amount still to be collected.

City Of Lasilla

Trend Analysis Of Sales Tax Revenue



City Of Wasilla
Net Assessed Property Values And Property Taxes Collected

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>NET ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE</u>	<u>PROPERTY TAX AMOUNT COLLECTED</u>	<u>CITY MILL RATE</u>
1992	214,242,193	829,773	4.00
1993	235,548,134	971,184	4.20
1994	241,659,650	480,179	2.00
1995	246,270,256	427,566	1.70
1996	275,748,993	447,548	1.70
1997	273,538,950	553,962	2.00
1998	299,376,085	455,322	1.50
1999	286,868,900	439,901	1.30
2000	304,377,400	440,877	1.20
2001	341,866,700	341,866 *	1.00

* Note - Amount projected to be collected for Fiscal Year 2001.

City Of Wasilla
5 Largest Employers Inside City Limits

<u>Name of Employer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Number Of Employees</u>
1 Mat-Su Borough Schools	School District	361
2 Walmart	Retail	353
3 Fred Myers	Retail	300
4 Safeway/Carrs	Retail	215
5 Nye Frontier	Automobile Dealership	124

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough

by Neal Fried
Labor Economist

A profile of the fastest-growing area in the state

Economic indicators for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough all tell the same story. Population, employment, immigration, highway counts and the number of new homes being built all say that Mat-Su is the fastest growing area in the state. In fact, it is one of the few areas in the state with a robust or even booming economy. This is not the first time that the Mat-Su Borough has been in the forefront of growth in Alaska, but it is unusual that the borough is among so few areas in the state enjoying vigorous growth. And because of its standing as one of the state's few strong performers, an increasing number of developers, investors and others are eyeballing the area with interest.

The Mat-Su Borough is the third largest borough in the state both physically and by population. At 24,683 square miles it is about the same size as West Virginia. With a population of 55,694 residents, only Anchorage and the Fairbanks North Star Borough are larger or have more residents. (See Exhibit 1.) Although the borough is geographically large, nearly nine out of ten residents live along the road system between Willow and Sutton. Only three of the borough's communities are incorporated—Palmer, Wasilla and Houston—and they represent just 18 percent of its population. There are communities such as Chase and Skwentna that are off the road system but can usually be reached by snow machine, plane, boat, train or some other type of off-road vehicle. There are also communities such as Talkeetna that are on the road system but away from the most densely populated area of the borough.

Labor is a big export

Different industries have helped shaped the Mat-Su economy. Mining and agriculture were the first major economic influences. Although the Mat-Su Valley remains the state's biggest agricultural producer, other economic forces now drive the economy. For the last four decades the single biggest reason for the borough's growth has been its proximity to the state's largest city, Anchorage.

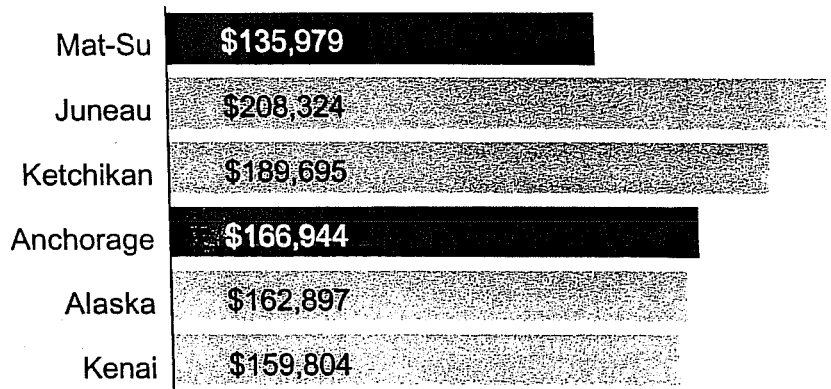
Population Changes 90-99 1 Mat-Su Borough and Communities

	1990	1999	Percent Growth 90-99	Average Annual Percent Growth 90-99
Mat-Su Borough	39,683	55,694	40.3%	3.8%
Alexander	40	39	-2.5%	-0.3%
Big Lake	1,477	2,162	46.4%	4.3%
Butte	2,039	2,699	32.4%	3.2%
Chase	38	55	44.7%	4.2%
Chickaloon	145	212	46.2%	4.3%
Houston city	697	836	19.9%	2.0%
Knik	272	483	77.6%	6.6%
Lazy Mountain	838	1,109	32.3%	3.2%
Meadow Lakes	2,374	5,232	120.4%	9.2%
Palmer city	2,866	4,151	44.8%	4.2%
Skwentna	85	72	-15.3%	1.8%
Sutton	308	470	52.6%	4.9%
Talkeetna	250	363	45.2%	4.2%
Trapper Creek	296	344	16.2%	1.7%
Wasilla city	4,028	5,213	29.4%	2.9%
Willow	285	507	77.9%	6.1%
Remainder of Borough	23,645	31,747	34.3%	3.3%

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

Housing is a Big Attraction **5** in the Mat-Su Borough

Average cost of single family house—4th quarter 1999



Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

Population grew 40 percent, versus 13 percent statewide and 14 percent in Anchorage. This works out to a robust growth rate of 3.8% annually versus Anchorage's 1.5% annual rate of growth. No other area of the state comes close to the growth rate in the Mat-Su Valley. Stronger growth has meant the Mat-Su Valley is now home to nine percent of the state's population versus seven percent in 1990, and the percentage of Mat-Su residents in the combined Anchorage/Mat-Su population has been steadily growing. (See Exhibit 5.)

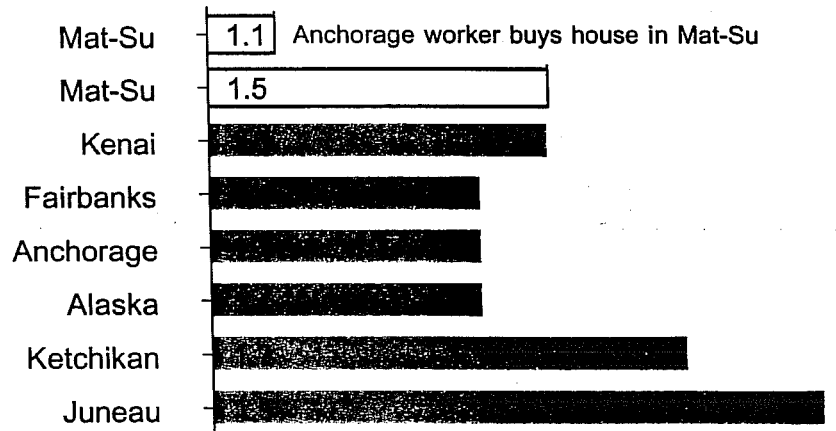
Net migration rates are also dramatically different for the Mat-Su Borough than other areas of Alaska. Net migration is calculated by taking the number of people moving into an area and subtracting those who leave. During four of the last five years the state has experienced negative net migration; in other words, more people are leaving the state than moving into it. However, during the 1990s, the Mat-Su's migration figures remained positive. It is no wonder that people and businesses seeking areas of growth are increasingly focusing on the Mat-Su region.

Surprisingly, growth exists in nearly every part of the Mat-Su Borough. The hottest spot is the Meadow Lakes area, where the population has more than doubled during the past decade. Meadow Lakes is a large suburban area situated between Wasilla and Houston. Even Talkeetna, which is beyond any realistic daily commute, is experiencing robust growth.

Home to a very competitive housing market

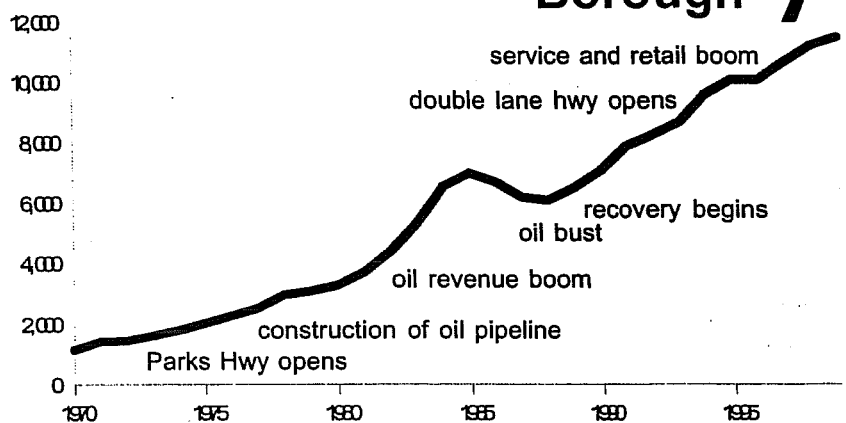
Part of the Mat-Su area's appeal is its affordable housing market. The numbers paint a compelling picture—and this has not been lost on the state's housing consumers. In 1999, the average sales price of a single family home in the Mat-Su Valley was \$135,979, nearly 23 percent below an Anchorage home and significantly below the statewide average. (See Exhibit 5.) This price

Number of Wage Earners **6** Needed to buy an average house



Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

Job Growth in Mat-Su Borough **7**



Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

Mat-Su Borough may eventually capture a bigger share of other economic development that occurs in Southcentral Alaska. For example, a growing number of car dealerships in Mat-Su cater to local residents as well as attract business from Anchorage. And in the early 1990s, GCI Communications, with headquarters in Anchorage, located a call center in the Mat-Su Valley. Another example of future growth could be the new port facility at Point McKenzie, if it attracts traffic. This kind of economic activity in the Mat-Su Borough can only increase with time.

Services and retail dominate the employment picture

Not unlike population, employment has also grown considerably faster in the Mat-Su Valley

than anywhere else in the state. (See Exhibits 7 and 8.) Since most of the growth in Mat-Su's labor force is tied to population growth, this is not surprising. During the past decade employment in the Mat-Su Borough grew 5.8% per year, three times faster than the rest of the state. Two-thirds of this growth came from retail and services. (See Exhibits 9 and 10.) Services alone represents a quarter of all wage and salary employment. (See Exhibit 11.) Most of the employment in the area provides services to the local population and is not export-related activity. Health care has been a growth industry. Business and social services are also contributors. Retail employment and sales followed a similar path of strong growth. (See Exhibit 12.) Retail got a big boost in 1999 with the opening of a new Fred Meyer store, and more recently, the new larger Wal-Mart replacement.

Mat-Su Borough Wage and Salary Employment 1986-1999 **10**

Average
Annual
Wage

1999

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1999
Total	6,699	6,193	6,095	6,510	7,078	7,878	8,253	8,667	9,575	10,080	10,261	10,685	11,367	11,726	\$26,893
Mining	*	*	2	113	65	162	169	172	164	75	23	19	24	25	\$32,180
Construction	427	261	179	222	304	397	366	438	560	639	646	794	1,017	1,043	\$33,651
Manufacturing	88	83	108	124	96	95	73	85	100	107	105	133	132	128	\$22,211
Trans/Comm/Util	680	688	638	639	695	784	815	844	887	935	955	844	856	819	\$42,297
Trade	1,590	1,643	1,523	1,600	1,853	2,012	2,100	2,198	2,584	2,604	2,677	2,768	2,959	3,310	\$19,241
Wholesale Trade	112	83	87	97	134	133	157	167	188	220	257	240	283	297	\$24,587
Retail Trade	1,479	1,560	1,436	1,503	1,720	1,879	1,943	2,031	2,396	2,384	2,437	2,528	2,676	3,013	\$18,713
Fin/Insur/R.E.	296	206	159	174	191	195	209	223	251	320	303	323	334	347	\$27,116
Services	1,101	1,019	1,088	1,184	1,316	1,540	1,727	1,824	2,178	2,421	2,597	2,889	3,070	3,018	\$21,567
Government	2,427	2,248	2,357	2,416	2,493	2,640	2,718	2,785	2,778	2,869	2,841	2,806	2,863	2,909	\$34,975
Federal	105	102	99	104	104	107	107	116	115	125	138	138	137	148	\$46,191
State	763	759	791	813	815	810	813	797	821	834	836	847	824	829	\$34,477
Local	1,559	1,387	1,467	1,499	1,574	1,723	1,798	1,872	1,842	1,910	1,813	1,821	1,902	1,932	\$34,341
Misc/Unclassified	*	*	43	71	66	53	77	22	104	111	111	127	116	128	

* Nondisclosable

Source: Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

The vast majority of the Mat-Su Borough's visitors are independent travelers. However, this began changing when Princess Tours opened its 238-room Mt. McKinley Princess Lodge near Talkeetna in 1997. Last year Cook Inlet Region opened the Talkeetna Lodge, a 98-room hotel. Business has been so good that the Talkeetna Lodge is doubling its number of rooms this year. Both of these hotels rank among the top 25 employers in the borough. (See Exhibit 16.) Hotel employment in the Valley has grown 77 percent since 1995. Other smaller lodges and hotels have opened and expanded. If the present trend continues, this industry will continue to diversify and grow.

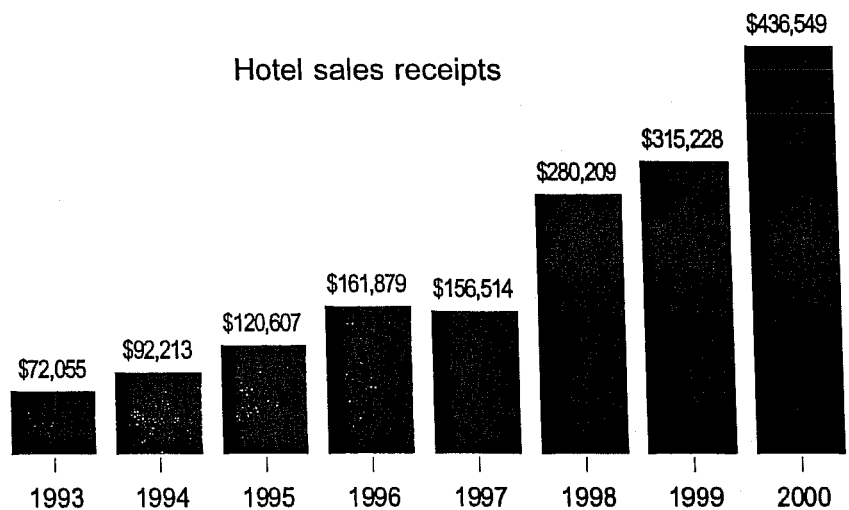
Some of the traditional industries still play a role

Agriculture, once a dominant sector, is still a player, but its role has diminished. In 1998, the value of agricultural production in the Matanuska Valley was \$9 million, which represented more than half of all agricultural production in the state. Mining in the borough is at present limited to very small operations. In the past, major gold and coal mines operated in the region and similar operations could open again in the future.

Unemployment picture improves

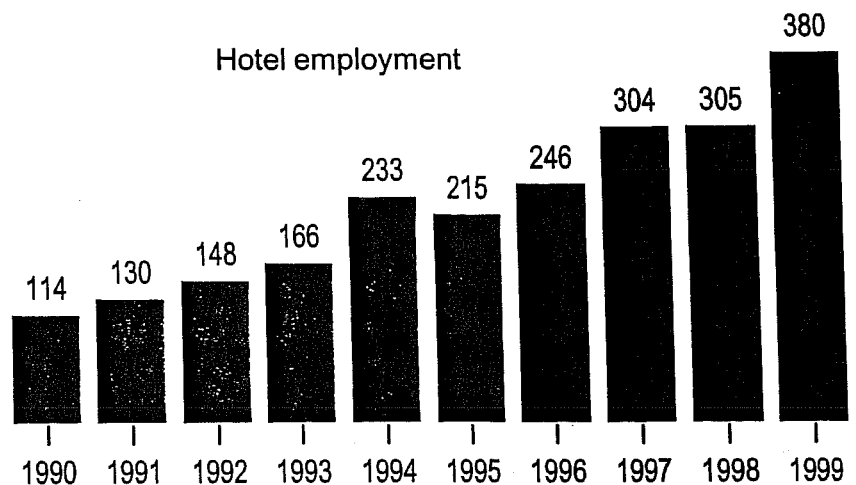
During the past three years, unemployment in the Mat-Su Borough has fallen dramatically. (See Exhibit 17.) In fact, 1998's unemployment rate of 6.9% was a record low. Another positive development is the narrowing of the jobless rates between the Mat-Su Borough and Anchorage. In 1996 and earlier, it was not unusual for the borough's jobless rate to be more than twice as high as Anchorage's. Part of the explanation may be that the region's labor market is more integrated than ever. The tight labor market of the past three years is another part of the reason

Hotel Activity Soars 14 In Mat-Su Borough



Source: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Hotel Employment Tripled in 90s 15 In Mat-Su Borough

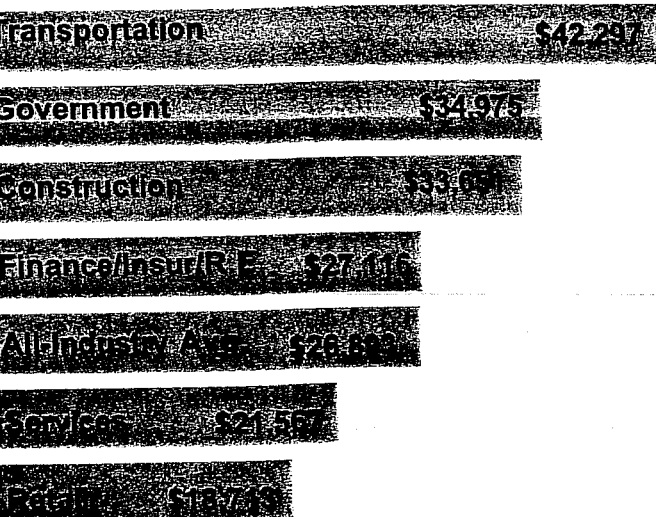


Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

How Mat-Su Compares to State **19**

Current statistics and census data

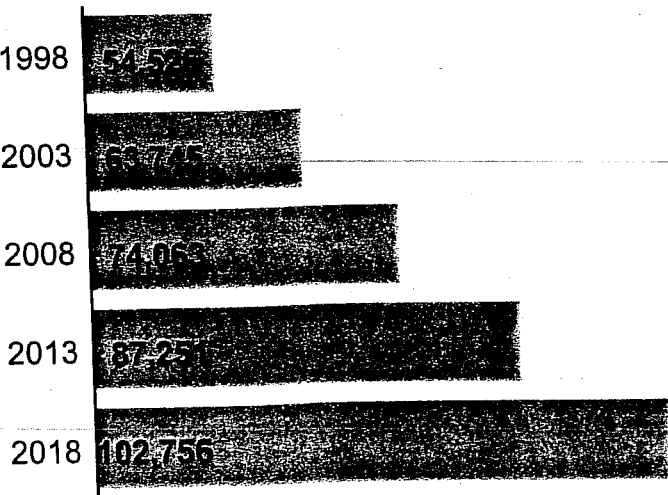
8 The Annual Wage Picture In Mat-Su Borough



Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

20 100,000 People in 20 Years? Is it possible?

Mat-Su Borough population projections



Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

	Alaska	Mat-Su
Population 1999	622,000	55,694
Age		
Median age (1999)	33.0	34.4
Percent under 20	34.0%	34.8%
Percent 20 to 64	60.6%	59.6%
Percent 65 years & over	5.4%	5.7%
Race and Ethnicity (1999)		
White	73.7%	92.4%
Native American	16.8%	5.8%
Black	4.4%	1.0%
Asian & Pacific Islander	5.0%	0.8
Gender		
Percent female (1999)	48.0%	47.8%
Education		
High school graduate or higher (1990) ¹	86.6%	87.8%
Bachelors degree or higher (1990) ¹	23.0%	18.1%
Employment (1999)		
In labor force, age 16 or over	70.7%	75.1%
Unemployed	6.0%	7.6%
Income and wages		
Personal per capita income (1998)	\$27,835	\$18,752
Annual average monthly earnings (1999)	\$2,673	\$2,320

Housing Vacancy Rate (1999)

Anchorage	4.2%
Mat-Su Borough	3.9%

Rentals Average Cost (1999)²

Anchorage	\$665
Mat-Su Borough	\$663

¹ Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

² Average monthly rent for apartment, condominium or other rental unit, not including single family residences or mobile homes. Rent adjusted to include utilities.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

No. R-1

\$5,500,000

STATE OF ALASKA

CITY OF WASILLA

GENERAL OBLIGATION STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND, 1998A

THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA, a municipal corporation of the State of Alaska (the "City") hereby acknowledges itself to owe and for value received promises to pay to the registered owner hereof, the principal sum of FIVE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$5,500,000) in the following installments on October 1 of each of the following years, together with interest on the unpaid balance at the following rates, payable October 1, 1998, and semiannually thereafter on April 1 and October 1 of each year until such installments have been paid, or such payment has been duly provided for as follows:

<u>Principal Installment Payment Dates</u>	<u>Principal Amounts</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>
1999	\$170,000	6.000%
2000	\$175,000	6.000%
2001	\$185,000	5.750%
2002	\$195,000	5.750%
2003	\$205,000	5.625%
2004	\$215,000	5.500%
2005	\$225,000	5.000%
2006	\$235,000	5.000%
2007	\$245,000	5.000%
2008	\$260,000	5.000%
2009	\$270,000	4.625%
2010	\$285,000	4.750%
2011	\$295,000	4.800%
2012	\$310,000	5.000%
2013	\$325,000	5.000%
2014	\$345,000	5.000%
2015	\$360,000	5.000%
2016	\$380,000	5.000%
2017	\$400,000	5.000%
2018	\$420,000	5.000%

For so long as this bond is owned by the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank (the "Bank"), payment of principal and interest shall be made as provided in the loan agreement between the City and the Bank.

No. R-1

\$5,500,000

Both principal of and interest on this bond are payable in lawful money of the United States of America to the registered owner hereof at the address appearing in the registration certificate. Upon final payment of all principal installments and interest thereon, this bond shall be submitted to the City for cancellation and surrender. Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

This bond is issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Alaska, a vote of the qualified voters of the City, and duly adopted ordinances and resolutions thereof, for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of planning, designing, constructing and equipping of street improvements in the City of Wasilla, Alaska.

The City has obligated and bound itself to make annual levies of ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the City without limitation as to rate or amount and in amounts sufficient, with such other moneys of the City available for such purposes as the Council may, from time to time, appropriate and set aside, including sales tax proceeds, to pay the principal of and interest on this bond as the same shall become due. The full faith, credit and resources of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the levy of such taxes and the prompt payment of the principal and interest on this bond.

As provided in Resolution Serial No. 98-06 (the "Bond Resolution"), this bond is exchangeable, at the request and sole expense of the registered owner and upon 90 days' written notice thereof, for bonds with serial maturities in a total principal amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of this bond, in the denomination of \$5,000 each, or integral multiples thereof, provided that no bond may represent more than one maturity, maturing and bearing interest at the same time and the same rate as the respective unpaid installments of principal of this bond, and with rights of redemption and in the form provided in the Bond Resolution.

This bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security under Ordinance Serial No. 97-48 or the Bond Resolution until the Certificate of Authentication hereon has been manually signed by the Bond Registrar.

It is hereby certified and declared that all acts, conditions and things required to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have happened, been done and performed and that the total indebtedness of the City, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Wasilla, Alaska, has caused this bond to be signed by the facsimile or manual signature of its Mayor,

\$5,500,000

No. R-1

to be attested by the facsimile or manual signature of its Clerk, and the official seal of the City to be impressed or imprinted hereon, this 1st day of April, 1998.

CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA

By: *Sarah Galen*
Mayor

SEAL

ATTEST:

Arto - Kancherian
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

Date of Authentication: 20-15 9 1998

This bond is the bond described in the within-referenced Bond Resolution of the City of Wasilla, Alaska, and is the City of Wasilla, Alaska, General Obligation Street Improvement Bond, 1998A, dated April 1, 1998, of the City.

TREASURER OF THE CITY OF WASILLA
AS BOND REGISTRAR

By: *Oliver S. Johnson*

No. R-1

\$5,500,000

BOND REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

This bond is registered in the name of the owner on the books of the City, in the office of the City Treasurer as Bond Registrar, as to both principal and interest as noted in the registration blank below. No transfer hereof shall be valid unless made by the registered owner or said owner's duly authorized agent in writing, and similarly noted hereon. All payments of interest on this bond shall be made by the City with full acquittance by the City's check, or by warrant of the City, made payable to the last registered owner as shown hereon and on the registration books of the Bond Registrar on the fifteenth day of the month preceding the interest payment date and delivered to such owner or mailed to such owner at such owner's address noted hereon and on the registration books of the Bond Registrar.

<u>Date of Registration</u>	<u>Name and Address of Registered Owner</u>	<u>Signature of Registrar</u>
<u>02/19/06</u>	<u>Alaska Municipal Bond Bank</u> <u>Alaska State Office Building</u> <u>333 Willoughby Avenue, 11th Floor</u> <u>Juneau, Alaska 99811-0405</u>	<u>[Handwritten Signature]</u>

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF TRANSFEREE
/ _____ /

(Please print or typewrite name and address, including zip code of Transferee)

_____ the within bond and all rights thereunder and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____ of

_____, or its successor, as Agent to transfer said bond on the books kept by the Bond Registrar for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

DATED: _____

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\$5,500,000

SIGNATURE GUARANTEED:

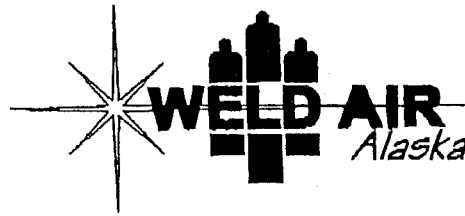
NOTE: The signature on this Assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

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CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA



301 Centaur St. • Wasilla, Alaska • 99654 • (907) 373-2000

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City of Wasilla
Attn: Mayor Palin
Re: Frontiersman

Dear Sarah,

Thank you so much for the effort you have given on behalf of our community.

We appreciate your attending the initial meeting of Valley non-profit youth groups wishing to organize, in an effort to consolidate resources, expand capabilities and conserve expenditures.

Thank you for referring the Frontiersman to our movement.

I hope that (in print) the article to be published will reflect my true support of your initiative to move on a sports complex large enough to accomplish a multitude of community goals, including non sports related activities.

As I stated to the reporter, our short term goal is to rent a facility to immediately realize the economic savings associated with the multi-user concept.

Since we are non profit groups, our funding limits us to inferior facilities, perhaps in the wrong neighborhood and or environment.

By joining forces now we can agree to support your project as assured tenants, utilizing multi-purpose rooms and a working calendar to co-exist, while funding our fair share of space requirements.

I agree that this facility could be constructed and occupied within 30 months.

We are working each day to garner support, spreading the word, and will not rest on this issue, until you cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink is written over a black rectangular logo for LINCOLN ELECTRIC. The logo has "LINCOLN" in a larger font above "ELECTRIC".

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CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA

FAX

To: Mayer and Council From: Harold Newcomb
Fax: 373-9089 Pages: (including cover page)
Phone: 373-9055 Date: 22 JAN 01
RE: Agenda item sports complex

Comments:

This is to Register my support for
Multi Use sports Complex in Wasilla.
Such a facility is long overdue
in view of the many thousands of youth
involved in athletic activities. I
believe these youth activities to be
a most positive asset to all age
groups in Wasilla. And the whole
Matua Borough, Wasilla, with its
sales tax and other revenue sources
should be able to afford funding
without hurt to other services.
This is an excellent investment opportunity
for our community

Sincerely
Harold Newcomb

Gail Wilson-Phillips, Project Chair
Matanuska Susitna Youth Facilities CO-USE Club

January 22, 2001

Wasilla City Council, Wasilla City Council Chambers

Dear Wasilla City Council Members,

We are asking today that you support the Wasilla City Administrators Multi-Use Sports Complex Plan. This project would support our long-term goal of a CO-USE Facility in the valley. For the past twenty years many community members/volunteers have worked towards a community shared Sports Complex. The Wasilla Administrators Multi-Use Sports Complex Plan would provide this much-needed facility.

The Wasilla City Administrators plan for a Multi-Use Sports Complex would assist valley youth non-profits who have the same basic needs, like office space, phones, photocopies, administration/meeting and equipment storage. These are duplicated costs over and over by all the youth non-profits. These youth organizations must fund raise from the same community supporters year after year and need to create a cost effective use of this funding.

Co-use of a Multi-Use Sports Complex would cut costs and cut down on duplicated volunteer time by supplying dedicated/paid office help.

We think that the Wasilla City Administrators Multi-Use Sports Complex is an important plan. It will benefit the community at large by supporting the thousands of participating valley youth. These non-profits organizations are not normally supported by a city or borough government and wind up over working their volunteers to raise funds to provide adequate programs for the valley youth.

Please lend your support for Wasilla City Administrators Multi-Use Sports Complex.

Sincerely,

Gail Wilson-Phillips

Matanuska Susitna Youth Facilities CO-USE Club

"The purpose of the Matanuska Susitna Youth Facilities CO-USE Club is to help non-profit volunteer associations to **Co-fund** and **Co-use** a youth facility in the valley. It proposes the reduction of costs for youth activities and duplication of volunteer efforts."

You are invited to attend the next Steering Committee Meeting

Feb 6th 7pm, Wasilla City Hall

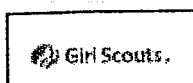
Matanuska Susitna Youth Facilities CO-USE Club

Please contact myself, Harold or Shell with any information and or thoughts.

Harold Newcomb, 376-5346

Shell Ewing, 373-6012/357-2355 onecryo@matnet.com

Gail Wilson-Phillips, 373-1070, gailwp@alaska.net



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JAN 23 2001

CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA



301 Centaur St.

Wasilla, Alaska

99654

(907) 373-2000

1-23-01

City of Wasilla
Attn: Mayor Palin
Re: Community Center

Dear Sarah,

Why is it I always choke in public. I remember your days as the sports person on KTVA, and wish I had formal training to relax in those situations.

I wanted to make a few comments on observations of last evenings commentary.

It is critical of our movement to combine resources of nonprofit groups that the key word used be "community". Our arms should be open to any group who exists for the betterment of "community".

Lets agree that some of us are focused on youth, while others such as AA are focused on adults. Lets agree that both exist to better our community. Lets agree that both need places to meet.

Lets agree that funding for both come from our "community".

The gentleman who expressed his disapproval of City money being used for a community center, "apple pie and mom", that private sector money should be used instead, ... that when the time is right it will happen... is correct.

In a perfect world, members of a community would do just that.

But this isn't a perfect world.

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What has the private sector done to increase the quality of life in Gary, Indiana?

What has the private sector done to increase the quality of life in Saginaw, Michigan?

What has the private sector done to increase the quality of life in the coal fields of Kentucky?

They are still waiting. Instead of a community center that incorporates the needs of both youth and adults, their money purchases police cars, funds prisons, lawyers and judges.

Where is the quality of life arriving to the Brett at 5:30AM for ice time?
Where is the quality of life being forced to stand at your son's graduation for the lack of seating?

Whereas government spending is tax exempt, surpluses in the City budget are private sector monies. It is we who pay the bills, and we who pay the taxes.

It is we, the "community" who deserve quality of life in return.

It is we, the "community" who hold the power to en-thrown or de-thrown City council members.

It is we, the "community" who ultimately decide the future.

Without question, what this country is lacking is mom and apple pie,
... quality of life.

Now is the time, ...you have the strength, power, funding and support.

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Let's build a Community Center that addresses the needs of youth and adults,... civic and sports. Lets open our arms to all groups who work to better our community,...and our quality of life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shell Ewing", is written over a large, loopy scribble.

Shell Ewing
373-6012

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To:
The Fronteromans + 1-23-01
Wasilla City Council,

Please support the ideas of a multi purpose complex in our valley. My husband Tim Straub asked 10 years ago for this type of project. His idea was equine rich, however it would have served the area residents well. Our area is ready for this type of a project. It was "thinking ahead" 10 years ago, today it could even be a bit behind. Please allow the city residents to vote on how to spend the tax dollars that we pay. We simply "pool" our monies to have better purchasing power" for our community.

Sincerely,

Diana Straub, Wasilla Resident
373-7230

PO Box 874065 Wasilla

avor Palin

om:
nt:
o:

Janet Murphy [janm@matnet.com]
Wednesday, January 24, 2001 5:30 AM
sarah@ci.wasilla.ak.us

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The idea of a "sports complex" appeals to me. I would like to know what all would be included in the complex. An ice skating rink, basketball court, etc. What are the chances of bringing outside events?

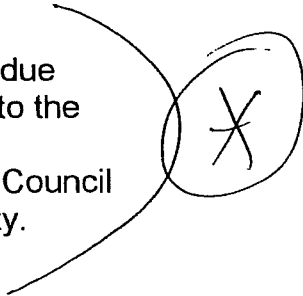
If these are viable possibilities, then I would like to add my support for a complex.

Janet Murphy

Mayor Palin

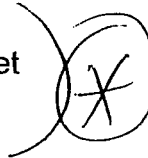
From: Bob Doyle [BDoyle@opm.mat-su.k12.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2001 6:38 AM
Subject: Mayor Palin
Re: sports complex

Please pass along my support. I think the sports complex is long overdue and would be an amazing asset to the City of Wasilla now and long into the future. The quality of life would be improved for families and friends. The new complex would have a positive economic impact. I hope the Council will look for long term growth and future proof our wonderful community.



-----Original Message-----
From: Bob Doyle [SMTP:BDoyle@opm.mat-su.k12.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2001 3:23 PM
To: sarah@ci.wasilla.ak.us
Subject:

> I think the sports complex is a great idea for the City of Wasilla. Let
> me know how I can be helpful.



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JAN 30 2001

CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

January 27, 2001

Wasilla City Council Members

To whom it May Concern,

SUPPORT OF CM 01-08

The Boys and Girls club of Palmer/Wasilla would like to express it's appreciation to the Wasilla City Council for passing the memorandum supporting Administration's efforts to move forward on the Multi-Use Sports complex project. This is a much-needed facility for the youth in the Valley. With this in mind, we would like to request that the council bring this issue before the voters in way of placing it on the ballot. The Boys & Girls Club of Palmer & Wasilla would benefit greatly from this current effort. Our club would benefit from this facility in the following areas

- Sports, Fitness and Recreation
- Education and Career Development
- The Arts
- Networking with other agencies

This facility would also give us more space to meet the needs of the youth of the Valley. These needs include a dedicated teen space, computer lab, study areas, and much more. We would like to thank you again for your continued support of this effort.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Odom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jeff Odom
Branch Manager
Boys & Girls Club of Palmer/ Wasilla

415 E. RAILROAD AVE.
WASILLA, AK. 99654

Kennedy & Co. LLC

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kennedy@kennedycpas.com

via FAX

January 29, 2001

TO: City Council, City of Wasilla

RE: Support of the Sports Complex

Dear Honorable Council Members:

We would like to respectfully offer our support for the proposed multi-use sports complex. The quality life issues and economic multiplier of the project make sense. The timing of the project is perfect.

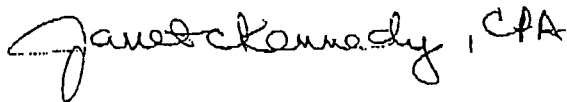
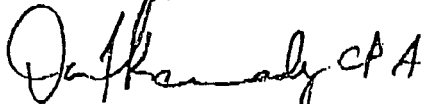
We have a concern about the the discussed location across from Cottonwood School on Seward-Meridian. We live approximately 0.5 miles east of the location on the south shore of Cottonwood Lake. Our three children attend Cottonwood Creek. The Seward-Meridian Parkway needs significant improvement by the Borough or State prior to the construction of the sports facility.

An alternative location may be near the new Wasilla Airport and proposed transportation hub.

Great idea! Please commit to the project.

Thank you for the opportunity for us to provide you with our input.

Sincerely,



The Kennedy Family

cc: Mayor Sarah Palin

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Wasilla, Alaska 99654
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(907) 373-4729

Session:
State Capitol Building, Room 24
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182
(907) 465-2186
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REPRESENTATIVE VIC KOHRING
DISTRICT 26

January 22, 2001

Mayor Sarah Palin
City of Wasilla
290 East Herning Avenue
Wasilla, Alaska 99654

RE: Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex

Dear Sarah,

Your proposal to construct a multi-use sports complex in Wasilla is exciting. The Valley desperately needs indoor facilities for youth organizations and large public gatherings.

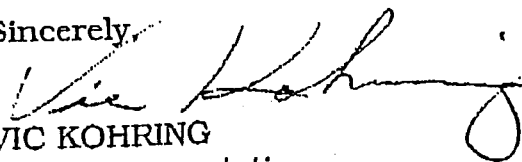
As you know, many Valley residents have been supporting the concept of a multi-use sports complex. I have heard from many of them during my years in the legislature.

Your proposal to issue city bonds or other sources of local financing to pay for the construction is commendable. Here in Juneau, I constantly observe communities looking for a handout from the Legislature. I applaud your position that the City will not be seeking state dollars for this project.

A multi-use sports complex will greatly add to the quality of life and economic growth in the Valley. Amenities such as your proposed multi-use sports arena will help to entice businesses and light industries to locate in the city.

Let me know how I can help you.

Sincerely,


VIC KOHRING
State Representative

Wasilla • Fairview Loop • Eklutna • Peters Creek
E-Mail: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us • Toll Free Year Round: (800) 468-2186

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Senator Rick Halford

President of the Senate

While in Session:
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
907-465-4958

While in Interim:
P.O. Box 670190
Chugiak, AK 99567
907-694-4958

January 23, 2001

Mayor Sarah Palin
City of Wasilla
290 E. Herning Avenue
Wasilla, Alaska 99654-7091

Dear Mayor Palin:

Recently, I have heard a great deal of discussion about constructing a multi-use facility in Wasilla. Over the years one of the issues that has been consistently presented throughout all parts of my senate district is addressing the shortage of safe, supervised recreational opportunities for young people.

Your administration has done a good job prioritizing "nuts and bolts" infrastructure such as roads, sewer and water. As a result of these investments, I believe the City of Wasilla has laid a strong foundation for continued economic growth. Because you have demonstrated a record of fiscal responsibility, I believe you will have a great deal of credibility in presenting a proposal to bond such a facility to the people of Wasilla. Working together with the numerous potential user groups, I think you have a great opportunity to do something that will benefit not only the City of Wasilla, but also young people throughout the Greater Wasilla area.

I look forward to seeing you in Juneau the next time city business brings you to the capital. In the meantime, please feel to contact me if I or my office can be of any assistance.

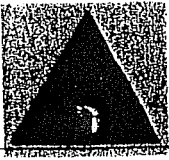
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Halford".

RICK HALFORD

RH/dws

cc: Wasilla City Council Members



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JAN 26 2001

CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA

"Veterans' Wall of Honor" Committee

Leo C. Kaye
HC 30 Box 12934
Wasilla, Ak 99654-9711
January 25, 2001

Sarah Palin, Mayor
City of Wasilla
290 E. Herning Ave.
Wasilla, Ak 99654

Dear Mayor Palin,

Since I read the January 23, 2001 "Our Opinion" editorial in the Frontiersman I have not been able to put the golden idea out of my mind! Call it a sports complex or a multi purpose arena, the Valley needs a large enclosed building capable of accommodating several events and 3000-5000 people.

And this is why. You have attended many of the Veterans observances at the "Wall of Honor". When we approached Veterans Day this November, I began to look for a facility to house 400-500 visitors. The wind was bad enough but suppose it were rain or snow. There just is no place for cover and shelter.

With a sizable structure that could accommodate several events at a given time, Wasilla and the Valley would realize a boost to the economy. Athletic events could operate twelve (12) months of the year. Graduations and public forums would add status to the Borough. Since the Kaye family has made a considerable contribution to the \$10 million collected in sales tax revenue, we support your proposal.

Sincerely,

Leo C. Kaye, Chairman
"Veterans' Wall of Honor" Committee

cc: Frontiersman

Mayor Palin

From: Mayor Palin
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2001 3:32 PM
Subject: FW: Dome Recreation Center Info

The mayor of Valdez sent some great information about ideas that Valdez looked at for their city. Some of these ideas that Bert recommends are amazing to look at. There are very affordable "pre-fab"-type multi-use sports complexes and arenas that we could look at. Look under the "gallery" site under Monolithic Domes... *awesome!*

We are receiving a tremendous amount of encouraging comments regarding the city looking into building something like a multi-purpose, and we had a good meeting with the Borough on Wednesday in regards to the same issue. The Borough Administration has offered to pitch in funds to help put together a "do-able" project (for the voters' consideration) that would benefit everyone.

Hopefully you're getting some of the encouraging phone calls that I'm getting... I'm trying to keep track of at least the e-mails I'm receiving in support of the project, and I'm passing them on to Council Boxes.

Thanks - have a great day!

Sarah Palin

-Original Message-----

From: Ben Olds [SMTP:benolds@alaska.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2001 2:19 PM
To: Sarah H. Palin
Subject: Dome Recreation Center Info

Sarah,
Art Cottle asked me to contact you about the Valdez Family Recreation Center that I had designed for Valdez. I understand that your City is planning to build one....I am envious!

To learn more about Monolithic Domes follow this link:
<http://www.monolithicdome.com/gallery/stadiums/index.html>>

Chuck Crandall is the architect that did the feasibility study for us, I highly recommend him, use this link for info about him:
<http://www.monolithicdome.com/crand/feasible/>>

There is an experienced Dome contractor that is based in Soldotna, his name is Ray Ansel, for more about his company, use this link.
<http://www.alaska.net/~warbonet/>>

If you have any questions, or need more info of any kind, please feel free to call me, I can be reached at any time on my cell phone, 907-255-2857

Original Message
From: Heath Charles [SMTP:heath_charles@msmall.asd.k12.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2001 1:43 PM
Subject: Mayor Palin
the "coliseum"

*FYI
ok, I confess,
this Anchorage teacher/coach
is my brother.
(SP)*

rah,
just read the Frontiersman article. It sounds good; especially since you got some back-up from Shell and Howie. When you take it to the Council (and the public), emphasize that this could be the centerpiece which binds Wasilla's community. You're going to get flack from the non-athletic sector so push the convention, gun show, trade show, concert, whatever aspects.

would attach an indoor soccer facility to the complex. It could be used for football practices also (on crappy days). The two indoor fields in Anchorage are busy all the time. Keep it separate from the icerinks because it will be used all the time. (You might mention that there are currently Valley indoor soccer teams commuting all the way to Anchorage to use their facilities)

Make sure the plans contain a quality indoor running track. It would be awesome for indoor meets to be held there. They could do the throwing events in the parking lot. Nobody's got a decent indoor track facility in the entire state. Remind people of the late starts the high schools get every year due to weather) I'd hold the highjump, polevault, long/triple jumps in the soccer complex. (You'd have to set aside a small area, maybe six feet wide and 120 feet long for the longjump pit and runway).

If you need info. on indoor ice facilities, I have it. I was already looking into it before you told me about this. I think your cost estimate in the paper is a little low. If you're going to build it, do it first class (high quality indoor turf, etc.).

Told Karina that if this thing was really built, I'd move back to the valley. You tell I'm excited about it? Let me know if you want more information because I can get it. I think I'll sketch out the ultimate facility so you guys know what to do.

Mayor Palin

From: Gail Wilson-Phillips & Craig Flippo [gailwp@alaska.net]
Date: Friday, January 26, 2001 9:42 AM
To: Palin, Sarah
Subject: friday

Well there are literally thousands of kids on the streets this morning..
He was very good at faking that his head was stuck in a ice hole on the
Kasilika lake(I hope it was faked)
Cars were piles 30 at the McDonnell drive up(on foot) telling jokes to a
much haggard employee that was trying to keep it together. a few hundred
were crammed at the cars registers getting breakfast!!)
Waiting on the sports complex now....

Also 3 chop shops(professional ones) are working the valley new
vehicles.. our teens are being taken in by them and trained up!!

Waiting on the sports complex now....

Mayor Palin

Kristie VanGorder
RE: sports complex

Commissioners' Boxes
FYI (SP)

things will work well - thanks very much!

Mayor Palin

-----Original Message-----

From: Kristie VanGorder
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2001 3:48 PM
To: Mayor Palin
Subject: FW: sports complex

This is the only other one I received by e-mail. I think I sent a hard copy up to you last week but here it is just in case. We also started a citizens opinion file down here that we will have available as things come in.

So on the e-mails, I'll just print off 7 (one for our file and one for each council member) and send your up to you by e-mail. I think we'll be getting several! KV

-----Original Message-----

From: Vince Coan [SMTP:stwdappr@matnet.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2001 9:12 AM
To: kvangorder@ci.wasilla.ak.us
Subject: sports complex

Kristie - I strongly support Sarah's plan to develop a civic/sports complex in Wasilla. The location along Seward Meridian Road is ideal as it would be central. Please include my name as a Valley resident advocating for some type of development. Thank you, Vince Coan

Mayor Palin

Subject: Kristie VanGorder
RE: Civic and Sports Center

Thanks very much Kristie! Please e-mail me the messages that you receive, as I will keep a compilation of them up
e. Do you have any more that I may not have seen? Thanks,

h Palin

-----Original Message-----

From: Kristie VanGorder
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2001 3:28 PM
To: Mayor Palin
Subject: FW: Civic and Sports Center

Here is another....

When I get these I have been printing them off and putting them in the council's mailbox. Do you want me to print
them off for you too or just forward by e-mail?

thanks, KV

-----Original Message-----

From: stephanie tri [SMTP:tri-sales@gci.net]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2001 9:55 AM
To: kvangorder@ci.wasilla.ak.us
Subject: Civic and Sports Center

Ms. VanGorder,
Just a quick note to let Mayor Pailin know that I fully support Mayor
Plain's proposal for a Civic and Sport facility here in the Wasilla area. As
a realtor in this area I see the need for such a complex. The valley is
expected to continue it's growth pattern. It is discouraging for our young
hockey players to have to go to Eagle River to practice. Thank you for
asking for the public's opinion.

Stephanie Tri
Coldwell Banker Fortune
(907)373-7617
tri-sales@gci.net

Mayor Palin

From: Gail Wilson-Phillips & Craig Flippo [gailwp@alaska.net]
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2001 9:58 AM
To: Palin, Sarah
Subject: [Fwd: Mat-Su Facilities CO-USE Association]

Sarah I already answered her back but this is indicative that I am finally getting the word out to the whole valley!

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Mat-Su Facilities CO-USE Association
Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2001 09:34:44 -0900
From: "Mindy Stefanski" <akgolfer@gci.net>
To: <gailwp@alaska.net>

Gail, Thought I would introduce myself. Mindy Stefanski here. Your email to AJGA was forwarded to me. I am a board member of the AJGA and also Denali Golf Foundation/Hook A KID ON GOLF here in the Valley. If possible, we are hoping to send one of our board members to the meeting on the 6th for information, etc. My email is akgolfer@gci.net <<mailto:akgolfer@gci.net>> Perhaps we will get a chance to meet. Mindy

Mayor Palin

From: Louisa Bellotte [lbelle@rogershsa.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2001 10:07 PM
To: mayor@ci.wasilla.ak.us
Subject: Sports Facility

TO: Mayor Sarah Palin

FROM: Charlie Bellotte

SUBJECT: Sports Facility

DATE: 1/24/01

Mayor Palin:

As a resident of Wasilla since 1989 and a parent of two children, I have watched our community grow from barely having any of our malls and shopping centers inhabited with various stores, to many new stores and office buildings being built. Our community is growing! However, it is not just the adult population that is growing, our youth population is increasing rapidly.

My wife, Louisa, has been an active board and/or volunteer on many youth sports groups in the Mat-Su Valley, including football, baseball, soccer, basketball, wrestling, and hockey. She and I have seen first hand how cramped our facility is and the large youth participation. It is unfortunate that we also can see the many kids and parents who are discouraged and don't participate because of our lack of facilities. This hurts our community today, and most importantly our community's future. Kids need to have a place to grow that will have a positive influence on them. We don't have to look very far to see that kids will find 'something' to do in their spare time. It should be our primary objective to provide a constructive, positive, and safe environment for the youth of our community to grow up in.

We have five high schools, four hockey associations, men's league, women's league, and figure skaters that utilize the Brett Arena. We are certainly getting full utilization out of this facility, but the truth of the matter is the Brett Arena has outlived its effectiveness that it was designed to do for the youth of our community.

Our community would benefit greatly from a multi-purpose sports facility. This would not only benefit the youth of our community, but the entire community, regardless of age. This facility should be able to house at least one sheet of ice, basketball court, weight room, saunas, hand ball or racquetball court, meeting rooms, and have space available for stores and a restaurant. It should have comfortable seating, so parents and grandparents can come and enjoy themselves. Two good examples of facilities that could be combined into one facility in Wasilla would be the Spenard Recreation Center and the recently built Tesoro Center in Anchorage.

I really don't think this is too much to ask. Residents voted a 2% sales tax in several years back and we have seen some very positive improvements in our community as a result of it, but we have overlooked the majority of our youth in the process. We will always have a need for improved water systems, sewage systems, roads, and many other projects and programs that we utilize on a daily basis. However, we may not need to expand our police department if our youth can be more occupied with positive activities than negative ones. Let's continue to have a city we can be proud of tomorrow. A city that our children can look back on when they become adults and be proud of -- one they will use as their city's model or even settle down here because of the positive influence it had on them as youth. Let's spend some of our tax dollars on our real future, our youth.

Please forward this letter to any and all council members.

Regards,

Charlie Bellotte

Debbie Alsterberg
Wednesday, January 24, 2001 11:41 AM
Mayor Palin

**ports facility, wonderful idea, the sooner the
etter.**

Governor Palin

From: Gail Wilson-Phillips & Craig Flippo [gailwp@alaska.net]
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2001 11:42 AM
To: Palin, Sarah
Subject: [Fwd: Re: In Support of Multi-Use Center]

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: In Support of Multi-Use Center
Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2001 11:40:59 -900
From: "Sarah Thiele" <SThiele@msb.Mat-Su.k12.ak.us>
Reply-To: SThiele@msb.Mat-Su.k12.ak.us
To: <gailwp@alaska.net>

Dear Wasilla City Council Members, I am asking that you support the
Wasilla City
Administrator's Multi-Use Sports Complex Plan. This building has been a
long
time coming for the community of the valley. I am very excited about the
possibilities
for such a building. I think you will see a more unified community. I
have always
felt that this community was so spread out and cold. I am Alaska Native
and
have always wanted a place to meet with other Ak. Native people and I
think
that it will be a place where Ak. Native people can meet and practice
their
Native dances and have Ak. Native Culture Club meetings and different
sports
of gathering that enrich our lives and will therefore enrich our
communities
here in the valley. Please support this. Chi'nan (thank-you in the local
Dena'ina
Athabascan language), Sarah Thiele
<http://netwinsite.com>

P H O N E M E M O	TO	<i>Mayor Rubin</i>	DATE	<i>1/26</i>	TIME	<i>8:50</i> AM PM								
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			EXT.											
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						SIGNED	<i>[Signature]</i>							
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A &W Windbreak, Inc.
2201 East Parks Hwy.
Wasilla, Alaska 99687

Date: March 12, 1997 *

RE: Convention Center/ Sport Center
Civic Center

Dear Mayor Palin, Mayor Guinotte, Mayor Lacher,

Please consider the above proposal as a request from the business community to consider building a convention/sports center in the Mat-Su Borough. This project could be a joint effort of the Borough, and the Cities of Wasilla and Palmer. We feel that a project of this sort would greatly increase the revenue of all of the above and would put in place a facility that this community needs in order to compete with the rest of the state in bidding for in state conventions that generally go to the Anchorage and Kenai/Soldotna area. Some, but not all of the reasons that a project like this is needed, and my thoughts on how a project like this could be paid for are as follows:

1. **Decreasing Oil Revenue:** The State of Alaska is projecting a decrease in oil revenue which will greatly effect funding for roads, maintenance, and general funding to each of your general expense requirements. A project like **this** along with the expansion of the Parks and *Palmer/Wasilla* Highway which when completed will greatly decrease the access problems and will inevitably invite more business to move to this area. This of course will increase your tax base and will help alleviate a decrease in funding from the State. This project should be complete by the time the Parks and Palmer/Wasilla Highway are completed, thus were looking at the year 2000.

2. **Convention Center:** This need should be obvious to all. We need to compete with the rest of the state, mainly Anchorage and Soldotna with a facility that can house up to 500 to 1000 people for the many conventions that are held each year. It is now also apparent that some nation wide companies want to hold there convention in Alaska and I would expect this trend to continue in the future.

3. **Sporting Center:** This type of faculty brings a feeling of well being to the community, besides greatly increasing the tax base during those events. The need to be a *First Class Borough/Cities* makes this a must for our area.

4. **Community Performing Arts:** This faculty could be used at a later date for a performing arts building so some thought about this should be considered during the planning stage. Again, facilities like this enrich the entire community and will make a difference when families are deciding whether to locate here or elsewhere.

5. **Location:** My personal view is this project should be constructed on the Palmer/Wasilla Highway and it will accomplish several things at once.

- A. Redirect some of the business growth off of the Parks
- B. Benefit both Cities
- C. Centrally located for all commuters
- D. Create a new Business Area that will grow toward Wasilla and Palmer

Sarah 1-25-01
Will meet with Chamber and will get a resolution supporting a convention center in Wasilla soon.
Thanks for your help
Robert M. Miller

alike.


6. **Highway Expansion Palmer/Wasilla:** I realize that the upgrade of this highway is on the drawing boards, but this project should be completed at the same time as the Parks. In addition I believe that the upgrade of the Palmer/Wasilla and the expansion to **Knik** road along with this project will redirect the business growth off of the Parks. The convention center will serve as a focal point for this area; so it is important to have a coordinated effort between Wasilla and Palmer, because this project will **benefit** both communities. Wasilla and Palmer need to act like partners not *rivals*. The borough should oversee this project and have authority to act in the behalf of the entire community rather than interest of either Wasilla or Palmer. The Convention/Sports Center will greatly influence new businesses coming into the area, so lets build the roads now before the access problems occur and lets do it with an understanding that this will develop into a major business district growing toward Palmer and Wasilla.

7. **Who Pays for it?** It's only my opinion that the cost should be pro-rated based on current sales tax collected by both cities because it would be my assumption that once the project is completed that the cities will benefit more or less in the same ratio that the expenses were pro-rated. In short, sales taxes received from any event occurring in the Convention Center will be spread pretty much on how they are received now. The Borough should participate based on Real Estate taxes received; I'm sure a formula could be worked out and should not be the stumbling block on why this project is not done.

8. **Chamber Participation:** It may be helpful to have both chambers get involved if the cities decide to pursue this project. The Chambers could form as a single group to explore such things as location, type of facility, type of road system, and generally help in getting the community behind this project .

In closing, I realize that I've not hit all of the snags and benefits a project like this will have on a community, but I'm quite convinced that this project will have permanent benefits to this community and will create a tax base, add jobs and will improve the quality of life in the VALLEY. I thank you in advance for your consideration of the above and look forward to your thoughts on this.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Andres

CC. John Duffey, Mat-Su Borough
Wasilla Chamber of Commerce
Palmer Chamber of Commerce
Representative Vic Kohring
Senator Lyda Green
Senator Rick Halford

Mayor Palin

From: Whitney Belliston [whitb@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2001 10:10 AM
Subject: Mayor Palin
Re: sports complex

Mayor Palin, Thanks for supporting the idea of a sports complex. This would be a great benefit to Wasilla and the Matsu valley as a whole. We have been talking to friends to have them get in touch with City council to let them know as a community we want this. Please pass this along too! Keep us updated and feel free to let us know what you would like us to do to help move this along. Thanks Harry and Whitney Belliston

Mayor Palin

mike shaw [shawak@gci.net]
Wednesday, January 31, 2001 3:41 PM
mayor@ci.wasilla.ak.us
Subject: Sports Facility

Mayor Palin: As a resident of Wasilla since late 1989 and a lifetime resident of Alaska, I find it alarming that the issue of a sports facility is such a hard thing for people to digest in this community. After reading in the Daily News this week that Barrow (made headlines) has finally gotten a Boys and Girls Club, and here the people of Wasilla have to debate this issue, I felt sad for our youth in this community. This is very essential to our youth, as a father of three boys, (2 of which have gone through the Valley school system, and 1 in 4th grade) I have seen 1st hand the boredom in which kids go through in the valley. We need to immediately address this issue and not take no for an answer, so even if it means more tax dollars we need to match the funds we are now spending on policeman, institutions and the court system and show our kids that they are valued in this community and YES that we do care about them. I see this more as a "SAVE OUR YOUTH" issue and a Sports facility is a great way to start. Keep up the great work. Yours Truly
Michael and Linda Shaw

Mayor Palin

From: Bob Renfro [bob@alaskavisit.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2001 4:57 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: Sports Complex

Mayor Palin,

I recently visited your office today to find out more about the proposed sports complex and I just received your fax. Just so you know, I am representing the Mat-Su Softball Assoc. not the Mat-Su CVB on this issue. We support the sports complex 100% regardless of any consideration to the softball associations needs (primarily fields). This area desperately needs this facility for our youth.

I stopped by to present an idea the Mat-Su Softball board had at a recent meeting. Many of the youth sports groups lack resources and volunteer time to effectively run their organizations. We thought about forming a Mat-Su Sports Association that could include any sports organization that wished to join. We could use the revenues that we generate from charitable gaming permits, player fees, concessions and any other source to fund an office with a full time executive director/ manager who would oversee the day-to-day operation of all of the participating associations. Most associations have a 2-4 month season and finding a quality individual for temporary hire is difficult.

We don't have any details worked out. We were wondering if this idea would be a good fit with the sports complex plan.

On another note, the MSSA is very excited with the support we are currently getting from the city. The new pavilion at Bumpus will make it safe for spectators to view the games. Don and Tony have been a great help to us and we do appreciate it. We are in the process of making a long-range plan. We currently have an agreement with the borough to use and maintain the four fields at the Sherrod complex. That complex is right next to a school and the fences are only 275 feet (300 ft. is the minimum needed to host a State tournament). We feel that there may be a time in the not so distant future when those fields should be used for little league. When that is depends on if and when we can get some new fields. I know Bumpus is scheduled for more softball fields and the borough is looking at building a new complex as well. I would like to talk to you about the field issue for a few minutes when have time.

Thanks,

Bob Renfro



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February 5, 2001

Sarah Palin
Mayor
City of Wasilla
290 E. Hering Ave.
Wasilla, AK 99654-7091

Dear Mayor Palin,

It is good to see the progress and planning efforts by the City of Wasilla's (COW) Council Members, led by your administration. It is exciting to see the Council's approval to add a Multi-Use Sport Facility (MUSF) complex to the list of projects to be considered. I would also be glad to see this facility be combined with a convention center for our business community and tourist events. I believe that the City and the Core Area will be blessed by such a project. Please give each of the Council my personal thanks.

This project is long overdue. I highly support the development of this building. To that end I have requested a resolution be prepared for the Matanuska Susitna Borough (MSB) Assembly members to ask for their support of this project. When the resolution comes forward for consideration I will let you know.

I hope that citizens will come forward and give us their thoughts on this. I am glad to see Council Members and COW Administration planning to bring a project of this size to voters first. Since benefits of such a project affect residents beyond COW's city limits, we need their support too. Perhaps the MSB could be an active participant in this project as well. A project of this size should require commitment by all taxpayers of the MSB not just those living in Wasilla City limits. Many non-Wasilla residents feel they contribute (sales tax) when they shop in Wasilla. It would be interesting to add up the taxes received by the 2% sales tax paid since enactment and compare that to the cost of this project.

This development will take pressure off school facilities as well. There will be a cost savings by not having to provide extra expense to accommodate large crowds that schools try to provide, such as sports playoffs, graduation ceremonies, and other large celebrations.

Our business community has a lot to gain with an influence a convention center can bring. It will attract new investors and new events that are usually held only in Anchorage. A lot of business is lost locally because we don't have a way at the present to accommodate groups that desire this type of facility.

Our visitors' bureau should be in support of the project. Many people will want to come to sport events and business shows. This will increase demand on hotels, motels, bed and breakfast facilities, and restaurants too.

Administration of the MSB & the cities within the borough, can view this as an economic development opportunity. Many new and bigger businesses will be encouraged to move here with this development. In the past, a lot of business was lost because we had no accommodations for large gatherings.

Location and size of this facility has not been determined through a current study. We need to be prudent and wise. To oversize would be unaffordable, to undersize more expensive in the long run. Perhaps a design that has plenty of land and a building that can be expanded as needs increase. What is important is that we build the best we can afford as we can afford it. With the right financing and money handling, the facility can not only pay for itself over time but also keep up with growth demands as well.

Please recognize that this is not an official letter from the MSB assembly body. This is a personal letter from your Assemblyman, giving you, your administration, and the Council many thanks for this project consideration and the outstanding jobs you are all doing.

Sincerely,



Dan Kelly
Assemblyman
MSB District 4

CC: Tim Anderson, MSB Mayor
John Duffy, MSB Manager

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January 29, 2001

Mayor Sarah Palin
City of Wasilla
290 E. Herning Avenue
Wasilla, AK 99654

Dear Mayor Palin,

I am writing this letter to express my support, and the support of the Wasilla Police Department patrol officers, for the proposed sports complex. When I first heard of the plans I did not have an opinion either way. I talked to some of the patrol officers and most felt as I did. The patrol officers have recently sat down as a whole and talked about the pros and cons and are now unanimously in favor of the complex.

Over the last few weeks we have responded to youth parties and gatherings all around the city. The Alaska State Troopers have also seen a rise in such activities. We have also seen very large crowds at Valley Billiards in Wasilla. This business started out with good intentions and assured us they would run a tight ship. It has been everything but what was promised. We see kids who want to have a good time having to deal with the drug dealers and all around delinquents. Fights are a nightly event and alcohol and drugs are often part of the activities. I recognize kids from the middle school and high school sports teams hanging out at the pool hall and Carrs parking lot. When I ask them why they are there, I already know the response, there is nothing for them to do. The sports complex would give good kids the opportunity to have safe and fun activities to pursue. I realize it is not up to the City of Wasilla to baby sit kids but I think it is our responsibility to try and help them become responsible adults. Providing them with a complex that had sporting activities available, unlike current resources, would be an obvious impact.

My biggest concern would be the location of the complex. If it were inside the City of Wasilla we would be able to provide continuous patrol of the area. The State Troopers do not have the staffing or the time to provide proactive police protection to the complex. Without that kind of police presence, there would be no real deterrent for the criminal element. To put the complex anywhere outside of the city would leave the families and the complex virtually unprotected. The Wasilla City Council has shown great support for public safety and for the youth of the city. By building a sports complex in the City of Wasilla, they could provide families with a safe area for recreation and give it the protection necessary to keep it that way. With your proactive response to the communities needs and the support the council has shown, the sports complex could be the best thing to happen for the city and borough in years. I can assure you have the unwavering support of the Wasilla Police Department.

Scott Huston
Scott Huston
Patrol Sergeant
Wasilla Police Department

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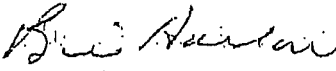
Re: A multi-Use Sports Complex for the community

Dear Sarah,

I fully support the multi-Sports Complex for the community. With the expansion of the population and the increasing recreational needs it only makes sense to try to provide the infrastructure that will describe our area as the highest caliber concerning quality of life.

I thank the council for having the vision by passing the memorandum supporting Administrations efforts. I hope that the measure comes to the voters via the ballot and assure you that many others I have talked to endorse this concept. It is simply good for the Valley. A complex that meets many needs due to the flexible nature of its design would probably have the most support. Obviously those activities that are normally done inside such as hockey, basketball, wrestling, indoor soccer, are easy to consider. One concept that came to mind was if a portion of the design had an indoor driving range that golfers could go to and just swing a club at a ball into a net. If facilities have enough seating and there is flexibility in design areas it could be manipulated for small business conventions or even state events such as athletic tournaments. My mind starts to take off on things like this so I will slow down and simply say... go for it. You have my support!

Sincerely,


Bill Harlow
Principal, Colony High School



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January 29, 2001

To: Mayor Sarah Palin

From: Wasilla Recreation & Parks Commission (WRPC)

"...several times during our lives we have our seasons, but their course is not well known: it is not clearly laid out." Jules Renard *Journal*

Dear Sarah

Wasilla is in its growing season. Our path is changing, evolving and moving ever forward. Wasilla youth are on that path and it is our responsibility as elected and appointed officials to help make that path a stable environment for them. Society as a unit is constantly in a state of growth and as a City of Character we, to whom the position of trust has been handed, must help lay out a path that is clear and easy.

We, the WRPC, believe that the time for such a building is long past due. This building/complex will, we believe, provide a place where the youth of Wasilla will have an alternative to drugs and mischief.

It is the recommendation of this commission to lend its full support to this plan and request the Wasilla City Council to not only support but fund this building as a multi-use sports complex.

Respectfully,

David Tuttle
Chairman, Wasilla Recreation & Parks Commission

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Sarah Palin, Mayor
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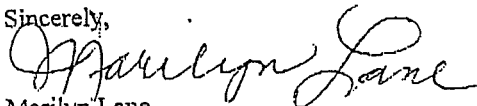
Dear Sarah:

I am writing in regards to the Council Memorandum, CM 01-08, regarding a Multi-Use Sports Complex for our community. I have been involved in youth activities in the valley since 1984 as a parent as well as a coach and employee of the school district. I have been able to form judgement on the need of such a facility from all aspects, that as a parent, employee, taxpayer, and concerned citizen. I feel that the valley is long over-due such a facility. We do not have the capability of providing alternative activities for students and adults alike. The schools are strained with minimal facilities; the ice rink is inadequate to accommodate all the needs; we have no place to hold a high school graduation; public gathering are forced to gather in places with inadequate acoustics and seating.

A facility such as the one you have proposed would not only help ease the needs of those in the valley now, but would also afford us the opportunity to host events such as state athletic contests, cultural events, concerts, graduations, etc. I attended my daughter's graduation from Colony High School in Anchorage at the PAC. Our school has also tried using the new building at the state fairgrounds, but that is expensive and the acoustics are not conducive to a ceremony. It is a sad state of affairs when we cannot adequately provide the basics for our community.

I whole-heartedly support your proposal and would be willing to assist in anyway necessary to help make this become a reality.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Lane
Administrative Secretary

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CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA

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Rick Luthi, Principal

Marti Wynn, Assistant Principal

January 31, 2001

Dear Wasilla City Council Members,

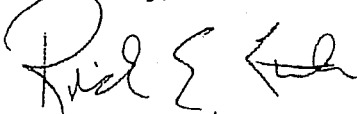
Please consider supporting the Wasilla City Administrators Multi-Use Sports Complex Plan. This project would support our long-term goal of a CO-USE Facility in the valley. For the past twenty years many community members and volunteers have worked towards a community shared Sports Complex. The Wasilla Administrators Multi-Use Sports Complex Plan would provide this much-needed facility.

Youth soccer, football, basketball, hockey, volleyball, and baseball teams, to name a few, are desperate to have a facility to showcase the talented youth who call the valley their home.

I think that the Wasilla City Administrators Multi-Use Sports Complex is an important plan. It will benefit the community at large by supporting the thousands of participating valley youth. These non-profits organizations are not normally supported by a city or borough government and wind up over working their volunteers to raise funds to provide adequate programs for the valley youth.

Any support you can lend to seeing the development of the Multi-Use Sports Complex Plan for the youth of the valley will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Rick Luthi, principal



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CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA

February 6, 2001

The Honorable Sarah Palin
City of Wasilla
290 East Herning Avenue
Wasilla, AK 99654

Dear Mayor Palin,

It has come to my attention that there are very few appropriate emergency shelter locations within the City of Wasilla. Currently the American Red Cross has only one signed shelter agreement within the city limits. That shelter agreement is with the Wasilla Senior Center. The Senior Center is a desirable location because it has open floor space, showers, and an excellent kitchen facility. The only problem with it is its size and its ability to manage a large group of people during an emergency evacuation. We are currently negotiating with the Matanuska Susitna Borough School District to develop a shelter agreement with them, but at this time, it has not been finalized.

It would be ideal to have a large capacity building within the city limits. In the event of a major disaster, Red Cross would then have space large enough to manage a mass evacuation, keeping families and loved ones together. A multi-use sports complex would serve as an excellent facility for such an emergency. I support your effort in bringing such a complex to Wasilla.

I am available to answer any questions you may have about the role the American Red Cross would play in the event of a major emergency. Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sally Ann Anderson

Sally Ann Anderson
Field Operations Manager

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COTTONWOOD CREEK ELEMENTARY

Dear Mayor Palin,

I would like to thank the council for passing the memorandum supporting the Administrations efforts to move forward on the project for the Multi-Use Sport Complex. I have taken the opportunity to share this information with several parents to solicit their input and it is felt that this community would benefit greatly from this type of facility.

I would request that the council bring this issue before the voters by placing it on a ballot in the near future. Every year the request to use school facilities grows. There are very few places in our community to provide activities for children. The demands of the community can not be met with the current resources and our future requirements will not be met without some plan for growth. The variety of uses that this complex could server would meet the needs of many different community groups as well as shore up the shortage of space that we are now experiencing.

Sincerely,

Marie D. Burton

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Mayor Sarah H. Palin
Members of the Wasilla City Council
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CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA

LETTER OF SUPPORT

As principal of Wasilla Middle School I am well aware of the need to provide activities for children in our community. There are numerous research reports providing evidence that children participating in extra-curricular activities are much less likely to be involved with substance abuse, delinquency, vandalism, and crime. In addition, my staff of nearly 100 individuals is more productive and satisfied with their job when they are involved in healthy activities. A sense of community develops around individuals involved in healthy activities, either as participants or volunteers.

The school district has more requests for use of our facilities than we can accommodate. Numerous community groups, from soccer to baseball to basketball, are continually looking for space to play games and conduct practices. Our school gyms are in use nearly every evening and all day on Saturdays, yet there is still not enough gym space. The Brett Memorial Ice Arena has outlived its usefulness as a high school hockey facility. We should feel fortunate that we have this problem. We have a community that wants to involve its youth in healthy activities. We need to respond and provide the facilities that are needed to get the job done.

It is for these reasons that I have long supported building a facility that would increase available space for these activities. I applaud the City Council for taking the lead on this issue by passing a memorandum in support of bringing this issue to the voters of Wasilla. It is time to stop talking about this project and move it forward. The City Council has done this and I am prepared to offer my support in any capacity that is needed to bring this project to completion.

Sincerely,



Bob Thompson, Principal
Wasilla Middle School



WASILLA HIGH SCHOOL

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Wasilla City Council
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CITY OF WASILLA
CLERK'S OFFICE

Dear City Council:

I am writing in support of the Wasilla City Council for passing the memorandum in favor of a Multi-Use Sports Complex being built in the Wasilla area.

As a community member and teacher for 20 years, I have been involved in all levels of youth sports and what I see as one of the biggest problems youth activities face is a lack of facilities available for use. I have been activities director of the two largest high schools in the valley, currently Wasilla High School and I feel I have first hand knowledge of the need for this type of facility. I am constantly fielding requests for the use of our facility. Our building is in use literally almost 365 days a year between our school functions and other requests. Wasilla is a rapidly growing area with a very young population base which translates into many children who need to use their time constructively. This not only benefits them but also our community as a whole with less delinquency and more positive influences.

The biggest obstacle in providing youth with the positive, low-cost opportunities is a lack of facilities to make use of. All kids at all age and economic levels should be afforded the opportunity to use recreational facilities, not just the well to do.

This important issue should be brought before the voters and placed on the ballot. I believe that our community sees the need for this facility and would support it's construction and the positives it would bring.

In conclusion, I applaud the mayor and Wasilla City Council for the initiative to be proactive rather than reactive where our youth are concerned. It is a long awaited benefit for our families and community.

Sincerely,

Doug Bean
Activities Director - Wasilla High School

Mayor Palin

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From: Sandra.Mastroyanis@MSB.Mat-Su.k12.ak.us
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CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA

Dear Mayor Palin,
I would like to encourage you and the City Council to strongly support the development of the Multi-Use Sports facility. The youth in this valley desparately need a place !!!

Thank you!
Sandie Mastroyanis

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