

To Homer City Council:

Recently, it has come to our attention that the City of Homer intends to consider a proposed resolution to “resist Trump,” something we, as long-time Homer residents, find not only embarrassing but also an irrational and egregious act being forced upon the city by a small group of local political activist.

First, though resolutions can provide policy and guidance, resolutions have no legal standing; thus, we citizens question the political motives of city council members David Lewis, Donna Aderhold, and Catriona Reynolds, the three members who are sponsoring this disconcerting and agitating resolution. (See picture)



Second, the proposed resolution, as currently written, is riddled with pettiness, falsehoods, innuendos, misstatements, misrepresentations, and outright dishonesties, and when taken word for word is a laughable document unfit for consideration and/or publication. There’s no doubt the sponsors of this proposed resolution intend to bend the general will of the City of Homer and aspire to make Homer a “Sanctuary City”, though not bold enough to explicitly state so in the resolution. Furthermore, the Presidential voting statistics show that more Homerites voted for Trump than Clinton, thus council members must take into consideration what’s best for Homer’s general population when voting on proposals. We clearly know that it is the responsibility of the Homer City Council, “a body of six elected officials empowered by State Statute and Homer City Code to represent the citizenry in decisions on their behalf.”

Third, we believe, as longstanding members of the community, that for the city council to even consider this poorly crafted and ill-advised resolution is an affront to the community at large; serving no purpose whatsoever and does not in fact foster peace and tolerance. We respect the right of a few political activist to pitch a proposal to the city council, but respect goes both ways, and for the council to positively endorse such a proposal shows a level of petty and foolish thinking that should not prevail in local government, especially in Homer, Alaska.

Lastly, we unequivocally encourage you to withdraw this proposed resolution. It serves neither side of the political aisle in any positive way, will bring mockery and contempt upon the City of Homer, and merely frustrates the general will of Homer residents. Homer is made up of all sorts of people with differing views, so why incite a different type of intolerance and try to force (by resolution) a particular view upon us? Cease and desist as political activists and return to promoting the overall economic development and welfare of our wonderful city.

With respect,

Citizens of Homer, Alaska