February 24, 2017

City Council
Homer, Alaska

RE: CITY OF HOMER Aderhold/Reynolds/Lewis "Inclusion" Resolution

I am not in favor of the above-referenced resolution.

1. The City of Homer should stick to City business not national politics. This resolution is a waste of the Council's time .

2. **Many of the statements made are assumptions or distortions, not truth or reality.**

3. In this statement,

    "WHEREAS, Before and especially since the election, some citizens have been emboldened to express overtly an intolerance of diversity **that is opposed to the views of most Homer residents and most Americans**;"

    the writers of the resolution are denying the freedom of speech to those "emboldened citizens" and denying their right to their own opinions and beliefs. Very hypocritical!

4. In the following statement,

    "WHEREAS, The President's cabinet nominees have expressed views similar to those laid out in the whereas clauses above and thus are largely out of step **with the attitudes of most Homer residents;**"

    the writers are making an assumption about the attitudes of most Homer residents that may not be true. Is there any basis in fact that most Homer residents agree?

5. This resolution is redundant since our freedoms are guaranteed by the Constitution, Bill of Rights, Civil Rights legislation, etc.

Why do the writers of the resolution assume they are right and everyone who disagrees is wrong. Why do they think most Homer citizens agree with their ideas? The majority of the citizens of Homer and the State of Alaska voted for President Trump. These are facts.

I am not going to discuss my political beliefs. I just feel this resolution makes inaccurate assumptions about people and issues, and is hypocritical and unnecessary.

These council members are trying to force their political beliefs on the residents of Homer. I do not deny them their beliefs. I encourage these Council members to resign from the City Council so they can pursue these issues on a national agenda. The City is no place for this.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret B. Visger