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Action: Approved

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 26-11**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF THE CHUGIAK, EAGLE RIVER, PETERS CREEK, EKLUTNA, AND ASSOCIATED AREAS INTO THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission serves as an advisory commission to the Borough Assembly on matters affecting the orderly growth, development, and long-range planning of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, a petition has been submitted to the Alaska Local Boundary Commission proposing annexation of approximately 990 square miles from the Municipality of Anchorage into the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, including the communities of Chugiak, Eagle River, Peters Creek, Eklutna, and associated lands; and

WHEREAS, the petition estimates that approximately 34,147 residents would become residents of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough as a result of annexation, increasing the Borough's population to more than 150,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation area shares substantial transportation, economic, recreational, employment, utility, and social connections with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough through the

Glenn Highway corridor and longstanding regional relationships;
and

WHEREAS, residents of the proposed annexation area and residents of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough routinely utilize common transportation facilities, educational institutions, recreational amenities, commercial services, and employment opportunities, creating an interconnected regional community; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the proposed annexation area constitutes a logical geographic extension of the Borough's existing southern boundary and would create opportunities for coordinated land use planning, transportation planning, emergency service coordination, economic development, and regional infrastructure planning; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission further finds that residents of the proposed annexation area should be afforded the opportunity to determine through the processes established by Alaska law whether they wish to become part of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution encourages maximum local self-government with a minimum number of local governmental units and promotes the establishment of logical municipal boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby expresses its support for the concept of annexation of the Chugiak, Eagle River, Peters Creek, Eklutna, and associated areas into the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission
this -- day of --, 2026.

3rd August



RICHARD ALLEN, Chair

ATTEST



LACIE OLIVIERI, PLANNING CLERK

(SEAL)



YES: McCabe, Glenn, Scoggin, Fonov, Carpenter, Allen

NO: None