

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION 2010-10

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA OPPOSING “AN INITIATIVE CREATING AN ALASKA ANTI-CORRUPTION ACT” WHICH WILL BE ON THE 2010 ALASKA PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2010, an initiative will be on the Alaska primary ballot which will ask the voters to decide if public funds can be used for election campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka believes that this law goes much deeper than is stated; and

WHEREAS, municipalities would be affected in the following way:

- Municipalities will NOT be able to hire lobbyists for capital projects or for help with Legislation;
- Elected officials will not be able to travel to Juneau to talk with the Legislature unless they pay for their travel and lodging with their own money.
- Municipalities will NOT be able to have ANY person lobby unless they are specifically invited by a Legislator.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka depends on a close working relationship with the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, this initiative would seriously disrupt that relationship, to the detriment of all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, this initiative would seriously infringe upon the citizens’ right to communicate with their elected officials; and

WHEREAS, holders of state or local government contracts of over \$500 p/year would be prohibited from making political contributions, as well as would their family members; and

WHEREAS, if your sister’s husband sells office supplies to any local government, (a P.O. can be construed as a contract), you and the rest of your family will be prohibited from taking part in individual campaigns initiatives and ballot propositions; and

WHEREAS, non-profits that receive local or state funds or grants would find that board members and their immediate family could no longer take part in government issues; and

WHEREAS, this bill will bring government in the State of Alaska to a virtual stop; and

WHEREAS, Alaska’s recent corruption issues did not involve the campaign finance structure and this initiative would NOT have prohibited legislators from taking cash bribes; and

WHEREAS, the term “anti-corruption” is a very misleading term used by the proponents of the initiative, as in reality it is a basic attack on our Constitutional rights of free speech and our right to petition our government for redress; and


WHEREAS, this initiative has been submitted and funded by a man from New York City; and

WHEREAS, he has also filed this initiative in at least three other states; and

WHEREAS, this initiative has passed in only one of those states (Colorado) three years ago and was just recently struck down as unconstitutional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka stands opposed to the “Initiative Creating an Alaska Anti-Corruption Act.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 13th day of April, 2010..



Scott McAdams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Colleen Ingman, MMC Municipal Clerk