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Mayor Scott McAdams and City Administrator Jim Dinley  
City of Sitka  
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Mr. Dinley and Mayor McAdams,

This letter is a report on the \$10,000 charitable donation that you made to MEHS for the purpose of establishing an Endowment Fund. I did not see a reporting format and hope that this will be adequate.

The donation that the City of Sitka made was crucial to establish the original fund with Alaska Community Foundation. With the initial \$10,000, we were able to get two additional ten thousand dollar matching donations: one from the Rasmussen Foundation and one from North Slope Borough. The total value of the MEHS Endowment Fund is now just over \$30,000.

The MEHS Advisory Board has established a \$100,000 threshold before we begin to access the earnings. According to the Endowment Fund rules, the \$10,000 donation that the City of Sitka made will never be used and will benefit many years of MEHS students. We are actively trying to add additional funds and believe we will be successful.

On a slightly wider scope, I very much appreciate City support for MEHS. As you know, MEHS contributes significantly to the local economy. More than ninety percent of our 10 million dollar annual budget is spent locally. This summer we will be finishing up about 5 million dollars in capital projects in the last two years, much of it with local contractors. This is not to count the dollars that our students spend in the community during the winter, which is estimated to be above the million dollar mark. Just watch the buzzing of pizza deliveries on a Friday night, McDonald's and Subway "runs", and the the jostling to get first in line for Thursday night Seamart "runs" (Seamart pays the cost of the full size bus and recovers the transportation cost on ATM fees alone!).

Lastly, on a personal note, I appreciate Mr. Dinley's honesty and direct communication with me on various things in the last two years. I will miss MEHS and the interaction with the City. MEHS is truly a great and unique institution – I'm glad it's in Sitka.

Sincerely,



William Hutton  
Superintendent

P.S. We're working on improving the looks of the "Fire Hall"!! Stay tuned!

Sitka PD has the TWIC card issuing service up and running and we have already issued two or three cards. Class for the 3 operators ended late last week. All of the equipment has been moved in and set up.

I recommend anyone needing to send someone in for a card contact SPD first to make sure one of the operators will be available. Two operators are scheduled for leave over the next two weeks until mid-July.

Taylor Vieira, Judy Puckett, and Tim White are the three qualified TWIC card issuers. Dispatch will be able to direct you to one of the three to make an appointment. Talking directly to one of the issuing operators is recommended.

The business number is 747-3245.

If there is a need to do several at a given time, I'd suggest calling ahead with the number and we can make arrangements to dedicate part of a day to do cards.

My direct office line is 966-5702.

Have a good week,  
Barry.

Barry C. Allen  
Ops. Lt.  
Sitka Police Department

Lt. Allen,

Thanks very much for the notification and for the service you're providing to the rest of us.

We appreciate it.

Greg Cushing  
Operations Manager  
Allen Marine Tours Sitka

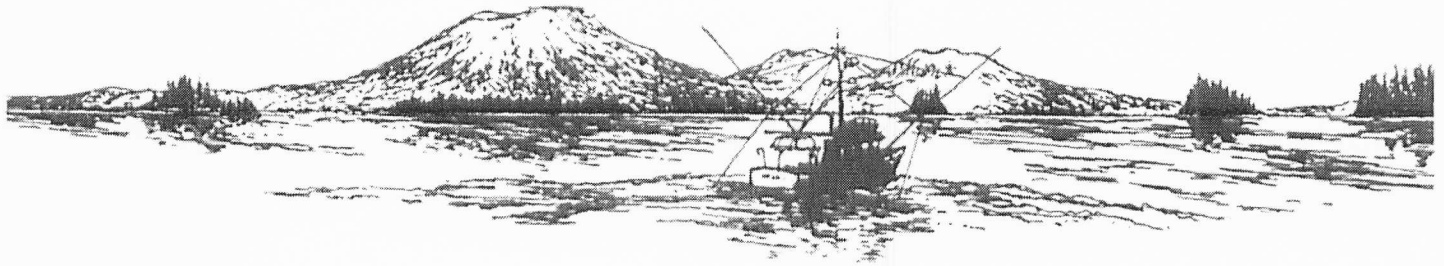
Thanks to Jim Dinley and his City people that made this happen...We already saved over \$200 just today as we were able to change the pick up location for a card from Juneau to Sitka....Thanks again and best regards...-KIM

Kim Eric Hanson  
Arrowhead Transfer, Inc.

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Resolution 2010-04

## A Resolution Concerning the Proposed "Anti-Corruption Initiative"

The Sitka School Board resolves that it is in opposition to passage of the "Initiative Prohibiting Public Funds for Election Campaigns; also Prohibiting Campaign Contributions by Holders of Government Contracts", referred to by its sponsors as "The Anti-Corruption Initiative" finding that the measure would dramatically restrict the public's ability to participate in the democratic process. Neither the official title that will appear on the August primary election ballot, nor that used by the initiative's sponsors, hints at the far-reaching consequences of the measure. Among other potential impacts, the initiative would criminalize many uses of public funds that enable school board members, superintendents and staff to interact with and educate the local assembly, the state legislature and the federal congress concerning our schools and students. Moreover it would restrict the ability of a large swath of the public to make campaign contributions because it would prohibit all holders of public contracts valued at more than \$500, and all members of their immediate families, from contributing to the campaign of any candidate for a position with authority to award the contract.

The Sitka School Board uses a very small part of its annual budget to advocate for school funding and appropriate school programs in front of the Alaska Legislature and, occasionally, the U. S. Congress. To make it criminal to use public funds to help the legislature and congress understand issues critical to our schools and students would seriously restrict the flow of information that legislators need to make decisions that promote the education and well-being of our children.

Citizen involvement is the foundation of our republic. The Sitka School Board believes that the voters who signed the petition to place this initiative on the ballot acted in the finest tradition of democracy -- the right of citizens to influence the course of their government. However many may not have understood that this "Anti-Corruption Initiative" would infringe on that same right for many fellow Alaskans who rely on local officials to advocate on their behalf to other governmental bodies. The Sitka School Board urges all voters to read this initiative carefully before heading to the polls in August and consider the grave consequences such a law could have on our ability to govern and advocate at the local, state, and federal level for our issues and needs.

Approved at a regular scheduled board meeting, June 10, 2010.

Lon Garrison, President *Lon D. Garrison*

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