

**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

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

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

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

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

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

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61 **PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka,  
62 Alaska, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

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Scott McAdams, Mayor

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Colleen Ingman, MMC Municipal Clerk

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