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**2.04.200 Vacancies.**

The assembly shall, within twenty days after a vacancy occurs, select a qualified person to be an acting assembly member until the next regular election when a successor is elected and qualified to fill the remainder of the term. The qualifications shall be those set out in Section 2.04 of the Charter and in state law. (Ord. 04-55 § 4, 2004; Ord. 96-1379 § 4, 1996.)

**Section 2.05 Vacancies and Forfeiture of Office**

**The office of an elected municipal official shall become vacant upon death, resignation,**

A vacancy shall be filled by the assembly which shall elect a qualified person within 20 days after the vacancy occurs to be acting Assembly member until the next regular election and until a successor is elected and qualified to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

## VACANT ASSEMBLY SEAT

A vacancy on the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly exists. In accordance with Sitka's Home Rule Charter and Sitka General Code the vacancy shall be filled by the Assembly which shall appoint a qualified person within 20 days after the vacancy occurs to serve as acting Assembly member until the next regular election.

Only a qualified voter of the municipality who has been a resident of the municipality for a least one year immediately preceding the appointment to office shall be illegible. **To be considered for this vacant seat please submit a letter of interest stating your reasons** to the Municipal Clerk's Office **no later than Noon on November 3**. The appointment is scheduled to be made **at the next regular Assembly meeting of November 9, 2010**.

If you need further information please phone the Municipal Clerk's Office at 747-1811.

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John C. Stein  
101 Cedar Beach Rd  
Sitka, AK 99835

Mayor and Assembly  
City and Borough of Sitka  
100 Lincoln St.  
Sitka, AK 99835

October 14, 2010

Dear Elected Officials:

I respectfully request that I be considered for appointment to the Assembly seat that may be vacated by Cheryl Westover.

I would effectively represent the citizens of Sitka and work cooperatively with the Assembly and Mayor Westover.

Please consider my experience, dedication and volunteer efforts in Sitka.

Respectfully,



John C. Stein

Copy Clerk Colleen Ingman

Attachment: Resume

## John C. Stein

101 Cedar Beach Road, Sitka, Alaska 99835 907-747-7811 907-738-2677

[john.c.stein@gmail.com](mailto:john.c.stein@gmail.com)

**Objective:** Responsible position in public administration

**Summary:** Broad experience in local government and non-profit agencies. Extensive knowledge of budgeting, public participation, policy-making, community development, capital projects, planning, grant funding, taxation, tourism and youth services.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Management, University of Oregon, 1983.  
Associate degree in Industrial Engineering Technology, Bellevue Community College, 1967; seminars and short courses related to professional development.

### Experience:

- 2008 (Retired) Sitka Sound Science Center Executive Director, operator of Sheldon Jackson training fish hatchery, Ahlgren Aquarium and research projects.
- 2005-2008 Municipal Administrator, City & Borough of Sitka, supervising fifteen departments, 155 employees, providing 9000 population coastal community with utility and public services with a \$54M budget.
- 1996-2005 Kids are People, Inc. Executive Director: Charitable agency with \$1.1M budget operating youth shelter, transitional living, substance-abuse prevention, tobacco-use prevention and other programs for youth, non-profit administration, grant writing and facility development.
- 1987-1996 City of Wasilla Mayor: Full-time manager of roads, water, sewer, library, museum, airport for city of 5000 serving 30,000 market area, \$6M annual budget; led tax reform and organized first police department.
- 1986-1987 Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Acting Planning Director, Public Participation Coordinator: Developed and carried out public process for comprehensive planning in 45,000 population, 23,000 square mile borough.
- 1984-1986 City of Wasilla Development Coordinator: Administered land-use regulations, comprehensive planning, infrastructure development.
- 1981-1983 City and Borough of Sitka Assemblyman: Elected local policy maker for roads, harbors, airport, utilities, coastal management, police.
- 1980-1983 Sitka businessman: Marine sales and service manager, real estate fee appraiser, land title examiner, gift shop owner.
- 1976-1980 City and Borough of Sitka Assessor: Appraised real and personal property for advalorem tax purposes.
- 1974-1976 Alaska Lumber and Pulp Co. Project Engineer: Designed and specified installation of equipment for process and plant including roads, railroad, utilities, marine structures, recycling and solid waste.
- 1968-1974 King Co. Water District #68 General Manager: Supervised urban water distribution system maintenance, operations, capital construction, rates and finance, helped merge five utility districts with City of Bellevue, Washington.

### Community and professional activities:

Past: Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau, Sitka Economic Development Board, Sitka Industrial Park Board, Southeast Conference Board, Alaska Municipal League.  
Current: SJ Campus Redevelopment Committee, Hames PE Center Task Force, Sitka Chamber of Commerce, University of Alaska-Sitka Community Advisory Board, Sitka Rotary Club, Sitka Historical Society Board, Greater Sitka Arts Council Board, Pioneers of Alaska Igloo 22 Treasurer

**References:** Available on request

May 2009

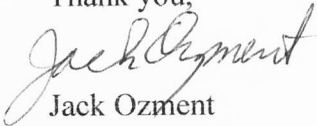
Sitka, AK  
Oct. 10, 2010

To: Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka  
Re: Appointment Request

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Please accept this as my request for your consideration to be appointed to the open Assembly seat created by the election of Ms. Westover as Mayor. I received over 1200 votes for Assembly in the recent election and I believe that those citizens deserve representation on the Assembly.

Thank you,



Jack Ozment

711 Charles St.  
Sitka, AK 99835

October 2010

Assembly of the City & Borough of Sitka  
100 Lincoln Street  
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Assembly Members:

I am a candidate for the open seat on the Sitka Assembly.

I worked as a land manager for many years in several northwestern States and in Alaska. The budgets I managed required prioritizing for a balanced work program, and choosing among many competing management options. As a Hearing Officer for numerous Public Hearings, it was important to objectively listen, and value the diverse comments received.

From 2005 - 2008 I served as a member of the Sitka Assembly. There I tried to consider each issue on its merits, and judge the matter without any preconceived conclusions. I visited sites on the ground, and sought balance on fiscal matters. While not easy, I enjoyed this worthwhile work; it was my privilege to serve.

Other community service includes the Long Range Planning and Economic Development Commission, Chamber Of Commerce Board, and association with Rotary, the Boy Scouts, Trail Works, and the American Legion. I am proud of our Community.

Peers say that I am objective and work hard. If you choose me as an Assembly Member I will apply that dedication to working for the good of our town citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
John Sherrod

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131 Shelikof Way  
Sitka, AK 99835  
747-2708

Dear Sitka Assembly,

Please consider selecting me for the remaining Sitka Assembly position in the event that Cheryl Westover becomes the mayor and her seat is left vacant.

This election has taught me much about the public process and myself. I am so grateful to have had the experience of running for these important public positions and the opportunity to get to know so many more of the people, businesses, and perspectives in Sitka. I appreciated the chance to discuss the issues of concern with many Sitkans. We all know that Sitka is an amazing place, but this campaign has helped me to further recognize and appreciate the diversity, kindness, and sincerity of its citizens as well.

Sitka has some work ahead of it, not only to get through these tough times, but also to plan and prepare for a prosperous, creative future. I would like the opportunity to use my skills, knowledge, and experience to help the City move into this exciting future. I look forward to the opportunity to work with you on City and community projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle K. Putz". The signature is fluid and includes a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Michelle K. Putz

Madam Mayor and esteemed members of the Assembly,

First of all congratulations to the new members. Also, a big thank you to the outgoing members for your service. I, for one, can really appreciate the time and effort you committed to our community.

We were one vote away from a coin toss tomorrow night ( and I thought my races were close).

This reminds me of a story about a person who has applied for the vacancy created by Mayor Westovers election. John Sherrod was appointed by a coin toss.

For weeks the assembly was deadlocked 3-3 between John and James Wileman. I, of course, being an unwavering vote for James. I think I voted against John more times than the round-about.

To make a short story long, I served with John for many years. While we disagreed on many issues (almost all for the first year) he was always fair, thoughtful and concise in his decisions. John was also always one to consider other viewpoints, and even change his mind. John took the berate put of deliberate.

John is a concensus builder who does not cause strife (I could have learned a lot from him).

I have come to respect John greatly. For those of you that don't already, please support him for the appointment and I promise you that will.

John has a history of support from the Assembly, community leaders, and the voters.

I don't think you can go wrong by appointing him to the vacancy.

One last thought. This is the first e-mail I have sent to the Assembly since I left the office of Mayor. Clearly I believe in him.

Thank you for your commitment and service to Sitka.

Regards,

Marko Dapceovich  
Superintendent

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Subject: Vacant Assembly Seat

Dear Assembly Members, New and Old; and greetings to Administrator Jim Dinley, whom I believe receives this communication as well:

I am writing today, unfortunately not as a registered voter in Sitka. However as my wife and I still own a residence on real property in Sitka, and we pay our property taxes diligently, I hope you'll consider my thoughts on the subject line.

I am writing you to endorse John Sherrod for the assembly position vacated by the new Mayor of Sitka, Cheryl Westover, assuming that this election result remains unchanged. I understand Mr. Sherrod has made his intent for the seat known which is all that is required for him to be considered. While current member Jack Ozment was the next highest vote getter; the previous practice (sometimes—but not always—used) to appoint the next highest vote getter to the position is neither required by our charter, not appropriate at this point.

Through other issues on the ballot, the people have spoken and endorsed a viewpoint very different from that which Mr. Ozment has supported in the past. I cite specifically the decision regarding the Hames PE Center purchase from the SJC Board of Trustees. This was an initiative strongly encouraged my Mr. Ozment and not one supported by the will of the people. While there are other examples, this is the most recent and I do not want to unnecessarily waste your time.

I know of no other persons interested in the vacant seat at this point, but my endorsement of John Sherrod would remain unchanged by them.

I believe Mr. Sherrod is best and most highly qualified candidate. He has served the citizens of Sitka with distinction on previous assemblies. He does not cater to one special interest group or another as others might, or have in the past. He weighs all information before him; both in his packet before the meeting and during meeting discussion before casting his decision on the issue at hand. He always does so with the good of ALL of Sitka in mind.

You might ask why I'm so interested in the goings on of Sitka from afar and the reasons are simple. I grew up in Sitka and lived there for approximately 28 years of my 36-year tenure on this earth. Both my children are Sitka born. While my family isn't there today, we might like to be again someday soon and I'd like to return to a Sitka that is in the best position possible. I believe John Sherrod can help ensure this happens and with his work on the assembly with you all that will in fact be the case, should I ever be so lucky to return home.

I thank you for your time and consideration and I hope you'll do what's best by choosing John Sherrod for that vacant seat if the opportunity arises.

Best Regards, James M Wileman

## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** Andrea Thomas [mailto:andrea@cityofsitka.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 8:54 PM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com  
**Subject:** vacant assembly seat

Anybody in our town could have run for assembly/mayor and only a few chose to do so. I really think it is fair if the new assembly member is appointed from the three remaining people that put the effort into getting elected. If you also go by the most votes, I think John Stein would be a good compliment to the new assembly.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Thomas

## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** AMSEA/Mary Chambers [mailto:mary@amsea.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 4:33 PM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com  
**Subject:** John Stein for vacant seat

Dear Members of the Assembly:

I would like to put in a request that John Stein get appointed to the vacant assembly seat. Being the next highest vote getter for the position of Mayor, with such a close race, leads me to believe there is a large group of voters in Sitka that would like to see him appointed to this position. He goes above and beyond in support of this community and I think he would do a great job as a member of this assembly.

Thank you for considering this request.

Mary Chambers

**Colleen Ingman**

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**From:** sgelber@gci.net on behalf of Sandra Gelber  
**Sent:** Monday, November 01, 2010 11:32 AM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com  
**Subject:** absent assembly seat

Good morning folks. I would like to place a vote for placement of John Stein in the open assembly seat. Thank you, Sandra Gelber, Sitka resident

## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** Mike Snowden  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 30, 2010 6:17 AM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com

To the Mayor and members of the assembly,

I would like to encourage you to appoint John Stein to the vacant assembly seat. I think the number of votes he received in the recent election for mayor is sufficient to indicate he has the support of the public to represent them.

In addition, I have known John for over 50 years and I think we are fortunate to have someone with his knowledge and background apply for the position. The community would be well served with his appointment.

Sincerely, Mike Snowden

## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** Susan Litman [i]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 02, 2010 3:55 PM  
**To:** Colleen Ingman  
**Cc:** assembly  
**Subject:** Appointment of assembly member

Dear members of the Assembly,

I would like to encourage you to appoint John Stein to the Assembly. I could see you consider appointing someone who did not run for office during the recent election if the runner-ups received considerably fewer votes than the successful candidates. This was not the case. Forty-nine point nine six percent (49.96%) of the voters cast ballots in favor of John Stein. If he had received only three additional votes, he would be on the Assembly.

I hope the Assembly members will put politics aside and appoint the applicant who has shown himself to have the approval of the voters.

Thank you,  
Susan Litman

## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** brant brantman  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 23, 2010 9:56 AM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com  
**Subject:** votes matter

Just a reminder that our leaders should be elected, not appointed. There's an assembly candidate who received just a few points less than the winner, and a mayoral candidate who got just 2 votes less than our mayor! Either one would make a good addition to the assembly, and allow most Sitkans to feel represented.

Randomly assigning a seat to a special interest undermines the whole democratic process.

Thanks for keeping this in mind when you vote, and for all your hard work and community service.

Brant Brantman

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## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** Lon & Lita Garrison  
**Sent:** Monday, October 25, 2010 7:04 AM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com  
**Subject:** Appointment of the last assembly seat

Dear Assembly members,

I am writing to urge you to consider carefully your appointment of a person to fill the vacant assembly seat with the election of Ms. Westover as mayor. Many of you often speak of "listening to the people" and this is precisely one of those opportunities. I urge you to consider appointing one of the candidates who stood for office in this past election. Any of them are people willing to serve the public of Sitka and have demonstrated their interest in doing so by running for public office. In looking at the total number of votes cast for any of these candidates, it is apparent that John Stein has a great breadth of support in the community. Mr. Stein's experience and ability to work toward solutions that are inclusive rather than exclusive would be of great benefit to this assembly and this community. I know we have challenging times ahead of us and hard choices may need to be made to keep our city fiscally sound and our community whole as we move forward.

I thank you for your time and consideration. I also thank you for your service to our community.

Best regards,

Lon & Lita Garrison

Item F  
ORD. 2005-34

MOTION: Nelson moved to approve Ordinance 2005-34 on first reading.

Mayor read the title: AMEND TITLE 13, PORT AND HARBORS, OF SGC BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13.06, CHARGES/FEES TO ADD A NEW SECTION 13.06.005, PASSENGER WHARFAGE FEE, TO CREATE A PASSENGER WHARFAGE FEE TO OFFSET COSTS OF CBS SERVICES AND FACILITIES BENEFITTING SHIPS AND PASSENGERS OF SHIPS VISITING SITKA

MOTION: Mayor moved to amend to have this ordinance put in ballot form for second reading as a binding matter.

Motion on the first amendment PASSED on a 4-2 roll call vote with Bailey and Paden voting against.

Groh informed that this fee would apply to everyone that is on the vessel, whether they lighter to Sitka or not because there are services available to them should they need them. It is not a lightering fee.

Helen Craig voiced that it is not the right time, bad timing.

Doug Borlund sees this as a tough issue. He remarked that this will make the Wall Street Journal if you pass it.

Mayor moved to amend page 2, line 40, and revise the amount [\$4] per passenger to \$1.

Motion on the secondary amendment PASSED 5-1 with Bailey voting against.

The main motion PASSED as amended on a 4-2 roll call vote with Bailey and Paden opposed.

Item H  
SHS Auditorium

MOTION: Bailey moved to approve the design of the Sitka High School Auditorium.

Motion PASSED on a 6-0 roll call vote.

**VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD** Helen Craig spoke about people riding bikes too fast in the park and also people who don't pick up after their dogs. She urged cooperation on these two problems.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Item I  
Assembly Appointment

1) Appointment and swearing in of an Assembly member to Dave Dapceovich's term effective until October 2005, 2) Reassign or accept committee liaison assignments, and 3) Appoint Vice-Deputy Mayor

Two secret ballots were taken and both results ended up being three for Sherrod and three for Wileman. No other action was discussed nor taken on this issue.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**  
Board of Adjustment

MOTION: Nelson moved to convene as the Board of Adjustment.

Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

ALASKA TRAILS INITIATIVE COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM FOR  
 THE WORLD WAR II CAUSEWAY PROJECT

Committee Appointments

Trisha Miles-Diehl and June Degnan were reappointed to terms on the Library Commission. Susan Royce and Kara Kitchen were reappointed to terms on the Animal Hearing Board.

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Cynthia Dennis asked the Assembly to consider a dedicated revenue stream to help support the hospital.

Dennis Ruschman of Alaska Product Recovery asked for help in making his project work. The more fish product they have the more successful they will be and that will help reassure their return.

Patricia Alexander echoed what Cynthia Dennis had said.

**SPECIAL COMMISSION REPORTS** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Assembly Appointment

MOTION: Stelzenmuller moved to decide the two final candidates by coin toss.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

One of the two candidates was present; Mr. Sherrod, called "tails."

Municipal Administrator John Stein tossed the coin.

Both the Administrator and Clerk read the results "tails."

MOTION: Nelson moved to appoint John Sherrod to a term on the Assembly until October's regular election.

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Sherrod took the oath of office and was seated as an appointed member of the Assembly until the October 2005 election.

Vice Deputy Mayor selection was deferred until the next meeting when a full body would be present.

Indian River Subdivision

MOTION: Stelzenmuller moved to ask the Administrator to redesign the proposed Indian River Subdivision to provide for more, smaller, affordable lots for building single-family homes.

Other Assembly members expressed concern with the alternate motion and that the Planning Commission hasn't weighed in on this.

Stelzenmuller said his plan would be similar to the Lillian Subdivision.

Reber Stein believes Stelzenmuller has the correct idea; he compared it to the current plan before the Assembly that would allow zero lot lines.

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2010 4:43 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Vacant Assembly Seat

October 19, 2010

The Mayor and Assembly  
City and Borough of Sitka  
100 Lincoln Street  
Sitka, AK 99835

Subject: Vacant Assembly Seat

To The Honorable Mayor Cheryl Westover and Assembly Members,

First I want to voice my congratulations to all those that have been elected to hold office. Thank you for being willing to serve.

I appreciate and have always held dear my right to vote and to come speak before you on issues of importance to me. The importance of voting has never been clearer than with this election.

I will be gone during the next assembly meeting when you will consider who you will have fill the vacant assembly seat. Since I cannot come before you in person, my request is that you select the person that received the most votes during the election that has filed a request to fill the vacant seat.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

*Kim*

Kim Elliot  
7 Maksoutoff Street  
Sitka, AK 99835-7556  
(907) 747-7677  
email: [kelliot@gci.net](mailto:kelliot@gci.net)

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2010 7:14 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Assembly vacancy

To the Mayor and Assembly Members,  
Please fill the vacant position on the Assembly with one of the individuals that ran for public office in the October 5th election. Thank you.

Peter Gorman and Mary Therese Thompson

## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** Cheryl and Dave Vastola [mailto:cheryl@cityofsitka.net] [mailto:dave@cityofsitka.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 12:34 PM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com  
**Subject:** assembly seat

Dear Mayor and Assembly Members,

I am writing in regard to the vacant assembly seat. I think you should appoint one of the candidates who ran in the election instead of those who have recently thrown their names into the pool. Those who took the time and energy to actively run deserve your priority for consideration. If the others wanted to be on the Assembly, they should have been candidates in the election from the start. Thank you.

Cheryl Vastola

## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** Bridget Hitchcock  
**Sent:** Monday, October 25, 2010 4:52 PM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com

Dear Assembly,

When you appoint a new assembly member on Tuesday, I think you should keep the voters in mind. The voters chose Cheryl by a minor margin, and Jack had the next highest votes. With this in mind, I recommend that you appoint John Stein or Jack Ozment for the vacant assembly seat.

Thanks for your time,

Bridget Hitchcock

## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** cindy edwards  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 23, 2010 10:56 AM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com  
**Subject:** Assembly seat

Greetings:

I am writing to you concerning your decision on the open assembly seat. I read in the paper that there is now a candidate who was not part of our election process. Our democracy is based on the fact that governing power is derived from the people. It would be a stretch to appoint someone (coming late to the race, which frankly sends a strong message) to represent us when we have already made that decision.

I urge you to "approve and appoint" one of the candidates that we've already considered, discerned and voted for.

Thank you for your continued dedication and leadership.  
In faith of democracy,  
Cindy Edwards

## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** amelia b  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 23, 2010 12:36 PM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com  
**Subject:** Open Assembly Seat

Dear Assembly Members,

I wanted to take a minute before Tuesday to encourage you to appoint someone to the vacant Assembly seat who has already publicly expressed interest. Both Jack Ozment and John Stein have shown themselves to have strong community support. John was nearly even in the mayoral race with Cheryl, and Jack was the next highest vote getter in the Assembly race. I'm sure there are many people qualified to sit on the Assembly, but these two people have taken the steps to run for office. Whether or not they align with you ideologically, they both seem community minded, thoughtful, and reasonable to work with.

I hope you'll choose one of these two candidates for public office on Tuesday. Thank you for your time.

Amelia Budd  
Sitka  
907-738-1856

## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** Richard Nelson  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 24, 2010 1:27 PM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com  
**Subject:** Filling assembly seat

Dear Assembly Member:

I am writing to express my support for the established tradition of filling an assembly seat by appointing someone who was a candidate in the most recent election.

Because these candidates submitted their names and fully participated in the campaign process, they have earned the right to highest priority among those who have expressed an interest in holding the available assembly seat.

We have two candidates who received strong support from the electorate. I urge you to make the appointment accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Richard K. Nelson

Box 2808  
Sitka, AK 99835

## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** Doug Osborne [  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 24, 2010 9:26 AM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com  
**Subject:** Keep with tradition vote for Jack or John,

Dear assembly,

If you vote to fill the vacant assembly seat with Jack or John everyone will understand. They both ran this year, received many votes and appointing the next highest vote getter is the traditional thing to do in Sitka.

If you brought in someone, like John Sherrod, who did not run this year I think it would be very harmful to morale, public trust and many people would not understand and agree with this unnecessary break with tradition.

As a voter, a year around citizen and someone who want the best for our outstanding town I urge you to appoint Jack Ozment or John Stein to the vacant assembly seat.

Thank you for your consideration,

Doug Osborne

## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** Linda Behnken [mailto:lbehnken@cityofsitka.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 23, 2010 11:25 PM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com  
**Subject:** empty assembly seats  
**Attachments:** linda behnken.vcf

Dear Members of the Assembly,

I firmly support the democratic process that allows the governed to elect representatives. I urge you to uphold this process by selecting John Stein or Jack Ozment to fill the empty assembly seat. Both of these candidates received substantial community support in the recent elections and have already been "elected" to represent a substantial portion of Sitka's populations. Appointment by the assembly of anyone else would be arbitrary and disrespectful to Sitka voters.

Thank you for your commitment and service to Sitka.

Linda Behnken

## Colleen Ingman

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**From:** Nancy Behnker [mailto:nbehnken@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 23, 2010 8:39 PM  
**To:** assembly@cityofsitka.com  
**Subject:** open assembly seat

Dear assembly members,

I would like to join the chorus of Sitkans who are urging you to appoint one of the 2 candidates who received so many votes from 'we, the people' in our last election to the vacant assembly seat. As you know, John Stein only fell 2 votes short of winning the Mayoral election and it stands to reason that you should respect this virtual tie by appointing him a seat on the assembly. Clearly there are many, many Sitkans who want him to represent us. Thank you for your time and careful consideration on this very important decision.

Nancy Behnken  
[nbehnken@yahoo.com](mailto:nbehnken@yahoo.com)