

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION 2009-52

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA (CBS)
SUBMITTING CBS 2011 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
TO STATE OF ALASKA AND 2010 LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka has long supported cooperative efforts and resources with the State of Alaska to maximize public services for the citizens of the State of Alaska in the most efficient, cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has reduced its cooperative resources and efforts, resulting in not adequately maintaining State owned facilities and passing unfunded mandates on to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka and other municipalities have suffered major budget impacts from State management of the PERS/TRS system, State harbors, State roads and utilities, and other State responsibilities which should be compensated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, adopts the following FY2011 State Legislative Priorities and urges the Alaska State Legislature to support them to the maximum extent possible:

- **State Revenue Sharing/Community Dividend/Local Tax Relief** - The City and Borough of Sitka supports State Revenue Sharing provided on a sustainable basis drawn from proposals such as the Community Dividend or similar means of equitably compensating Alaska communities for providing local services.
- **Education** - State funding should be increased to cover escalating transportation expenses, inflation, the rising costs of fuel and energy, and reasonable new costs to improve the quality of education.
- **Local Control and Maximum Local Self-Government Guaranteed by the Alaska Constitution**- The Legislature should defeat any legislation that creates new unfunded mandates or takes away existing powers of local governments. The State should fund existing unfunded State mandates.
- **Public Transit and Community Transportation** – The City and Borough of Sitka supports the creation by the State of a forward funded statewide Transit Trust Fund, with the income from the Fund used to find or match Federal funding for local public transit.
- **Deferred Maintenance of Harbors** – The State should fully fund the deferred maintenance of State harbors being transferred to local governments. In addition, the state should fully fund the harbor 50 percent matching funds program legislated by SB 291, the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Fund, to assist with future harbor upgrades.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly submits the enclosed FY2011 City and Borough of Sitka Legislative Priorities, CBS Legislative Capital Project Requests and CBS Requests for State Funding for State Facilities in priority order to the 2010 Session of the Alaska State Legislature and State of Alaska.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 22th day of December, 2009.

Scott McAdams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, Acting Municipal Clerk