

October 26, 2010

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

Dear Mayor Westover and Assembly:

After a considerable amount of thought and after consulting with friends, family and acquaintances, I have decided to put my name into the mix of individuals willing to serve out Ms. Westover's term on the Assembly until the next scheduled election in October 2011.

Some of the things I considered in arriving at this decision are: 1) I truly care about the City of Sitka and its citizens, 2) I would like Sitka to continue to be a great place to call home, 3) even though I have retired, I plan to remain here, and 4) I believe that my experiences pertaining to business, finance, and an understanding of the elements that make Sitka "tick", all qualify me to serve on the Assembly. I am fiscally careful, which to many, means fiscally conservative. I am not, however, unwilling to consider proposals which would result in better living conditions for Sitka's citizens, but we must learn to live within our collective means. The Assembly must shoulder the burden of separating "wishes" from true "needs", prioritizing identified needs, and then allocating available resources needed to satisfy those needs. I believe that this is a fundamental responsibility of the Assembly, and I further believe that I can be of assistance in that process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pete Esquiro
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