April 11, 2014

Karen Crane, Chair Finance Committee City and Borough of Juneau 155 S. Seward Avenue Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Ms. Crane:

The members of the Juneau Affordable Housing Commission are requesting approval to use existing funds available in the Affordable Housing Fund to pay for the development of a Housing Action Plan for the community.

The commission members have had extensive discussion on the concept of formulating an action plan. We have reviewed a number of other community action plans, and we have unanimously agreed that this should be the next major step towards stimulating the future development of additional housing options for our community.

After reviewing a number of other communities plans we are estimating the expense for this plan will be \$75,000.

Our concept for this plan would include an update of the housing needs assessment, formulating an action plan, establishing and prioritizing goals, and coordinating with other CBJ planning initiatives.

Thank you for considering our request. The commission members represent a very diverse group of dedicated volunteers. Our group includes local contractors, nonprofit housing developers, realtors, local business representatives and concerned community members. We all agree the time has come to take the next step in planning for our future housing.

We are available to meet if you have additional questions or would like to talk with the commission members about this request.

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