



MEDIA ALERT

Anchorage Economic Revitalization and Diversification Advisory Committee Makes Recommendations to Jump-Start the Anchorage Economy

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Chairman Mike Robbins and Co-Chairman Paul Landes of the Anchorage Economic Revitalization and Diversification Advisory Committee (AERDAC) recently met with Municipality of Anchorage Mayor Dave Bronson to present the Committee's top 10 recommendations to jump-start the Anchorage economy.

Following several months of engagement and investigation, the AERDAC made recommendations focusing on revitalization and diversification. As a result, Mayor Bronson asked the AERDC to further examine in-depth the following top five priorities and make expedited specific and actionable recommendations relating to:

- 1) Support the Elmore-Bragaw Road extension to enhance development and economic sustainability for UAA, APU, ANTHC, and Providence Hospital in the UMED District
- 2) Encourage use of project facilitators and third-party commercial plan reviewers for large projects in planning and zoning
- 3) Update and strategically improve the People Mover transit system
- 4) Establish a JBER "Eagle Team" to increase investment and expansion of military spending
- 5) Advance the 2014 Ship Creek Waterfront Development Framework Plan

Along with its recommendations, the Committee reported on the childcare crisis in the Municipality and its effect on the economy. "We will work with the State to encourage the streamlining of background checks for childcare and senior care workers," said Mayor Bronson. "We will be forwarding the recommendations of the AERDAC and work closely with the State of Alaska to find immediate relief for Anchorage childcare providers."

"I commend the hard work of the volunteers of the AERDAC, and their research and diligence to generate productive recommendations," said Mayor Bronson.

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