



January 23, 2019

Rorie Watt
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Rorie,

Thank you for meeting with me last Friday at your office. I believe it was a constructive dialogue and there is a sincere effort to work together going forward.

One item that you brought to my attention, was a new project known as the Archipelago Project. You indicated that the decision to proceed was going to be before the Assembly on January 28, 2019. As you explained the project to me, I suggested to you in my lay opinion, that the project would be outside of legal spending per the December 6, 2018 ruling by Judge Holland.

Since our meeting, I have posed the question to our legal counsel and they confirmed my initial response. The land purchase and development of the proposed project would not be a proper expenditure of entry fees, which our members pay to visit Juneau. The Judge's ruling was quite specific and required any expenditure to facilitate the marine operations of the vessels themselves.

I am appreciative of your outreach and willingness to keep an ongoing dialogue with me through the long legal process we have both endured. Despite the tough legal issues, you have always been civil and forthright.

Juneau is the largest and one of the most beautiful ports in Alaska. Our guests enjoy an incredible variety of experiences; stunning scenery, a diversity of cultures, and the warm hospitality of the people. Our goal is that both the guests, and the local community, benefit from a cooperative and successful working relationship going forward.

I know our member lines have a desire to work closely with you, Mayor Weldon, and the Assembly to continue sharing Juneau with our visitors and in contributing to make Juneau a great place to live.

Thanks again,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John".

John Binkley
President

CC: Mayor Beth Weldon
City & Borough Assembly