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RE: Letter of Interest – Valdez City Council Appointment

Dear Ms. Pierce,

I respectfully submit my letter of interest for consideration to fill the vacant seat on the Valdez City Council for the term beginning August 19, 2025, and ending May 19, 2026, following the recent resignation of Council Member Dom Lumba.

As a registered voter and lifelong resident of Valdez, I bring with me over two decades of hands-on experience in public service, infrastructure, and community engagement. My role as a Journeyman Operator with the Alaska Department of Transportation, coupled with past leadership as a General Foreman and oil spill responder for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline's Ship Escort Response Vessel System (SERVS), has provided me with critical insight into the logistical, environmental, and operational needs of our city.

I've proudly served with Labor's Local 71 and Laborers' Local 341, advocating for working Alaskans and ensuring safe, effective operations throughout our state. I was also honored to represent Valdez on the Alaska Gasline Port Authority Board of Directors until its dissolution in 2023, where I worked closely with stakeholders on issues of regional development and sustainability.

My experience with civic and fraternal organizations, including the Eagles Lodge Auxiliary 1971, has deepened my understanding of our residents' needs. I am motivated by a firm commitment to responsible governance, operational excellence, and a deep-rooted love for our community.

If appointed, I will bring a practical perspective, a dedication to transparency, and a solutions-focused mindset to City Council deliberations. I believe in a future for Valdez built on smart infrastructure, fiscal responsibility, and meaningful engagement with the people we serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I welcome the opportunity to contribute to our

city's continued strength and prosperity.

Respectfully,

Clayton Elgin Strickland
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