Mayor Fleming and Valdez City Council:

At the request of the Council, I am submitting my letter of interest in serving on the Valdez City Council for a one-year term, to fill the vacancy left by Council member Fleming upon being elected Mayor.

I am well-suited for this role, bringing approximately 23 years of experience. Notably, I have most recently held the position of Mayor of Valdez since 2020, and was a Council member from 2019 until becoming Mayor. Prior to these roles, I contributed to various City of Valdez, Mayoral, and community committees, task forces, and work groups. My previous experiences focused on tourism, economic development, beautification, and energy.

In addition to my experience, I bring a wealth of knowledge about City of Valdez and community issues, departments, budgeting, processes, history, and strategic goals and initiatives.

I believe my special skills are: carefully considering all sides of issues, looking for creative solutions to problems, advancing important initiatives, communications, galvanizing people around a common goal, and good old fashioned roll-up-your-sleeves hard work.

I am seeking appointment because I care about Valdez. I believe in the strategic priorities this Council has set and appreciate how hard the team is working to achieve important goals for the community. I also know how challenging it can be to onboard someone new, especially if their commitment may be for only one year.

I am committed to bringing my history, experience, knowledge, and skills to the Council, for one more year as a Council Member. If the Mayor and Council believe this would be beneficial, I am happy to be of service.

I will be out of town for the June 4 meeting, but happy to answer any questions you have in advance. Please feel free to reach out.

Respectfully,

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