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City Council  
City of Valdez  
212 Chenega Avenue  
Valdez, AK 99686

Re: Letter of Intent to Serve on the Valdez City Council

**Dear Mayor and Members of the Valdez City Council,**

My name is Magdalena McCay, and I am writing to formally express my interest in serving on the Valdez City Council for the term beginning August 19, 2025 and ending May 19, 2026.

I have proudly called Valdez my home since March 2000. During my 16-year tenure with the City of Valdez Finance Department, I held various positions - starting as Accounts Payable and culminating as Comptroller. For 11 of those years, I managed the City's annual budget process and worked closely with departments and administration, which gave me deep familiarity with City operations, financial policies, and procedures.

In addition to my municipal experience, I have continued my community involvement by serving on the Beautification Commission for the past two years. Previously, I was also a board member of the Valdez Convention and Visitors Bureau (VCVB). I currently operate several small businesses in Valdez, including storage, transportation, equipment rental, and tourism services. These ventures give me a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing local businesses and entrepreneurs in our unique community.

What motivates me to serve on the Council is a genuine desire to contribute to the well-being and growth of the place I live and play. I see this as a valuable learning opportunity and a chance to engage more deeply with the processes that shape our city's future. My key areas of interest include:

- Improving quality of life in Valdez, particularly during the winter months
- Supporting efforts to diversify the City's revenue streams
- Providing a voice for small businesses and local economic development

If chosen, I will bring both practical experience and heartfelt dedication to the Council. I appreciate your consideration and would be honored to serve the community in this capacity.

Sincerely,

