



Application for Appointment to the Economic Diversification Commission

Date: August 20, 2023_____

Name: Jim_Shirrell_____

Company or Organization: Retired_____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please mark the industry sector seat for which you are applying (choose one):

	Accommodations		Retail
	Commercial Fishers		Seafood Processing
X	Contracting/Trades		Sport Fisheries
	Food & Beverage		Summer Tours & Attractions
	Healthcare		Transportation
	Micro Business/Non-Professional Sole Proprietors		Utilities
X	Oil & Gas		Winter Tours & Attractions
X	Professional Services (attorney, engineer, banker, real estate, media, etc.)		

Please describe your qualifications to represent the selected the industry sector:

I am a 34+ year resident of Valdez.

I have been active in Valdez organizations and initiatives to advance economic growth and diversification; I bring experience in housing and small business as a Valdez banker (1989 – 1994), small business owner (Bed & Breakfast) and owner of commercial properties in Valdez. I

served on Valdez's Planning and Zoning Commission (1990- 1997). Served on Board of VCVB (1990 – 1997). Have served as a Task Force Member on the design and construction for the Valdez Medical Clinic, Valdez Hospital, and community health care planning review culminating in the new MRI facility.

I served as a Member of the Valdez Hospital Planning Task Force 1920-21.

I am a current Member of the Valdez Museum & Historical Archive Association Board of Directors

I have served as an Active participant in the Valdez Permanent Fund Investment Committee (As Councilman, Public Committee Member and community member) since inception

I served as a member of the now retired Alaska Gasline Port Authority.

I participated as an Active participant in Valdez Economic Recovery Task Force (as community member).

Employment includes:

15 years with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company Holding positions of Business Analyst, Commercial Buyer of Industrial goods and chemicals & fuel, Contract Analyst and Strategic Sourcing Manager for Alyeska's Ships Escort / Response Vessel System (SERVS).

4 years as Contract Administrator for TECK Alaska (Red Dog Mine) involving sourcing of goods and services & origination and management of operating and project contracts

8 years as Lending Officer (Consumer, Commercial & RE Mortgages) & Manager for First National Bank of Alaska's Valdez Branch

Please describe what resources you can bring to the Interim Measures process:

I bring Knowledge of the social and economic factors that drive the Valdez economy and the competitive market place that we compete for business in. I bring experience in housing, finance, sourcing /contracting, negotiation and facilitation. I have working relationships with many of the businesses and leaders in Valdez

Please describe your vision for the economic future of Valdez:

Looking at the longer term (3-5+ years) We as a community are poised to move Valdez forward with economic growth, diversification, and improved quality of life.

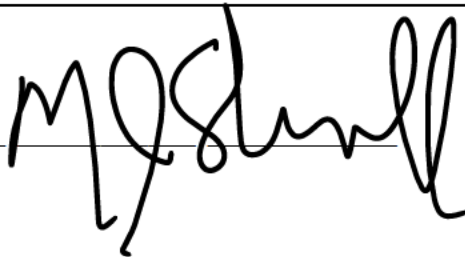
The settling of long-standing tax litigation and a 5-year extension resulting in greater certainty of community resources & revenue and what I will call an awakening of the energy in our community to support/drive efforts to realize the opportunities and eliminate the challenges that have held us back.

And yet CORVID-19 and its impacts to our community, our residents, and businesses although in the rear-view mirror, must continue to be addressed. We must mitigate the impacts with marketing to both instate & out of state markets to re-establish travel & recreation behaviors lost. We must work with & assist our local businesses.

We are positioned to develop and implement a vision to realize economic diversification and improved quality of life for Valdez. To address housing needs. To leverage our harbor expansion to expand the fisheries and marine service sectors. To redevelop our core business area. And to realize the unique nature of Valdez as a year around recreation destination. The Economic Diversification Commission working with the Valdez City Council represents a vehicle to assist in the identification of the way forward and development of community consensus on achieving it.

Please consider me for **re-appointment** to the Commission.

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. Schull", written over a horizontal line.

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