



Capitol Hill Consulting Group 2023 First Quarter Report

Capitol Hill Consulting Group (CHCG) is honored to represent the City of Valdez. CHCG President Jack Victory and Legislative Director Eric Kros are the main points of contact for Valdez. In the first quarter of 2023, CHCG met with City Manager Mark Detter and Assistant City Manager Nathan Duval a total of six times via GoToMeeting and had multiple unscheduled calls.

Congresswoman Mary Peltola

CHCG assisted Mark and Nathan with a request from Legislative Assistant Logan Basner related to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers transfer of dollars from the Valdez Navigation Improvements project. CHCG held multiple calls with Logan to help answer questions about the issue. Additionally, CHCG submitted an appropriations request to the Congresswoman's office to help the City of Valdez deal with housing and childcare issues. The appropriations process is still underway and CHCG will continue to track the request.

Senator Lisa Murkowski

CHCG set up a call on February 14 with Senator Lisa Murkowski's Chief of Staff Kaleb Froehlich, Legislative Director Angela Ramponi, and Legislative Assistant Matt Robinson. CHCG worked with Mark and Nathan to put together talking points for the meeting. During the call, Mark was able to discuss some challenges the City of Valdez faces and flagged legislative priorities in the short-term and long-term. Jack also told Murkowski's staff that Valdez will be visiting Washington, D.C. and would like to meet with the Senator. CHCG put an appropriations request into the Senator's office.

Senator Dan Sullivan

CHCG facilitated a call with Senator Dan Sullivan's Coast Guard Legislative Fellow Travis Dopp on March 6 to discuss how the City of Valdez could utilize the legislative process to build Coast Guard housing to alleviate issues. CHCG helped prepare and sent Travis a one-pager on the City of Valdez needs (specifically housing and childcare) and offered to be a resource in the future. CHCG put an appropriations request into the Senators office.

Additional Activities

CHCG looks forward to hosting the City of Valdez leaders in Washington, D.C. for meetings with Members of Congress and their staff, as well as relevant Administration stakeholders including the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation Maritime Administration, and Environmental Protection Agency. We continue to monitor legislative hearings, the appropriations process, and regulatory actions that impact the City of Valdez.