



## Application for Appointment to the Economic Diversification Commission

Date: August 15, 2016

Name: Jim Shirrell

Company or  
Organization:

Retired: Career Experience – Banking (Valdez Branch Manager), Marine Services (Commercial Sector Manager: Valdez Response / Marine Services), Mining (Contract Administrator) Volunteer Experience – Valdez Chamber of Commerce Board / Valdez Convention and Visitors Bureau Board / City of Valdez (COV) Planning and Zoning Commissioner / COV Council Member / Alaska Gas Line Port Authority

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

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

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

I am a 27 year resident of Valdez, retiring January 2014. As an employee of Alyeska Pipeline Service Company served as the Commercial Sector Manager: Valdez Response / Marine Services. 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 am active with Valdez Permanent Fund Committee and the Alaska Gasline Port Authority. I am currently serving on the committee to review and bring recommendations for award of the contract for planning and implementation for Visioning – Redevelopment to the City of Valdez Council,

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:

We as a community are poised to move Valdez forward. The settling of long standing tax litigation and resulting 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 have positioned us to develop and implement a vision to realize economic diversification and improved quality of life for Valdez. To address housing needs. To leverage our new 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.

Today is the beginning. The Economic Diversification Commission represents a vehicle to assist in the identification of the way forward and development of community consensus on achieving it.

Please consider me for appointment to the Commission,

Signature:

*WJ Shirrell*

Date:

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