

800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701

April 10, 2019

Mayor Jim Matherly and Fairbanks City Council Members 800 Cushman Street Fairbanks, AK 99701

RE: Fairbanks Diversity Council statement on vetoed City Ordinance No. 6093

Dear Mayor Matherly and City Council Members:

The Fairbanks Diversity Council continues to support its Resolution 2019-01, as Amended, that was submitted to the Fairbanks City Council in favor of City Ordinance No. 6093, containing protections in the areas of housing, employment, and public accommodations. The Fairbanks Diversity Council appreciates the work of the Fairbanks City Council to pass Ordinance No. 6093 and is disappointed by the Mayor's veto of the Ordinance that would have offered much needed protections in this community. At this time the Fairbanks Diversity Council recommends the Ordinance not be brought to the agenda in any form for a vote by the Fairbanks City Council.

Further, the Fairbanks Diversity Council advises against putting this to a ballot proposition. Civil rights and human dignity should never be up for popular vote.

On behalf of the Fairbanks Diversity Council,

Sara Harriger, FDC Second Vice Chair