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Resolution #24-06
Letter of Support for the
AVCP Housing Improvement & Economic Development Project

To: Whom It May Concern;

The City of Aniak is writing in support of the Association of Village Council President's (AVCP) application for an Environmental Protection Agency Inflation Reduction Act Community Change grant to provide weatherization of current housing stock and develop the local workforce to improve the indoor air quality and reduce energy costs for up to 400 homes in up to 8 villages in the AVCP Region.

Whereas, The City of Aniak welcomes this opportunity and if our village is selected, we will participate as a Contributing Entity, providing communications, assisting AVCP in locating space and available storage Connex's and other non-monetary support as needed.

Whereas, Climate change is disproportionately affecting Alaskans, with temperatures in Alaska warming twice as fast as the global average. Higher temperatures are causing permafrost degradation, erosion, flooding, and severe storms, all of which cause damage to village infrastructure and housing. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) estimates that 63% of homes in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta need to be weatherized. Weatherization also has health and economic benefits, as it improves indoor air quality, decreases fuel consumption, and increases energy efficiency.

Whereas, in addition to providing these critical housing upgrades, this project would be a significant economic development project for our village. AVCP will hire and train a local workforce, and 90-100% of the workforce for the project will come from our community depending on the number of skilled carpenters we can recruit locally. Everyone hired will receive specialized training at Yuut Elitnaurviat for this project. At the close of this project our community would have skilled laborers capable of supporting the continued upkeep of these homes.

Therefore be it resolved the City of Aniak, City Council is wholeheartedly in support of this project.

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Dave Bonanno	_____	_____
Annie Sakar-Morgan	_____	_____
Clara Morgan	_____	_____
William Wilson	_____	_____
Samantha Charles	_____	_____
Lisa Seavey	_____	_____
Andrew Folz	_____	_____

Signed: _____
Mayor David W. Bonanno

ATTEST _____
City Clerk Morgan Simeon