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SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Sally McLaughlin, Mayor  
City of Gustavus  
PO Box 1  
Gustavus, AK 99826

March 25, 2025

**Subject: Resolution for adoption and support of the Southeast Alaska 2030 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.**

Dear Mayor,

Southeast Conference (SEC) is the federally designated Economic Development District for the region as well as the state designated Alaska Regional Development Organization. Our mission is to support strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska. SEC is responsible for developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Southeast Alaska that is designed to identify regional priorities for economic and community development.

After 12 months of regional input and participation through surveys, numerous committee meetings and various conversations with our regional leaders, SEC is pleased to have published the region's draft 2030 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for its 30-day public review period. We appreciate your community's involvement in the development and identification of top regional objectives in the newest version of the CEDS. Please find attached to this letter a digital version of the draft CEDS for your review. If you or the Council have any comments on the draft CEDS, please provide them to Kaitlyn Jared at [kaitlyn@seconference.org](mailto:kaitlyn@seconference.org).

Additionally, we would appreciate the consideration of a resolution of support endorsing the region's 2030 CEDS. An example is provided for your convenience. As a strategy developed for the region, by the region, the SE Alaska 2030 CEDS is one of a kind and here to work for your community. Adoption of the CEDS is a critical step in promoting your community's various infrastructure projects and economic initiatives. Federal and State partners look to the regional CEDS for consistency in community projects and overarching regional goals as part of their funding consideration. Joining other regional communities through resolution support shows continued collaboration and commitment to the economic success of all. SEC looks forward to continuing to work with the community of Gustavus, and we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Venables, Executive Director  
Southeast Conference



**RESOLUTION XX-XX**

**ENDORISING AND ADOPTING THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA 2030 ECONOMIC PLAN:  
SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE’S COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY  
2025-2030**

**WHEREAS**, Southeast Conference is the Economic Development District (EDD), and the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) for Southeast Alaska; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Conference is responsible for preparing and maintaining a regional Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for capacity building, and economic and community development in Southeast Alaska; and,

**WHEREAS**, This CEDS has been prepared and updated through the participation of local community leaders, businesses and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Southeast Conference works collaboratively with all boroughs, municipalities, and Tribes for project implementation and support; and,

**WHEREAS**, Economic prosperity and community well-being are critical for community success; and,

**WHEREAS**, Gustavus has planned infrastructure projects and economic opportunities that the community identifies as priorities; and,

**WHEREAS**, These projects both support and benefit from alignment with other efforts across Southeast Alaska; and,

**WHEREAS**, these projects will require significant capital investment and funds; and,

**WHEREAS**, funding will be sought from various Federal and State sources.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the community of Gustavus endorses the SOUTHEAST ALASKA 2030 ECONOMIC PLAN: SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE’S COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2025-2030, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Adopting the Regional CEDS as a Regional plan will support and compliment the community’s Comprehensive Plan, Capital Improvement Plans and other planning documents that will enhance the community’s success.

**ADOPTED BY** \_\_\_\_\_, **2025.**

Witness by:

Attest: