



January 28, 2020

Homer City Council  
City of Homer  
491 East Pioneer Avenue  
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Mayor Castner & City Council Members:

Thank you to the City of Homer for continuing its support of the nonprofit community through funds administered by the Homer Foundation. This consistent support makes a big difference in our capacity to provide a wide range of services to local residents.

As a community-based organization, Cook Inletkeeper develops programs to help connect people to place and promote stewardship of our land and responsible use of our fresh and marine water resources. For example, our annual Electronics Recycling Event in Homer facilitates safe and responsible recycling of potentially harmful electronic devices. In partnership with communities across the Bay, on the Central Peninsula and Seward, we facilitated recycling of 43,607 lbs. of electronic waste from the Kenai Peninsula in 2019.

In recent years, we've expanded our program focus to include local foods: how we grow, harvest, and obtain our food. Consuming food grown locally reduces transportation emissions, but also lowers energy use, which is often fossil fuel-based, for processing and storage. Local food is also "Fresher by Far," as the Alaska Grown program proclaims. Reducing transportation time allows for more nutrient-dense, higher quality food products while supporting regenerative local economies. In supporting local farmers and food producers, the Alaska Food Hub - coordinated by Cook Inletkeeper - is helping to create solutions to food insecurity while increasing resiliency in Homer's local food system, and reducing our carbon 'foodprint'.

So, thank you. Support from the City of Homer demonstrates the Council's commitment to making Homer a world-class place to live, work and play. And thank you too for your dedicated service to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Mauger". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sue Mauger  
Interim Executive Director & Science Director

cc: Homer Foundation