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Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau
C/O Beth McEwen, *Municipal Clerk*
155 South Seward Street
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Recommendations to the CBJ Assembly for Appointment of Members of the Board of Directors of the Juneau Economic Development Council

Dear CBJ Assembly:

The Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) seeks the assistance of the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Assembly to make three (3) appointments to our Board of Directors. In accordance with the Bylaws of JEDC, the membership of the JEDC Board of Directors is comprised as follows:

- The Mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau or the Mayor's designee from the CBJ Assembly;
- The Chancellor of the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) or the Chancellor's designee from UAS;
- One member appointed by the CBJ Assembly representing organized labor;
- One member appointed by the CBJ Assembly representing a nonprofit environmental organization; and,
- Seven (7) members appointed by the CBJ Assembly based upon their experience and expertise in fields relating to economic development, including but not limited to large and small business, entrepreneurship, natural resource development, tourism, banking and finance, engineering and construction, and government.

Board Members serve staggered three-year terms and may serve two consecutive terms. In Article Four, Section 2, Paragraph E, of JEDC Bylaws, it states:

"The JEDC shall publish notice of vacancies on the JEDC Board of Directors. The JEDC Board or a recruitment committee will review and may interview candidates for the JEDC Board of

Directors. The JEDC Board will forward the names of recommended candidates to the CBJ Assembly. The CBJ Assembly will appoint JEDC board members.”

In accordance with our Bylaws, a notice of vacancies on the JEDC Board of Directors was posted to the CBJ and JEDC websites. Additionally, openings were posted in the JEDC Newsletter and on our social media. Two (2) At-Large Seat openings and One (1) Nonprofit Environmental Organization Seat opening currently exist on the Board, all with terms expiring on/about November 2026.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of JEDC on Friday, December 1, the Board reviewed the applications received, interviewed several candidates, and agreed on recommendations of two (2) candidates for At-Large Seats and one recommendation for one (1) Nonprofit Environmental Organization Seat. The Board appreciates the interest of the citizens that applied to serve our community through the JEDC Board.

The JEDC Board of Directors recommends to the CBJ Assembly that the following people be appointed to the JEDC Board:

1. **Marc Guevarra**, to an At-Large Seat for a three-year term expiring on/about November 2026. Mr. Guevarra is the Vice President, Branch Manager Lending for First National Bank Alaska, as well as the treasurer of the Rotary Club of Juneau Glacier Valley. He also served on the following volunteer boards: Rotary Club of Ketchikan, Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce, Ketchikan Community Foundation, Ketchikan Dribblers League, Hoop Rats Basketball Club, and Capital City Rotaract Club. He has a BBA in Accounting from the University of Alaska Anchorage (2003). Marc has served one term on the Juneau Economic Development Council board and seeks to be re-appointed to a second term.
2. **Brian Kleinhenz**, to an At-Large Seat for a three-year term expiring on/about November 2026. Mr. Kleinhenz is the President and Owner of Terra Verde, Inc. He serves as Secretary of the Society of American Foresters Juneau Chapter. He has also served as the Treasurer of the Southeast Alaska Soil and Water Conservation District and was a former Alaska Forest Association Board Member. Prior to his current career as an entrepreneur and small business owner, he was the Natural Resources Department Manager and Forest Inventory, Ecosystem Services, and Habitat Specialist at Sealaska Corporation. His education includes a BS in Biology and Environmental Studies, Ohio Northern University (1997) and MS in Forestry, University of Eastern Finland (1999). Brian is seeking a one-year term on the Juneau Economic Development Council board.
3. **Jill Weitz**, to reappointment to the Nonprofit Environmental Organization Seat for a three-year term expiring on/about November 2026. Ms. Weitz was appointed to the JEDC Board when she served as the Director of Salmon Beyond Borders. Ms. Weitz is currently the Governmental Affairs Coordinator at Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, after her previous role as the former Natural Resource Department Manager for the organization. She also served on the Center for Science in Public Participation Board of

Directors. Prior to working with Salmon Beyond Borders, she worked for Trout Unlimited and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Her education includes a BA in Environmental Studies and Political Science, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University (2003); MA in Resource Law Studies, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2010) and multiple leadership and facilitator trainings from TREC (Training Resources for the Environmental Community). Jill was appointed to the Nonprofit Environmental Organization Seat three years ago and the board would like to reappoint her to that same seat for a second (and final term), despite her changing employers.

On behalf of the JEDC Board of Directors, we look forward to your appointments. The JEDC Board of Directors would like to thank the following Board Member who has completed a term and is ending his service with the Juneau Economic Development Council: *Raymond Paddock III*.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Holst", written over a circular line.

Brian Holst
Executive Director