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TO: Mayor Weldon and CBJ Borough Assembly

FROM: Katie Koester, City Manager *Katie Koester*

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DATE: April 1, 2024

RE: Adding New Assembly Implementing Action "Collaborate with the USCG and other partners on home-porting an icebreaker in Juneau" to 2024 Assembly Goals

During the December 2, 2023 Assembly Retreat the body discussed adding a new assembly implementing action to address home-porting an icebreaker in Juneau under Goal 2, "Economic Development – Assure Juneau has a vibrant, diverse local economy." This item was inadvertently left out of the 2024 Assembly Goals approved at the March 4, 2024 Regular Assembly meeting. The purpose of this memo is to add that goal and give the Assembly an update on potential action items.

The prospect of home-porting an icebreaker in Juneau has gained momentum with the inclusion of \$125 million for a commercially available icebreaker in the FY2024 Homeland Security Appropriations Act. Though there remains much work to be done, it is worth taking a moment to celebrate and thank the Congressional Delegation for their tireless advocacy. I will circulate a thank-you letter from the Mayor and Assembly for signature.

CBJ has meetings scheduled with the USCG to discuss what their needs are and how CBJ can be helpful in laying the groundwork for a successful and expedient welcoming of an icebreaker in Juneau. Staff will bring recommendations to the Committee of the Whole, recognizing the important role community partners such as the newly-formed Navy League and Chamber of Commerce can play, among others.

**Recommendation:** Add new Assembly Implementing Action: "Collaborate with the USCG and other partners on home-porting an icebreaker in Juneau" to 2024 Assembly Goal 2, Economic Development.