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Good afternoon,

I've listened to the last Borough Assembly meeting and felt I should clear up any confusion that may surround SEARHC's presentation or discussion next week. I wish I would be in town at this meeting, but due to the nature of my work, I will be travelling.

I want to remind the Assembly that SEARHC never announced, or had any plans in place to acquire the Petersburg Medical Center (PMC). Rather, when PMC announced that they were in the planning stage of what was then upwards of a \$100 million dollar facility, a grass roots effort was started by locals for a discussion to ensue with SEARHC. Some may say this was never the number but in my own personal conversation with Phil at the PMC, he confirmed he wished he got ahead of those preliminary numbers being released.

I don't want our Assembly to believe that there is a presentation that SEARHC should provide, since they were initially asked to come and present what they have done in other communities such as Wrangell, Sitka and now what they have planned for Skagway. SEARHC never intended on acquiring Petersburg. For that matter, I can tell you that PMC has rejected partnerships or any affiliations with SEARHC for decades, other than to contract to provide health care to our Native population here in Petersburg. Now, and only now, has PMC agreed to even meet with SEARHC and explore potential opportunities.

But let's be clear and genuine...SEARHC is not here to do a presentation on acquiring PMC. They are here to speak to what they've done in other communities. Why is this important? Because I'm hearing grumblings that SEARHC is not willing to do Power Points, formal presentations, and be rather secretive. Such claims are disingenuous.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to respond.

Will