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March 6, 2026

Sent via email

Mayor Victor Shen
City of Whittier
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Dear Mayor Shen:

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) is writing to advise you that Mike Bender's term on our Board of Directors expires at the upcoming May 7-8, 2026, annual meeting in Valdez. Mike Bender has been your appointed representative since September 2015.

The dedicated seat for the City of Whittier is its opportunity to influence decisions having profound implications for oil transportation safety in Alaska, and for the state's oil spill prevention and response capabilities. We greatly value your participation.

The City of Whittier is best served by a representative who:

- Understands their organization and/or community, its needs, concerns, and perspectives.
- Has at least a rudimentary familiarity with oil transportation issues.
- Is a resident of Alaska and has a home and work schedule flexible enough to allow participation and travel.
- Is committed to our mission of promoting environmentally safe operation of the Alyeska terminal and associated tankers; and
- Seeks opportunities to foster cooperative and constructive relationships between citizens, industry, and regulatory agencies.

A PWSRCAC director can expect to devote an average of 20 hours a month on PWSRCAC business. The full Board conducts three 2-day meetings in January, May, and September which can be attended in-person or virtually, of which member attendance is tracked. In addition, annual budget and planning meetings are held, as well as special meetings and opportunities to participate in committees or special interest work groups. PWSRCAC staff provides support to board members whenever possible and covers associated travel costs.

Please notify us in writing, no later than Thursday, April 16, 2026, of your selected individual for the City of Whittier's next two-year term on the PWSRCAC board. Ideally, this individual will then be expected to attend our May 7-8, 2026, meeting in Valdez for confirmation and participation. **If Mike Bender will continue to be your representative, we ask that you still notify PWSRCAC in writing.**

If you have further questions about the PWSRCAC or the responsibilities of its directors, please don't hesitate to call. Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to the City of Whittier's continued contribution.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Fleming
Executive Assistant

Cc via email: Mike Bender