

Valley Alliance
Of Concerned Citizens
For Responsible Government

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March 1, 1999

Michael Scott
Borough Manager
Matanuska-Susitna Borough
350 E. Dahlia
Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Mr. Scott,

We have been advised by counsel to state our position regarding the transfer of a 320-acre parcel to Homestead Resort Properties, now part of Pioneer Mountain Properties. The reason the Borough agreed to transfer the parcel noncompetitively was for the construction of an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course and compatible residential development. Actions by the Borough that change the required character, scope, or scale of the original project, for the purposes of transferring the parcel, are unacceptable.

While we would prefer that the parcel remain public, our major concern is with the adherence to the letter and spirit of the lease. Mr. Trygstad's new partner, Mr. Judd Walker, has stated that the golf course may not be feasible, and that he may have other plans for the parcel. Although we can sympathize with Mr. Walker's statements that he was not aware of the controversy before he entered into an agreement with Mr. Trygstad, we remain adamantly opposed to the noncompetitive transfer of this parcel, for any use not in accordance with the original representations by Mr. Trygstad.

Sincerely,

James A. Courtney
Valley Alliance

CC:
Michael Gatti
Ron Swanson