

**Adopted**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY OPPOSING "AN INITIATIVE CREATING AN ALASKA ANTI-CORRUPTION ACT" WHICH WILL BE ON THE 2010 ALASKA PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT.**

**WHEREAS**, on August 24, 2010, an initiative will be on the Alaska primary ballot which will ask the voters to decide if public funds can be used for election campaigns; and

**WHEREAS**, the borough assembly believes that this law goes much deeper than is stated; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities would be affected in the following ways:

- Municipalities will NOT be able to hire lobbyists for capital projects or for help with legislation,
- Elected officials will not be able to travel to Juneau to talk with the Legislature unless they pay for their travel and lodging with their own money, and
- Municipalities will NOT be able to have ANY person lobby unless they are specifically invited by a legislator; and

**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough depends on a close working relationship with the state legislature, and this initiative would seriously disrupt that relationship, to the detriment of all Alaskans; and

**WHEREAS**, this initiative would seriously infringe upon the citizens' right to communicate with their elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, holders of state or local government contracts of over \$500 per year and their family members would be prohibited from making political contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, if your sister's husband sells office supplies to any local government, (a purchase order can be construed as a contract), you and the rest of your family will be prohibited from taking part in individual campaign initiatives and ballot propositions; and

**WHEREAS**, non-profits that receive local or state funds or grants would find that board members and their immediate family could no longer take part in government issues; and

**WHEREAS**, this bill will bring effective government in the State of Alaska to a virtual stop; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaska's recent corruption issues did not involve the campaign finance structure and this initiative would NOT have prohibited legislators from taking cash bribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the term "anti-corruption" is a very misleading term used by the proponents of the initiative, as in reality it is a basic attack on the Constitutional rights of free speech and a citizen's right to petition its government for redress; and

**WHEREAS**, this initiative has been submitted and funded by a man from New York City; and

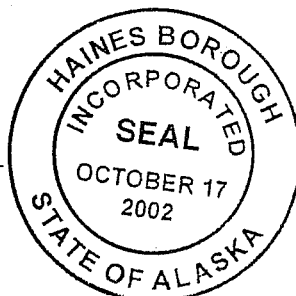
**WHEREAS**, this man has also filed this initiative in at least three other states. and it passed in only one of those states (Colorado) three years ago and was recently struck down as unconstitutional,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Haines Borough Assembly stands opposed to the "Initiative Creating an Alaska Anti-Corruption Act."

**ADOPTED** by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

ATTEST:

*Jamie Heinz*  
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Jamie Heinz, Deputy Clerk



*Janice Hill*  
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Janice Hill, Mayor