Fairbanks North Star Borough

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FNSB Special Assembly Meeting, Thursday, October 11, 2018

Fairbanks, AK – The Fairbanks North Star Borough has scheduled a special Assembly meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 5 p.m. to receive a briefing and to discuss the implementation of Propositions 3 and 4, known respectively as the Tax Revenue Cap and the Home Heating Reclamation Act. According to the borough clerk, the unofficial results indicate both measures were successfully passed by the voters.

Communications to the Assembly reflect that the community is concerned this meeting was called to consider overturning the will of the voters. However, the borough attorney indicated in an email last Friday that no elected official has requested that a challenge be brought to either ballot measure.

The Borough appreciates the public's understandable concerns with the meeting notice. The intention in setting the meeting was to fully inform the Assembly of all of the issues surrounding these items, which the body can only do in a properly noticed public meeting.

It is anticipated that the Assembly will receive an overview on Thursday evening of the certification process for the initiatives, as well as implications to the Borough. This includes upcoming decisions the Assembly will need to make with respect to implementing the Home Heating Reclamation Act, as the initiative ordinance restricts the Borough's ability to continue enforcing air quality regulations.

In accordance with state law, the Assembly only convenes in executive session—that is, a closed door discussion—in very limited circumstances. While the *possibility* has been reserved on the agenda, it will only occur if there is litigation under discussion including if that is brought by a third party. To date, the Borough has not received any indication that this is likely to occur.

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