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We held an informational presentation at the Lion Club on June 16, 2023. The presentation was well attended based on the space available. Sean Murphy has made his full remarks available on the Eaglexit web-page at <a href="https://www.eaglexit.com/petition\_charter.html">https://www.eaglexit.com/petition\_charter.html</a>. A QR code is provided for quick access to all the presentation content.

**Summary** of the possibilities that we want to have with our community.

This is the biggest and most complex boundary change in the history of our state. It is a multi-billion-dollar deal. We aim for self- governance, a public involved government, quality education for our children and tighter fiscal control.

When examining the past years property taxes, our conclusion is the taxes collected and services provided are disproportionate. Three main areas can see changes: Police, Fire and Education.

**Police**- Decrease from \$15.62 million in taxes to more like \$3-4 million.

**Fire**- Hypothetical all volunteer Fire Dept would decrease costs. Most of the calls are EMS. Do we want to privatize EMS or would a local volunteer serving all of AD2 capturing chargeable EMS costs also offset property taxes? Decrease \$8.08 million in taxes to \$2 million.

**Education**-Our prediction is a new school district will save \$20 million saved when the mill rate goes from 7.63 to the State's requirement for local contributions of 2.65 mills. 17 schools, 9,712 students' capacity with current enrollment numbers at 7,100 students. We believe there may actually be a decrease in your property taxes (from 67.96 million to 39.5 million)

- 1. Parks and Recreation and CBERRSA (Chugiak Birchwood/ER road service) same mill rate and no change to service
- 2. Current cost for administration has been all over the board, costing \$681K in 2019 to \$8.8 million in 2021 to a deficit in 2022. As a new borough, the requirements for administration have been estimated to include the necessary functions of municipal operation. With local voices making choices. Ultimately this will be discussed and determined by the people of our district.
- 3. Under the MOA, AD2 property assessment values increased by 13.58% from 2019-2022. AD2's property taxes have increased by 15.86% from 2019-2022. If we do nothing, they will continue to increase.

## Conclusion-

- 1. At the end of this month, we plan to file a petition to detach and incorporate from the MOA with the LBC for a technical review. If it is approved, we will have one year to collect signatures.
- 2. With Signatures we plan to give it to the LBC to start their analysis. This will be an 18 month to 2-year process.
- 2, The public is notified of the process and information is provided
- 3. The LBC staff will analyze the petition, and input from public will be received
- 4. More public hearings
- 5. The petition is approved or denied
- 6. If approved, the people will vote on detachment or a recommendation will be given to the state legislature for action.

If successful, there is a two-year transition process to break away from MOA. For more information please see our website at the following qr code.

Thank you for participating. Many people have stepped up and worked very hard to get us to this place. It all starts with a petition that has the confidence and the trust of our community to move forward and present what we can become. We need your support.



## Thank you for joining us in this effort!

## Sean Murphy, Chair

Sean Murphy came to Alaska in the Army. Met his wife and moved to Eagle River in 1999 with his family. He is a retired Anchorage School District educator and administrator. He is active with his community council and is the new chair of Eaglexit. He can be reached at Sean. Eaglexit@gmail.com or 907-632-5307