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**JOHN J. WILLIAMS
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Grace Merkes, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Gary Superman, Assembly Member

DATE: June 25, 2008

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2008-17 SUBSTITUTE, Amending The Code To Exclude Grant Funds From The Amounts Considered In Determining Whether A Borough Or North Peninsula Recreation Service Area Capital Improvement Project Must Be Submitted To The Voters, And Amending KPB 16.16.085 To Increase The Amount That May Be Spent Without Voter Approval On Capital Improvement Projects In The North Peninsula Recreation Service Area From \$500,000 To \$1,000,000

The proposed substitute would amend Ordinance 2008-17 by amending KPB 16.16.085 to increase the amount that may be spent for North Peninsula Recreation Service Area capital improvement projects without voter approval from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. This change was requested by the service area board, and would make the dollar amounts consistent in the two borough code sections that require voter approval for capital improvement projects.

Also, the substitute would amend both KPB 5.04.110, the section addressed in the original ordinance 2008-17, and KPB 16.16.085 to exclude all grant funds from the amounts counted in determining whether voter approval would be required. As written, ordinance 2007-17 only excluded state and federal grant funds. However, numerous organizations other than the state and federal governments now provide grants to municipalities to help fund local projects. Such organizations include the Rasmussen Foundation, the Denali Commission, and numerous others. As with state and federal grants these private funds do not come from borough taxes. Imposing the voter approval requirement on any such grant funds significantly impedes efforts to successfully receive such grant awards regardless of how worthy or critical the project may be.

Your support of this substitute ordinance would be appreciated.