



# Municipality of Anchorage

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## Office of the Municipal Clerk

May 22, 2012

Ernie Hall, Chair  
Anchorage Municipal Assembly  
PO Box 196650  
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Dear Chair Hall:

It is with a sad heart that I offer you and the Assembly my resignation from the position of Municipal Clerk. It has been an honor to serve the people of Anchorage in this role for the past almost nine years. There have been many successes, but I understand that the problems of the April 3 election have caused you to doubt the effectiveness of my continuing to serve. I understand clearly that I serve at the pleasure of the Assembly, and I offer to step down.

The greatest legacy I leave will be tested later this year or next as you reapportion following the State's final reapportionment. With the Charter Amendment of 2007, when you reapportion the Assembly seats using the new State precincts as building blocks, there should no longer be split precincts with more than one Assembly race in any precinct. Simplifying the election ballot will serve the public well. Together in these last nine years we have created greater public access to the workings of government by making more information available on the web. By digitizing the recording of the Assembly meetings, people wherever they are can watch in real time while reviewing the documents or go back at later dates to review issues that are of interest. We have laid a good ground work for the implementation later this year of CityView.

The Municipal Clerk's Office has an important function in municipal governance. I will stay as long as you wish to insure a smooth transition. As always, my goal is a strong Municipal Clerk's Office to serve the public and the Assembly.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Gruenstein  
Municipal Clerk

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