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From: Sharon Resnick
Date: September 17, 2020
Re: AIDEA Meeting

In these trying times, it is especially important for us to at least have faith in our local government. The borough breached that faith when the interim borough manager held a meeting with its department heads and the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA)—a state-funded agency associated with mining projects— without notifying the public of its plans to do so.

Sometimes, seeds have been planted for major changes to our community without public input. And, then we are told it is too late to make changes. So, I understand the concern about such meetings.

Interim borough manager Alekkka Fullerton took offense at assembly member Zephyr Sincerny's question about the lack of public input at the meeting she arranged with the borough's department heads and the AIDEA two days after it contacted her. Mayor Jan Hill quickly came to her defense, saying that the borough has talked about this for years.

Fullerton wanted to know if Sincerny was accusing her of doing something wrong. "I don't roll that way," she said. She told him that she would listen to anyone who wants to give Haines money. I wonder if Lynn Canal Conservation had offered money, if it would have gotten a meeting so quickly with so many people in the borough administration.

Though assembly members Brenda Josephson and Gabe Thomas both said they were big supporters of AIDEA. I think there are many people in Haines who don't want to see our town become an ore terminal with the massive monster truck traffic that comes with it. We should at least be given a seat at the table so that we can be heard—even if the trucks win out.

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