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Dear Lt. Governor Mallott,

We are sending this packet to document and illustrate a problem that is prevalent in our community of Elfin Cove and seems to be in the rest of the State of Alaska. This is the problem of obtaining Alaskan voter registration by persons who do not actually live in Alaska and their subsequent claims of residency. These people spend the summer months in Elfin Cove operating their business establishments, but after the season they return to their primary domiciles in other states.

The basis for these business owners considering themselves qualified to be "Alaskan voters" is the Intent Clause and its interpretation by the Division of Elections.

Determining residence for voting purposes:

- For voting purposes, you are considered an Alaska resident if you reside in the state and intend to remain here or you leave with the intent to return.

Since they have purchased a business with property in Elfin Cove, stayed in Alaska 30 days and return every summer for three to four months, they believe they are entitled to the privilege of voting as Alaskans.

Although the voter registration application states that a commercial address can't be used as a "residence address", the out-of-state business owners use made up street addresses or the lot numbers of their businesses on the form. In addition, the mailing addresses listed on the form are the same as their business addresses (P.O. Boxes in Elfin Cove) listed on State of Alaska filings such as Articles of Incorporation documents and Biennial Reports. In one case a couple (Kelly and Mary Crump/ Waters Edge Lodge) has listed their actual residence address in Utah on the voter registration list which is also their business's mailing address.

According to the Voter History on the Registered Voter List, these out-of- state business owners are actively voting in Alaska's Primary and General elections. They are voting in the General elections in November using absentee ballots forwarded through their Elfin Cove (business) mailing addresses to their homes in other states because they have already left Alaska for the winter.

Elfin Cove is an unincorporated community in an unincorporated borough which has a nonprofit community corporation, Community of Elfin Cove (CEC) [aka Community of Elfin Cove Non-Profit Corporation (CECNPC)] as its "governing entity". As a requirement for membership and thereby to hold office on the board of directors, a person must be a Registered Alaskan Voter. Acquiring an Alaska voter card has allowed people who live in other states to be elected to the board of directors and control the "governing" of Elfin Cove. The board of directors control the monies received by the State of Alaska (Grants and Revenue Sharing), monies generated by the utilities owned and operated by CEC, the employment opportunities with CEC, access to the community buildings and the "Official Voice" of Elfin Cove to the world. Of the seven current board members, the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and one Director live out-of-state during the winter. The board of directors conducts the community meetings via teleconference from October-May.

To illustrate our issues we are presenting documentation on Dennis Meier who has been the CEC Chairman since 2009. Dennis Meier and his wife Susan Benton Meier as part of a partnership with James and Christine Benton bought the Tanaku Lodge in Elfin Cove in 1995. He became an Alaska registered voter 29 days later. The Meiers were living in Portland, OR at the time. In 1997 they purchased a house

in Sammamish, WA where they raised their children and still reside. January 17, 2013 Meier was charged with six counts of residency violations on applications for Fish & Game licenses and permits. On April 10, 2014 he pled guilty to one count for “False Statement/Omission on F&G Application without Culpable Mental State”. Although ADF&G does not consider him a resident of Alaska he retains his voter registration in Alaska and the chairmanship of CEC. He is also administering the \$2,660,000 DOT grant for a new State Dock in Elfin Cove due to be begin construction in September 2015.

Please review the pages of information on Dennis Meier that are enclosed (documents are available for all entries) with this letter. Also enclosed is a “highlights” document with other out-of-state business owners who have voter cards and live outside of Alaska. Additional information packets, similar to the one on Dennis Meier, are available upon request.

Alaskans for Alaska understands the importance of the tourism industry for the State of Alaska and the Alaska citizens. We want to make it clear that we don’t present this information with an anti-tourism agenda. Tourism is not the problem. The State of Alaska needs to tighten up its voter registration laws/rules to ensure that those who vote in Alaska actually live in Alaska. Then these laws/rules need to be enforced. The way the “Intent Clause” is written and interpreted has allowed people to have the privileges and rights of Alaskan citizenry without ever actually having to live in Alaska. When people from other states are allowed to vote, the fate of Alaska is no longer in the hands of Alaskans.

Fact: Alaska Department of Commerce lists Elfin Cove having 20 year round residents yet the voter registration lists 65 voters.

Fact: In the last 20 years, four of the five chairman of Community of Elfin Cove, live out of state (three of the four are registered voters).

Please check out latest video to see who isn’t in Elfin Cove overwinter:

[Elfin Cove is Becoming a Ghost Town \(https://youtu.be/ID3azsd7zY4\)](https://youtu.be/ID3azsd7zY4)

Also check out our website for more information and 17 more videos about Elfin Cove’s issues:

www.AlaskansforAlaska.com

And for all our videos on our You Tube channel:

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Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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