

**ANCHORAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
RESOLUTION 2023-01**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ANCHORAGE’S MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY TO
APPROVE THE LAND TRADE: HLB’S PARCEL 3-074 FOR AHFC’S BLOCK 102**

WHEREAS, Pursuant Municipality of Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Title 25.35.010 A; “It is the mission of the Anchorage Community Development Authority (ACDA) to: ...3. Engage in community and economic development opportunities, including but not limited to the acquisition of vacant or abandoned property and facilities, with a goal of encouraging economic growth, commercial development, and safe and vibrant neighborhoods, and further the goals and objectives of municipal plans and policies;” and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to AMC Title 25.35.065 ACDA A; “The mayor, with assembly approval...may designate municipal land, interests in land, or facilities for placement in ACDA inventory;” and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Municipality of Anchorage Code, Title 25.40.015.B - The mayor, with assembly approval, may withdraw land from the Heritage Land Bank inventory for any lawful municipal purpose, consistent with the comprehensive plan and implementing measures or applicable site specific land use studies. Such a withdrawal shall become effective only after at least 30 days' prior written notice to the Heritage Land Bank advisory commission, to the affected community council and to the public as specified in section 25.40.030, and after at least one public hearing regarding the proposed withdrawal; and

WHEREAS, additional mixed use housing developments downtown will substantially improve the community and economic development by creating jobs, encouraging new businesses, increasing tourism, and commercial investments; and

WHEREAS, to achieve said community and economic development goals, ACDA proposes the trade of Heritage Land Bank (HLB) Parcel 3-074 HLB located along Tudor Road next to the State of Alaska’s Crime Lab in Anchorage, in exchange for the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation’s (AHFC) four parcels within downtown Block 102 (Land Trade); and

WHEREAS, redevelopment of Block 102 is consistent with the *Anchorage Downtown District Plan 2021 (Downtown Plan)* recommendation for additional housing and redevelopment of surface parking lots; and

WHEREAS, Block 102 is identified as an “opportunity site” prime for redevelopment in Chapter 3 Revitalization Strategy of the *Downtown Plan*; and

WHEREAS, ACDA, in its capacity as the redevelopment authority, will devote its resources to bringing new housing, retail, restaurants, and parking (mixed use) as soon as possible after acquisition of Block 102.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The **Anchorage Chamber of Commerce** encourages Anchorage's Mayor Dave Bronson and Assembly to approve the Land Trade for Block 102 as described above and supports future redevelopment of Block 102 consistent with the *Downtown Plan*.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS __6TH_ DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

APPROVED:  , Chair

 , President & CEO