

## Emily Deach

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**Subject:** Resolution No. 20-22R

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From: Melissa Alley

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To: Emily Deach <e.deach@skagway.org>

Subject: [External Email] Re: Resolution No. 20-22R

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Dear Finance Committee,

First, I would like to comment on the eligibility requirement mentioned in Resolution 20-22R requiring individuals to have an eligible status for the 2020 PFD. I know several community members who are year round residents of Skagway who have an undetermined PFD status. If someone has not taken advantage of the PFD program in Alaska, that should not have an affect on their eligibility for COVID-19 related funding from the CARES Act. I propose that an edit be made to Resolution 20-22R removing the language requiring proof of an eligible PFD status. Perhaps this can instead be proven by letters from employers and/or landlords that can vouch for those individuals.

I also take issue with the edits recommended by the committee at the 5/28 meeting. I believe that all year-round residents should be eligible for this program regardless of employment status. Every individual in Skagway has been affected by the lack of 2020 tourism season. It is imperative that this money be circulated through our local economy by supporting our small businesses and by extension our families. We must support the community members that are currently working to keep our town running. Many of these individuals have taken pay cuts & reduced their hours. These individuals are ineligible for unemployment benefits and still have families to provide for. If community members are forced to close their businesses and leave Skagway, I believe that our school will also be negatively impacted. If our school enrollment goes down, the school will lose funding.

Thank you for your diligent work for our community & consideration of this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Melissa Alley & Justin Kennedy