

Emily Deach

Subject: Re: Public Notice: Assembly Meeting Agenda & Packet 6/4

From: Sajjad Sumbal

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

Subject: [External Email] Re: Public Notice: Assembly Meeting Agenda & Packet 6/4

Dear Skagway Manager, Mayor and Assembly,

Thank you for the many hours you have devoted to ensuring Skagway holds strong during these challenging times. I would like to point out that the requirement of applying for the Alaska pfd is completely irrelevant and should not be taken into consideration when one is applying to receive the Skagway Community Assistance funds. I am making this point in order to showcase the fact that many residents of Skagway don't apply for the Alaska pfd but have been Skagway residents for the past 10 years. We all need help to get through this difficult time! We have been doing business in Skagway for the past 10 years, paid our taxes, registered to vote in skagway, and have our own house in skagway. We are residents of the city, regardless of whether or not we apply for the Alaska pfd. We are a family of seven (with five kids), however, we don't apply for the Alaska pfd. This does not mean that our family is not a resident of Skagway, Alaska and should not receive the emergency community assistance. Applying for pfd does not translate into being a resident of the city. I would like to request that in order to apply for the Skagway Community Assistance Package one must not be required to apply for the pfd. We all are suffering from this pandemic, and we all must get through this together. Due to the lack of cruise ships this year, our business has remained closed and there has been a lack of income, but the expenses are still continuing to be prevalent. It's honestly a big mistake to make the eligibility of these funds just to the community members who have applied for the Alaska pfd. Everyone is affected due this pandemic in one way or another and need the support of the community to get through these tough times. The application of the pfd should not be taken into consideration when deciding who gets the Skagway Community Assistance Package funds because some residents apply for the pfd and some disregard applying. Every resident of Skagway, Alaska should receive the funds.

Thank you for taking our concern into consideration,
Sajjad Sumbal and family