



ASSEMBLY CALLS FOR “CAPITAL CITY FORUM” APRIL 25 AT CENTENNIAL HALL

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To ensure that Juneau continues to be the best city to serve all Alaskans as Alaska's capital city, and to do so with as much input from the community as possible, Mayor Bruce Botelho and members of the City Assembly will convene a citywide town hall meeting on Saturday, April 25.

The Capital City Forum, which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Centennial Hall, is an effort to gather ideas to improve and enhance Juneau's service to the state and to complement the ongoing work of the Alaska Committee, a board consisting of citizen volunteers. According to Mayor Botelho, "The Alaska Committee is primarily a strategic planning entity and, by itself, can only do so much. In reaching out to our community, we have an opportunity to harness the energy of our residents in making Juneau a better place to live and take advantage of their pride in serving as hosts of Alaska's government."

The Mayor noted the idea for the Forum was, in part, a result of the Alaska Committee's annual meeting held earlier this year. "Many in attendance at the meeting expressed a desire to get more involved in bettering Juneau and advocating for it through individual networks statewide. Both the Assembly and the Alaska Committee recognized that a public forum would encourage people who are unable to attend regular board or assembly meetings to step forward to share their ideas with each other and their elected representatives."

Plans for the event include brief presentations on current "capital city projects," such as Juneau's comprehensive plan, Gavel to Gavel, Juneau's celebration of Alaska's 50th Anniversary of Statehood and, of course, the Alaska Committee's statewide efforts. Using these as a springboard, those in attendance will break into small brainstorming groups; after which ideas will be reported out and prioritized.

Especially high on the Mayor's list will be the follow-up and making sure those who expressed an interest in getting involved get that chance. "I'm hoping for a great turnout," Botelho said.

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