

Sand Lake Community Council Resolution 2025-08
Federation of Community Council's Proposed Major Bylaw Changes

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Municipality of Anchorage Charter (Charter) created Community Councils "to afford citizens an opportunity for maximum community involvement and self-determination."

WHEREAS, The Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.020 implements the directive of the Charter and Community Councils are to provide "a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs." The following is a list of what "Community councils are intended to give":

- A. The people a method by which they can work together for expression and discussion of their opinions, needs and desires in a manner that will have an impact on their community's development and services.
- B. Governmental agencies a method for receiving opinions, needs, desires and recommendations of residents and groups.
- C. Local governing bodies an improved basis for decision-making assignment of priorities for all programs affecting community development and individual well-being.

WHEREAS, the Federation of Community Councils (FCC) is funded by the Municipality of Anchorage taxpayers via a grant from the Assembly and was created to provide administrative support to the 37 Community Councils in the Municipality of Anchorage;

WHEREAS, the FCC was not created in the Municipality of Anchorage Charter and was intended to provide administrative and other support to Community Councils;

WHEREAS, each Community Council has a right to have a voting delegate and participate in the management of the FCC;

WHEREAS, the Sand Lake Community Council (SLCC) recently became aware of the Federation of Community Council effort to make major changes to their bylaws;

WHEREAS, the major overhaul of the FCC bylaws include vesting all of the management authority in a newly created Board of Directors of at least seven and no more than eleven. Directors;

WHEREAS, the Sand Lake Community Council FCC Delegate failed to attend the June and September Community Council meeting and report about the FCC's bylaw major change effort;

WHEREAS, the FCC has failed to provide community outreach and fully inform all Community Councils of the FCC bylaw major changes and therefore negating the opportunity for Community Councils and the community to fully participate in the process;

WHEREAS, the SLCC Alternate Delegate was present at the September 17, 2025 FCC Board of Delegates meeting. The FCC bylaw draft changes presented in that meeting shows a very concerning new membership model that would reduce/dilute the collective votes among the 37 community councils.;

WHEREAS, the FCC Chair did not respect the seconded motion in his chaired meeting by not calling it to a vote, despite receiving previous complaints in his home service board regarding board conduct which led to him receiving extensive board training, has monopolized time in several individual community council meetings, and has not revealed conflicts of interest which the FCC delegates should be made aware of, and is chair of a group that does not take citizen votes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sand Lake Community Council:

Request that the FCC bylaw major change effort be halted indefinitely.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Sand Lake Community Council this 13th day of
October, 2025.

President: E. Vasquez

Vice President: Alan W. Taylor

Secretary: Allie Hartman