

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

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Authorizing Administrative Leave for the City Clerk to Attend the Election Policy Working Group's May 8 and 9, 2018 Meeting.

Originator: City Clerk

Route to:	Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:

Amount of fiscal impact: Airline Ticket: \$217 Per Diem: \$120 Hotel: \$230 Total: \$567	Account information: 10-52-545 (Funds are budgeted)
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In April 2017, Governor Byron Mallott invited the City Clerk to participate in the State's Election Police Working Group, the only representative from the Region. This group has been responsible for reviewing current election fiscal and policy challenges, creating a dialogue on topics that include voting technology, administration of elections, identifying potential cost saving measures while making recommendation on fiscal and policy related issues.

The group has identified the following items as guiding principles in their evaluations: Maximized Accessibility, Coordination and Buy-in, Voter Satisfaction and Confidence, Security and Integrity, Voter Outreach, Cost Effectiveness, Longevity in the Solution.

The group is working towards a hybrid vote-by-mail/in-person voting system. While there are still a number of unknowns, the Group will be recommending a vote by mail program where every Alaska voter would have a ballot mailed to them well in advance of the Election. The voter would then have the option to mail the ballot in, drop the ballot into a lock box, or bring the ballot to an in-person voting center.

While we continue to work toward a solution that is right for all Alaskans, the Election Policy Working Group will next be focusing voting equipment and technology. As the facilitator of State Elections in Bethel, as well as the only representative from our Region, the attendance of this meeting and evaluation of the technology which is not possible through teleconferencing, is an integral part to ensure what is selected will work for not only Bethel's election officials but for those working the States election all over the Region.