



Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell

March 7, 2007

Mr. Scott Kohlhaas
6707 East 6th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Kohlhaas,

On January 29, 2007, I received your application for an initiative petition entitled:

"An Act requiring the State of Alaska to vote on seeking changes to existing law and constitutional provisions to authorize Alaskan independence."

I forwarded a copy of the application to the Department of Law for review and to the Division of Elections for verification of at least 100 qualified signatures on January 30, 2007.

The Division of Elections reviewed the sponsor signatures and determined that 242 of the 282 signatures submitted were those of qualified voters. The application does have a sufficient number of sponsors to qualify for circulation of a petition. Enclosed is a copy of the Petition Statistics Report listing the status of each sponsor in this petition application.

The Department of Law reviewed the petition application for compliance with AS 15.45.030 and AS 15.45.040 and has advised me that your application does not comply with the constitutional and statutory provisions governing the use of the initiative. I have enclosed a copy of the opinion issued by the Department. If you wish to revise your application you may want to note the points raised by the Department.

Based on this recommendation, and in accordance with AS 15.45.070, I am denying certification of your initiative petition. AS 15.45.240 provides that "Any person aggrieved by a determination made by the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.010 - AS 15.45.220 may bring an action in the superior court to have the determination reviewed within 30 days of the date on which notice of the determination was given."

If you have any questions, please contact my special assistant, Lauren Yocom, at (465-4084).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell
Lieutenant Governor

Enclosures

cc: Lynette Clark, Initiative Committee Member
Linda Winkelman, Initiative Committee Member
Talis Colberg, Attorney General, Department of Law
Whitney Brewster, Director, Division of Elections