

## ALLIANCE OF CONCERNED TAXPAYERS (ACT)

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**A.C.T. filed an initiative at the Borough Clerk's office Wednesday, to limit increases in tax revenue by the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Any increased taxes beyond that justified by increases in population and inflation shall occur only after approval by the voters.**

**Soldotna, Alaska (April 20, 2006):** -- The "alliance of Concerned Taxpayers (A.C.T.) continues to challenge borough fiscal policy by filing an initiative requiring the Borough Assembly to gain voter approval before increasing total tax revenue from all sources beyond the rate of inflation plus population growth. This initiative, called "ACT-CAP" creates a baseline limiting the total revenue that can be levied without voter approval.

With the success of the A.C.T. sales tax initiative (Prop 5) last year, future sales tax increases must be approved by 60% of the voters. The "Revenue Enhancement" ordinance 2005-09 will be on the October, 2006 ballot for voter consideration.

"By his words and actions, Mayor Williams has indicated disbelief of previous election results. The people spoke clearly last year by capping the sales tax and they will speak even louder this year by passing ACT-CAP. Mayor Williams and the Assembly need to listen to the public they are sworn to represent," said Fred Sturman, A.C.T. member.

"It is the goal of A.C.T. to promote sustainable fiscal policy by requiring voter approval for large tax increases or major capital spending. I am confident, that if tax increases or capital projects are justified, voters will support them", said Vicki Pate, ACT Vice President.

"ACT-CAP is very similar to a successful initiative the Mat-Su Taxpayers Association ([www.taxcap.org](http://www.taxcap.org)) use to control their Borough's spending. By limiting the amount of total revenue the borough can collect, ACT-CAP will provide property tax relief for honest, hard-working citizens who have seen their tax bills skyrocket in recent years. This should eliminate the need for further borough action against our senior citizen and disabled veteran exemptions", said Mike McBride, ACT President.

"Every dollar the borough gets comes directly from us. It reduces the money we can spend for things like groceries, gasoline, house and car payments, the kids allowance and clothing. ACT-CAP will encourage the Mayor and Assembly to rethink their spending habits", said Ruby Kime, A.C.T. member.

A copy of the ACT-CAP initiative and a power point presentation are available for public inspection on the A.C.T. website, [www.act-kpb.org](http://www.act-kpb.org).

"With the attitude of this administration that leaving a personal legacy trumps our children's future on the peninsula the time has come to place restrictions on the out of control spending that has been going on for some time. We cannot continue to mortgage future generations or discourage sustainable development for personal gratification", said Jim Mellott, A.C.T. member.

"ACT-CAP" puts the public back into the process in a meaningful way by requiring future tax revenue increases be approved by a vote of the people who pay all the bills", McBride concluded.

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