

Paddock gains seat on Juneau Assembly

Tlingit and Haida Central Council executive director and former president, Raymond Paddock, emerged victorious in a race between three candidates for the Juneau City-Borough Assembly. The District-one seat encompasses the downtown area of Juneau.

Paddock, winning by a 67-vote margin, had to wait for a ballot recount to be declared an official winner in the Oct. 3 city elections.

Citing land use planning as an issue of major concern for Juneau residents, Paddock says

he based his campaign on local concerns over the 19,000 plus acres of land selected by the City-Borough under provisions in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA).

Paddock says there are many things that must be taken into consideration in the long-range planning efforts the City-Borough Assembly will undertake for development of its land selections.

According to Paddock the potential road extension to Haines and the proposed power extension from Port Snett-



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sham to west Douglas, the Noranda Mine on Admiralty Island, and Hoonah should be taken into consideration in the long-range development plans by the Juneau Assembly. There is also Goldbelt's (a Juneau area Native Corporation) land selections to be considered.

Paddock believes his job as executive director with the Central Council and his seat on the Juneau Assembly can mesh well together especially since the failure of the capital move effort.

Paddock stated, "With the failure of Proposition 8 on the November ballot, we can now move forward with positive and constructive developments that will benefit not only the Juneau City Borough, but our neighbors in the outlying regions."

The Assembly meets every other Thursday evening. Paddock joins Harry Aase, Fred Baxter, Kay Diebels, Noel Grant, Bill Knight, Bill Overstreet, Jamie Parsons, and Richard Poor on the nine member Assembly. Each serves a three-year term.