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## UNIFICATION CHARTER COMMISSION ???

### WHY ?? ..... WHAT FOR ??

For the information of voters in the upcoming October 3 election, the Joint Unification Steering Committee of the Fairbanks North Star Borough has prepared the following questions and answers:

**Question:** Why is the question "Shall a Charter Commission be formed" on the ballot?

**Answer:** To let the voters decide whether they want a Charter Commission to come up with a plan for unification. This plan will then be submitted to voters.

**Question:** What is the purpose of a Unification Charter Commission?

**Answer:** To prepare, adopt and submit to the voters of the Fairbanks North Star Borough a proposal for unification.

**Question:** Will a majority of "Yes" votes for the formation of a Charter Commission result in unification?

**Answer:** No, it would only allow the elected Charter Commissioners to develop a unification charter and present it to the public for vote.

**Question:** How will the voters have an opportunity to participate in the preparation of a unification charter?

**Answer:** By attending mandatory public hearings conducted by the elected Charter Commission. Additionally, all charter commission meetings will be open to the public.

**Question:** What is the make-up of the Charter Commission?

**Answer:** The representative composition of the Charter Commission will be as follows:

5 - representing the cities (City of Fairbanks and City of North Pole)

3 - representing area outside cities

3 - representing borough at-large

11 - total members

**Question:** Have any other areas in Alaska unified?

**Answer:** City and Borough of Juneau — unified July 1, 1970

City and Borough of Sitka — unified December 2, 1971

City and Borough of Anchorage —

voters approved the formation of a Charter Commission but rejected the proposed charter

**Question:** Will a majority of "Yes" votes automatically result in the formation of a unification charter commission?

**Answer:** Not necessarily so . . . no charter commission can be formed without a majority of "yes" votes by people in the borough outside cities and a majority of "yes" votes by the people in the cities.

Anyone having questions about the formation of a Unification Charter Commission is encouraged to submit them on a post card addressed to:

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