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Dear Citizens of the Greater Palmer Area,

We are asking that you join a community-wide effort to construct a Skateboard Facility in the City of Palmer. The time has come to reach out to the hundreds of athletes who choose skateboarding, BMX biking, and roller blades as their preferred form of recreation.

We have received a petition with over 500 signatures from kids in the Palmer area asking for this resource. Acting on this show of support, The Palmer Skateboard Association (PSA), a 501c3 non-profit, has been formed to bring these children together and form a club with a \$5.00 annual membership. This association, with adult leadership, is charged with helping to raise funds with different projects. The president of the PSA is a 4-H leader with a program specifically designed to promote safe and respectful use of a skateboard facility.

Participation by you and others will enhance our ability to obtain grant funding that will become available with broad-based community support. The City of Palmer currently has dedicated \$27,000 to this project. The Alaska Railroad Corporation has leased the City 45,000 square feet located on the West corner of Arctic Avenue and South Valley Way for \$200 a year. The site selected will be highly visible, illuminated, and posted with hours for use and behavior expectations.

To date, we have chased these kids off of our sidewalks, out of our parking lots, and other areas unsuitable for skateboarding. Instead of banishment, let's create a safe place for them to play and embrace them within our community.

All donations are tax deductible. Donations of \$1000 or more will be permanently recognized on a plaque at the Skateboard Facility. Checks should be made out to the City of Palmer Skateboard Fund, 231 West Evergreen Avenue, Palmer, AK 99645. Please, join us in this worthwhile effort. Thank you!

Most sincerely,

John Combs
Mayor for the City of Palmer