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Dear Assemblywoman Triem

Like any resource (for national, state or community funds) such as oil, or tourism, the largesse is typically not equitably distributed.

Sure, that's capitalism. However I believe CBJ strives to be democratic and I have good reason to believe CBJ deeply cares about protecting our more vulnerable citizens. I will argue below to limit tourism. This will not be popular with our seasonal merchants.

However, this scheme need not deplete CBJ coffers.

1) I think limiting the number of visitors to Juneau during the May-September crush could be a win-win situation. Let's say we enforced a graduated cap towards 600,000 visitors during the peak season. We could also narrow the dates for the cruise ship arrivals. Of course we couldn't impose that for 2020, but it would be goal over, say 5-6 years. I don't think I need to spell out why this would be better for most of the locals. In terms of the win for CBJ I think making Juneau a little harder to access would allow the cruise industry to push up the price of Juneau as a destination. CBJ might, in this scenario, impose not a head tax but a daily fee to "use" our ports, streets, public restrooms, emergency room, etc. that is not dependent on the number of visitors but a daily rental fee per vessel.

2) I am not alone in being deeply interested in having the sea walk project completed. What leverage does CBJ have to require NCL to comply with this long-standing project? Ditto Develop Juneau Now and NOAA.

3) What is the possibility of asking NCL and NOAA to co-sponsor an ocean-oriented Exploratorium which would also have a research center? This is Bob Janes' idea.

4) Juneau is behind (but making good strides) in planning for housing and senior-friendly accommodations to keep all our groovy aging citizens committed to aging in place long term. It would be fantastic to create a multi-use, beautiful, 3 story MAX, building which curves

along the waterfront which would include some modest, affordable 1 and 2 bedroom condos (or rentals) and also a wing of more luxury condos for seniors who could afford that and would enjoy waterfront living in walking distance to Foodland, Centennial Hall, the pool and the library. I envision this project being mostly in area "B" (subport) in conjunction with NCL. I have a lot more sketched out on this but am reeling myself in :)

5) I see a map from the second meeting packet that lists AVISTA as owner of the dock next to the subport. Would NCL have to separately buy that from Avista and is Avista interested in selling it, do you know?

Thank you so much for reading this long missive. I look forward to attending the next meeting.

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