# KETCHIKAN CHARTER COMMISSION

AGENDA STATEMENT

NO _____I-1_____

MEETING OF **May 3, 2006**

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**ITEM TITLE**

Discussion and Approval of Request for a Technical Review of the Submitted and Amended Charter of the Consolidated Municipality of Ketchikan

SUBMITTED BY Glen Thompson

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

The Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) prepared the preliminary report on the Commission's petition to consolidate the Ketchikan Gateway Borough and the City of Ketchikan. In that report, the DCED suggested that a technical review of the Charter would be beneficial to all concerned since this document would be essentially the constitution of the new municipality. The DCED has asked the Charter Commission to consider submitting a formal request for said technical review.

The technical review would include such things as insuring that the charter contains no contradictions and is compliant with state law. Although DCED has the authority to conduct such a technical review, since DCED staff is limited and they would be requesting resources from other departments (for example the Department of Law), they believe that a formal request by the LBC or Charter Commission lends justification to their expenditure of resources above and beyond the minimum regulatory requirements. The document would be improved in such a way to limit or eliminate potential challenges due to technical flaws and the technical review could be incorporated into the final report due circa June 2, 2006 thus there would be no delay in the timeline.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**:

"I move that the Charter Commission formally request the Alaska DCED to conduct a technical review of the Charter contained in the Petition for Consolidation as follows:

'In accordance with the suggestion in the Preliminary Report on the Ketchikan Charter Commission's Consolidation Petition, we respectfully request that the DCED conduct a technical review of the Charter contained within the Ketchikan Charter Commission's Petition for the proposed consolidated Municipality.'"