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Resolution of the Alaska Democratic Party State Central Committee Opposing the Confirmation of Stephen J. Cox as Attorney General of the State of Alaska

Adopted by the State Central Committee of the Alaska Democratic Party on February __, 2026

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of Alaska serves as the chief legal officer of the State and carries a solemn duty to uphold the integrity, impartiality, and credibility of Alaska's justice system; and

WHEREAS, Stephen J. Cox was not admitted to practice law in Alaska until May 7, 2025, and therefore has been a member of the Alaska Bar Association for only a few months at the time of his nomination for confirmation as Attorney General, raising concerns about his depth of experience with Alaska law, institutions, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox has written and endorsed commentary in national legal and policy circles that disparages the capacity and reliability of state court systems in resolving important questions of law, advocating for expanded federal court reexamination of state court determinations in a manner that undermines confidence in state judicial institutions, contrary to the respect and deference Alaska's courts deserve; and

WHEREAS, during his brief tenure heading the Department of Law, Mr. Cox has issued aggressive and threatening letters to the Anchorage School District over its handling of constitution-themed materials, accusing elected school board members of violating their oaths of office and demanding written justification within short deadlines, conduct that is inconsistent with the collaborative, problem-solving approach Alaskans expect from their chief law officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox has also used his office to send similar threatening correspondence to public utilities and other entities in the state, signaling a pattern of intimidation rather than cooperative engagement in resolving legal and policy issues affecting Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox has established a new, high-paid Solicitor General position within the Department of Law and filled it with an attorney recruited from Outside with no known roots, professional background, or demonstrated history of service in Alaska, despite the availability of qualified Alaska-based lawyers and the importance of appointing senior legal officials who understand the state's laws, communities, and cultures; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans deserve an Attorney General who is deeply grounded in Alaska's legal framework, who respects the independence and competence of our state courts, who engages school districts, utilities, and other public entities in good faith rather than by intimidation, and who builds leadership teams that reflect and understand Alaska;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Democratic Party State Central Committee calls upon all members of the Alaska Legislature to decline to confirm Stephen J. Cox as Attorney General of the State of Alaska during the 2026 legislative session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alaska Democratic Party State Central Committee urges the Governor to promptly nominate an Attorney General who: demonstrates substantial experience with Alaska law and the Alaska Bar, shows respect for the competence and independence of state courts, commits to constructive engagement with local governments and public entities, and appoints senior deputies and solicitors with meaningful ties and long-term commitment to Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Alaska Democratic Party is authorized and directed to transmit this resolution to the Governor, the President of the Alaska Senate, the Speaker of the Alaska House of Representatives, and the members of the Alaska Legislature, and to make this resolution available to the public, allied organizations, and the press.

Adopted this __th day of February, 2026, by the Alaska Democratic Party State Central Committee.

Eric Croft, Chair
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