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Mayor Sam Bass
P.O. Box 415
700 Spring Street
Skagway, AK 99840

RE: National Park Service Liaison to the Historic District Commission

Dear Mayor Bass:

Since 2022, Annie Matsov has served as the National Park Service (NPS) liaison to the Historic District Commission. Ms. Matsov will be resigning her liaison position in June prior to departing the park to take a new job as Historical Architect at Olympic National Park. I would like to thank Annie for her service. On behalf of the National Park Service, we appreciate the work she did to support the HDC. For decades, NPS employees at Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park (KLGO) have been dedicated to the Historic District Commission in order to foster a strong partnership between the park and the borough for a unified vision of preservation and historic authenticity in Skagway.

With this shared goal in mind, I would like to request that Jesse Guilliams, Preservationist at KLGO, be appointed to the Historic District Commission effective June 2024. Mr. Guilliams holds an undergraduate degree in Anthropology and has over 10 years of experience in building construction in Skagway. He has worked as an NPS carpenter for seven years specializing in vernacular, wood structures. He has attended technical training courses and hands-on workshops in preservation and woodworking during his tenure with the NPS. As an expert in the preservation of historic structures, he's an ideal candidate to fill the NPS role as liaison to the Historic District Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to support our community's heritage in collaboration with the Municipality of Skagway Borough. To discuss this appointment further please contact me at angela_wetz@nps.gov or 907.983.9200.

Sincerely,

Angela Wetz
Superintendent

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Cc: Jesse Guilliams, Preservationist, KLGO
Dale Murphy, Facility Manager, KLGO
Steven Burnham, Borough Clerk