

The Threat to Our Prosperity

Alaska's

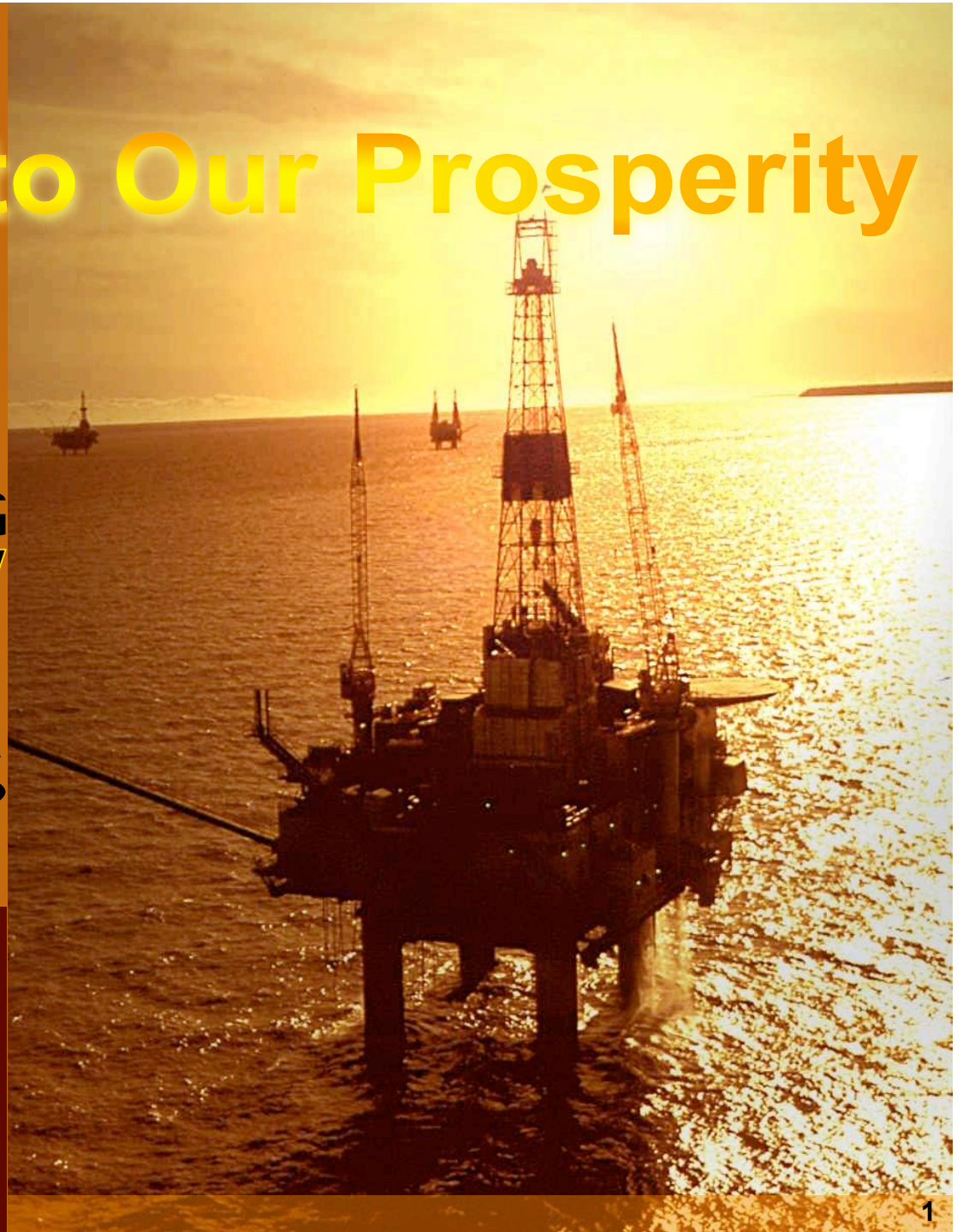
LOOMING ENERGY CRISIS

Mayor Mark Begich

Municipality of Anchorage



Presented to the
Resource Development Council
November 14, 2007



Alaska's Communities are Setting the State's Agenda





State of the City

Dear fellow Anchorage resident:

Thank you for reviewing this State of the City publication. Its purpose is to inform the public about city issues and hear your opinions.

The state of our city is excellent. Our economy is healthy with a building boom we haven't seen in a generation. Our students are excelling in school. Our city budget is balanced. And we continue to focus on keeping citizens safe in their neighborhoods and on our streets.

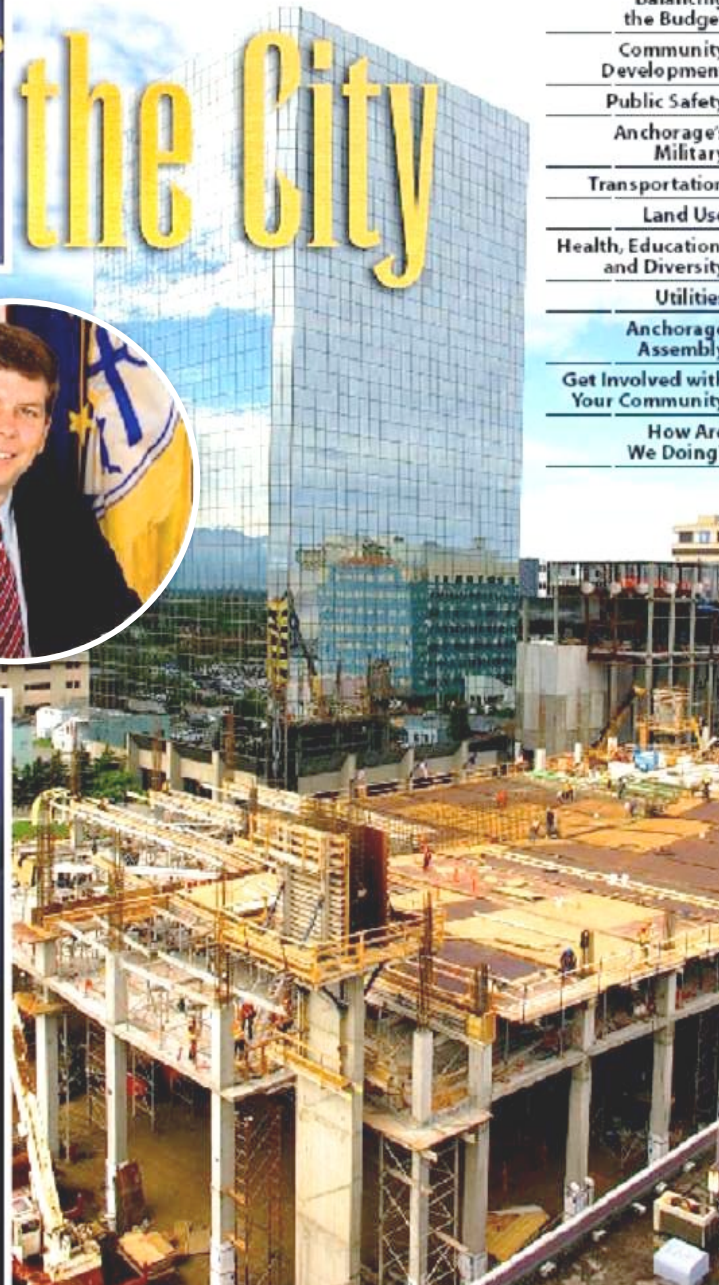
We are building a city for today and tomorrow's generations. Anchorage residents are proud of our Big Wild Life – where we live large, dream big and accomplish goals nothing short of extraordinary.

Please complete the survey on the back page because our continued progress depends on your involvement in our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to work together to make our city safe and prosperous.

Sincerely,

Mark Begich
Mayor



Balancing the Budget
Community Development
Public Safety
Anchorage's Military
Transportation
Land Use
Health, Education, and Diversity
Utilities
Anchorage Assembly
Get Involved with Your Community
How Are We Doing?

Anchorage's State of the City is Excellent



Anchorage: A City on the Move



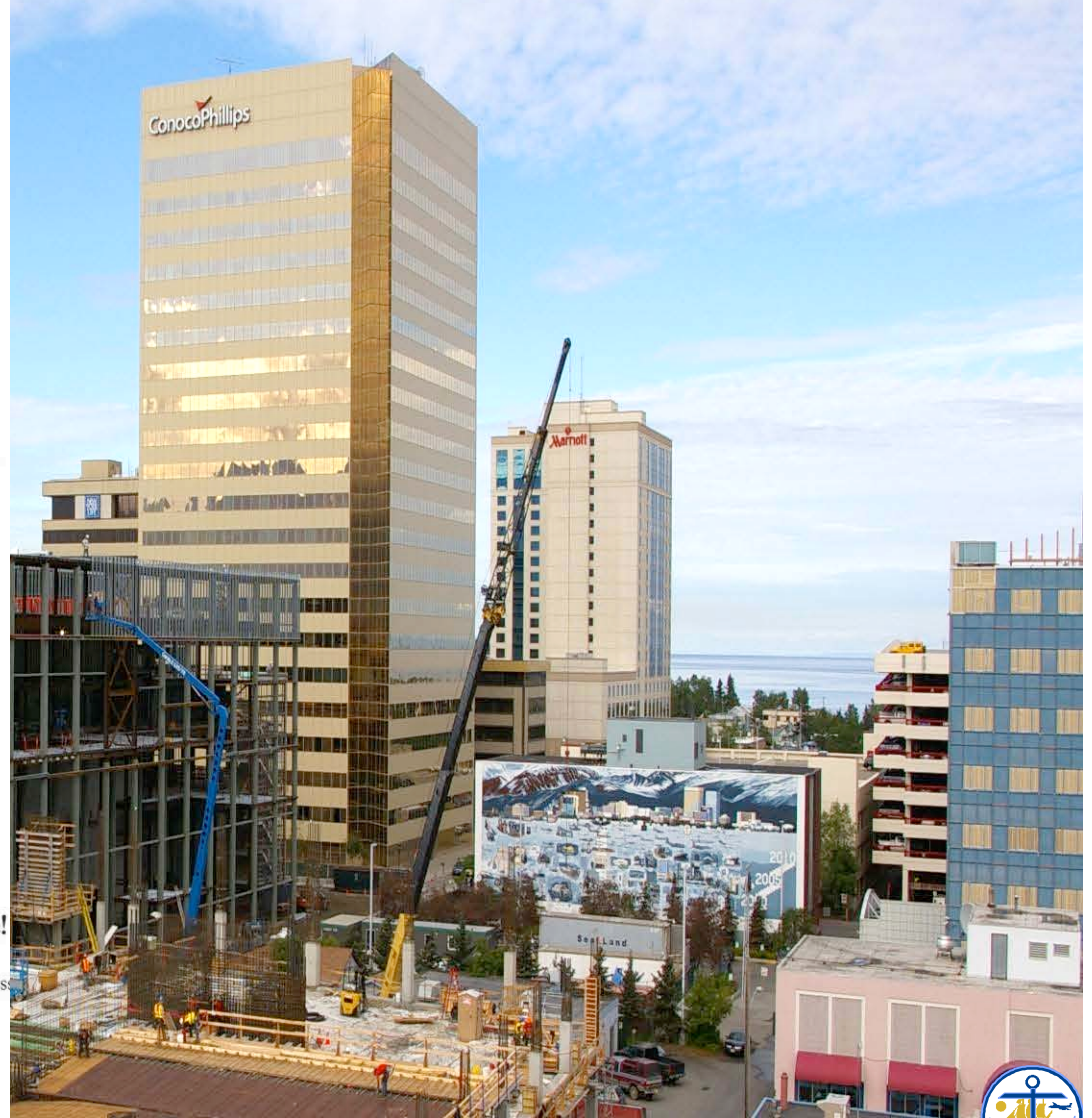
DOWNTOWN ANCHORAGE

Something big is happening in downtown Anchorage!

The heart of the city is getting a makeover with new shops, restaurants and public facilities either under construction or already open for business.
FREE fun for the entire family.

Come check it out on Friday, June 1, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

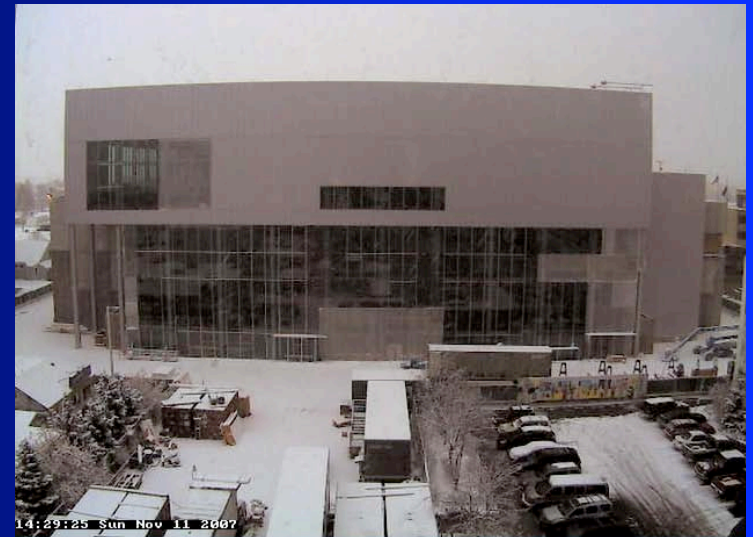
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center



- 67% complete; on-time, on-budget.
- Opening October 2008 for local events and national conventions.



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Reducing Property Taxes



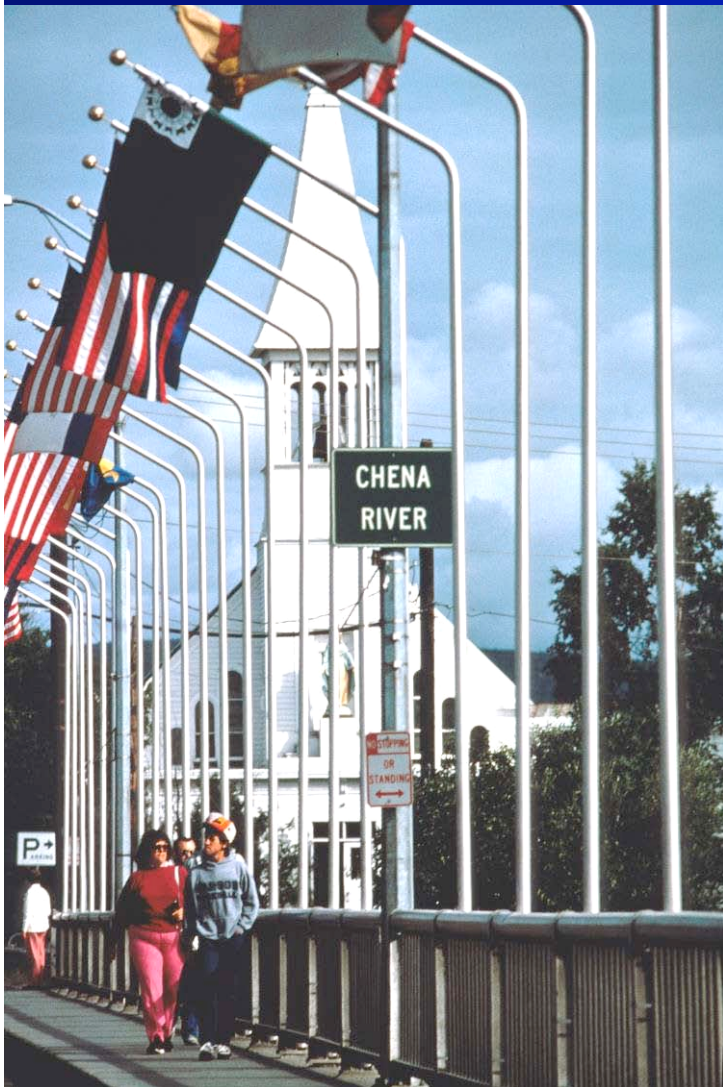
We're
diversifying
Anchorage's
revenues and
reducing
reliance on
property taxes

Percent of revenues from property taxes

2002	59%
2007	46%



Interior is Prosperous



Job growth
up 23%



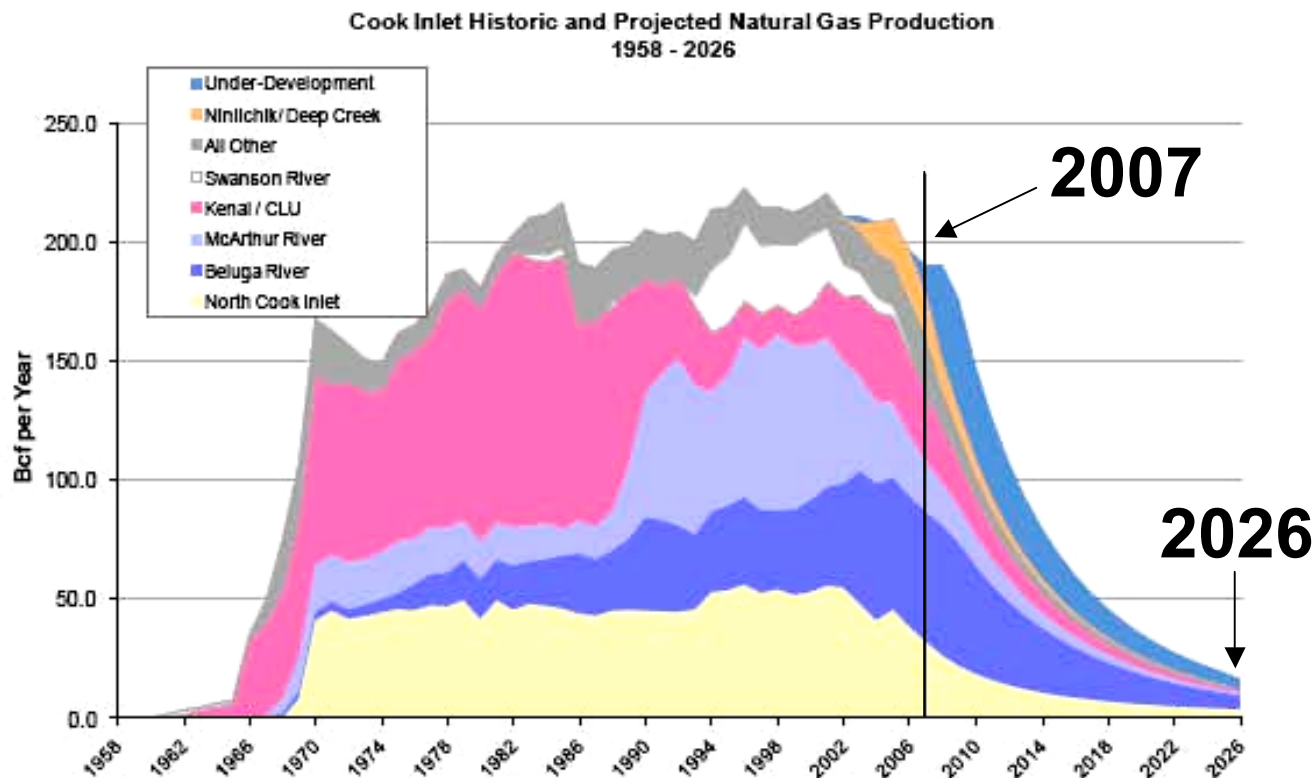
An Energy Crisis in Alaska?



Cook Inlet Gas Production in Decline

Alaska Division of Oil and Gas, 2007 Annual Report

Figure III.6 Gas Production-Forecast
Cook Inlet



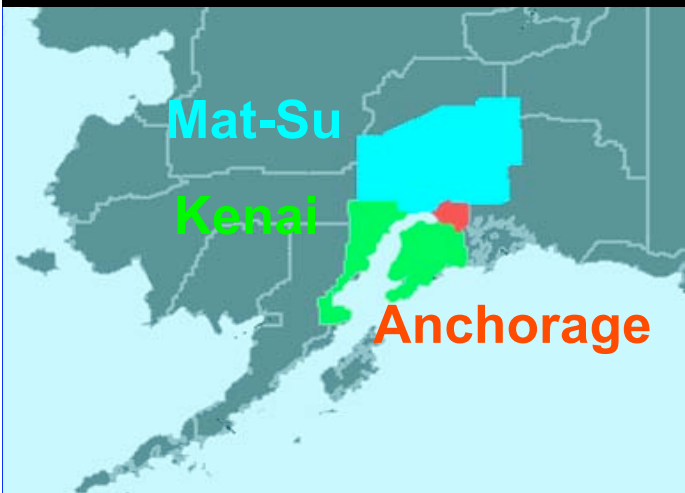
Let's renew our enthusiasm about Alaska's Oil and Gas Industry



An Alaska Energy Policy: Affordable energy to homes, business and industries



Tri-Borough Commission



Alaska's Energy Policy should guide the state



Increase Exploration



ALASKA ENERGY POLICY

1. Non-Renewable
2. Renewable
3. Efficiency / Conservation



Build a Gas Pipeline



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Emphasize Renewable Energy Sources



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Saving Energy, Saving \$\$



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Working to make electric utilities more efficient





Revenue Sharing

Alaska
needs
to share
its wealth
with
communities



Let's capitalize on Alaska's enormous opportunities



Thank you

