

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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December 4, 2012

Kim Kiefer, Manager
City and Borough of Juneau
155 So. Seward
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Ms. Kiefer:

As you know, in 2012 the CBJ allowed the Downtown Business Association to use \$56,300 in passenger proceeds to operate the downtown ambassador program from May through October. We contracted with Goldbelt Security to have 2 uniformed officers patrolling on foot, with one officer on duty at a time, when there is at least one cruise ship in the harbor. The current contract expires in June 2013.

Our feedback on this continuing program has been quite positive. The personnel employed by Goldbelt have been very professional and well received. They have provided assistance to visitors and an improved sense of security to all by reducing some of the chronic problems we have with loitering, panhandling, public intoxication and other similar nuisances.

The Goldbelt officers/ambassadors have served as an effective supplement to the JPD patrol officers by providing additional eyes and ears on the streets. We would like to continue this program, and are requesting that the Passenger Proceeds Committee again set aside \$56,300 to complete the 2013 season through July 1, 2014.

Thank you,

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Downtown Business Association

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