

Council Members Want Immigration Office Reopened

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Of all Alaska communities, the city of Kodiak has one of the highest percentages of immigrants among its population. About a third of the city's residents come from the Philippines, and there are hundreds of people from Central America. As a result, the city once had its own federal Citizenship and Immigration Application Support Center. City Councilwoman Josie Rosales, who worked to get the office in 1991, would like to see it opened back up.

-- (Immigration 1 38 sec "Officers
of the Phil-Am ... back and forth.")

Rosales, an immigrant herself, just like fellow council member Gabriel Saravia, has been lobbying Alaska's Washington D.C. delegation to get the Kodiak office reopened:

-- (Immigration 2 54 sec "I
did talk with Senator ... back here in Kodiak.")

Councilman

Jack Maker said he's discussed the importance of an immigration office in Kodiak with delegation staff as well:

-- (Immigration 3 28 sec "I
feel that immigration ... it's an important issue.")

In another

City of Kodiak note, the groundbreaking for the new police station will be held this afternoon at 2 p.m. at the property just across from Cost Savers on Mill Bay Road.

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