



# BALLOT REVIEW

Prepared by the League of Women Voters of Anchorage for the  
**Anchorage Municipal Election, Tuesday, April 4, 2017**  
 Assembly • School Board • Bond Propositions • Referendum

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, qualified voters within the Municipality of Anchorage will:

- Elect six Assembly members and two School Board members and
- Vote areawide on six bond propositions and on a taxicab permit and services ordinance referendum.  
 Some will vote on a proposed expansion of the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area.

Voters residing in some service areas will also elect members to their respective service area boards.

This *Ballot Review* presents information about the ballot measures, as well as the Assembly and School Board candidates.

The Notice of Election, Notice of Polling Places, and Notice of Bonded Indebtedness will be published in the *Alaska Dispatch News* on Monday, April 3, 2017, and online at [www.muni.org/elections](http://www.muni.org/elections). The notices will list Assembly, School Board, and service area candidates and polling places, as well as the text of the ballot propositions and current bonded indebtedness.

**Who may vote?** Anyone registered to vote in Alaska by March 5, 2017, and who has lived within the Municipality of Anchorage for at least 30 days before the election may vote in this election.

**When do I vote?** Election Day is Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Vote in person at polling locations between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. You may also vote before Election Day; see below for information about options for early and absentee voting.

**Where do I vote?** **Vote at the polling place for the precinct where you live.** There are several ways to determine your polling place. Your voter registration card has your precinct number; find your precinct in the notice of polling places in the *Alaska Dispatch News* on Monday, April 3, 2017, or online at [www.muni.org/elections](http://www.muni.org/elections). Or, if you have your social security number or voter identification number (on your voter registration card), call the State’s automated Polling Place locator at 907-269-VOTE (8683). Or you may call the Municipal Clerk’s Office at 907-243-VOTE (8683) or State Elections Office at 907-522-VOTE (8683).

**Vote by mail, fax, or early in-person** You don’t have to wait until Election Day to vote. You may vote by mail, vote by fax, or vote early in-person.

Applications for Absentee By-Mail ballots or Absentee By-Fax ballots must be received by the Clerk’s Office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Applications are available at [www.muni.org/elections](http://www.muni.org/elections) or by calling 907-243-VOTE (8683).

Early and Absentee In-Person Voting Locations	Dates	Hours
<b>Anchorage City Hall</b> 632 West 6th Avenue, Suite 105 All ballots will be available.	March 20-March 31, 2017 and April 3, 2017 Monday through Friday <i>Closed weekends</i>	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	<b>Open Election Day</b> <b>Tuesday, April 4, 2017</b>	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
<b>Z. J. Loussac Library</b> 3600 Denali Street Wilda Marston Theater, 1st Floor All Municipal ballots will be available.	March 20-April 3, 2017 Monday through Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday, March 26, 2017 Sunday, April 2, 2017	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	<b>Tuesday, April 4, 2017</b>	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
<b>Chugiak Senior Center</b> 22424 North Birchwood Loop Only ballots for Eagle River/Chugiak will be available.	March 27-April 3, 2017 Monday through Friday <i>Closed weekends and Election Day</i>	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
<b>Ted Stevens International Airport</b> Domestic Terminal – lower level, near entrance from parking garage. All Municipal ballots will be available.	<b>Election Day ONLY</b> <b>Tuesday, April 4, 2017</b>	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
<b>University of Alaska Anchorage</b> Student Union, 2905 Spirit Way All Municipal ballots will be available.	<b>Election Day ONLY</b> <b>Tuesday, April 4, 2017</b>	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



**Voting by personal representative**

If you are unable to go to the polls due to age, serious illness or a disability, you may have a personal representative pick up and deliver a ballot to you. The ballot should be picked up at your (the voter’s) precinct or an absentee voting location.

Anchorage voters hospitalized on Election Day may request delivery of a ballot by an elections official by calling 907-343-4311 by **10:00 a.m. on Election Day.**

Call the Clerk’s Office at 907-343-4311 or 907-243-VOTE (8683) for more information on these options.

**Voting on Service Area bonds**

Bond-related projects such as roads and parks are organized into service areas with various geographic boundaries; only taxpayers in those service areas pay for the bonded projects. Even so, State law requires a pledge of the “full faith and credit” of the whole Municipality, which means that a bond proposition in a service area must be approved by a majority of voters throughout the Municipality as well as by a majority of voters in the service area.

For example, all qualified voters vote on the Anchorage Road and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA) bonds but only taxpayers in the ARDSA pay for them. In this election, this applies to Propositions 3 (APRSA – Parks), 4 (ARDSA – Roads), 5 (AFSA – Fire), and 6 (AMPASA–Police). Other bond related projects, like Proposition 1 (Schools) and Proposition 2 (Areawide Safety), are funded areawide and paid for by all Anchorage taxpayers.

**On the Web**

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**Candidates**

Qualified voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage may vote for a candidate listed by filling in the oval next to the name, or writing in the name of a person qualified to hold that office and filling in the oval next to the write-in name. All seats are three-year terms expiring upon certification of the April 2020 election. Assembly members are elected to specific designated area seats. School Board members are elected at large, meaning each member represents all areas of the Municipality and are elected to designated seats. All Assembly and School Board candidates with the highest number of votes win the seat. Candidates’ names appear in random order on the ballot.

Candidates were invited to submit a 100-word biographical profile for inclusion in the **Ballot Review**. The profiles may be found later in this publication.

**Candidates for Assembly**

District 1 - Seat B – Downtown: Albert Swank, Chris Cox, Christopher Constant, Mark Allan Martinson, David Dunsmore, Warren West  
 District 2 - Seat C - Chugiak/Eagle River: John L. Brassell, Patrick Donnelly, Fred Dyson, Gretchen Wehmhoff  
 District 3 - Seat E - West Anchorage: Tim Steele, David Nees  
 District 4 - Seat G - Midtown Anchorage: Ron Alleva, Marcus D. Sanders, Don Smith, Felix Rivera  
 District 5 - Seat I - East Anchorage: Don Jones, Pete Petersen  
 District 6 - Seat K - South Anchorage: Albert Fogle, Suzanne LaFrance

**Candidates for School Board**

Seat C: James Smallwood, Alisha Hilde, Tasha Hotch, Dave Donley, Christopher Jamison  
 Seat D: Kay Schuster, Andy Holleman, Albert Berke

**Prop. 1: \$58,450,000 Anchorage School District Capital Improvements Bonds**

These bonds would pay for educational capital improvements, construction, renewal, replacement and renovation of school facilities and projects to extend educational facility building life. More information about these bonds is available at [www.asdk12.org](http://www.asdk12.org) or 907-742-4153.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$11.67 to retire the debt. There are no new costs for operations and maintenance (O&M).

**Property owners throughout the Municipality would be taxed for these bonds.**

To be voted on by qualified voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Estimated Annual O&amp;M</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Projects</b>		
Roof replacements: Rogers Park, Willow Crest, Nunaka Valley, Northwood ABC, and Muldoon Elementary Schools, West High School, King Career Center and Student Nutrition	\$27,300,000	0
Heating and ventilation systems replacements: Rogers Park and Willow Crest Elementary Schools and West High School	24,400,000	0
Structural and seismic improvements and reconfiguration of library/counseling areas at West High School and Romig Middle School	6,750,000	0
<b>Proposition Total</b>	<b>\$58,450,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prop. 2: \$1,654,000 Areawide Public Safety and Transit Capital Improvement Bonds**

These bonds would pay for capital improvements to public safety, purchase transit fleet vehicles and make school safety zone improvements areawide.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.33 to retire the debt and \$6.41 to pay additional annual operations and cost. The new Operations & Maintenance (O&M) costs would increase the Municipal tax cap by up to \$2,310,000.

**Property owners throughout the Municipality would be taxed for these bonds.**

To be voted on by qualified voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage. Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Estimated Annual O&amp;M</b>
New Ambulance Purchases	\$650,000	\$2,310,000
School Zone Safety	250,000	0
Bus Stop Improvements	54,000	0
Rolling Stock - AnchorRIDES and Buses	375,000	0
Transit Facilities Upgrades and Renovations	325,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,654,000</b>	<b>\$2,310,000</b>



### Prop. 3: \$3,665,000 Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay to construct, renovate, and equip parks, trails, and recreational facilities in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area (APRSA). The APRSA **includes** most of the Anchorage Bowl and most of the Hillside. The APRSA **does not include** Eagle River/Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek, Eklutna, Girdwood, Indian, Bird Creek and portions of Glen Alps, Rabbit Creek, and Bear Valley.

For property in the APRSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.85 to retire the debt and \$0.99 to pay for new annual operations and maintenance costs (O&M). The new O&M costs would increase the Municipal tax cap by up to \$308,000.

**Only property owners in the APRSA would be taxed for these bonds. There would be no cost to property owners in Eagle River/Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek, Eklutna, Girdwood, Indian, Bird Creek, and portions of Glen Alps, Rabbit Creek, and Bear Valley.** However, because State law requires the full faith and credit of the whole Municipality to be pledged for the bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the APRSA.

To be voted on by qualified voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage. Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O&M
Campbell Creek Trail Rehabilitation and Lake Otis Crossing Study	\$750,000	\$ 75,000
Fairview Recreation Center Indoor Playground	250,000	25,000
Folker Park	200,000	14,000
Jodphur Parking Lot Improvements	400,000	14,000
Muldoon Town Square Park	500,000	70,000
Playground Development – All-inclusive	500,000	35,000
Safety Upgrades – Valley of the Moon Park and Chester Creek Trail	200,000	14,000
Sand Lake Park	50,000	0
South Anchorage Sports Park	200,000	28,000
Town Square Park Design and Development	150,000	15,000
Whisper Faith Kovach Park Playground Renovation and Fenced Dog Park	250,000	18,000
Government Hill Harvard Park Building Sprinkler Upgrade, Asbestos Removal	215,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,665,000</b>	<b>\$308,000</b>

### Prop. 4: \$36,940,000 Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area Road and Storm Drainage Bonds

These bonds would pay for roads and storm drainage capital acquisition, construction, renovation, upgrades and related capital improvements in the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Areas (ARDSA). The ARDSA **includes** much of the Anchorage Bowl. It **does not include** Girdwood, Eagle River/Chugiak and most of the Hillside.

For property in the ARDSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$9.36 to retire the debt and \$1.98 to pay for new annual operations and maintenance (O&M) costs. The new O&M costs would increase the Municipal tax cap by up to \$562,500.

**Only property owners in the ARDSA would be taxed for these bonds. There would be no cost to property owners in Girdwood, Indian, Bird Creek, Eagle River/Chugiak, and most of the Hillside.** However, because State law requires the full faith and credit of the whole Municipality to be pledged for the bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the ARDSA.

To be voted on by qualified voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage. Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O&M
11th/12th Ave Alley Drainage – A St to Cordova St	\$80,000	\$4,500
22nd Ave Drainage Improvements – Farmer Pl to Boniface Parkway	60,000	4,500
75th Ave/Nathan Dr Area Drainage	150,000	12,000
92nd Ave Resurfacing – C St to King St	150,000	0
104th Ave/Olive Ln Resurfacing	200,000	0
Abbot Loop Manor Subd Area Resurfacing	300,000	0
ARDSA Alley Paving	300,000	0
ARDSA Street Light Improvements	750,000	25,000
Bering Street Roof Replacement and Code Upgrades	400,000	0
Intersection Resurfacing	100,000	0
Lakehurst Dr Area Drainage Improvements Phase II	200,000	24,000
Lakeview Terrace Subdivision Street Resurfacing	200,000	0
Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) and Subbase Rehabilitation	600,000	75,000
Spruce Heights Subd Area Drainage Improvements	50,000	4,500
Woodward Dr Resurfacing	50,000	0
82nd Ave Storm Drain Replacement – west of Old Seward Hwy	500,000	0
100th Ave Extension Phase II – Minnesota Dr to C St	6,700,000	117,000
ADA Improvements	500,000	2,000
Alaska Railroad Crossings Rehabilitation	500,000	37,000
Campbell Woods Subd Area Road and Drainage Improvements	700,000	0
Chester Creek Flooding – Lagoon to A St	500,000	0

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O&M
Dowling and Sunchase Bus Turnout/Stop	100,000	1,000
Downtown Lighting and Signals Upgrades	1,000,000	0
Duben Ave Upgrade – Patterson St to Muldoon Rd	6,700,000	39,000
Fish Creek Improvements Phase V – Inlet to Lake Otis Pkwy	250,000	0
Flooding/Glaciation/Drainage Annual Program	2,000,000	30,000
Image Dr/Reflection Dr Area Road Reconstruction	500,000	0
Jamestown Dr Area Drainage Improvements	500,000	0
Local Match for Federally Funded AMATS Projects	200,000	0
Loon Cove Area Drainage	200,000	0
Low Impact Development Annual Program	250,000	0
Pedestrian Safety and Rehab Annual Program	1,000,000	75,000
Pleasant Valley Subd Area Road Reconstruction/Upgrades	500,000	0
Road and Storm Drain Improvements Annual Program	1,000,000	15,000
Storm Drain Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation Program	1,000,000	0
Turnagain Blvd Upgrade – 35th Ave to Spenard Rd	8,000,000	62,000
Anchorage Signal System, Signage and Safety Improvements	250,000	5,000
Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements	500,000	30,000
<b>Total ARDSA Road and Drainage Bond</b>	<b>\$36,940,000</b>	<b>\$562,500</b>



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### Prop. 5: \$2,620,000 Anchorage Fire Service Area Fire Protection Bonds

These bonds would pay for capital improvements related to fire protection within the Anchorage Fire Service Area (AFSA), which **includes** the Anchorage bowl, Eagle River and most of the Hillside, but **does not include** Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek, Girdwood and portions of Glen Alps and Rabbit Creek.

For property in the AFSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.56 to retire the debt. There are no new costs for operations and maintenance (O&M).

**Only property owners in the AFSA would be taxed for these bonds. There would be no cost to property owners in Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek, Girdwood, and portions of Glen Alps and Rabbit Creek.** However, because State law requires the full faith and credit of the whole Municipality to be pledged for the bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as in the AFSA.

To be voted on by qualified voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage. Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O&M
Replace a fire engine	\$1,800,000	0
Fire Stations exterior lighting LED upgrade	470,000	0
Fire Vehicle Maintenance Facility Roof Replacement	350,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,620,000</b>	<b>0</b>

### Prop. 6: \$1,400,000 Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area Facilities Bonds

These bonds would pay for capital improvements within the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area (AMPSA). The AMPSA **includes** all the areas of the Municipality north of McHugh Creek. It **does not include** Girdwood, Bird, Indian, Rainbow, Portage and other areas outside the Service Area.

For property in the AMPSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.28 to retire the debt. There are no new costs for operations and maintenance (O&M).

**Only property owners in the AMPSA would be taxed for these bonds. There would be no cost to property owners in Girdwood, Bird, Indian, Rainbow, Portage and other areas outside the Service Area.** However, because State law requires the full faith and credit of the whole Municipality to be pledged for the bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the AMPSA.

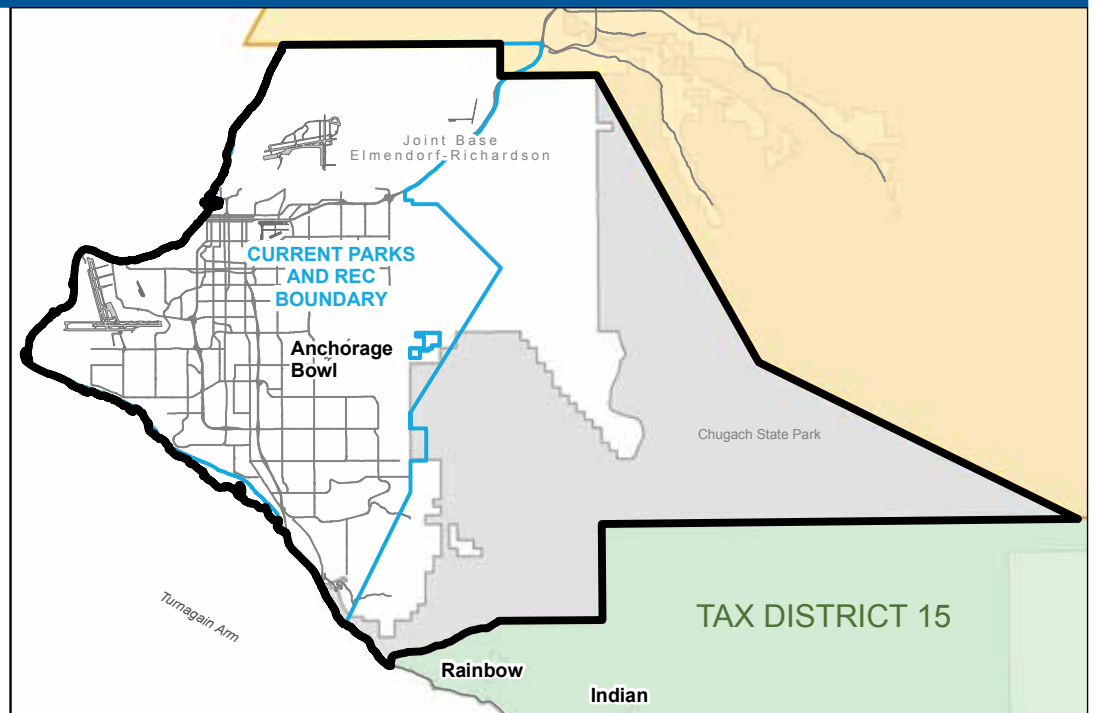
To be voted on by qualified voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage. Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O&M
APD Training Center Facility Functional Remodel Project	\$750,000	0
APD Investigation Interview Room Improvements	150,000	0
APD Headquarters Campus Perimeter Security Project	500,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>	<b>0</b>

### Prop. 7: Expansion of Anchorage Parks & Recreation Service Area (AO 2017-2)

This proposition expands the boundaries of the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area to include all areas of the Municipality north of McHugh Creek. It excludes Fire Island, areas currently contained within the Eagle River-Chugiak Park and Recreational and Girdwood Valley Service Areas and areas of the Municipality within Tax District 15 (including Rainbow, Indian, Bird Creek and Portage). See map to the right. Expanding the service area will enable the Municipality to provide services requested by the small portion of the Municipality not currently within a parks and recreation service area and to levy and collect taxes in the area added.

These changes must be approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question who reside within Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area as well as a majority of voters voting on the question who reside in areas of the Municipality proposed in this proposition to be added to Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area.



## Prop. 8: Repeal of AO 2016-124(S) (as amended), Regarding Taxicab Permits and Services

This proposition is to repeal an ordinance adopted by the Assembly entitled “An Ordinance of the Anchorage Assembly Amending Anchorage Municipal Code Title 11 to Improve Taxicab Services by Fostering More Competition and Related Matters Involving the Supply and Demand Framework for Transportation Services.”

Among other things, the ordinance:

1. changed the current system of issuing new permits based on a “public convenience and necessity” study to an “open entry” system, allowing any qualified applicant to receive a permit after a 5-year phase-in period;
2. requires the Municipality to issue 116 new taxicab permits by competitive sealed bid over the next 5 years;
3. after the 5-year phase-in period, requires an annual hearing to determine if further open entry is harmful to the quality of taxicab services or public safety;
4. removes the requirement that permit applicants must have 500 hours of chauffeuring experience in a year;

5. establishes minimum hours of operation (8a.m.-5p.m., M-F) for wheel-chair-accessible permitted taxicabs;
6. removes the prohibition on medical transport vehicles-for-hire accepting Medicaid vouchers for transporting passengers;
7. allows licensed taxicab dispatch service companies to use a digital dispatch system in place of traditional radio or GPS-based systems;
8. increases fines for operating a taxicab, limousine, or vehicle-for-hire vehicle without a permit; and
9. creates a new “accessible taxicab fleet permit” available to qualified nonprofit organizations that serve persons with disabilities.

Shall AO 2016-124(S) (as amended) be repealed? A yes vote will repeal and invalidate the law; a no vote will allow the law to be effective.

YES NO

### BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

The current General Obligation (G.O.) bonded indebtedness of the Municipality of Anchorage, including authorized but un-issued bonds, based on bonds outstanding as of **December 31, 2016**, is as follows:

General Obligation Bonds	General Purpose	School	Total
Issued and outstanding	\$428,485,000	\$542,480,000	\$970,965,000
Authorized but unissued	\$68,356,000	\$26,152,000	\$94,508,000
Total	\$496,841,000	\$568,632,000	\$1,065,473,000
Bonds paid off in 2016	\$36,300,000	\$56,420,000	\$92,720,000

Debt Service Payments	Principal	Interest	Total
To be made in 2017 on all G. O. bonds	\$92,640,000	\$ 43,678,721	\$136,318,721

### CANDIDATE PROFILES

Candidates for Assembly and School Board were invited to submit a 100-word biographical profile for inclusion in the **Ballot Review**. Each submission was provided by the candidate and is not endorsed by the League of Women Voters or the Municipality of Anchorage. Candidates' names appear in random order on the ballot and are listed here in the order shown on the ballot.

#### CANDIDATES FOR ASSEMBLY

##### ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 1 - SEAT B - DOWNTOWN

**Albert Swank** – Life Anchorage Resident since 1950, family in Alaska since 1898. Engineer P.E.: Civil, Structural, Mechanical. Consultant: Nuclear Physics. Education: University Chicago, Stanford University, Others. Experience: 45 Years – Private Business Owner/Principal. Langdon Engineering & Scientific Services Offices - Alaska, Washington. Clients: States, Counties, Cities, Governments (US & Foreign), Industries, Private Developers, Oil Companies, Contractors, Hospitals, Others. Engineering & Scientific Experience: Private & public development, zoning, land use, planning, codes, economics, regulator (federal, state, local), nuclear research (US federal laboratories, Foreign Governments), nuclear medicine (Johns Hopkins, University Chicago Medical, others). Other experience: Business, management, contracts, legal, accounting, finance, taxation, union contracts, mergers, craft skills, others.

**Contact:** le-m@ak.net, 360-620-7046

**Chris Cox** – Chris Cox moved to Anchorage in 1979 from Texas. He grew up in a blue collar household; son of an Anchorage Policeman and medical billing specialist. Chris graduated East High in '86, and earned his degree in marketing & advertising in Texas. Chris returned to Alaska and immediately went into business for himself. Chris went into real estate where he owned, managed, and maintained over 100 units. Later, Chris bought the Anchor Arms Hotel and he subsequently purchased the Carousel Lounge, Klondike Mike's, and Northern Stage Company as well as several other successful businesses. Chris is a devout Christian at Muldoon Community Assembly.

**Contact:** wchriscox@aol.com, 907-230-3330, P.O. Box 210264, Anchorage 99521  
CoxforAssembly.com

**Christopher Constant** – Christopher Constant has resided in the downtown district since 1998, shortly after arriving in Anchorage. Over the past 8 years Constant has been an active participant at the Fairview Community Council, serving twice as President. During that time he led the effort to improve the public safety of the downtown by successfully protesting a liquor license ultimately closing the operation, resulting in immediate improvement to the neighborhood. He also successfully advocated for \$4,000,000 in capital funds to provide intensive services to homeless people in need. Constant has also been working on improving key infrastructure and supports strong schools.

**Contact:** akconstant@gmail.com, 907-947-9438, www.constantforassembly.com

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## CANDIDATE PROFILES (Cont.)

### ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 1 - SEAT B - DOWNTOWN (Cont.)

**Mark Alan Martinson** – I came to Alaska in 1976 and worked for various government and private employers. Having worked in rural and urban communities on water/sewer, road/airport, and various other development projects; I have seen a great deal of government waste over the years. I am running for office to bring attention to the amount of energy wasteful projects that have been and continue to be constructed here in Anchorage. I would like to see Anchorage lead the way for other Alaskan communities to conserve energy and develop projects that make long-term economic and social sense. I'm married and have 3 children.

**Contact:** martinson@arctic.net, 907-272-1073 or 907 301-8576 (cell).

**David Dunsmore** – 31 year Anchorage resident, David has earned a reputation for always standing up for the people of Alaska. David served on the Anchorage Health and Human Services Commission under three mayors and led the commission in standing up for LGBT rights and opposing anti-immigrant legislation. A chief of staff in the Alaska Legislature for 6 years and caucus director for the Alaska Democratic Party, David worked to improve education and helped lead efforts to repeal the oil wealth giveaway. An avid skier, David used to compete for the Alyeska Ski Club and worked as a ski instructor at Alyeska.

**Contact:** David@DavidDunsmore.com, 907 830-4288, www.DavidDunsmore.org

**Warren West** – I settled here in Fairview after retiring from the Air Force in 1991. I was a member of Air Weather Service, I worked as an electronic Specialist, served as the base safety officer, a security specialist, a budget officer, a military plans specialist, a logistics specialist, an instructor, and I retired as the Chief of Logistics for the C-130 Squadron. I have college degrees in Human Resources Administration, Electronics, Logistics, and Water and Wastewater Management and have many years work experience in each of these fields. I served on the Fairview PTA and I volunteer at my local church.

**Contact:** warren4assembly@yahoo.com, 907-952-7745,  
Facebook: west for assembly, Twitter: westworldw

### ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 2 - SEAT C - EAGLE RIVER/CHUGIAK

**John L. Brassell** – John Brassell is a U.S. Air Force Veteran and local businessman who currently serves as the Alaska Republican Party (SCC) Finance Chair and Eagle River Republican District 13/14 Finance Chair. My top priorities in the Assembly would be to cut unnecessary spending, maintain a balance budget, grow the economy, ensure a safe community for our children and families and protect our homeowners from tax increases. Chugiak/Eagle River is a great place to live, work, and play. I am excited to bring innovative ideas to the Assembly that will continue to make our community prosperous. Education: B.S. in Business Communication. Masters in Business Administration, Masters in Accounting.

**Contact:** brassell4assembly@gmail.com, brassellforassembly.com  
Facebook - john Brassell for assembly

**Patrick Donnelly** – I am a lifelong resident of Alaska and have called Eagle River - Chugiak my home for over a decade. I am happy to say that I know many of my neighbors by name and enjoy the slower pace out here. Born in Anchorage before statehood I have seen many large changes to our community. I have worked in a few industries and experienced the ups and downs our state occasionally takes. Like everyone, I've had to find solutions, be flexible and make choices. Choices rarely affect only oneself and often affect others. It's important to weigh all sides before committing.

**Contact:** patrick@arctician.com, 907-622-9479

**Fred Dyson** – Alaska 1964-Eagle River since mid 1970s. Married to Jane, three children, 7 grandchildren, many foster children. Mechanical Engineer Univ. of Washington 1957-1962 – 100 ton Coast Guard license for 12 years, arctic engineering. 13 years working for the oil industry in the arctic. waste water engineering, commercial fishing, vessel operator for 6 marine science projects. Sports and hobbies: cross country running and skiing, fishing and hunting, boats.

**Contact:** 907-952-8200, 12239 Lugene Lane, Eagle River, Dysonassembly.com

**Gretchen Wehmhoff** – I came to Anchorage as a child in 1965, attending Anchorage schools through graduation. For 22 years I've lived in Chugiak, now retired from teaching high school journalism, English and debate - 21 at Chugiak High. I teach communication classes for UAA in Eagle River, Anchorage and JBER, and I'm active in the community through Girl Scouting, community councils, youth and civic activities. I am community-minded, involved and tenacious. I plan to protect our public transportation and public safety in District 2 as we meet the challenges of declining revenue and growing Chugiak-Eagle River population. I need your vote.

**Contact:** www.teamgretchen.com, gretchenwehmhoff@gmail.com  
www.Facebook.com/GretchenforAssembly

### ASSEMBLY DISTRICT SEAT 3 - E - WEST

**Tim Steele** – Lived in West Anchorage since 1985. Raised two girls, as a single father, served ten years in leadership on the Anchorage School Board and on the State Association of School Boards, Board of Directors. Hold degrees in: Business/Economics, a Masters in Environmental Management. Have worked at all levels of government, and the private sector. Have been a Senior Urban/Regional Planner, Building Contractor, Appraiser and Real-Estate Broker. I served in Viet Nam, Commanded Research Ships, Field Parties and retired from NOAA Corps. In NOAA, I worked on the East, Gulf and West coasts and in Alaska. I was a Ships Captain, Chief of Party, Land and Sea Surveyor, Operational Dive Master, Hazmat Spill Responder, Chief of Payroll and Port Captain.

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**David Nees** – Met his wife in college and moved to Anchorage in 1979. His two children are both ASD graduates. David taught Math in the ASD for 28 years. An active Republican and Trump supporter, David advocates for better schools, and fiscal accountability. David supported last year's tax cap and this year's spending cap initiative. David opposed the sales tax and red light cameras ordinances. David believes West Siders deserve cops and plowed roads. David protested the Assembly's failure to protect the initiative process, the first right guaranteed in the charter. West Siders are fiscally responsible; their Assemblyman should be as well.

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### ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 4 - SEAT G - MIDTOWN

**Ron Alleva** – I've been an Alaskan since 1974. My wife, Annette, and I raised 5 children in Anchorage, founded and continue to operate Grubstake Auction, among other business ventures. I'm an active citizen in local politics and decided to run to address upcoming issues affecting Anchorage. My main concerns are balancing a diminishing budget while promoting our education and health system, police and public safety, Anchorage's parks and recreational facilities; and focusing on diversifying our economic base through other industries, services, and technology in a post-oil economy.

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**Marcus D. Sanders** – Marcus Sanders is a lifelong Alaskan, born in Anchorage. He is an alumni and graduate of East High School, an associate pastor of the Greater Friendship Baptist Church and an employee of the Anchorage School District at Wendler Middle School. Marcus formerly served on the Executive Board of the Fairview Community Council and also served as a first responder for the Anchorage Police and Fire chaplain ministry. Currently, Marcus serves on the Shiloh Community Housing Executive Board and is a member of the Rogers Park Community Council. He was also appointed to the Mayor's Board of Commissions Naming Panel.

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**Don Smith** – I am a life-long Alaskan - born in Anchorage - in the "old" Railroad hospital that was located at 2nd & Barrow. Lived on 6th Avenue (now Anchorage's town square) until 1965. Currently live at 2121 Tudor Hills Court in Mid-Town. I'm have 4 children, 15 Grandchildren and 5 Great Grandchildren. – most living in Alaska. My mother was born in Anchorage June 21, 1916. She was Anchorage's 8th recorded birth. My father came to Anchorage in 1936. I attended the University of Alaska in Fairbanks from 1958 – 1962. I hold the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration from UAF.

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**Felix Rivera** – I'm an advocate, activist and Midtown community member who wants to continue building a stronger Anchorage. I moved here to attend APU, where I was elected student body president. In 2015, I joined the Berkowitz Administration as a community liaison, where I was a bridge between neighborhoods and the Mayor. Our city is at a critical juncture: we need to strengthen the city services we rely on while ensuring we are on a sustainable fiscal path. From bolstering public safety to creating economic opportunity for all, there is much work to be done. I'm committed to working on your behalf.

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## CANDIDATE PROFILES (Cont.)

### ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 5 – SEAT I - EAST

**Don Jones** – After 27 years of service to our great nation, including 14 operational deployments and assignments at the Pentagon, I retired as an officer in the United States Air Force. Virginia born, I came to and fell in love with Alaska in 1998 and in 1999, I fell in love with an Alaskan, my wife of 17 years, Annette. Since returning home, we've seen our friends and neighbors be told that they have to choose between cops or plows. I don't think that should ever be government's position and will offer solutions to the challenges we face in Anchorage.

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**Pete Petersen** – Born and raised on a farm in Iowa. Graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1973. Earned BA degree in Political science, minor in Business Administration. Volunteered for Peace Corps 1973-74 and worked with small farmers in the Dominican Republic. Moved to Alaska in 1981. Owned and operated Dinner Dispatch Inc. 1986-2001. Served in the Alaska House of Representatives from 2009 - 2013. Hobbies: guitar, singing, coaching Little League baseball, golf, fishing. Elected to first term of the Anchorage Assembly in 2014. Rebuilding the police force to improve public safety is a top priority.

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### ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 6 – SEAT K - SOUTH

**Albert Fogle** – Albert Fogle is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. US Army service brought him to Anchorage. After returning from the Iraqi War and completing his duty in the Army Albert attended UAA where he received a degree in Finance and a minor in Criminal Justice. Albert currently is employed at a local financial institution as an Employee Benefits Consultant. He is also the President of Alaska Association of Health Underwriters. Albert is running on a fiscally conservative platform which focuses on defending property owners and promoting public safety.

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**Suzanne LaFrance** – Suzanne LaFrance was raised in Palmer and has lived in South Anchorage for the last twenty years. She and her husband David Hemstreet have three children who attend neighborhood public schools. Suzanne is employed as an Area Manager with AT&T and has over 18 years of experience in managing capital and expense budgets, marketing and management. Suzanne is passionate about providing a better community for her children, which is why she has decided to run for the open South Anchorage Assembly seat. She supports a sustainable budget and a balanced revenue structure that will keep Anchorage a livable city.

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## CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD

### SCHOOL BOARD SEAT C

**James Smallwood** – James' family moved to Anchorage in the early 1980's when his father was stationed at Fort Richardson. He attended local public elementary schools, junior high and graduated from East Anchorage High in 1996. He is also a Portland State Alumni. James is the father of a 3rd grader and a preschooler. In 2013, James started an insurance agency called BENEFIT MI, located in the Northway Mall. In addition to running his business he loves the opportunity to serve our anchorage students by substitute teaching part-time. James believes that every student can succeed if education is a priority.

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**Alisha Hilde** – I am a mom of three, former public school teacher, small business owner, attorney, and hold a Master's of Public Policy in law & economics. Advocating for children has been my lifelong passion. I am committed to maximizing the impact of your tax dollars, reducing teacher turnover, and improving student outcomes in a financially responsible way. My husband and I have been a Big Brother & Big Sister and foster parents (now adoptive parents!). I have learned firsthand the challenges facing ASD students and their families and know that education begins at home. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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### SCHOOL BOARD SEAT C (Cont.)

**Tasha Hotch** – Tasha is a single parent of a 12 year old son that attends Clark Middle School. She works full time as a Program Administrator with ANTHC and attends school at Wayland Baptist University. She has been involved with the school district starting as a volunteer 20 years ago, assisting with field trips. She has since been a PTA President, a MECAC member, JOM Parent Committee Member, Education Chair for the MTVCC, and ATTHIA. Her values that she brings with her are: education, community, and respect. You can see a full list of her community involvement on her website. Gunalch'eesh!

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**Dave Donley** – Dave Donley and his wife have twins in third grade and want Anchorage schools to be the best they can be. Born and raised in Anchorage, a Dimond High graduate, Dave believes resources should go to the classroom first. As a parent, attorney, and State Senator including Co-chairing the Senate Finance Committee, Dave has been a leading advocate for Anchorage schools. Dave volunteers countless hours to our community and schools. He has received numerous community service awards including the Alaska Community Service Medal, NRA Defender of Freedom and awards from MADD and Victims For Justice. Dave Donley believes every child deserves a great public education and he needs your vote.

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**Christopher Jamison** – My name is Chris Jamison, I was born in Howard County, Maryland in 1982 and came to Alaska with my parents in 1987. I have two sisters and one brother. I was raised in Eagle River Alaska and currently reside in Anchorage. I graduated from Whaley school in 2000, and then attended the Alternative Education Program at the King career center until 2002. I am a recent graduate of the feed me hope culinary art school, and pursuing a job in the food and hospitality industry. This is my second time running for public office here in the municipality and am very optimistic on the outcome of the election in April.

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### SCHOOL BOARD SEAT D

**Kay Schuster** – I was born and raised in Alaska, and graduated from the Anchorage School District (ASD) and the University of Alaska. I've worked at the ASD for 18 years. My husband and are raising three children who all attend public school. Like other students, they are Alaska's future. Alaska's achievement gap and our fiscal gap. I have ideas on what to cut and make more efficient, and how to make our kids successful. My lifelong experience makes me uniquely qualified to serve on the Anchorage School Board.

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**Andy Holleman** – I'm an Anchorage resident for over 30 years and a retired ASD educator for 20. I have a background in mechanical work and teaching secondary students in biology, general science, and computers. I've spent a lot of time at Board meetings working with Board members, and think I see how policy has been made and how it actually plays out in the classroom. I'd like to bring that expertise as a board member. Working with AEA I've been at almost all Board meetings over the past four years.

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**Albert Berke** – I was born deaf, had polio at the age of 2, graduated from New York School for the Deaf. Attended Gallaudet University, graduating with a B.S. in Deaf Education. Graduated Loyola University, New Orleans, MA in Human Rights Counseling. MA in Special Education, from University of Cincinnati. Did doctoral studies at Boston University. Have taken courses at UAA. Taught at American School for the Deaf in Connecticut and at Delegato Junior College in New Orleans. Recently, Mayor Berkowitz appointed me to serve on the Equal Rights Commission. I have been an advocate for the deaf, fundamental grass roots civil rights movement. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Election Day** **Tuesday, April 4, 2017**



## Ballot Review: Anchorage Municipal Election

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On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, qualified voters within the Municipality of Anchorage will:

- Elect six Assembly members and two School Board members
- Vote areawide on six bond propositions and on a taxicab permit and services ordinance referendum. Some will vote on a proposed expansion of the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area.

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