Ballot Review

Prepared by the League of Women Voters of Anchorage for the
Anchorage Municipal Election, Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Mayor • School Board • Bond Propositions • Charter and Municipal Code Amendments

This is a VOTE BY MAIL ELECTION supplemented by Secure Ballot Drop Boxes and Accessible Voting Centers.

Traditional polling places will not be available.

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, qualified voters within the Municipality of Anchorage will:
• Elect a Mayor and three School Board members and
• Vote areawide on 7 bond propositions, an initiative, and two Charter and two Municipal Code amendments.

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

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1. Vote your ballot, filling in the ovals completely. Place your voted ballot in the security envelope enclosed in the ballot package and place the security envelope in your ballot return envelope. (One ballot per return envelope only.)
2. Sign the voter declaration on the back of your ballot return envelope.
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All ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, April 3, 2018, or returned to a Secure Drop Box or received at an Accessible Vote Center by 8:00 pm, Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Who may vote?
Anyone registered to vote in Alaska by March 4, 2018, and who has lived within the Municipality of Anchorage for at least 30 days before Election Day may vote in this election.

Voting Options Prior to Election Day
Voting begins when you receive your ballot packet. You may vote at home or take your ballot package with you and vote in-person at an Accessible Vote Center.

Absentee Ballots
Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters at a temporary mailing address beginning on March 13, 2018 for all voters who submit Absentee by mail applications by March 1, 2018. Otherwise, applications for absentee ballots must be submitted to the Municipal Clerk’s Office no later than March 27, 2018. Absentee by Mail applications are available by visiting our website at muni.org/2018application or by contacting MOA Elections at (907) 243-VOTE(8683). Voters may contact (907)243-VOTE(8683) to request an application to vote by fax or email.

Voting for 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 School Board members are elected at large, meaning each member represents all areas of the Municipality but are elected to designated seats. The Mayoral race requires a 45% +1 vote; School Board candidates win with the highest number of votes. Candidates’ names appear in random order on the ballot. There are no Assembly seats on this ballot.

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 (ARDSA – Roads), 4 (APRSA – Parks), 5 (AMPXA - Police) and 6 (AFSA – Fire). Other bond related projects like Propositions 2 (Schools), 7 (Facilities) and 8 (Areawide Safety) are funded areawide and paid for by all Anchorage taxpayers.
Candidates for School Board

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There are no Assembly seats on this Ballot.
This proposition enacts a law that, among other things, would:

1. Require all multiple occupancy changing facilities and restrooms that are owned or operated by the Municipality to be designated for, and used only by, persons of the same “sex,” except: (a) for custodial or maintenance purposes, when the facility is not occupied by a member of the opposite sex; (b) to render medical assistance; (c) in the circumstance of a caretaker accompanying a disabled person for the purpose of allowing the disabled person to use the facility; (d) for minors under the age of 8, when the minor is with a person caring for the minor, and (e) for certain emergency and other situations;

2. Provide that employers, public accommodations and other persons may establish and enforce sex-specific standards or polices concerning access to “intimate facilities,” such as locker rooms, showers, changing rooms, and restrooms;

3. Define “sex” as an individual’s “immutable biological condition of being male or female,” as determined by “anatomy and genetics at the time of birth”; an individual’s “original birth certificate” could be relied upon as “definite evidence” of the individual’s sex;

4. Define “multiple occupancy changing rooms and bathrooms” as facilities designed or designated to be used by more than one person at a time where persons may be “in various states of undress in the presence of other persons”; such facilities would include, but not be limited to, locker rooms, shower rooms, changing rooms and bathrooms;

5. Declare a policy that persons using such facilities owned or operated by the Municipality have a right to “physical privacy” that includes the right “not to be seen in various states of undress by members of the opposite sex”; and

6. Delete the requirement in current Municipal Code that entitles persons to use restrooms, locker rooms and dressing rooms that are “consistent with their gender identity”; Municipal Code provides that a person’s “gender identity” means his or her “gender-related self-identity, as expressed in appearance or behavior, regardless of the person’s assigned sex at birth,” which may be established by medical history or, among other things, evidence that the gender identity is “sincerely held, core to a person’s gender-related self-identity, and not being asserted for an improper purpose.”

Shall this proposition become law?

(Initiative Petition 2017-2)

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 and12.org/Page/7815 or 907-742-4153.

For property assessed at $100,000, estimate costs are $10.20 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.

(AO 2017-164(S))

These bonds would pay for roads and storm drainage capital acquisition, construction, renovation, upgrades and related capital improvements in the Anchorage Road and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA).

The ARDSA includes much of the Anchorage Bowl. It does not include Girdwood, Eagle River/Chugiak and some of the Hillside.

For property in the ARDSA assessed at $100,000, estimated annual costs are $8.66 to retire the debt and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of $3.08 to pay for annual operation and maintenance costs of $866,000 (O&M). However, because State law requires the full faith and credit of the whole Municipality to be pledged for these bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the ARDSA.

Only property owners in ARDSA would be taxed for these bonds.

(AO 2017-172)

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

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Only property owners in the APRSA would be taxed for these bonds. For property in the APRSA assessed at $100,000, estimated annual costs are $0.85 and related capital improvements in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area (APRSA) including Campbell Creek Trail, construct a bike park at South Anchorage Sports Park, and related improvements in the Anchorage Bowl, Eagle River and most of the Hillside. There would be no cost to property owners throughout the Municipality as well as by voters in the APRSA.

Prop. 4 - $3,650,000 Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay to repair and replace aging pedestrian bridges along trails, make playground, parking, safety and park improvement at various parks, rehabilitate trails including Campbell Creek Trail, construct a bike park at South Anchorage Sports Park and related capital improvements in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area (APRSA).

For property in the APRSA assessed at $100,000, estimated annual costs are $0.85 to retire the debt and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of $0.56 to pay for additional operation and maintenance costs of $174,000.

Only property owners in the APRSA would be taxed for these bonds. The APRSA includes most of the Anchorage Bowl and most of the Hillside. 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 these bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the APRSA.

(Prop 4 Ballot Language 2017-177)
Prop. 5 - $1,050,000 Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area Facilities Bonds

These bonds would pay for capital improvements within the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area (AMPSA).

For property in the AMPSA assessed at $100,000, estimated annual costs are $0.22 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. The AMPSA includes all the areas of the Municipality north of McHugh Creek (other than Fire Island). 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 these bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the AMPSA.

(AO 2017-173)

Prop. 6 - $2,588,000 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).

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. The AFSA includes the Anchorage Bowl, Eagle River and most of the Hillside. 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 these bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the AFSA.

(AO 2017-169)

Prop. 7 - $1,407,000 Areawide Facilities Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay for areawide facilities capital improvements, including roof replacements and senior citizen facilities improvements.

For property 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).

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

(AO 2017-171)

Prop. 8 - $4,908,000 Areawide Public Safety and Transit Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay for acquiring two new ambulances, upgrading transit facilities, upgrading infrastructure, and undertaking bus stop and school safety zone improvements and related capital improvements areawide.

For property assessed at $100,000, estimated costs are $0.99 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.

(AO 2017-170)
Prop. 9 - Charter Amendment Regarding Parking Enforcement in Girdwood, Allowing Possible Delegation of Responsibilities in The Girdwood Valley Service Area to The Whittier Police Department

The Anchorage Municipal Charter currently provides that, except for violations that occur within a specified area in downtown, parking violations may only be enforced by employees of the Anchorage Police Department. This proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter to allow the Assembly to delegate the enforcement of parking violations in the Girdwood Valley community to the employees of any police department where police protection services are authorized to be provided in a service area.

If approved, the proposition would allow, but not require, the Assembly to delegate the enforcement of parking violations that occur within the Girdwood Valley Service Area to the Whittier Police Department, which is currently providing police protection services to the GVS on a contractual basis.

Specifically, this proposition would amend sections 21.01 and 21.02 of the Charter to read as follows: (Underlined and bolded words are proposed new words; strikeouts are proposed deletions.)

Section 21.01. Vehicle violation enforcement.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in the Charter, no enforcement of any vehicle violation, whether the vehicle is parked or in motion may be performed in, by the Municipality or the Municipality's employees of any police department when a service area in the municipality is authorized to provide police protection services, to the employees of any police department.

Section 21.02. Prohibited vehicle impound, towing and transportation from public streets and emergency exception.

No vehicle may be impounded, towed, or transported from upon the public streets in the Municipality of Anchorage without the written permission of either the owner or the operator of the vehicle, a valid court order, or unless an impound notice is placed on the vehicle by a police officer qualified as set forth in Section 21.01 above, or by other employees of the Anchorage Police Department as may be delegated by ordinance. This shall not prohibit necessary emergency action in the event that a vehicle presents an immediate threat to life or public safety.

Shall the Charter be amended as set forth above? (AO 2017-165(S))

Prop. 10 - Charter Amendment and Sale of ML&P to Chugach Electric

If approved by a majority of qualified voters voting on the question, this proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter and authorize (but not require) the Municipality to sell by Assembly Ordinance approved no later than December 31, 2018, all or part of the assets and business of Municipal Light & Power (ML&P) to Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach Electric).

Chugach Electric proposes to acquire ML&P assets in a transaction that, among other terms, would include:

- Payment of Competitive Value. Chugach Electric would pay a competitive value of approximately $1 billion for the acquisition of ML&P, subject to adjustment during the due diligence process.

Proceeds will be used to:

1. Retire ML&P and Municipality of Anchorage debt;
2. Replace ML&P’s current payments in-lieu-of-tax to ensure that property and other taxes subject to the tax cap cannot rise as the result of the sale; and
3. Fund the MOA Trust Fund. The MOA Trust Fund is a permanent, protected fund with dividends payable only in accordance with a controlled spending policy adopted by law.

Any change in the use of the proceeds may be made only with approval of the majority of qualified voters voting on the question.

- Retention of Employees. Chugach Electric would commit to not lay off any ML&P or Chugach Electric employees as a result of the transaction, and would succeed to all rights and obligations of the collective bargaining agreement covering ML&P employees.

- No Increase in Base Rates. Base rates for existing ML&P and Chugach Electric ratepayer would not increase as a result of the transaction.

This proposition would specifically amend Article XVI Municipal Utilities of the Anchorage Municipal Charter to add a new section as follows:

Section 16.04 Disposal of Municipal Light & Power to Chugach Electric Association, Inc.: Disposition of Proceeds.

(a) ML&P to Chugach Electric. In addition to the disposal options provided under section 16.02, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter to the contrary, the Municipality may by ordinance approved no later than December 31, 2018 sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of all or part of the assets and business of Municipal Light & Power to Chugach Electric Association, Inc.

(b) Disposition of Proceeds. Notwithstanding any provision of this Charter to the contrary, a portion of any annual payment received by the Municipality in a transaction described in section 16.04(a), equivalent to the Municipal Utility Service Assessment that the Municipality would have received from ML&P had the transaction not occurred, shall be deemed and treated as a “payment in-lieu of taxes” for the purposes of section 14.03(a)(1), and shall be available to the Municipality for appropriation. All other proceeds of the sale of ML&P received by the Municipality shall be disposed of in accordance with section 13.11.

Shall the Charter be amended, and the Municipality be authorized (but not required) to sell all or part of ML&P to Chugach Electric and dispose of the proceeds of sale, as described above? (AO 2018-1(S))

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Prop. 11 - Larger Residential Real-Property Tax Exemption

This proposition would increase the residential real-property tax exemption to provide that 20% of a residential real property's value may be exempt from taxation, up to a maximum of $50,000. Currently, 10% of a residential real property's value may be exempt from taxation, up to a maximum of $20,000.

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

(AO 2017-154)

Prop. 12 - Annexation of the Eagle River Valley Area to the Anchorage Fire Service Area

This proposition expands the boundaries of the Anchorage Fire Service Area (AFSA) to include the parcels and areas in the northeast area Eagle River Valley that are currently not in a fire service area. The Eagle River Valley northeast area to be annexed is substantially as depicted in Exhibit A attached to AO 2018-3(S). As Amended, and described in Section 3 of that ordinance. The proposed boundaries of the area to be annexed will include all privately owned parcels of land in the Eagle River Valley from the eastern boundary of the current AFSA, which intersects Eagle River Road at mile 5.84, to the John Barclay Homestead parcels to the southeast past the end of Eagle River Road and Cumulus Road and between, on the southwest side, the southwestern banks of the channels of Eagle River from a point of even latitude with the parcels at the end of Cumulus Road downstream to the point Eagle River crosses the eastern boundary of the current AFSA, and on the northeast side of the valley, the ridges of Mount Magnificent and Pecking Mountain. If this proposition is approved by the voters, beginning with the 2019 tax year the taxable property in the annexed Eagle River Valley northeast area would be levied and tax with the AFSA mill rate annually, and no increase in taxes is expected for properties within the current AFSA as a result of this expansion. The annexation of the Eagle River Valley northeast area to the AFSA will become effective only if both the voters in the area to be annexed, and the voters in the existing AFSA, separately approve this proposition by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question in this election.

Shall the Eagle River Valley northeast area be annexed to the Anchorage Fire Service Area effective January 1, 2019?

To be voted on by qualified voters in the Anchorage Fire Service Area (AFSA) and the northeast area of the Eagle River Valley.

(AO 2018-3(S))

Exhibit A, as amended
Proposed Anchorage Fire Service Area Expansion

Notice of 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, 2017, is as follows:

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To be made in 2018 on all G.O. bonds

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The full texts of ordinances and proposed law are available at muni.org/elections.

On the Web:

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