



BALLOT REVIEW

Prepared by the **League of Women Voters of Anchorage** for the Anchorage Municipal Election, Tuesday, April 3, 2007
Assembly • School Board • Bond Propositions & Other Measures • Special Areas

**Election:
Tuesday,
April 3, 2007**

On Tuesday, April 3, 2007, qualified voters within the Municipality of Anchorage will:

- Elect six Assembly Members and two School Board members, and
- Vote areawide on six bond propositions, two lease or land exchange propositions, one Charter amendment and one referendum.

This Ballot Review lists the names of Assembly and School Board candidates and offices sought, as well as information about the ballot propositions. Voters residing in various service areas will vote on issues that apply only to their service area and will elect members to their various service area boards.

State Advisory Vote

On April 3rd, the State of Alaska is conducting an advisory vote. In Anchorage, polling and in-person absentee voting locations are the same for both the State and Municipal elections. Voters will sign in for each election separately and cast two separate ballots. For more information about the advisory vote, go to <http://ltgov.state.ak.us/elections/>.

More information?

The Municipality will publish the list of polling places, the list of service area candidates, the ballot propositions and current bonded indebtedness in the *Anchorage Daily News* on Monday, April 2, 2007. This information is also available on the web at muni.org/elections.

When and where do I vote?

Vote in the precinct where you live. Vote on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. You will need identification with your signature. Check your voter registration card to find your precinct number, then check the list of polling places in the *Anchorage Daily News* on Monday, April 2, 2007, or on the Municipality's web site (www.muni.org/elections). Need help finding out where to vote? 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 269-8683. You may also type your street address at MyNeighborhood (neighborhood.muni.org) and select Political from the pull down menu. Or you may call the Clerk's Office at 343-4311, State Elections Office at 522-8683, or the League of Women Voters at 274-8477.

Who may vote?

Anyone who was registered to vote in Alaska by March 4, 2007, and who has lived within the Municipality of Anchorage for at least 30 days.

Absentee voting in person or by mail or fax

If you're unable to vote at your polling place on election day, you may cast an absentee ballot in person, through the mail, or by fax. Applications for absentee by mail ballots or absentee by fax ballots

must be received by the Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. March 27, 2007.
Applications are available online at www.muni.org/elections.

In person absentee voting begins March 19, 2007. Hours and days are listed below.

In-Person Absentee Voting Locations	Dates	Hours
Municipal Clerk's Office, City Hall 632 W 6th Avenue, 2nd floor, Suite 250 (all ballots)	March 19 - April 2, 2007 Monday through Friday (ends before Election Day)	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Z.J. Loussac Library 3600 Denali St (all ballots)	March 19 - March 31, 2007 Monday through Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday, April 1, 2007	noon to 5:00 p.m.
	Monday, April 2, 2007 (ends before Election Day)	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
State of Alaska Region II Elections Office RAM Building, 2525 Gambell St, Suite 100 (all ballots)	March 19 - April 2, 2007 Monday through Friday	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday, March 31, 2007	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
	Sunday, April 1, 2007	noon to 4:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, April 3, 2007	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Chugiak Senior Center 22424 N Birchwood Loop, Chugiak (ballots for Eagle River/Chugiak/Eklutna only)	March 26 - April 2, 2007 Monday through Friday (ends before Election Day)	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Ted Stevens International Airport Domestic (South) Terminal, in the car rental area (all ballots)	Election Day only Tuesday, April 3, 2007	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
UAA Campus Center 3211 Providence Drive (all ballots)	Election Day only Tuesday, April 3, 2007	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voting by personal representative

Anchorage voters hospitalized on Election day may request, by 11 a.m., delivery of a ballot by an elections official. Voters with a disability may request pickup and delivery of a ballot through the voter's representative. Call the Clerk's Office at 343-4311 for more information.

Voting on service area bonds

Bond-related projects like roads and parks are organized into service areas with various geographic boundaries; only taxpayers in those service areas are taxed to pay for the bonded projects. However, the law requires what is called the "full faith and credit" of the 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 roads (ARDSA) bonds but only taxpayers in the ARDSA pay for them. In this election, this applies to Propositions 2, 6 and 7. Other bond-related projects, like public safety and schools (Propositions 3, 4 and 5) are funded areawide and paid for by all Anchorage taxpayers.

On the Web

The **Ballot Review** is available on the League of Women Voter's web page at www.lwvanorage.org or on the Municipality's site at www.muni.org/elections (Ballot Propositions/Review).



Candidates Qualified voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage may vote for a candidate listed or write in the name of a person qualified to hold that office. All are three-year terms ending in 2010, except for Seat B, where the electee will finish the remaining one year of a three-year term. Assembly members are elected to specific area seats; School Board members are elected at large, meaning each represents all areas of the Municipality. Candidates win with a simple majority.

Assembly Section 2 – Seat A (ER/Chugiak): Debbie Ossiander, Jim Byrnes
Section 2 – Seat C (ER/Chugiak): Bill Starr, Janet E. Brand, Bob Lupo (for the one year remaining in the term)
Section 3 – Seat D (West): Sherri R. Jackson, Matt Claman, Zareena Tran Clendaniel, Jim Bailey
Section 4 – Seat F (Midtown): Jason Dowell, Dan Coffey, Elvi Gray-Jackson
Section 5 – Seat H (East): Alex Crawford, Sheila Selkregg, Ken Stout
Section 6 – Seat J (South): Jennifer Johnston, Gary Hovanec, Ryan Stencel, Val Baffone

School Board Seat A: Tim Steele
Seat B: Chris Tuck, Ryan B. Sharratt

Prop. 1: Referendum to Repeal Secondhand Smoke Control Ordinance

This is a referendum asking voters to repeal the Secondhand Smoke Control Ordinance, AO 2006-86(S), which prohibits smoking in most public places. In 2000, the Assembly passed an ordinance which banned smoking in most employment and public places in Anchorage. In 2006, the Assembly passed an ordinance which expanded the existing ban. The 2006 ordinance prohibits smoking in any place of employment with one or more employees; restaurants and bars; retail tobacco shops; private clubs that are open to the public; enclosed areas in private residences when and where child care is provided on a fee basis; within 50 feet of the entrance to any hospital or clinic; and within 20 feet of Municipal and School District office buildings. Unless repealed by this referendum, the 2006 ordinance will become effective July 1, 2007. The 2000 ordinance remains in effect.

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

Prop. 2: \$4,995,000 Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Bonds

These bonds would be used to improve, construct or maintain parks, trails and recreational facilities in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area (APRSA). The APRSA **includes** the Anchorage bowl and most of the Hillside. The APRSA **does not include** Eagle River/Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek, Girdwood, Indian, Bird Creek and portions of Glen Alps, Rabbit Creek and Bear Valley. In addition to the bond revenues, the Municipality would apply for \$12,550,000 in State funds, \$2,500,000 in Federal funds and \$10,600,000 from other sources.

For property in the APRSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$1.62 to retire the debt and \$1.78 to pay for new annual operations and maintenance (O&M) costs. The new O&M costs would increase the Municipal tax cap up to \$450,000 annually.

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Prop. 2, Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Bonds, continued

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, Girdwood, Indian, Bird Creek and portions of Glen Alps, Rabbit Creek and Bear Valley. However, the full faith and credit of the Municipality must guarantee the bonds. Consequently, passage requires approval by voters residing in the APRSA as well as by voters in the entire Municipality.

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

Projects expected to be funded by these bonds may include, but are not limited to:

Anchorage multi-use athletic fields	Jewel Lake Park
Anchorage neighborhood playground safety upgrades	Russian Jack Springs Park greenhouse and chalet
Anchorage Veteran's Memorial improvements	Russian Jack Springs Park
Cuddy Family Mid-Town Park	Skate parks repairs and upgrades
Delaney Park Strip repair	South Anchorage Sports Park
Far North Bicentennial Park	Town Square Park
Goose Lake Park	Valley of the Moon Park

Prop. 3: \$5,700,000 Areawide Public Safety and Transportation Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay to replace four ambulances, upgrade areawide communications, expand Opticom (allows responders to change traffic lights so emergency vehicles can move through intersections quickly and safely) and replace PeopleMover buses and AnchorRIDES vehicles, as well as other transit fleet and facility improvements. In addition to the bond revenues, the Municipality would apply for \$3,519,000 in State funds and \$4,810,000 in Federal funds.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$1.60 to retire the debt and \$0.68 to pay for new annual operations and maintenance (O&M) costs. The new O&M costs would increase the Municipal tax cap up to \$200,000 annually.

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

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

Prop. 4: \$65,000,000 Clark Middle School Bonds

These bonds would pay to demolish, reconstruct and equip Clark Middle School. The project qualifies for 60% State debt reimbursement. State reimbursement is subject to annual legislative appropriation. More information about these bonds is available at asdk12.org/bonds or 742-4153.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$18.93 to retire the debt and \$1.51 to pay for new annual operations and maintenance (O&M) costs. If the State chooses to make the full 60% reimbursement, the estimated annual cost to retire the debt would be \$7.57 per \$100,000 assessed value. The new O&M costs would increase the Municipal tax cap up to \$425,000 annually.

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

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



Prop. 5: \$20,000,000 Educational Capital Improvements Bonds

These bonds would pay for capital improvements to school buildings districtwide. These projects qualify for 70% State debt reimbursement. State reimbursement is subject to annual legislative appropriation. More information about these bonds is available at asdk12.org/bonds or 742-4153.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$5.83 to retire the debt. If the State chooses to make the full 70% reimbursement, the estimated annual cost to retire the debt would be \$1.75 per \$100,000 assessed value.

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

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

	Estimated Costs
Code/hazmat/ADA/sprinkler projects – multiple sites	\$1,265,000
Roof replacement and repairs – multiple sites, including Campbell and Chugiak Elementary Schools and the Student Transportation building	1,950,000
Security system upgrades – including Eagle River, North Star, Ocean View, Susitna and Turnagain Elementary Schools; and Hanshew and Romig Middle Schools	890,000
Emergency communications systems – Dimond and East High Schools	650,000
Building renewal projects – Bayshore, Bear Valley, O'Malley, Lake Otis, Russian Jack, Scenic Park, Trailside, William Tyson and Willow Crest Elementary Schools; Hanshew Middle School and King Career Center	4,110,000
Electrical projects – Klatt, Lake Otis, Mountain View and Northwood Elementary Schools; Goldenview and Romig Middle Schools; and Benny Benson Alternative School	2,190,000
Mechanical upgrades – Abbott Loop, Aurora, Birchwood, Huffman, Inlet View, Mt. Iliamna, North Star, O'Malley, Orion, Tudor, Turnagain and Willowcrest Elementary Schools; Gruening and Romig Middle Schools; Bartlett, Chugiak and West High Schools; and the Warehouse	5,845,000
Traffic safety – Abbott Loop, Chugiak and Rogers Park Elementary Schools	3,100,000

Prop. 6: \$35,550,000 Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area Road and Storm Drainage Bonds

These bonds would be used to pay for road construction, roadway safety improvements, drainage collection and treatment and related capital improvements in the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA). The ARDSA **includes** much of the Anchorage Bowl. The ARDSA **does not include** Girdwood, Indian, Bird Creek, Eagle River/Chugiak and most of the Hillside. In addition to the bond revenues, the Municipality would request \$18,050,000 in State funds.

For property in the APRSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$12.74 to retire the debt and \$2.99 to pay for new annual operations and maintenance (O&M) costs. The new O&M costs would increase the Municipal tax cap up to \$685,000.

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, the full faith and credit of the

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Prop. 6, Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area Road and Storm Drainage Bonds, continued

Municipality must guarantee the bonds. Consequently, passage requires approval by voters residing in the ARDSA as well as by voters in the entire Municipality.

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

Projects expected to be funded by these bonds may include, but are not limited to:

Roadway Projects

16th Ave/Terrace area circulation improvements
– Medfra St to Orca St*
40th Ave extension – Arctic Blvd to Centerpoint Dr*
40th Ave extension – Lake Otis Pkwy to Dale St*
9th Ave reconstruction – L St to LaTouche St
Alaska Railroad crossing rehabs
ARDSA road and drainage system rehabilitation
E St corridor/downtown improvement upgrades
– Ship Creek to Delaney Park Strip*
Fireweed Ln/LaTouche St upgrade – Seward Highway to Northern Lights Blvd*
Marathon Cir road improvement district
Northern access to U-Med district (Bragaw St extension – Northern Lights Blvd to Providence Dr)*
Pavement rehab matching program*
Peninsula Dr extension – C St to Lang St
Recycled asphalt payment (RAP) and chip seal upgrades
Strawberry Rd upgrade – Jewel Lake Rd to Northwood

Safety Projects

Anchorage signal system, signage and safety improvements
Intersection safety improvements*
Pedestrian safety and rehab improvements*
Snow removal equipment for roadside pedestrian facilities
Traffic calming and safety improvements*
Van Buren St/48th Ave circulation and access improvements*

Drainage Projects

Fish Creek improvements Phase IVC – Midtown Park water quality enhancements*
Flooding, glaciation and drainage projects*
Muirwood Park Subdivision area storm drains
Petersburg St storm – 73rd Ave to Lore Rd
Pine St/4th Ave area storm drains – DeBarr Rd to Boniface Pkwy

Miscellaneous

Traffic signal maintenance, paint and sign shop

*State grants requested.

Prop. 7: \$3,075,000 Anchorage Fire Service Area Fire Protection Bonds

These bonds would provide funds to expand the fire station near 80th and New Seward and to purchase two fire engines, one for the expanded fire station and one to replace an engine at another fire station. All projects would be within the Anchorage Fire Service Area (AFSA).

The Anchorage Fire Service Area (AFSA) **includes** the Anchorage bowl, Eagle River and most of the Hillside, but it **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 \$0.92 to retire the debt and \$8.19 to pay for additional annual operations and maintenance (O&M) costs. The new O&M costs would increase the Municipal tax cap up to \$2,249,100 annually, including funding for 14 new firefighters for the expanded fire station.

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, the full faith and credit of the Municipality must guarantee the bonds. Consequently, passage requires approval by voters residing in the

APRSA as well as by voters in the entire Municipality.

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



Prop. 8: Lease of William C. Chamberlin Equestrian Center

The full title of this proposition is: *Approving a long-term, non-exclusive lease of the William C. Chamberlin Equestrian Center in Ruth Arcand Park, Tract D, with the Rainbow Connection Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program and Anchorage Horse Council, two non-profit corporations, for the purpose of operating, upgrading and maintaining public equestrian facilities and providing therapeutic horseback riding facilities and programs for people with disabilities.*

Voters are asked to approve a long-term, non-exclusive lease of the William C. Chamberlin Equestrian Center in Ruth Arcand Park to two non-profit corporations, Rainbow Connection Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program and Anchorage Horse Council. The lease would allow these groups to provide a therapeutic horseback riding program for Alaskans with physical disabilities. Any operations, upgrades and improvements constructed by the groups during the lease would belong to the Municipality of Anchorage at the end of the lease. The lease is for a term not to exceed 20 years, with two ten-year renewal options.

There would be no cost to taxpayers and no increase in property taxes as a result of the lease. To be voted on by qualified voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage.

Prop. 9: Approval of land exchange (Jacobson Park)

The full title of this proposition is: *A disposal by exchange for fair market value of one acre more or less of dedicated Municipal park land in Jacobson Park, located in the southwest corner of tract A-1, College Village #9 Subdivision, for lot 14, block 14, College Village #9 Subdivision.*

Update: Proposition 9 asks voters to approve a land exchange involving Municipal park land at Jacobson Park. After the ballots went to press, the applicant announced it would not pursue the proposed land exchange. The issue still appears on the ballot, but the land exchange will not occur regardless of passage of this proposition.

Prop. 10: Charter Amendment – Apportionment

The full title of this proposition is: *Charter amendment to synchronize apportionment under the Charter with current State law and adoption of final State redistricting plan.*

It would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter, Section 4.01 to conform with State law on Assembly apportionment (to determine the boundaries of election districts that Assembly members represent). The amendment would specify that apportionment follow the adoption of the final State redistricting plan, after the decennial census. Currently the Assembly may be required to reapportion Assembly districts before the State concludes its redistricting and assigns precinct boundaries.

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



Service Area Propositions

Propositions 11 – 25 apply only to specific limited road service areas (LRSAs) within the Municipality. In the past, LRSA residents have been asked every three years whether they wish to continue the service area; to reduce costs, residents of LRSAs are now asked to approve their LRSA until altered or abolished. **Only voters residing in their service area vote on these propositions.**

Residents in some service areas will elect representatives to their service area boards.

Prop. 11: Annexes Shangri-La East Subdivision–Phase II and Horace Subdivision-Tract 1 to the *South Goldenview LRSA*, subject to the existing levy of 1.8 mills.* Retroactive to 1/1/07.

Prop. 12: Converts the *South Goldenview LRSA* to South Goldenview Rural Road Service Area (RRSA). The existing levy is 1.80 mills. There will be no increase in property taxes due to the conversion. Retroactive to 1/1/07.

Prop. 13: Annexes the Cross Estates Subdivision to the *Talus West LRSA*, subject to the existing levy of 1.30 mills.* Retroactive to 1/1/07.

Prop. 14: Continues the *Lakehill LRSA* indefinitely, subject to a levy not to exceed 1.5 mills.

Prop. 15: Continues the *Mountain Park Estates LRSA* indefinitely, subject to a levy not to exceed 1.0 mills.

Prop. 16: Continues the *Mountain Park/Robin Hill LRSA* indefinitely, subject to a levy not to exceed 1.3 mills.

Prop. 17: Continues the *Paradise Valley South LRSA* indefinitely, subject to a levy not to exceed 1.0 mills.

Prop. 18: Continues the *Rabbit Creek View and Rabbit Creek Heights LRSA* indefinitely, subject to a levy not to exceed 2.5 mills.

Prop. 19: Continues the *Raven Woods/Bubbling Brook LRSA* indefinitely, subject to a levy not to exceed 1.5 mills.

Prop. 20: Continues the *Rockhill LRSA* indefinitely, subject to a levy not to exceed 1.5 mills.

Prop. 21: Continues the *Skyranch Estates LRSA* indefinitely, subject to a levy not to exceed 1.3 mills.

Prop. 22: Continues the *Totem LRSA* indefinitely, subject to a levy not to exceed 1.5 mills.

Prop. 23: Continues *Upper Grover LRSA* indefinitely, subject to a levy not to exceed 1.0 mills.

Prop. 24: Continues *Valli Vue LRSA* indefinitely, subject to a levy not to exceed 1.4 mills.

Prop. 25: Continues *Talus West LRSA* indefinitely, subject to a levy not to exceed 1.3 mills.

* Voters in the existing LRSA must approve the proposition; the property owner/developer has already consented to annexation (there are no residents in the area to be annexed).

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, 2006, is as follows:

General Obligation Bonds	General Purpose	School	Total
Issued and outstanding	\$407,330,000	\$773,280,000	\$1,180,610,000
Authorized but un-issued	46,110,000	0	46,110,000
Total	\$453,440,000	\$773,280,000	\$1,226,720,000
Bonds paid off in 2006	\$40,035,000	\$34,840,000	\$74,875,000

Debt Service Payments	Principal	Interest	Total
To be made in 2007 on all G.O. bonds	\$68,980,000	\$55,988,399	\$124,968,399

League of Women Voters of Anchorage

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