MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION April 2, 2019

A regular election of the Municipality of Anchorage will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. The election is a by-mail election. Traditional polling places will not be open and are not an option for voting on Election Day.

Ballot packages will be mailed to qualified, registered voters twenty-one (21) days before Election Day. Voters should follow the instructions included in the ballot package. After filling out the ballot, voters may (1) place the ballot return envelope in a Secure Ballot Drop Box located within the Municipality; (2) mail the ballot return envelope by using first class postage through the United States Postal Service; or (3) bring the ballot return envelope to one of six Accessible Vote Centers.

Secure Drop Boxes will be in place on March 12 for voters to return their ballot at any time before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Accessible Vote Center Hours and Locations:

ZJ Loussac Library 3600 Denali Street, First Floor, Assembly Chambers

All Municipal ballots will be available at this location. Weekdays, March 25 – April 1, 10am – 6pm Saturday, March 30, 10am – 6pm Sunday, March 31, Noon – 5pm Election Day, April 2, 7am – 8pm

City Hall 632 West 6th Avenue, Room #155

All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.

Weekdays, March 25 – April 1, 8am – 5pm Election Day, April 2, 7am – 8pm

Eagle River Town Center Same building as the Library 12001 Business Boulevard, Community Room #170

Only Chugiak-Eagle River ballots will be available at this location.

Weekdays, March 25 – April 1, 8am – 5pm Election Day, April 2, 7am – 8pm

MOA Election Center 619 East Ship Creek Avenue, Suite 100 at Door D - (on the east side of the building)

All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.

Weekdays, March 25 – April 1, 9am – 4pm Election Day, April 2, 7am - 8pm

O'Malley's on the Green 3651 O'Malley Road

All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.

Weekdays, March 25 – April 1, 10am – 6pm Election Day, Tuesday, April 2, 7am – 8pm

Muldoon Mall NEW! Pilot location 1251 Muldoon Road

All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.

Weekdays, March 25 – April 1, 10am – 6pm Election Day, Tuesday, April 2, 8am – 6pm

Voters may obtain the following services at an Accessible Vote Center: turn in a mailed ballot return envelope and voted ballot, replace a lost or damaged ballot, receive a ballot package if you did not receive one in the mail, vote a questioned ballot, receive voting assistance, and get help with other voter questions.

For information and the location of the Secure Drop Boxes within the Municipality and the six Accessible Vote Centers, visit muni.org/elections. Additional information on the Secure Drop Boxes and six Accessible Vote Centers will be published in the newspaper and on the Municipal Clerk's webpage, at least twenty (20) days prior to Election Day and again the day before Election Day.

Registered voters of the State of Alaska who reside within the Municipality of Anchorage are eligible to vote in this election. The last day to register to vote or update your voter registration record is Sunday, March 3, 2019.

Candidates' names will appear in a random, non-sequential alphabetical order on the ballot. Voters may vote for candidates listed by marking the ballot within the oval opposite the written name, or by writing in the name of a person qualified to hold the office and by marking the oval opposite the write-in candidate's name.

OFFICES TO BE FILLED AT THE REGULAR ELECTION ON APRIL 2, 2019 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ASSEMBLY – to be voted upon by all registered voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage, in the respective Assembly district.

District 2 Seat A - Eagle River/Chugiak

KENNEDY, Crystal SCHIESS, Oliver

District 3 Seat D - West Anchorage

VAZQUEZ, Liz DARDEN, Dustin PEREZ-VERDIA, Kameron

District 4 Seat F - Midtown Anchorage

ZALETEL, Meg HILL, Christine ALLEVA, Ron

District 5 Seat H - East Anchorage

DUNBAR, Forrest

District 6 Seat J - South Anchorage

WEDDLETON, John

SCHOOL BOARD - to be voted upon by all registered voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage.

School Board Seat A

BINKLEY SIMS, Kai BELLAMY, Margo

School Board Seat B

MARSETT, Starr STAFFORD, Ronald NEES, David

SERVICE AREAS - to be voted upon by all registered Municipal voters residing in the respective service area

BEAR VALLEY LRSA - SEAT B

FULLER, Deanne

BIRCH TREE/ELMORE LRSA - SEAT C

CHUGIAK FIRE SERVICE AREA – SEAT C STOLTZE, Bill

GIRDWOOD VALLEY SA - SEAT C

GLOVER JR., James

GLEN ALPS SA - SEAT C

MARTIN, Michele "Shelly"

GLEN ALPS SA - SEAT D

MARKS, Roger

LAKEHILL LRSA - SEAT A

PRICE, Allen

MT. PARK ESTATES LRSA - SEAT C

MT. PARK/ROBIN HILL RRSA - SEAT E

LEARY, Collin

PARADISE VALLEY SOUTH LRSA - SEAT A

RABBIT CREEK VIEW/HEIGHTS LRSA - SEAT C

RAVEN WOODS/BUBBLING BROOK LRSA - SEAT C

ROCKHILL LRSA - SEAT C

SECTION 6/CAMPBELL AIRSTRIP RD LRSA - SEAT D

HAYWOOD, Harry

SECTION 6/CAMPBELL AIRSTRIP RD LRSA - SEAT E TRUEBLOOD, Ted B.

SEQUOIA ESTATES LRSA - SEAT C VALANTAS. Robert

SEQUOIA ESTATES LRSA - SEAT D

SKYRANCH ESTATES LRSA - SEAT C WALLOW, Brian

SOUTH GOLDENVIEW RRSA - SEAT D

SOUTH GOLDENVIEW RRSA - SEAT E

SRW HOMEOWNER'S LRSA - SEAT B

TALUS WEST LRSA - SEAT C JORGENSEN, Lawrence

TOTEM LRSA - SEAT A MARCY, Ruth

UPPER GROVER LRSA - SEAT CDWIGGINS, Leon

UPPER O'MALLEY LRSA - SEAT CPEASE, David

UPPER O'MALLEY LRSA - SEAT DGERONDALE, Chad

VALLI VUE ESTATES LRSA - SEAT C STRAND, Paul

VILLAGES SCENIC PARKWAY LRSA - SEAT B

PROPOSITIONS:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS

For the purpose of providing educational capital improvements, construction, upgrades, design, planning, renovation and earthquake recovery of school facilities and educational facility building life extension projects within Anchorage, as provided in AO 2019-19, shall Anchorage borrow money and issue up to \$59,113,000 in principal amount of general obligation bonds? The general obligation bond proceeds will be used to pay costs of constructing, renovating, installing, designing, planning, acquiring and equipping educational capital improvement projects including, but not limited to, replacing and restoring all or a portion of the roofs at Aurora, Eagle River, Government Hill, Orion, and Taku Elementary Schools, replacing boiler systems at Aurora and Bayshore Elementary Schools and the water system at Bear Valley Elementary School, making safety and code upgrades at O'Malley and Homestead Elementary Schools, making school entryway security and safety improvements at districtwide elementary schools, undertaking planning and design projects for roof replacement at Chugiak High School and for 2020 deferred capital requirement projects, and undertaking planning, design and construction to address earthquake damage at Eagle River and Chugiak area schools; however, to the extent that bond proceeds are necessary to address structural impacts of the earthquake, such repairs may be prioritized. Voter approval of this bond proposition authorizes for each \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value (based on the estimated 2019 areawide assessed valuation in Anchorage) an annual increase in taxes of approximately \$13.35 to retire the proposed bonds. The debt will be paid from real and personal property taxes levied and collected areawide in the Municipality. The Municipality will also pledge its full faith and credit for payment of the bonds.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

AREAWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

For the purpose of upgrading the infrastructure of the Anchorage Area-Wide Radio Network, acquiring new ambulances and replacement cardiac monitors, upgrading transit facilities, acquiring and replacing transit vehicles, upgrading infrastructure and undertaking bus stop improvements and school safety zone improvements and related capital improvements in Anchorage as provided in AO 2019-1, shall Anchorage borrow money and issue up to \$5,936,000 in principal amount of general obligation bonds and increase the

municipal tax cap by an annual amount not to exceed \$6,000 to pay for associated annual operations and maintenance costs? Voter approval of this bond proposition authorizes for each \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value (based on the estimated 2019 areawide assessed valuation in Anchorage): (i) an annual increase in taxes of approximately \$1.34 to retire the proposed bonds, and (ii) an annual increase in the municipal tax cap (Charter 14.03(b)(2)) of approximately \$0.02 to pay for annual operation and maintenance costs related to the proposed capital improvements. The debt shall be paid from real and personal property taxes levied and collected areawide within the Municipality. The Municipality will also pledge its full faith and credit for payment of the bonds.

PROPOSITION NO. 3

AREAWIDE FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BONDS

For the purpose of providing areawide facilities capital improvements within the Municipality of Anchorage, including roof replacements, HVAC, safety and code improvements, elevator modernization and bathroom renovations, and other capital improvements, as provided in AO 2019-4, shall Anchorage borrow money and issue up to \$5,513,000 in principal amount of general obligation bonds? Voter approval of this bond proposition authorizes for each \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value (based on the estimated 2019 areawide assessed valuation in Anchorage) an annual increase in taxes of approximately \$1.25 to retire the proposed bonds. The debt shall be paid from real and personal property taxes levied and collected areawide within the Municipality. The Municipality will also pledge its full faith and credit for payment of the bonds.

PROPOSITION NO. 4

ANCHORAGE ROADS AND DRAINAGE SERVICE AREA ROAD AND STORM DRAINAGE BONDS

For the purpose of providing roads and storm drainage capital acquisition, construction, renovation, upgrades and related capital improvements in the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area, as provided in AO 2019-5, as amended, shall Anchorage borrow money and issue up to \$33,240,000 in principal amount of general obligation bonds and increase the municipal tax cap by an annual amount not to exceed \$207,000 to pay for associated annual operations and maintenance costs? Voter approval of this bond proposition authorizes for each \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value (based on the estimated 2019 assessed valuation in the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area): (i) an annual increase in taxes of approximately \$9.53 to retire the proposed bonds, and (ii) an annual increase in the municipal tax cap (Charter 14.03(b)(2)) of approximately \$0.77 to pay for annual operation and maintenance costs related to the proposed capital improvements. The debt shall be paid from real and personal property taxes levied and collected within the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area, without cost to properties in Chugiak, Eagle River, Girdwood and other areas outside the Service Area. The Municipality will also pledge its full faith and credit for payment of the debt.

PROPOSITION NO. 5

ANCHORAGE PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICE AREA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

For the purpose of renovating and rehabilitating trails and parks, making playground, parking, safety, ADA and park improvements at various parks and recreational facilities, and making related capital improvements in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area, as provided in AO 2019-2, shall Anchorage borrow money and issue up to \$3,950,000 in principal amount of general obligation bonds and increase the municipal tax cap by an annual amount not to exceed \$182,000 to pay for associated annual operations and maintenance costs? Voter approval of this bond proposition authorizes for each \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value (based on the estimated 2019 assessed valuation in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area): (i) an annual increase in taxes of approximately \$1.03 to retire the proposed bonds, and (ii) an annual increase in the municipal tax cap (Charter 14.03(b)(2)) of approximately \$0.62 to pay for annual operation and maintenance costs related to the proposed capital improvements.

The debt shall be paid from real and personal property taxes levied and collected within the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area, without cost to properties in Chugiak, Eagle River, Girdwood, and other areas outside the Service Area. The Municipality will also pledge its full faith and credit for payment of the bonds.

PROPOSITION NO. 6

ANCHORAGE FIRE SERVICE AREA FIRE PROTECTION BONDS

For the purpose of acquiring a replacement decontamination and rehabilitation vehicle, replacement fire engines and replacement fire air resources equipment in the Anchorage Fire Service Area, as provided in AO 2019-3, shall Anchorage borrow money and issue up to \$3,400,000 in principal amount of general obligation bonds? Voter approval of this bond proposition authorizes for each \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value (based on the estimated 2019 assessed valuation in the Anchorage Fire Service Area) an annual increase in taxes of approximately \$0.82 to retire the proposed bonds. The debt shall be paid from real and personal property taxes levied and collected within the Anchorage Fire Service Area without cost to properties in Chugiak, Girdwood, and other areas outside the Service Area. The Municipality will also pledge its full faith and credit for payment of the bonds.

PROPOSITION NO. 7

ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE AREA FACILITIES BONDS

For the purpose of renovating the APD Elmore Facility to expand the crime lab and evidence area and undertaking certain capital improvements in the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area as provided in AO 2019-6, shall Anchorage borrow money and issue up to \$3,500,000 in principal amount of general obligation bonds? Voter approval of this bond proposition authorizes for each \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value (based on the estimated 2019 assessed valuation in the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area) an annual increase in taxes of approximately \$0.81 to retire the proposed bonds. The debt shall be paid from real and personal property taxes levied and collected within the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area, which consists of areas north of McHugh Creek (other than Fire Island), without cost to properties in Girdwood, Bird, Indian, Rainbow, Portage and other areas outside the Service Area. The Municipality will also pledge its full faith and credit for payment of the bonds.

PROPOSITION NO. 8

APPROVING EASEMENTS TO ALLOW THE USE OF A PORTION OF FRONTIERLAND PARK AND A PORTION OF GOOSE LAKE PARK FOR THE ONGOING OPERATION BY CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. OF EXISTING MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER (ML&P) SUBSTATIONS AND POWER LINES AFTER THE SALE OF THE ASSETS OF ML&P TO CHUGACH.

Shall the Municipality of Anchorage issue long-term easements to Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach), as a part of the sale of the assets of Municipal Light and Power (ML&P) to Chugach, allowing Chugach to continue to operate existing substations and associated power lines on dedicated parkland within Frontierland Park and Goose Lake Park? Goose Lake Park and Frontierland Park recreational facilities will not be impacted by these easement agreements. The agreements would transfer to Chugach the exclusive right to use, operate, improve, and maintain presently existing substations and power lines within the parks. There is no cost to the taxpayers of these easements, and no expansion of the area currently occupied by electrical infrastructure is approved through this ballot proposition. (AO 2019-8)

PROPOSITION NO. 9

CHARTER AMENDMENT
RETAIL SALES TAX ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DEDICATING THE REVENUE TO HEALTH
AND PUBLIC SAFETY USES

This proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter by adding a new section 14.07 to read as follows:

Section 14.07 Alcoholic beverages retail sales tax.

- (a) The assembly is hereby authorized to levy a five percent (5%) tax on all retail sales of alcoholic beverages. The tax levy shall be effective January 1, 2020.
- (b) The net receipts from the retail sales tax on alcoholic beverages, after payment of the costs of administration, collection and audit to the municipality, are dedicated to alcohol and substance misuse prevention and treatment, community behavioral health programs, public safety, and homelessness prevention and response, including abatement of prohibited campsites.
- (c) The assembly may direct the use of net receipts from the tax to support securing or repaying obligations by or on behalf of the municipality in order to finance projects for purposes described in subsection (b).
- (d) The assembly shall enact such additional provisions, not inconsistent with this section, as necessary or desirable to implement this section. The assembly may prescribe exemptions to the tax imposed by this section by ordinance.

And by amending Anchorage Municipal Charter, Article II (4), and Charter §14.01(b) as follows (<u>underlined</u> <u>and bolded words</u> are proposed new words; strikeouts in bold are proposed deletions):

ARTICLE II BILL OF RIGHTS

This Charter guarantees rights to the people of Anchorage that are in addition to rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Alaska. Among rights guaranteed by this Charter are: ...

(4) The right of immunity from sales taxes, except upon approval by three-fifths (3/5) of the qualified voters voting on the question, except the tax<u>es</u> imposed by Charter § Section 14.05 and § 14.07 shall be effective if approved by a majority (50 percent + one) of the qualified voters voting on the question.

Section 14.01 Taxing Authority

. . .

(b) Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, no sales tax ordinance is valid until ratified by three-fifths (3/5) of those voting on the question at a regular or special election, except the tax<u>es</u> imposed by Charter § 14.05 <u>and § 14.07</u> shall be effective if approved by a majority (50%+ one) of the qualified voters voting on the question.

If approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question at the April 2, 2019 Regular Election, the amendments to the Charter above shall be effective upon certification of the election.

Shall the Anchorage Municipal Charter be amended as set forth above, and the 5% retail sales tax on alcoholic beverages be approved? (AO 2018-104)

PROPOSITION NO. 10

CHARTER AMENDMENT PEACE OFFICER ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS RELATED TO ABANDONED AND JUNK VEHICLES

This proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter to permit municipal peace officers to enforce municipal laws relating to abandoned and junk vehicles. The Charter currently requires that enforcement of "vehicle violations" in Anchorage be performed only by officers of the Anchorage Police Department, with some specific exceptions. This proposition would allow municipal peace officers to also enforce laws relating to abandoned and junk vehicles only. Such laws include those that authorize the flagging and removal of vehicles, the imposition of fines, and recovery of storage and towing costs. The proposition would not permit peace officers to enforce other laws related to vehicle violations.

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.

. . .

(d) The Municipality may, by ordinance only, delegate enforcement of ordinances relating to abandoned and junk vehicles to municipal employees designated as peace officers by the mayor in accordance with law.

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, a designated peace officer as authorized in Section 21.01 above, or [by] other employees of a 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 2019-7, as amended)

PROPOSITION NO. 11

CHARTER AMENDMENT
ALL LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS TO VOTERS,
IF NOT SUBJECT TO FUTURE ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATION

This proposition would amend an existing provision of the Anchorage Municipal Charter that relates to "lease-purchase agreements." A typical lease-purchase agreement allows a tenant, at the end of the lease term, to buy a property the tenant was leasing, with some or all of the tenant's lease payments credited toward the purchase price. The Charter currently provides that lease-purchase agreements for the Municipality to acquire a capital improvement valued at more than \$1 million must receive voter approval.

This amendment would clearly establish the rule that the Assembly may not, without voter approval, obligate future Assemblies, in a manner similar to a general obligation bond, to make payments under a lease-purchase agreement to acquire a capital improvement valued at any amount. But it would permit the Municipality to enter into lease-purchase agreements, so long as the choice of whether or not to make any particular lease payment remains subject to the discretion of the then-current Assembly.

Specifically, this proposition would amend section 13.08 of the Charter to read as follows (<u>underlined and bolded words</u> are proposed additions; bracketed [strikeouts] are proposed deletions; unaffected sections are omitted, as indicated by asterisks):

Section 13.08. Administration of the budget.

. .

(b) The assembly by ordinance may authorize a contract, lease or obligation requiring funds from future appropriations. <u>Unless payments are subject to annual appropriation by the Assembly, a[A]</u> lease purchase agreement with respect to acquisition of a capital improvement [valued in excess of \$1,000,000.00] is not valid until approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.

Shall the Anchorage Municipal Charter be amended as proposed above? (AO 2019-10)

Other information about the April 2, 2019 Regular Municipal Election

Qualifications of voters: A person may vote in a Municipal election if the person is a United States citizen who is qualified and registered to vote in state elections and has been a resident of the Municipality for 30 days immediately preceding the election.

Instructions for registration: An individual may register to vote at any library within the Municipality, the State Election Office, the Municipal Clerk's Office, the MOA Election Center, or the State Division of Motor

Vehicles. There are no residency requirements needed for an individual to register to vote. To be a qualified voter, the individual must reside in Anchorage and be registered to vote 30 days before the election. The last day to register is Sunday, March 3, 2019 for the April 2, 2019 Regular Municipal Election.

Vote at home/vote by mail election: Ballot packages, including a ballot, instructions, "I voted" sticker, and a ballot return envelope, will be mailed to all qualified registered voters twenty-one (21) days before the election. Voters should follow the instructions included in the ballot package. After filling out the ballot, voters may (1) place the ballot return envelope in a Secure Ballot Drop Box located within the Municipality; (2) mail the ballot return envelope by using first class postage through the United States Postal Service; or (3) bring the ballot return envelope to one of six Accessible Vote Centers.

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Ballots mailed to temporary mailing address and in-person voting: Ballots going to an address other than the mailing address of record, formerly called absentee ballots, will be mailed to voters at a temporary mailing address beginning on March 12, 2019 for all voters who submit temporary address applications by February 28, 2019. Otherwise, applications for ballots to be mailed to a temporary address should be submitted to MOA Elections or the Municipal Clerk's Office as soon as possible but no later than March 26, 2019. Temporary Address applications are available by visiting our website at muni.org/2019Application or by contacting MOA Elections at (907) 243-VOTE(8683). In person voting is available at Accessible Vote Centers beginning on Monday, March 25 through April 1, 2019 (hours depend on location). Accessible Vote Centers will also be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Description of precinct boundaries: Descriptions of the precinct boundaries can be found in the Alaska Administrative Code 6 AAC 313.235 - 6 AAC 328.145, and at the State of Alaska Region II Election Office, 2525 Gambell St., Anchorage, Alaska 99503. Also, precinct boundaries are accessible on the sample ballot map through the Municipal Clerk's Voting Information webpage at <u>muni.org/elections</u>.

Inquiries regarding this election should be directed to the Municipal Clerk's Office, City Hall, 632 W. 6th Avenue, Suite 250, or MOA Election Center, 619 East Ship Creek Avenue, Suite 100 at Door D, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, phone (907) 243-VOTE (8683). Detailed information is also available at muni.org/elections.

/s/ Barbara A. Jones, Municipal Clerk

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