



**Election Day
Tuesday
April 1, 2014**

BALLOT REVIEW

Prepared by the **League of Women Voters of Anchorage**
for the April 1, 2014 Regular Municipal Election
Assembly • School Board • Bond Propositions • Charter Amendments • Service Areas

On Tuesday, April 1, 2014, qualified voters within the Municipality of Anchorage will:

- **Elect six Assembly Members and two School Board members and**
- **Vote areawide on seven bond propositions and two proposed charter amendments.**

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

This **Ballot Review** lists Assembly and School Board candidates and the offices sought and presents information about the ballot measures.

The Notice of Election, Notice of Polling Places, and Notice of Bonded Indebtedness will be published in the *Anchorage Daily News* on Monday, March 31, 2014, and online at 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 2, 2014, 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 1, 2014. Vote 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 *Anchorage Daily News* on Monday, March 31, 2014, or online at 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 269-8683. Or you may call the Municipal Clerk's Office at 243-8683 or State Elections Office at 522-8683.

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 beginning March 17, 2014,



**Vote by mail, fax,
or early in-person,
continued**

at City Hall or the Loussac Library. Applications for absentee by-mail ballots or absentee by-fax ballots must be received by the Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2014. Applications are available at www.muni.org/elections (click on the link for Voter Information) or call 243-VOTE (243-8683).

Early and absentee in-person voting begins March 17, 2014. Locations and hours of operation are listed below.

| Early & Absentee Voting Locations | Dates | Hours |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| Anchorage City Hall 632 West 6th Avenue, 1st Floor, Suite 105 All Municipal ballots will be available. | March 17 - March 31, 2014 Monday through Friday <i>Not open on Election Day.</i> | 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| Z. J. Loussac Library 3600 Denali Street, first floor, lobby All Municipal ballots will be available. | March 17 - March 31, 2014 Monday - Saturday | 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| | Sunday, March 23 and 30, 2014 | 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| | Tuesday, April 1, Election Day | 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. |
| Chugiak Senior Center 22424 North Birchwood Loop Only Eagle River/Chugiak ballots will be available. | March 24 - March 31, 2014 Monday through Friday <i>Not open on Election Day.</i> | 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| Ted Stevens International Airport Domestic Terminal – car rental area All Municipal ballots will be available. | Election Day only Tuesday, April 1, 2014 | 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. |
| University of Alaska Anchorage 3211 Providence Dr – Campus Student Center All Municipal ballots will be available. | Election Day only Tuesday, April 1, 2014 | 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 at an absentee voting location. Anchorage voters hospitalized on Election Day may request delivery of a ballot by an elections official by calling 343-4311 by **10:00 a.m. on Election Day**. Call the Clerk's Office at 343-4311 or 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, the law requires a pledge of the "full faith and credit" of the Municipality, which requires 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 4 (APRSA - Parks) and 5 (ARDSA - Roads). Other bond related projects, like Proposition 1 (Schools) and Proposition 2 (Safety), are funded areawide and paid for by all Anchorage taxpayers.



On the Web This **Ballot Review** is available at www.muni.org/elections and at www.lwvanchorage.org, as well as on Facebook: [League of Women Voters of Anchorage](#) or Facebook: [Municipal Clerk's Office](#). Like both – and share the **Ballot Review**!

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 ending in 2017. Assembly members are elected to specific 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 win with a simple majority. Candidates' names appear in random order on the ballot.

Assembly District 1 – Seat B – Downtown: Patrick Flynn, Mark Martinson
District 2 – Seat C – Eagle River/Chugiak: Bill Starr, Sharon Gibbons
District 3 – Seat E – West Anchorage: Tim Steele, Phil Isley
District 4 – Seat G – Midtown Anchorage: Elvi Gray-Jackson
District 5 – Seat I – East Anchorage: Pete Petersen, Adam Trombley, Mao Tosi
District 6 – Seat K – South Anchorage: Bill Evans, Pete Nolan, Bruce Dougherty

School Board Seat C: Liz Ross, Pat Higgins, Dean Williams
Seat D: Don Smith, Kameron Perez-Verdia

Prop. 1: \$57,285,000 Educational Capital Improvements, Planning and Design Projects and Districtwide Building Life Extension Project Bonds

The bonds would pay to construct and renovate school facilities, extend the life of educational facilities, and plan and design projects. The projects to extend building life (\$28,535,000) qualify for 70% State debt reimbursement; construction, renovation, and planning projects (\$28,750,000) qualify for 60% State debt reimbursement. Debt reimbursement is subject to annual legislative appropriation. More info about these bonds is available at www.asdk12.org/bonds or 742-4153.

If the State chooses to make the full reimbursement, the estimated annual cost to retire the debt would be \$4.86 per \$100,000 assessed value. Without State reimbursement for debt service, for property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$13.86 to retire the debt.

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:

| Project | Estimated Cost |
|---|-----------------------|
| Airport Heights Elementary – addition/renovation, design and construction | \$22,800,000 |
| Capital Renewal Planning and Design Projects: | 5,950,000 |
| Gladys Wood Elementary – addition/renovation design | |
| O'Malley Elementary – major renovation design | |
| Turnagain Elementary – major renovation design | |
| Gruening Middle School – addition/renovation design | |

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Prop. 1, Educational Capital Improvements, continued

Capital Improvement Component Renewal Projects – districtwide building life extension: \$28,535,000

Bayshore Elementary – electrical, mechanical, roofing, site work
Eagle River Elementary – electrical, mechanical, site work
Huffman Elementary – electrical, general building
Susitna Elementary – electrical, mechanical, building improvements
West High/Romig Middle School – parking and site improvements
Underground Storage Tank removal and replacement – Alpenglow, Gruening, Hanshew,
Mirror Lake, and Northwood schools, and Student Nutrition
Turnagain Elementary – standby generator
Bartlett High – gym entry door
West High – roof upgrades
Wonder Park Elementary – traffic safety improvements
William Tyson Elementary – roof upgrades
Districtwide communication closet cooling
Chugiak High – HVAC upgrades

Prop. 2: \$1,793,000 Areawide Safety and Public Transportation Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would fund improving, replacing, and rehabilitating public safety and transportation areawide. The bonds would provide \$573,000 to match an anticipated \$2,292,000 Federal grant for public transit projects, a 20% match.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.43 to retire the debt and \$0.14 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 \$47,000.

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:

| Project | Estimated Cost | Estimated Annual O&M |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Public Safety and Emergency Medical Services:</i> | | |
| Ambulance replacement | \$520,000 | \$0 |
| School zone safety | 500,000 | 20,000 |
| Bridge and dam rehabilitation | 200,000 | 20,000 |
| <i>Public Transportation (Local match for Federal funds):</i> | | |
| Bus stop improvements for ADA compliance | 80,000 | 7,000 |
| Fleet maintenance/replacements/improvements (paratransit, AnchorRIDES, vanpool, support vehicles) | 399,000 | 0 |
| Transit center facilities at town centers and major destinations | 64,000 | 0 |
| Management information and automated operating systems | 30,000 | 0 |



Prop. 3: \$5,550,000 Areawide Facilities Capital Improvement Project Bonds

These bonds would fund improvements to facilities areawide.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$1.34 to retire the debt and \$0.64 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 \$213,000.

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

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

| Project | Estimated Cost | Estimated Annual O&M |
|---|----------------|----------------------|
| Loussac Library – renovation | \$2,750,000 | \$120,000 |
| Anchorage Golf Course – major maintenance | 500,000 | 0 |
| Chester Creek Sports Complex – expand parking lot, relocate Mulcahy Stadium | 1,750,000 | 75,000 |
| City Hall – improve security and safety | 300,000 | 15,000 |
| Miscellaneous public facilities – upgrade security | 250,000 | 3,000 |

Prop. 4: \$2,550,000 Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would be used to improve, construct or maintain parks, trails, and recreational facilities. All projects are 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 \$0.71 to retire the debt and \$0.61 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 \$175,000.

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 statute 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 |
|--|----------------|----------------------|
| Valley of the Moon Park – improvements, formalize an off-leash dog area, expand parking, and repair streambank erosion | \$50,000 | \$0 |
| Areawide greenbelt trails – resurfacing and safety upgrades, including Campbell Creek and Chester Creek trails | 1,500,000 | 105,000 |
| Kincaid Chalet, including ADA accessibility | 1,000,000 | 70,000 |



Prop. 5: \$20,200,000 Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area Road and Storm Drainage Bonds

These bonds would pay for road construction, roadway safety improvements, drainage collection and treatment, and related capital improvements. For some projects, the Municipality has requested State matching funds. All projects will take place in the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (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 \$6.20 to retire the debt and \$2.09 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 \$547,000.

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, because State statute 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 |
|---|----------------|----------------------|
| 16th Ave reconstruction – A St to Gambell St – design and construction | \$1,500,000 | \$50,000 |
| Arctic Blvd reconstruction – Phase III – 36th Ave to Tudor Rd – construction* | 100,000 | 80,000 |
| ARDSA road and drainage system rehabilitation – construction | 400,000 | 5,000 |
| Lake Otis Pkwy surface rehab – Campbell Creek to 68th Ave – construction | 2,600,000 | 25,000 |
| Northwood Dr pavement and storm drain rehabilitation – Raspberry Rd to Strawberry Rd – construction* | 3,000,000 | 25,000 |
| Road and storm drainage matching program – design and construction* | 3,000,000 | 12,000 |
| Spruce St upgrade/extension – Dowling Rd to 68th Ave – design* | 1,000,000 | 100,000 |
| ADA improvements – design and construction | 200,000 | 2,000 |
| Pedestrian safety and rehab matching program – design and construction* | 1,200,000 | 35,000 |
| Lift and thaw stations – rehabilitation | 250,000 | 3,000 |
| ARDSA storm drain – assess condition and rehabilitate | 500,000 | 0 |
| Bolin St area storm drain – construction* | 500,000 | 5,000 |
| Chester Creek at Muldoon Road realignment and channel improvements – construction | 1,500,000 | 50,000 |
| Flooding, glaciation, and drainage matching program – design and construction* | 3,000,000 | 30,000 |
| ARDSA street light improvements – construction and/or replacement* | 250,000 | 25,000 |
| Intersection safety and congestion relief matching program – design and construction* | 1,000,000 | 50,000 |
| Campbell Airstrip Rd – Mile 0.3 to Mile 0.7 – upgrade road and possibly trail – design* | 200,000 | 50,000 |

* State matching grant requested in 2014



Prop. 6: \$1,950,000 Anchorage Fire Service Area Fire Protection Bonds

These bonds would pay for capital improvements within the Anchorage Fire Service Area. 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 portion of Glen Alps and Rabbit Creek.

For property in the AFSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.50 to retire the debt.

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 statute 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 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 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Fire ladder truck – replace | \$1,150,000 | \$0 |
| Fire water tender – replace | 800,000 | 0 |

Prop. 7: \$650,000 Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area Facilities Bonds

These bonds would pay to upgrade the HVAC system controls and make other safety and code upgrades to the Anchorage Police Department headquarters, which is within the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area (AMPSA). The AMPSA **includes** the Anchorage Bowl, Hillside and Eagle River/Chugiak. It **does not include** Girdwood, Bird Creek, and Indian.

For property in the AMPSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.16 to retire the debt.

Only property owners in the AMPSA would be taxed for these bonds. There would be no cost to property owners in Girdwood, Bird Creek, and Indian. However, because State statute 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 |
|---|----------------|----------------------|
| Anchorage Police Dept headquarters – upgrade HVAC systems and make other safety and code upgrades | \$650,000 | \$0 |



Prop. 8: Charter Amendment – Gender Neutral Terms

This proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter by removing gender-specific terms and replacing them with gender neutral terms, as appropriate and indicated by the context. For example, “assemblyman” would be changed to “assembly member.” If approved, the amendment would take effect 30 days after certification of the election.

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

Prop. 9: Charter Amendment – Vehicle Violation Enforcement

This proposition would amend Sections 21.01, 21.02, and 21.04 of the Anchorage Municipal Charter. The amended Section 21.01 would allow delegated employees of the Anchorage Police Department (APD) to enforce parking violations outside the area generally considered downtown. The amendment states that employees of APD include, but are not limited to, police officers. Section 21.02 would allow other employees of APD to be delegated by ordinance to impound and tow vehicles. Section 21.04 would allow the Municipality to establish an administrative review system allowing a person to file an appeal administratively without having to go to court. The measure is proposed because of new interpretations of long standing State regulations and to formalize administrative appeals of parking citations. If approved, the amendment would take effect immediately.

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

Bonded Indebtedness

The current General Obligation (G.O.) bonded indebtedness of the Municipality of Anchorage, including authorized but unissued bonds, based on bonds outstanding as of December 31, 2013, is as follows:

| General Obligation Bonds | General Purpose | School | Total |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Issued and outstanding | \$441,720,000 | \$584,135,000 | \$1,025,855,000 |
| Authorized but unissued | \$92,941,000 | \$81,247,000 | \$174,188,000 |
| Total | \$534,661,000 | \$665,382,000 | \$1,200,043,000 |
| Bonds paid off in 2013 | \$29,820,000 | \$57,225,000 | \$87,045,000 |

The State of Alaska currently pays 60 to 70% of the cost of debt service for certain school bonds. That means the State currently pays 56% of the debt service on Anchorage’s school bonds. Such funding is subject to annual legislative appropriation.

| Debt Service Payments | Principal | Interest | Total |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| To be made in 2014 on all G. O. bonds | \$92,555,000 | \$47,533,318 | \$140,088,318 |

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