



ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL BALLOT REVIEW April 5, 2011

On Tuesday, April 5, 2011, qualified voters within the Municipality of Anchorage will:

- Elect six Assembly Members and two School Board members and
- Vote area-wide on: 8 bond propositions (Props. 1-8), an advisory vote (Prop. 11) an amendment to the Municipal Code (Prop. 9) and a Municipal Charter Amendment. (Prop. 10). Voters residing in some service areas will also elect members to their respective service area boards.

This Ballot Review lists the names of the Assembly and School Board candidates and office sought, as well as information about the ballot propositions.

More information? The Municipality will publish the list of polling places, the list of service area candidates, the ballot propositions, and current bonded indebtedness on the Municipality's web site (www.muni.org/elections). On Monday, April 4, 2011, the same information will be printed in the Anchorage Daily News.

Who may vote? Anyone who was registered to vote in Alaska by March 6, 2011, and who has lived within the Municipality of Anchorage for at least 30 days.

When do I vote: Vote on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Where do I 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 to find your polling place. 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 Municipal Clerk's Office at 343-4311, State Elections Office at 522-8683, or the League of Women Voters at 274-8477.

Absentee voting in person or by mail or fax: If you know you will be unable to vote at your polling place on election day or wish to vote early, you may cast an absentee ballot in person (beginning March 21, 2011), 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., Tuesday, March 29, 2011. Applications are available at www.muni.org/elections or call 243-VOTE (243-8683).

In person Absentee voting begins March 21, 2011. Locations and hours of operation are listed below.

In-person Absentee Voting Locations	Dates	Hours
<p>Anchorage City Hall 632 West 6th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 250 Anchorage (907) 343-4311 All ballots will be available at this location.</p>	<p>March 21 – April 1, 2011 Monday through Friday Monday, April 4, 2011 <i>This location is not open on Election Day.</i></p>	<p>8:00 am to 5:00 pm 8:00 am to 5:00 pm</p>
<p>Z. J. Loussac Library 3600 Denali Street, 1st Floor Anchorage (907) 343-4311 All ballots will be available at this location.</p>	<p>March 21 – April 2, 2011 Monday through Saturday Sunday, April 3, 2011 Monday, April 4, 2011 <i>This location is not an Absentee Voting location on Election Day.</i></p>	<p>10:00 am to 6:00 pm 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm 10:00 am to 5:00 pm</p>
<p>Chugiak Senior Center 22424 North Birchwood Loop Chugiak (907) 343-4311 All ballots will be available at this location.</p>	<p>March 28 – April 1, 2011 Monday through Friday Monday, April 4, 2011 <i>This location is not open on Election Day.</i></p>	<p>8:30 am to 5:00 pm 8:30 am to 5:00pm</p>
<p>Anchorage International Airport Domestic Terminal – car rental area Anchorage (907) 343-4311 All ballots will be available at this location.</p>	<p><i>Election day ONLY</i> Tuesday, April 5, 2011</p>	<p>7:00 am to 8:00 pm</p>
<p>University of Alaska Anchorage 3211 Providence Drive – Campus Center Anchorage (907) 343-4311 All ballots will be available at this location.</p>	<p><i>Election day ONLY</i> Tuesday, April 5, 2011</p>	<p>7:00 am to 8:00 pm</p>

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 the voter's precinct. 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 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. 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 road (ARDSA) bonds but only taxpayers in the ARDSA pay for them. In this election, this applies to Propositions 4 (ARDSA roads), 5 (ABPRSA parks), 7(AFSA fire), and 8 (AMPSPA police). Other bond related projects (Props 1, 2, 3, and 6) are funded area-wide and paid for by all Anchorage taxpayers.

On the Web: The Ballot Review is available on the League of Women Voters’ web page at www.lwvanchorage.org

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 write in the name of a person qualified to hold that office *and* fill in the oval next to the name. All are 3 year terms ending in 2014. Assembly members are elected to designated area seats. School Board members are elected at large but to designated seats, meaning each represents all areas of the Municipality. All candidates win with a simple majority. Candidates’ names appear in a random alphabetical order on the ballot.

ASSEMBLY:

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| Section 1– Seat B (Downtown): | Ron Aleva, Albert L. Swank Jr., Patrick Flynn |
| Section 2 - Seat C (Eagle River/Chugiak): | Douglas Urquidi, Bob Lupo, Bill Starr |
| Section 3 – Seat E (West Anchorage): | Harriett Drummond, Peter Olsen, Kendra Taber, Elizabeth Vazquez |
| Section 4 - Seat G (Midtown Anchorage): | David Bronson, Billy Ray Powers, Elvi Gray-Jackson, |
| Section 5 - Seat I (East Anchorage): | Paul Bauer, Adam Trombley, Mike Gutierrez |
| Section 6 -Seat K (South Anchorage): | Chris Birch, Mike Kenny |

School Board:

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| Seat C: | Pat Higgins, Dustin Darden, Bob Griffin |
| Seat D: | Treg Taylor, Gretchen Guess, David Nees, Roman R. Romanovski |

**PROPOSITION 1: \$37,132,000 SERVICE HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

These bonds would pay a portion of the costs to complete additions to and renewal of Service High School. It would also re-direct for use on this project \$10,000,000 in previously authorized but unused General Obligation bonds. The project currently qualifies for a state grant of \$21,000,000 based on \$9,132,000 of the issuance and may qualify for 60% State debt reimbursement on \$28,000,000 of the issuance. State reimbursement is subject to annual legislative appropriation. More information about these bonds is available at www.asdk12.org/bonds or 742-4153.

Without State reimbursement for debt service, for property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$9.47 to retire the debt. If the State chooses to make the full 60% reimbursement, the estimated annual cost to retire the debt would be \$5.19 per \$100,000 assessed value. State reimbursement is subject to annual Legislative appropriation.

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

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

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Operating and Maintenance</u>
Service High School Renewal	\$28,000,000	\$0
Service High School Renewal DEED Grant Participating Share	\$ 9,132,000	\$0

PROPOSITION 2: \$16,865,000 EDUCATIONAL FACILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

These bonds would pay for educational facility building life extension and design projects area wide. The projects currently qualify for 70% State debt reimbursement on \$11,225,000 of the issuance and 60% State debt reimbursement on \$5,100,000 of the issuance. State reimbursement is subject to annual legislative appropriation. More information about these bonds is available at [www.asdk12.org/bonds or 742-4153](http://www.asdk12.org/bonds-or-742-4153).

Without State reimbursement for debt service, for property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$4.30 to retire the debt. If the State chooses to make the full reimbursement, the estimated annual cost to retire the debt would be \$1.52 per \$100,000 assessed value. State reimbursement is subject to annual Legislative appropriation.

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:

Renovation design projects

- Airport Heights Elementary
- Girdwood K-8
- Gladys Wood Elementary
- Inlet View Elementary

Career, Technical and Vocational Education design

- West High
- Romig Middle

Safety upgrades

- Mears Middle
- Mirror Lake Middle
- Student Nutrition

Roof replacement projects

- Chugiak High

Communication system projects

- Inlet View Elementary
- Scenic Park Elementary

Lighting upgrade projects

- Eagle River Elementary
- Huffman Elementary

Athletic facility upgrade

- Chugiak High

Heating system projects

- Bear Valley Elementary
- College Gate Elementary
- Spring Hill Elementary

Dressing room upgrade

Rabbit Creek Elementary
Turnagain Elementary

West High
Relocatable upgrade projects
Districtwide

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Operating and Maintenance</u>
Design Projects	\$ 5,100,000	\$0
Educational Capital Improvements and Facility Building Life Extension Projects	\$17,165,000	\$0

PROPOSITION 3: \$17,000,000 CAREER, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

These bonds would pay for career, technical, and vocational educational facility upgrades at seven high schools, five middle schools and the King Career Center. The projects currently qualify for 60% State debt reimbursement which is subject to annual legislative appropriation. More information about these bonds is available at www.asdk12.org/bonds or 742-4153.

Without State reimbursement for debt service, for property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$4.34 to retire the debt. If the State chooses to make the full reimbursement, the estimated annual cost to retire the debt would be \$1.30 per \$100,000 assessed value. State reimbursement is subject to annual Legislative appropriation.

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

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

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| Bartlett High | Begich Middle |
| Chugiak High | Central Middle |
| Dimond High | Hanshew Middle |
| Eagle River High | Mears Middle |
| East High | Wendler Middle |
| King Career Center | |
| Service High | |

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Operating and Maintenance</u>
Career, Technical, and Vocational Facility Upgrades	\$17,000,000	\$0

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

**PROPOSITION 4: \$30,850,000 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 in the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA). The ARDSA **includes** much of the Anchorage Bowl. The ARDSA **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 \$10.00 to retire the debt and \$2.11 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 \$522,000.

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 Municipality must guarantee the bonds. 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 include, but are not limited to:

73rd Ave/74th Ave waterline extension

9th Ave. reconstruction – phase II –Cordova St. to Latouche St.

ADA Improvements

Anchorage signal system, signage and safety improvements

ARDSA road and drainage system rehabilitation

ARDSA street light improvements

Arlene Dr/Pelican Dr/Pelican Cir/Kingfisher Dr area road reconstruction RID

Dowling Rd/Spruce St area snow disposal site

Flooding, glaciations, and drainage matching program

Intersection safety and congestion relief matching program

Kloep Station snow disposal site

Major outfall disconnect

Municipal sedimentation basin and OGS retrofits

Pavement rehab matching program

Pedestrian safety and rehab matching program

Penland Pkwy surface rehab/drainage – Ariport Heights Rd to Bragaw St

Pine St/4th Ave area storm reconstruction phase II – Debarr Rd to Boniface Pkwy

Raspberry Rd Upgrade – Arctic Blvd to C St

Recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) and chip seal upgrades

School zone safety

Traffic calming and safety improvements

PROPOSITION 5: \$3,000,000 ANCHORAGE BOWL PARKS AND RECREATION 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** most of 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.

For property in the APRSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.57 to retire the debt and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of \$0.35 to pay for annual operation and maintenance costs (O&M). The new O&M costs would increase the tax cap up to \$96,200 annually.

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. 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 include, but are not limited to:

Anchorage Football stadium concession & locker room upgrade: Bond funds would be combined with state funds to replace the building to provide improved locker room facilities for athletes and the public, opportunities for revenue-generating concessions, and security control entrance. The artificial turf field has reached its life span and will be replaced along with upgrades and improvements to the perimeter electrical system.

Anchorage neighborhood parks: Funds will continue implementation of the playground and neighborhood park projects begun in 2008. Funds will be leveraged with private, municipal, and state sources.

Areawide trails: Tour of Anchorage Bridge Replacement: Design, Engineering & Permitting; Greenbelt Trail Lighting: Condition Assessment for Energy Retrofit; Rover's Run Trail Re-route and Ruth Arcand Equestrian Trail Rehabilitation; Coastal Trail Surface Rehabilitation (Earthquake – Kincaid Park); and Trail Bridge Rehabilitation: Russian Jack Trail and the Coastal Trail.

South Anchorage sports complex improvements: Phase I includes sports field improvements such as extension of water line and fencing that will serve existing sports fields and the dog park. Design and site preparation for other recreational activities. State funds are also being requested for this project.

<u>Project Total</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>O&M</u>
Anchorage Football stadium concession & locker room upgrade	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
Anchorage neighborhood parks	\$ 500,000	\$ 50,000
Areawide trails	\$1,000,000	\$104,000
South Anchorage sports complex improvements	\$ 500,000	\$ 50,000

PROPOSITION 6: \$941,000 AREA WIDE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

These bonds would provide area wide public safety and transit improvements.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.24 to retire the debt and an increase in the municipal tax cap of \$0.03 to pay for additional annual operation and maintenance costs. The additional O&M costs would increase the municipal tax cap by up to \$11,000.

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:

- Bus stop improvements
- Capital maintenance/vehicle overhaul
- Improvements to existing fleet
- ITS/automated operating systems
- Management Information System
- MICU Ambulance replacement program
- Support vehicles
- Transit fleet expansion/replacement

PROPOSITION 7: \$1,150,000 ANCHORAGE FIRE SERVICE AREA FIRE PROTECTION BONDS

These bonds would pay for a replacement ladder truck for use 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 \$0.31 to retire the debt.

Only property owners in the AFSA would be taxed for these bonds. There would be no cost to 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. Passage requires approval by voters residing in the AFSA as well as by voters in the entire Municipality.

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

PROPOSITION 8: \$250,000 METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE AREA FACILITIES BONDS

These bonds would pay for a dispatch/computer room temperature stabilizer at the Anchorage Police Department Headquarters.

The Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area (AMPSA) **includes** the Anchorage bowl, Hillside and Eagle River/Chugiak. **It does not include** Girdwood, Bird Creek, and Indian.

For property in the Metropolitan Police Service Area (AMPSA) assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.06 to retire the debt and \$.01 to pay for annual operation and maintenance costs (O&M).

Only property owners in the AMPSA would be taxed for these bonds. There would be no cost to property owners in Girdwood, Bird Creek, and Indian. However, the full faith and credit of the

Municipality must guarantee the bonds. Passage requires approval by voters residing in the AMPSA as well as by voters in the entire Municipality. However, the full faith and credit of the Municipality must guarantee the bonds. Consequently, passage required approval by voters residing in the ARPSA as well as by voters in the entire Municipality.

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

PROPOSITION 9: MAY THE MUNICIPALITY BY ORDINANCE GRANT A DISABLED VETERAN REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION TO AN ELIGIBLE WIDOW OR WIDOWER UNDER AGE 60?

This proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Code section 12.15.015D, Disabled veteran exemption, by extending a disabled veteran exemption for a widow or widower to those under the age of 60. This would apply to a widow or widower of a person qualified for a disabled veteran tax exemption in a previous assessment year if the widow or widower is a resident who timely meets the residency, ownership and occupancy requirements applicable to the exemption for a disabled veteran prior to January 1 of the year for which the exemption applies.

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

PROPOSITION 10: AMENDING ARTICLE XXI. MUNICIPAL VEHICLE CODE ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS

This proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter, Article XXI. Municipal Vehicle Code Enforcement Standards to permit delegation to a municipal agency or authority of parking violations on both side of named streets within the area abounded by Ship Creek on the north, Gambell Street on the East, 10th Ave. on the south and M Street on the west. This would apply only to *parking violations* and only in the area designated above. Currently only sworn police officers are allowed to issue parking tickets, in addition to other vehicle violations.

PROPOSITION 11: Advisory Vote ON PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR SALE OF ALCOHOL BY PACKAGE LIQUOR STORES?

This proposition is advisory only and would let the Anchorage Assembly know of the voters' preference on mandatory photo identification when alcoholic beverages are purchased by anyone, regardless of age, at a package liquor store. No enabling legislation is being enacted with this proposition.

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, 2010, is as follows:

General Obligation Bonds	General Purpose	School	Total
Issued and Outstanding	\$482,290,000	\$696,820,000	\$1,179,110,000
Authorized but Un-issued	\$59,295,000	\$13,845,000	\$73,140,000

Total	\$541,585,000	\$710,665,000	\$1,252,250,000
Bonds Paid off in 2010	\$16,660,000	\$51,560,000	\$68,220,000

<i>Debt Service Payments</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>To be made in 2011 on all G. O. bonds</i>	\$83,715,000	\$57,212,453	\$140,927,453

*The **League of Women Voters of Anchorage**, which prepared this **Ballot Review**, is a non-partisan organization that promotes political responsibility through information and active participation in government*

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