



# BALLOT REVIEW

Prepared by the **League of Women Voters of Anchorage**  
for the Anchorage Municipal Election, Tuesday, April 7, 2009  
Mayor • School Board • Bond Propositions • Charter Amendment • Service Areas

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**Election Day,  
Tuesday  
April 7, 2009**

**On Tuesday, April 7, 2009, qualified voters within the Municipality of Anchorage will:**

- Elect a Mayor and four School Board members and
- Vote areawide on eight bond propositions (Props. 1 – 8) and one proposed Charter Amendment (Prop. 9).

Voters residing in designated service areas will vote on issues that apply only to their service areas. Voters residing in some service areas will also elect members to their respective service area boards.

**More information?**

This Ballot Review lists the names of the Mayoral and School Board candidates and office sought, as well as information about the ballot propositions. *There are no Assembly races in this election.*

The Municipality will also 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 6, 2009, and on the Municipality's web site ([www.muni.org/elections](http://www.muni.org/elections)).

**Who may vote?**

Anyone who was registered to vote in Alaska by March 8, 2009, and who has lived within the Municipality of Anchorage for at least 30 days.

**When do I vote?**

Vote on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. You will need identification with your signature on it.

**Where do I vote?**

Vote at the polling place for the precinct where you live. 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 6, 2009, or on the Municipality's web site ([www.muni.org/elections](http://www.muni.org/elections)). 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 ([www.neighborhood.muni.org](http://www.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, 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 31, 2009. Applications are available at [www.muni.org/elections](http://www.muni.org/elections).

In person absentee voting begins March 23, 2009. Hours and days are listed on the next page.

<b>In-Person Absentee Voting Locations</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>Municipal Clerk's Office, City Hall</b> 632 W 6th Avenue, 2nd floor, Suite 250 (All Municipal ballots will be available)	March 23 - April 6, 2009 Monday through Friday (ends before Election Day)	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
<b>Z.J. Loussac Library</b> 3600 Denali St, first floor (All Municipal ballots will be available)	March 23 - April 4, 2009 Monday through Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday, April 5, 2009	noon to 5:00 p.m.
	Monday, April 6, 2009 (ends before Election Day)	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
<b>Chugiak Senior Center</b> 22424 N Birchwood Loop, Chugiak (Only ballots for Eagle River/Chugiak/Eklutna will be available)	March 30 - April 6, 2009 Monday through Friday (ends before Election Day)	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
<b>Ted Stevens International Airport</b> Domestic (South) Terminal, in the car rental area (All Municipal ballots will be available)	<i>Election Day only</i> Tuesday, April 7, 2009	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
<b>UAA Campus Center</b> 3211 Providence Drive (All Municipal ballots will be available)	<i>Election Day only</i> Tuesday, April 7, 2009	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **Voting by personal representative**

Anchorage voters hospitalized on election day may request delivery of a ballot by an elections official by calling 343-4311 by 10:30 a.m. on election day. Voters with a disability may designate a person to pickup and deliver their ballot. Call the Clerk's Office at 343-4311 for more info.

### **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 3 (ARDSA roads), 4 (ABPRSA parks), 7 (AFSA fire), and 8 (AMPSP police). Other bond related projects (Props. 1, 2, 5, and 6) are funded areawide and paid for by all Anchorage taxpayers.

### **On the web**

The Ballot Review is available on the League of Women Voters' web site at [www.lwvanchorage.org](http://www.lwvanchorage.org) or on the Municipality's site at [www.muni.org/election](http://www.muni.org/election) (click on Ballot Propositions/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 write in the name of a person qualified to hold that office and fill in the oval next to the name.

### **Mayor**

The Mayor is elected areawide for a 3-year term and must receive more than 45% of the vote; if none of these candidates receive more than 45% of the vote, a run-off election will be held Tuesday, May 5, 2009.



**Mayoral  
Candidates**

Dominic S. F. Lee, Bob Lupo, Paul D. Kendall, Jacob Seth Kern, Merica Hlatcu, Paul Honeman, Matt Claman, Eric Croft, Billy Ray Powers, Walt Monegan, Sheila Selkregg, Larry Shooshanian, Dan Sullivan, Phil Isley, Richard Wanda

**School Board**

All School Board seats are three-year terms ending in 2012, with the exception of Seat B. The person elected to Seat B will complete the remaining year of a three-year term. School Board members are elected at large but to specific seats, meaning each represents all areas of the Municipality. School Board candidates win with a simple majority.

**SchoolBoardSeat B**

Jennifer Lucas, Mia Costello, Steve Pratt, Jeannie Mackie, Starr Marsett, Dan Garcia, Marc Grober, Richard B. Foster, Michele Quier, William P. H. Nye, David Boyle, Nels C. Johnson, Stephen P. Johnston

**SchoolBoardSeat E**

James Labelle, Michael C. Lindbeck, Bobby Jo Kramer, Kathleen Plunkett, Don Smith, Jody Smith, Marilyn Stewart

**SchoolBoardSeat F**

Jeff Friedman, Dawn F. Bundick

**SchoolBoardSeat G**

Crystal Kennedy

**Prop. 1: \$69,880,000 Schools Addition, Renewal, and Design Bonds**

These bonds would affect three schools. The bonds would pay for an addition and renewal of Service High School, design plans for Girdwood K-8 School, and extension of water and sewer lines at Eagle River High School. The Service High School and Girdwood K-8 School projects qualify for 60% State debt reimbursement and the Eagle River High School Project qualifies for 70% State debt reimbursement. Debt reimbursement is subject to annual legislative appropriation. More information about these bonds is available at [www.asdk12.org/bonds](http://www.asdk12.org/bonds) or 742-4153.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$18.34 to retire the debt. If the State chooses to make the full reimbursement, the estimated annual cost to retire the debt would be \$7.27 per \$100,000 assessed value.

**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:

	<b>Est Bond Cost</b>
<b>Service High School</b> – addition and renewal	\$66,700,000
<b>Girdwood K-8</b> – school design	680,000
<b>Eagle River High School</b> – extension of water and sewer lines	2,500,000

**Prop. 2: \$27,480,000 Educational Capital Improvements Districtwide Major Building Systems Renewal, Replacement, Renovation, and Acquisition Bonds**

These bonds would pay for capital improvements across the Anchorage School District. The projects, except for site acquisition, qualify for 70% State debt reimbursement, which is subject to annual legislative appropriation. More information about these bonds is available at [www.asdk12.org/bonds](http://www.asdk12.org/bonds) or 742-4153.

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*Prop. 2: \$27,480,000 Educational Capital Improvement Bonds, continued*

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$7.21 to retire the debt. If the State chooses to make the full 70% reimbursement, the estimated annual cost to retire the debt would be \$3.36 per \$100,000 assessed value.

**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:

	<b>Est Bond Cost</b>
<b>Districtwide code/sprinkler</b> – Aquarian Charter	\$1,165,000
<b>Districtwide roof replacement</b> – Creekside Park & Inlet View Elementary	2,155,000
<b>Districtwide bleacher renewal &amp; replacement</b> – South & West High Schools	725,000
<b>Districtwide electrical</b> – Campbell, College Gate, Gladys Wood, Ravenwood, Turnagain, & Wonder Park Elem, West High, Information Technology & Operations Buildings	3,520,000
<b>Districtwide mechanical</b> – Hanshew Middle School, Steller Secondary	3,320,000
<b>Districtwide traffic safety</b> – Huffman Elementary, Mears Middle	6,550,000
<b>Districtwide field renewal</b> – Bartlett High	2,380,000
<b>Districtwide school security system upgrade</b> – Trailside Elementary, Goldenview, Mears, & Wendler Middle Schools, King Career Center	1,165,000
<b>Districtwide site acquisition</b>	6,500,000

**Prop. 3: \$34,225,000 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 \$11.53 to retire the debt and \$2.25 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 \$558,000.

**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. 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 receive design, easement, utility, and/or construction funding from the bonds include, but are not limited to:

**Roadway Projects:**

- 11th Ct upgrade – Muldoon Rd to Boston St<sup>2</sup>
- 40th Ave extension – Lake Otis to Dale St<sup>1, 2</sup>
- 6th Ave reconstruction – Patterson St to Muldoon<sup>2</sup>
- 76th Ave reconstruction – Chad St to C St<sup>1, 2</sup>
- 9th Ave reconstruction – L St to Cordova St<sup>2</sup>
- Academy Dr/Vanguard upgrade –Brayton Dr to Abbott Rd<sup>1</sup>
- ARDSA road and drainage system rehab

- Edward St upgrade – 6th Ave to DeBarr Rd<sup>2</sup>
- Leawood Dr/Roy St road reconstruction RID
- Pavement rehab matching program<sup>1, 2</sup>
- Pioneer Dr upgrade – Muldoon Rd to Resurrection Dr<sup>2</sup>
- Recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) and chip seal upgrades
- Spenard Rd reconstruction – Chester Creek South to Hillcrest Dr<sup>1</sup>



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*Prop. 3: \$34,225,000 ARDSA Bonds, continued*

**Traffic Department Projects:**

Intersection and traffic safety matching program<sup>1, 2</sup>  
 Traffic calming and safety improvements<sup>1, 2</sup>

**Safety Projects:**

ADA improvements  
 ARDSA street light LED energy conservation upgrades<sup>1</sup>  
 Klatt Rd at C St intersection safety<sup>1, 2</sup>  
 Pedestrian safety & rehab matching program<sup>1, 2</sup>

**Drainage Projects:**

Flooding/glaciation/drainage matching program<sup>1, 2</sup>  
 Gambell St drainage and paving – Klatt Rd to 112th Ave<sup>2</sup>  
 Kloep Station water quality  
 Pine St/4th Ave area storm reconstruction – DeBarr Rd to Boniface Pkwy<sup>1, 2</sup>  
 Riviera Terrace area drainage<sup>1</sup>

1. State matching grants requested.
2. State matching grant received.

**Prop. 4: \$1,850,000 Anchorage Bowl Parks and Recreation Service Area (ABPRSA) Bonds**

These bonds would be used to pay for park and trail improvements and recreational facilities within the Anchorage Bowl Parks and Recreation Service Area (ABPRSA). The ABPRSA **includes** the Anchorage bowl and most of the Hillside. The ABPRSA **does not include** Eagle River/Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek, Girdwood, Indian, Bird Creek, and portions of Glen Alps, Rabbit Creek, and Bear Valley.

These bond funds satisfy several local match requirements, including a partial match for private foundation grants for neighborhood parks and multi-use athletic fields, and a 9% local match obligation for a federal grant for greenbelt trails. The funding plan calls for an additional \$6,100,000 to supplement the bond funds, of which \$3,580,000 is already in hand: \$1,380,000 from the Anchorage Park Foundation and \$2,212,000 from other sources including federal grants.

For property in the ABPRSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.57 to retire the debt and \$0.35 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 \$96,200.

**Only property owners in the ABPRSA 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 ABPRSA 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:

	<b>Est Bond Cost</b>
<b>Parks Development</b>	
Anchorage multi-use athletic fields	\$500,000 <sup>1</sup>
Anchorage neighborhood parks	500,000 <sup>2</sup>
Far North Bicentennial Park – Phase II	250,000
Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park (Westchester Lagoon)	200,000
Ruth Arcand Park	100,000
<b>Trails</b>	
Greenbelt trails	300,000 <sup>3</sup>

1. Required partial match to \$6,000,000 private foundation grant
2. Required partial match to \$2,000,000 private foundation grant
3. Required 9% match for combination of state and federal funding for trail development



## Prop. 5: \$1,500,000 Public Facility Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay for renovations and improvements to Anchorage libraries, including redesign and construction of the entrance to Loussac Library and rehabilitation of a building to be purchased for a new library in the downtown area.

These bond funds match a total of \$4,000,000 in private funding already secured or promised. An additional \$2,000,000 in state funding is already in hand for the Loussac project.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.40 to retire the debt and an annual increase of \$1.50 to pay for new operations and maintenance (O&M) costs. The new O&M costs would increase the Municipal tax cap by up to \$475,000.

**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:

	<b>Est Bond Cost</b>
Loussac Library	\$1,000,000 <sup>1</sup>
Downtown Library (new)	500,000 <sup>2</sup>

1. Matches \$2,500,000 private foundation grant

2. Matches \$1,500,000 private grant

## Prop. 6: \$1,300,000 Areawide Public Safety and Transportation Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay for public safety and transit capital improvements.

Bond funds would provide the required local match to federal grants of \$2,400,000, minimum.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.34 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:

	<b>Est Bond Cost</b>
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	
Replace 12 cardiac monitors	\$700,000
<b>Public Transportation</b>	
Required local match to federal transportation grants	600,000 <sup>1</sup>

1. Provides 1:4 required local match to federal grant funds

## Prop. 7: \$1,800,000 Anchorage Fire Service Area (AFSA) Fire Protection Bonds

These bonds would pay for fire safety projects within the Anchorage Fire Service Area (AFSA). The bonds would pay to renovate three fire stations and replace a ladder truck. These bond funds are a required local match for \$10,996,000 in state grant funds.

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



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*Prop. 7: \$1,800,000 AFSA Fire Bonds, continued*

Creek, Girdwood, Indian, Bird Creek, and portions of Glen Alps and Rabbit Creek.

For property in the AFSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.51 to retire the debt and \$0.18 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 \$53,000.

**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, Indian, Bird 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 AFSA 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:

	<b>Est Bond Cost</b>
Fire Station #3/Airport Heights – renovation	\$300,000
Fire Station #5/Spenard – renovation	300,000
Fire Station #11/Eagle River – renovation	400,000
Fire Station #11/Eagle River – replace ladder truck	800,000

## **Prop. 8: \$3,000,000 Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area (AMPSA) Facilities Bonds**

These bonds would be used to pay for public safety facilities in the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area (AMPSA). The bonds are contingent upon appropriation of funds from the State, which would contribute \$17,500,000 for the expansion of the APD headquarters and \$2,000,000 for the Tactical Range. The Tactical Range would be an outdoor range for police to train with long guns (rifles and shotguns).

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 \$0.81 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 \$657,700.

**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. Consequently, passage requires approval by voters residing in the AMPSA 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:

	<b>Est Bond Cost</b>
Anchorage Police Department Headquarters – expansion, Phase II	\$2,000,000
Southcentral Law Enforcement Tactical Range – construction	1,000,000



## Prop. 9: Charter Amendment Tax Increase Limitation

Proposition 9 is placed on the ballot through a citizens' initiative petition. This proposition asks voters to amend the Municipal Charter, Article XIV, Section 14.03(a), Tax Increase Limitation ("Tax Cap").

If approved, it would adjust the annual percentage change in the amount of municipal tax on which the tax increase limitation is calculated. The annual percentage change would be calculated from the preceding five-year average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Anchorage and from other factors that are unchanged. It is currently based on a one-year percentage change in the CPI.

A new sub-section 14.03(a)(1) would include municipal utilities (MUSA) and enterprises (MESA) payments in-lieu of taxes within the tax increase limitation as part of the total amount approved by the assembly for the preceding year and the total amount of municipal tax that can be levied during a fiscal year.

This Municipal Charter amendment would take effect immediately upon passage. It would first be applied in the tax year 2010 and would be phased in by including one-third (1/3) of each year's MUSA and MESA payments in-lieu of taxes each year beginning in 2010 with all payments being applied beginning in 2013.

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

## Service Area Propositions

Propositions 10 and 11 apply only to a particular Limited Road Service Area (LRSA) or Street Light Service Area (SLSA) within the Municipality. Only voters residing in the service area vote on these propositions. Residents in some service areas will elect representatives to their service area boards.

**Prop. 10:** *Annexes roads in Alpine Terrace Subdivision to the Upper O'Malley LRSA, effective retroactively to Jan. 1, 2009 and subject to the existing mill rate of 2.0 mills.*

**Prop. 11:** *Creates a new SLSA in Hidden Hills and Hidden Hills Addition No. 1 and consolidates it with Eagle River SLSA, effective retroactively to Jan. 1, 2009. The maximum mill rate in the SLSA is .5 mills.*

## 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, 2008, is as follows:

General Obligation Bonds	General Purpose	School	Total
<b>Issued and outstanding</b>	\$470,955,000	\$777,650,000	\$1,248,605,000
<b>Authorized but un-issued</b>	38,480,000	33,870,000	72,350,000
<b>Total</b>	509,435,000	811,520,000	1,320,955,000
<b>Bonds paid off in 2008</b>	26,585,000	46,415,000	73,000,000

  

Debt Service Payments	Principal	Interest	Total
<b>To be made in 2009 on all G.O. bonds</b>	\$76,460,000	\$57,803,893	\$134,263,893

## League of Women Voters of Anchorage



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