

ELECTION INFORMATION PAMPHLET



VOTE LOCAL

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH | CITY OF FAIRBANKS | CITY OF NORTH POLE

OUR TOWN. YOUR VOTE.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 2026

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Congratulations to the 2026 winners of the FNSB youth "I Voted" Sticker Contest!

Grades K-5: Siddalee J. (left)
Grades 6-12: Fiona P. (right)



How to Vote Local

Vote Absentee by Mail or Electronically

Applications due to the FNSB Clerk's Office by:

Vote by Mail: 5 p.m. Tuesday, September 29

Electronic Voting: 12 p.m. Monday, October 5

Form Available at: www.fnsb.gov/elections

Vote Early

Dates: September 21 - October 1

Time: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
[Exception: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, September 27]

Location: Noel Wien Library, 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks

Note: When Early Voting ends, this location will transition to an absentee in-person location for Friday, October 2nd and Monday, October 5th (see below).

Vote Absentee In Person (3 Locations)

Location: City of North Pole Clerk's Office, 125 Snowman Ln, NP

Dates: September 21 - October 5

Time: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (closed weekends)

Location: City of Fairbanks Clerk's Office, 800 Cushman St, Fbks.

Dates: September 21 - October 5

Time: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (closed weekends)

Location: Noel Wien Library, 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks

Dates: September 21 - October 2, and October 5

Time: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
[Exception: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, September 27]

Vote on Election Day at Your Polling Place

Date: Tuesday, October 6

Time: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Precincts & Polling Places

FNSB Only		City of Fairbanks & FNSB	City of North Pole & FNSB
District	Precinct	Location	
31-446	*Aurora	Fairgrounds – George Gasser Hall	
31-455	Fairbanks #1	Noel Wien Library	
31-480	*Fairbanks #2	Pioneer Park Centennial Center	
31-485	Fairbanks #3	Shoppers Forum	
32-355	Fairbanks #4	Farewell Avenue Christian Church	
32-365	Fairbanks #5	Tanana Middle School	
32-375	Fort Wainwright	Last Frontier Community Center	
32-385	Badger #2	Badger Plaza	
33-130	Badger #1	New Hope Methodist Presbyterian Church	
33-135	Chena Lakes	Santa’s Senior Center	
33-155	Moose Creek	Eielson Church of Christ	
33-165	Newby	North Pole Plaza Mall	
33-175	*North Pole	North Pole City Hall	
33-183	Plack	North Pole Plaza Mall	
34-235	Eielson	Eielson AFB Base Exchange	
34-238	Eielson Farm Road	Eielson Church of Christ	
34-240	Farmers Loop	Seventh-Day Adventist Church	
34-260	Salcha	Salcha Elementary School	
34-263	Steele Creek	Weller Elementary School	
34-265	Steese	Bentley Mall (Michael’s End)	
34-270	Summit	Bentley Mall (Safeway End)	
34-280	Two Rivers	Two Rivers Community Center	
35-580	Airport	J.A. Kornfeind Training Center	
35-582	Chena	Faith Baptist Church	
35-584	Ester	Ursa Major Distilling	
35-586	Geist	University Community Presbyterian Church	
35-587	Lakeview	Gene’s Chrysler Center	
35-592	Shanly	Beaver Sports	
35-595	University Hills	Effie Kokrine Charter School	
35-596	University West	Woodriver Elementary School	
36-001	Goldstream #1	Chena Goldstream Fire Station #3	
36-002	Goldstream #2	Ken Kunkel Community Center	

***Not all voters within these precincts live within city boundaries.
City ballots are only offered at city precincts.**

Address	City
1800 College Road	Fairbanks
1215 Cowles Street	Fairbanks
2300 Airport Way	Fairbanks
1255 Airport Way	Fairbanks
100 Farewell Avenue	Fairbanks
600 Trainor Gate Road	Fairbanks
1044 Apple Street	Fort Wainwright
771 Badger Road	Fairbanks
2371 Bradley Road	North Pole
101 East 5th Avenue	North Pole
3445 Old Richardson Highway	North Pole
301 North Santa Claus Lane	North Pole
125 Snowman Lane	North Pole
301 North Santa Claus Lane	North Pole
451 Broadway Avenue	Eielson AFB
3445 Old Richardson Highway	North Pole
1811 Farmer's Loop Road	Fairbanks
8530 Richardson Highway	Salcha
635 Elementary Drive	Fairbanks
32 College Road	Fairbanks
32 College Road	Fairbanks
7234 Anders Avenue	Fairbanks
4782 Dale Road	Fairbanks
910 Chena Pump Road	Fairbanks
2922 Parks Highway	Fairbanks
3510 College Road	Fairbanks
3400 South Cushman Street	Fairbanks
3480 College Road	Fairbanks
601 Loftus Road	Fairbanks
5000 Palo Verde Drive	Fairbanks
1300 Goldstream Road	Fairbanks
2645 Goldstream Road	Fairbanks

Municipal Clerks Contact Information

Fairbanks North Star Borough

Clerk: April Trickey, MMC

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City of Fairbanks

Clerk: D. Danyielle Snider, MMC

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City of North Pole

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Other Information & Resources

Polling Place Information

Phone: (907) 459-1401

Website: www.fnsb.gov/elections
Select: "Find My Polling Place"

Update Voter Registration or Register to Vote

State of Alaska Division of Elections

Phone: (907) 451-2835

Website: voterregistration.alaska.gov

Local Voting Method Information

Local elections are conducted using a majority voting method, which is to vote for one candidate per race. The only exception is the North Pole Council seats, which asks voters to select no more than two candidates to fill two offices.

The State of Alaska General Election uses a Ranked Choice Voting method. However, **Ranked Choice Voting is NOT used in local municipal elections.**

Disclaimer

Candidate information and photographs are presented as submitted by the candidate without any changes to grammar, spelling, or punctuation. None of the information provided by the candidates has been verified for accuracy.

In order to have information published in this pamphlet, candidates were invited to submit their statements and photograph to the appropriate Clerk's Office by a set deadline.

Fairbanks North Star Borough



SAMPLE BALLOT
REGULAR ELECTION - OCTOBER 6, 2026
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

Instructions: To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice, like this: 
Use a black pen to mark your ballot. NO RED INK. If you make a mistake, you may ask for a new ballot.

BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SEAT D 3-Year Term (2026-2029) Vote For Not More Than One (1)	INTERIOR ALASKA NATURAL GAS UTILITY (IGU) BOARD AT-LARGE SEAT C 3-Year Term (2026-2029) Vote For Not More Than One (1)
☐ Miguel Ramirez	☐ Jim Dodson
☐ Alexis Howell	☐ Write-In
☐ Write-In	
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SEAT E 3-Year Term (2026-2029) Vote For Not More Than One (1)	INTERIOR ALASKA NATURAL GAS UTILITY (IGU) BOARD AT-LARGE SEAT D 3-Year Term (2026-2029) Vote For Not More Than One (1)
☐ Nick LaJiness	☐ Steven Lundgren
☐ Shelly Shupe	☐ Write-In
☐ Write-In	
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SEAT H 3-Year Term (2026-2029) Vote For Not More Than One (1)	
☐ Scott W. Crass	
☐ Joshua Leaders	
☐ Write-In	
SCHOOL BOARD SEAT E 3-Year Term (2026-2029) Vote For Not More Than One (1)	
☐ Tim Doran	
☐ Sally L Gant	
☐ Write-In	
SCHOOL BOARD SEAT F 3-Year Term (2026-2029) Vote For Not More Than One (1)	
☐ Jaimee Coon	
☐ Robert Herrick	
☐ Bobby Burgess	
☐ Write-In	
SCHOOL BOARD SEAT G 3-Year Term (2026-2029) Vote For Not More Than One (1)	
☐ Bridger Terra	
☐ Sean Holland	
☐ Write-In	

SAMPLE BALLOT

CONTINUE VOTING ON NEXT SIDE

Fairbanks North Star Borough

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH PROPOSITION 1 A CITIZENS' INITIATIVE PROPOSITION ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TAX REVENUES

Shall sections 8.04.290 and 8.04.300 of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Code (FNSBC) be reenacted? These sections will provide for limitations on the maximum allowable tax revenues for the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Under FNSBC 8.04.290 the Borough will be able to levy or impose only the same amount of taxes for one fiscal year as the borough levied or imposed for the preceding year, except that the Borough can increase the amount of taxes levied or imposed (a) to adjust for inflation; (b) to take into account new buildings and land coming onto the tax rolls; (c) make new payments on bonds; (d) pay for services approved by voters; (e) pay for new legal judgements entered against the Borough; and to pay for expenses in emergencies. FNSBC 8.04.300 provides a formula and definitions for the limitations of FNSBC 8.04.290.

- ☐ YES A "YES" vote reenacts FNSBC 8.04.290 and 8.04.300, which limits the maximum allowable tax revenues for the Borough. If reenacted it may not be modified or negated within two years.
- ☐ NO A "NO" vote means the initiative will be defeated. The current revenue cap in the FNSB Code of Ordinances will remain in effect; however, it can now be modified or negated by the Assembly.

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH PROPOSITION 2 A CITIZENS' INITIATIVE PROPOSITION CHANGING THE DATE OF THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND MAKING RELATED CHANGES

Shall the Fairbanks North Star Borough Code be amended to move the regular municipal election from the first Tuesday in October to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November; adjust the deadline for receiving mailed absentee ballots to account for the Veterans Day holiday; and change the terms of the Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officer?

- ☐ YES A "YES" vote approves the ordinance, moving the regular municipal election to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November and making related code changes.
- ☐ NO A "NO" vote defeats the ordinance, leaving the regular municipal election on the first Tuesday in October.

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH PROPOSITION 3 A CITIZENS' INITIATIVE PROPOSITION REQUIRING ALL BALLOTS TO BE HAND COUNTED BY REGISTERED BOROUGH VOTERS, WITH OBSERVATION AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AND PROHIBITING ELECTRONIC TABULATION SYSTEMS

Shall the Fairbanks North Star Borough Code be amended to require that all ballots cast in Borough elections be hand counted by registered Borough voters and to prohibit the use of electronic tabulation systems to produce or certify election results; provide for observation of the hand-counting process as authorized by law; and become effective in 2027?

- ☐ YES A "YES" vote approves the ordinance and requires ballots to be hand counted by registered Borough Voters, with observation as authorized by law, and prohibits electronic tabulation systems.
- ☐ NO A "NO" vote rejects the ordinance and retains the current method of counting ballots.

SAMPLE BALLOT

END OF BALLOT

CONTINUE VOTING ON NEXT SIDE

FNSB Assembly – Seat D

3-Year Term

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Biographical Information:

I was born in the city of Smithtown, raised in Islip Terrace, located on Long Island, New York. After being raised there for a little while my family decided to relocate to the state of Florida where I went on to graduate from Miami Southridge Senior High School. I then went on to attend university and work until I decided to join the U.S. military. I had the privilege and honor of serving in two branches of our beloved armed forces which were the Marine Corps and the U.S. Army which led me to the great state of Alaska and city of Fairbanks. I am a retired combat veteran with tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our families are the heart of our borough.



Non-Partisan Position Statement:

In these trying times we need a borough assembly that is not only ready to take on all challenges but is also ready to make those difficult decisions that are needed for the better of our borough. I support a borough that works for the people ensuring and supporting the tax cap (not increasing our taxes), putting the brakes on over-aggressive assessments, developing jobs and economic growth by allowing for more private enterprise and less government, protecting your property rights, and maintaining and insisting on a cost-effective government that works with a responsible budget that all are held accountable for. I believe this will ensure and or decrease the current out migration and allow our population to increase due to families choosing to remain and live here.

Energy issues in today's day and age are of the utmost importance and to find solutions needed we must work together to not only find cost savings for all while not forcing any of our citizens into anything they do not want, or feel is not beneficial for their families.

I support our military community, and its economic and security growth is a values asset always.

I support transparency in our government with the understanding that I work for you and the people.

Please feel free to contact me and I will work around your schedule to listen to your concerns. I would appreciate your vote on October 6th and the honor of working for all of you.

FNSB Assembly – Seat D

3-Year Term



Alexis Howell

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Biographical Information:

Alexis grew up in the Midwest and was civically involved from an early age. She was involved in 4-H, band, and the local park district.

Alexis earned her bachelor's in political science from California Polytechnic State University in 2013. She was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserve in the military intelligence branch at the same time.

She then moved to Seattle where she obtained her Master's in Public Administration and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Washington in 2018. After finishing her graduate studies, Alexis transitioned to Active Duty, and was stationed at Fort Wainwright until 2023.

Alexis now owns and manages her own solo practice law firm in the Golden Heart City. When she's not working, you can find Alexis foraging for mushrooms and berries, hanging out with her animals, knitting up a storm, or hitting up a local farmer's market.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

Alexis is running to make local government work for ALL of us. She believes in Education, Economy, and Empowerment. She is committed to making FNSB an even more phenomenal place to live.

Education. High-quality education in our borough improves student outcomes, reduces inequality, and enhances economic growth. Fully investing in our schools is critical to the future strength of our borough.

Economy. Supporting local businesses and workers fosters resilience and boosts community prosperity by creating self-sufficiency for individuals and our borough. This investment increases the market share for local businesses, creates jobs, and keeps money circulating within our community. This includes strategic collaboration between the borough and local employers, incentives for local procurement, and the building of a more sustainable economic ecosystem through investment in infrastructures, particularly energy infrastructure.

Empowerment. Fostering individual agency, inclusion, and tangible action across social, economic, and political spheres will ensure that each citizen's voice is heard and that we can rise together as one community. Making local government work for everyone means ensuring our most vulnerable populations have a seat at the table. This is critically to a fully functional local government.

FNSB Assembly – Seat E

3-Year Term

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Biographical Information:

I'm a lifelong Borough resident that grew up in North Pole. Being raised modestly I am no stranger to cutting and chopping wood for heat, while raising chickens and pigs for food. I've hunted and fished the mountains and streams all over our great state. I slept many nights on Lost Lake as a Boy Scout. My work ethic started at an early age when I worked in commercial fishing, canneries, and moving companies. I competed in hockey, soccer, football, and the best sport - wrestling! I graduated from North Pole High School in the Spring of 1991, and the following day I went to work on the oil fields of Prudhoe Bay. I'm a third-generation, 35 year Union Pipefitter of Local 375, current Operations Manager for the BOSS maintenance contract on Ft Wainwright, President of the 501(c)(3) non-profit Straw For Dogs, husband and father.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

As a lifelong FNSB resident, I have a vested interest in the future of our borough. The past 3 years on the Assembly I have supported the issues that I was elected onto Seat E for. My priorities were common concerns of the community at that time, education, animal welfare advocacy awareness and enforcement, and economic development.

Although we have made progress regarding those issues, we have more work to do that will continue to receive my attention. However, with time comes change, and new issues arise that demand responsible leadership. Our community is facing financial hardships related to high cost of living and work force development that is forcing people to leave.

The recent mil-rate reduction that I supported is one of the tools that I have been able to deploy to help reduce cost of living. I will be exploring and rooting out other tools that are within my ability to continue to drive those costs down for our community.

By supporting education and other work force development programs that will provide pathways for our youth and military members of our community to enter into such fields as; mining, fishing, oil/gas, renewable energy, and medical fields we can not only sustain, but grow our population to a thriving community that would no longer require an out-of-state work force that continues to take money out of our community.

I will lead this type of growth for our next generation.

FNSB Assembly – Seat E

3-Year Term



Shelly Shupe

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Biographical Information:

I moved to Fairbanks in 2003 with my two young boys after falling in love with Alaska during visits in the early 1990s. I knew this was where I wanted to raise my family, surrounded by adventure, opportunity, and a strong sense of community. The Fairbanks North Star Borough has been everything I hoped for and more.

Soon after arriving, I met my husband, Retired MSGT Ken Shupe, and together we built a life in Moose Creek, where we still enjoy the peace of country living while staying connected to town.

After more than 20 years in retail management at Sams Club, OfficeMax and Ulta, I began a new and rewarding chapter in 2024 managing privatized Family Housing and serving our military community. A role I dearly love.

Fairbanks North Star Borough is home, and I am honored to serve.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

After 23 years as a resident of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, I have decided it is time to give back to the community that has meant so much to me. Rather than remaining an observer, I am seeking a seat on the FNSB Assembly to contribute constructively to the future of our borough.

If elected, it will be a privilege to serve all residents by supporting practical, thoughtful solutions that reflect responsible stewardship of our hard-earned tax dollars. Every decision I make will be guided by long-term thinking and a commitment to ensuring that the choices we make today strengthen the borough our children and grandchildren will inherit when they eventually assume these roles.

I believe the effectiveness of local government depends on the active engagement and participation of its citizens. Our borough thrives when residents are informed, involved, and willing to share their perspectives. I look forward to that engagement from each and every one of you.

I am running because I care deeply about the Fairbanks North Star Borough and its future. With a commitment to accountability, thoughtful decision-making, and service to the entire community, I am ready to contribute to the wellbeing and success of our borough.

FNSB Assembly – Seat H

3-Year Term

Scott Crass

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Biographical Information:

Scott Crass is third generation Fairbanksan, UAF alumnus, computer scientist, and father of two public-school students. He and his wife, Trista, are raising their family in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Scott and Trista built their home themselves outside city limits.

Scott has served the state of Alaska for more than 20 years and currently manages the volcanology program for the State of Alaska. He coaches youth curling in the winters and serves on the local executive board of his union, ASEA Local 52.

As a Borough Assemblyman Scott has focused on responsible budgeting, education, infrastructure, and community partnerships. During his tenure as Presiding Officer the Borough provided the highest local contribution to education in history. He also helped protect funding for community services, supported the Carlson Center and UAF hockey partnership, and advanced responsible stewardship of Borough properties, including area schools.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

The Fairbanks North Star Borough is strongest when we focus on practical solutions, responsible budgeting, and investments in our community.

I have worked to protect essential services while being careful with taxpayer dollars. As Presiding Officer, I helped lead the Assembly through a budget that provided the highest local contribution to education in Borough history. After years of difficult cuts, we are beginning to turn a corner. Now the school district can consider reinvestments to reduce class sizes and restore programs.

I have also worked to strengthen public safety and community services, including maintaining the Borough's \$325,000 grant to the City of Fairbanks for the Emergency Services Patrol. I supported keeping the Carlson Center and Mary Siah pool open and strengthening our partnership with UAF Nanooks hockey, and increased support for Fairbanks Arts Association.

We continue to face challenges, especially high energy costs, housing costs, infrastructure needs, and ongoing uncertainty in state and federal funding. We need affordable energy, responsible economic development, strong schools, safe roads, and infrastructure capable of supporting our communities.

I believe that our local government should be accountable, transparent, and willing to make difficult decisions. We should also recognize when an investment in our community will pay dividends for years to come.

We have made meaningful progress and there is more work to do. My goal is to build a Fairbanks North Star Borough that is stronger, more resilient, and prepared for the next generation. I humbly ask for your vote this October 6th.

FNSB Assembly – Seat H

3-Year Term



Joshua Leaders

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Biographical Information:

I am a retired U.S. Army Senior Noncommissioned Officer who served our nation proudly for more than 20 years, including nine years supporting U.S. Army Special Operations. After retiring from the military, I met my wife and intentionally chose to plant permanent roots in North Pole, where I am raising my family and investing in the community I love.

I am an Associate Broker and the Team Leader of The Leaders Real Estate Team, a small business owner, and am active coaching youth sports. Through military service, business ownership, and community involvement, I have built a reputation for accountability, fiscal responsibility, and servant leadership.

I believe local government works best when it listens to its citizens, spends taxpayer dollars wisely, protects private property rights, and creates opportunities for families and future generations to thrive throughout the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

I am running for the FNSB Assembly because I believe local government should serve the people with integrity, transparency, and fiscal responsibility.

Throughout my military career, I learned that leadership begins with listening, earning trust, and making decisions based on facts, not politics or personalities. Those same principles should guide our Borough government.

Our community is filled with hardworking families, seniors, veterans, educators, first responders, small business owners, and young people who want to build their future here. They deserve a Borough that spends taxpayer dollars wisely, protects private property rights, and creates an environment where businesses can grow and families can thrive.

I believe responsible economic development and responsible stewardship can go hand in hand. We should welcome opportunities that strengthen our economy while ensuring decisions are made openly, thoughtfully, and with the long-term interests of our community in mind.

Every dollar the Borough spends comes from the people who earned it. We owe our residents careful budgeting, accountability, and a willingness to ask difficult questions before asking taxpayers to spend more.

Above all, I believe public service is about representing everyone, even those who disagree with you. I will always strive to listen respectfully, communicate honestly, and approach every issue with an open mind and a commitment to finding practical solutions.

Fairbanks and North Pole have given my family a place to call home. It would be an honor to give back by serving the community that has given us so much. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Presented exactly as submitted.

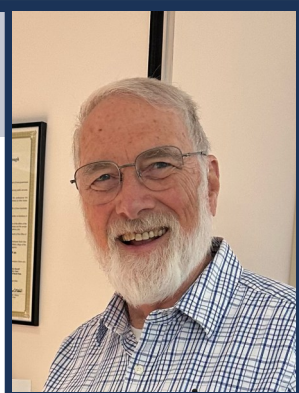
FNSB School Board – Seat E

3-Year Term

Tim Doran

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Biographical Information:

Born and raised in New York City, Alaska has been home since 1975, living 12 years in rural villages before settling in Fairbanks in 1990. My professional journey spans an early banking career, a decade in non-profit administration, teaching with the University of Alaska through 25 years, and 36 years in K-12 education as a teacher, administrator and long-time principal including 23 years at Denali Elementary. I have gained a deep understanding of public and private education in rural/urban, local/State, National/international settings.

My community involvement includes: serving on the Fairbanks School Board and other local boards, being a docent leading school tours at the UA Museum of the North, and serving in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (1972-77) and Peace Corps Response (2016).

My wife and I have two daughters, Fairbanks graduates, who live in Fairbanks with their families including our 5 grandchildren keeping me invested in our schools

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

Being on the School Board brings two important values together: a sense of community service and a passion for education. I love seeing students and educators in action – interacting and learning together. I love working with families and the broader community to foster an environment wherein children can grow and develop.

I have experience in real schools garnered over decades. “Retiring” in 2014, the first step was to take that expertise overseas to the Republic of Palau assisting in the development of their 10-year National Plan for Education. The next natural involvement was to run for School Board in 2017. Being on the Board allows me to advocate for public education and importantly to work for students in partnership with educators and families in the students’ best interests.

Public education is at a critical juncture wherein the academic and social needs of children and funding are disjointed. My priorities include: **predictable and sustainable funding**- advocating for public education as a vital investment in our community’s economic and social future; supporting educators- retention, recruitment, respect and resources for teachers and staff; **academic excellence and literacy**- supporting key initiatives to strengthen foundational K-12 learning; and **relevant innovation**- redesigning and strengthening education to serve every child’s evolving needs.

My vision is that “Every Student Becomes a Competent, Confident, Curious, Caring and Contributing Citizen”. There is no better feeling than seeing former students in the workforce, running businesses, raising families, taking care of us throughout the community.

I appreciate your support and vote.

FNSB School Board – Seat E

3-Year Term



Sally L Gant
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Biographical Information:

I am an Army Brat and graduated 8th grade, in Bethel. My people come from Montana. Four of my children were born and raised in Fairbanks. Currently I have eight grandchildren in the FNSB school System, plus three that have already graduated from North Pole. I am retired and single, and therefore, I have lots of time to make the School Board my next job.

As an Accountant, I know budgets and I am used to working with Legal documents. Which will come in handy as the teachers and support staff contracts are coming up for renewal soon.

The State of Alaska is talking about adding Behavior Health to the Teachers duties. I think that they have enough on their plate, and that their priorities should be Teaching **not** social engineering.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

We are in a **tug-of-war** for the soul of our country.

One side thinks the Government should solve all of our problems.

The other side thinks that we should be responsible for our own lives.

More than one battle is being fought in our schools, and our children are paying the price.

Go **back** to actual **books**; teach reading, writing, and arithmetic. Include lots of exercise.

The FNSB School Board will be picking the materials for Social Studies starting in 2026, English Language Arts in 2027, Math in 2028, Science in 2029, and Health and PE in 2030. This is the time to take back control of what is actually taught in our schools, by being able to look at a book that does not change, compared to a computer program that can change daily.

Instead of Gay Pride Month how about "**I can read, can you**" Month?

FNSB School Board – Seat F

3-Year Term

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Biographical Information:

My family moved to Fairbanks in 1987 during my junior year of high school. I graduated from Lathrop High in 1989 and enrolled at UAF where I completed my BA in English, then later completed my Master of Arts in Teaching at UAA. I married my firefighter husband Greg in 1994; we celebrated our 32nd year of marriage this year. In 2000, we welcomed our first child and went on to have two more. I came home from teaching and gratefully spent the next 16 years raising our children. In 2016, I rejoined the teaching force. In 2019 we adopted three more children into our family which brought me back home. We currently live on 10 acres in North Pole where we board horses and offer short-term rentals to world-wide travelers. I am unashamedly dedicated to family, to lifelong learning, and to serving others.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

Raising our large family and actively participating in our Interior community for over 20 years has been an honor and a privilege.

I am running for School Board because I believe we are on the brink of a tremendous breakthrough in our schools, and I believe the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District is poised to make several key decisions the next few years which could radically alter our public education and student outcomes for the better.

I would love to be an active part of this breakthrough.

I am committed to attracting, equipping, and retaining high-quality teachers by offering competitive compensation, affordable health care, classroom support, and consistent value as educators.

I am committed to advocating for every student in the classroom wholly present and ready to learn by streamlining our cumbersome discipline management system.

I am committed to advocating for parents and for school choice in our district. Choice sharpens, choice inspires, choice requires accountability.

I am committed to limiting excessive emphasis on ideologies which compromise precious time and resources, redirecting attention to where it is best utilized: Raising student scores in reading and math.

Bottom line: We are training up the next generation of American citizens to steward our nation for another 250 years. This is a sobering, noble task. I am ready.

Strong teachers. Strong families. Strong communities. Together We Rise.

FNSB School Board – Seat F

3-Year Term



Robert Herrick

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Biographical Information:

PhD Geophysics, Southern Methodist University

MS Geophysics, University of Houston

BS Physics, BS Geophysics, Texas A&M

I am a 22-year borough resident and my wife Keiko is a born and raised Fairbanksan. We have a son attending Randy Smith Middle School. I came to UAF to be a Research Professor in the field of planetary science and am

currently on the science team for two planned unmanned missions to Venus. I have over 30 years of educational outreach experience sharing the excitement of space exploration and have worked with students and educators of all ages and backgrounds. I have appeared on NOVA and I created a statewide traveling planetarium program that took me to many of the borough schools. I am a past parent representative on the School Board Budget Committee and have publicly written about several district issues in recent years. You can learn more about me at herrickforschoolboard.com.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

Year after year, the important decisions of our school district are made behind closed doors and rolled out as foregone conclusions. The only role for parents is to beg for mercy. Teachers and staff are on the outside looking in. The results: Flat test scores, plummeting enrollment, teacher and staff shortages, and a school board actively blocking a needed charter school from opening. I am running to change this dynamic.

The key to a successful school district is parents and the community believing that the district was constructed with their guidance and for their children's best interests. I am running to give parents, teachers, and staff central roles in the decision-making process through policy changes in the following areas:

Accountability - District administration and the school board need to answer the tough questions, not just ones of their choosing. Failures and shortcomings, not just successes, must be acknowledged.

Engagement - Frequent, meaningful, and unbiased surveying of parents, teachers, and community should occur before major decisions are made. Substantive public discussions must take place.

Transparency - Parents need to be presented with thorough information, organized in an intelligible way, and presented honestly. The current "control the narrative" tactics, such as deceptive language and selective presentation of information, need to end.

Parents, teachers, staff, and the community are groups that need to be worked with, rather than worked around. Together we can build a school district that we are all proud of and for which we are all invested in its success.

FNSB School Board – Seat F

3-Year Term

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Biographical Information:

I was born and raised in Fairbanks; this community is my lifelong home. I attended Fairbanks public schools, graduating from West Valley in 2002, then earned my Bachelor and Master of Science in Biological Sciences from UAF. While finishing my Master's degree, I started a career in public service at the Department of Environmental Conservation, where I have worked since 2012. During that time I have helped to raise 5 kids who attend(ed) public school. I have volunteered in the community as a reader and board member for Guys Read and as a youth soccer coach. For the past three years I have served on the school board, where I have put in the hard work to listen and understand this community, learn the daily operations of the district and the needs of staff, and make connections with legislators to advocate for state funding and support of education.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

As the incumbent in this race, I will continue to work hard to create an abundance of opportunity for every student, to listen and communicate transparently, and to create a safe and healthy environment for every student and educator.

Over the past three years I have developed my skills and knowledge to improve my effectiveness as a board member through professional development, visiting classrooms, and speaking with staff, students, and families. I am running again because my work has equipped me to be the best person for the job - I understand the challenges and opportunities in front of the district and I have made the connections to be an effective advocate. I am proud of the board's non-partisan approach to problem-solving, working as a team despite differences of opinion. During my first term, the board:

- added an advisory member from Fairbanks Native Association,
- conducted extensive community outreach to develop a robust 5-year strategic plan,
- advocated for education funding and an improved teacher retirement system,
- made difficult decisions to ensure that resources are being used in the best interest of all students.
- developed board practices to improve communication around issues with significant impact

Individually, I've cultivated relationships with state legislators and the borough assembly to ensure positive connections and effective advocacy with our funding sources. My record shows: I stand on my principles, and I am able to listen and learn. I hope to continue the work of building a district that serves all students.

FNSB School Board – Seat G

3-Year Term



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Biographical Information:

Grew up in CA, joined the Army at 18, served 24 years & stationed; AL / AK / AZ / CA/ MO / GA / Japan, Korea, Germany, Iraq & Afghanistan. Served as Military Policeman, Customs Inspector, Instructor, Infantry Officer, Electronic Warfare, Cyber Warfare, and had a Top Secret clearance.

Went from Private 2nd Class (PV2) to Staff Sergeant (SSG) then Lieutenant (2LT) to Major (MAJ).

BA-Interdisciplinary Studies (Columbia College)

Lived in Alaska 16 years, and since retirement volunteered at: Tanana Valley State Fair, Fairbanks Concert Association, Fairbanks Ambassador, Wood River elementary, North Star Ballet, Fairbanks Art Association, Fairbanks Clean Up Day. Donated 2 gallons of blood to the Alaska Blood Bank.

I have raised a 12 year old daughter as a Single Parent with no issues, ensuring she travels with me to 25 states / 4 countries.

Member of: VFW, Legion, AOC, AUSA, NRA, MOAA, DAV

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

I have a daughter enrolled in public school, I want her to get a well rounded education. She and others need to focus on actual learning, and not any other distractions.

Right now I see our school board that mirrors a sadly national trend of social justice, CRT, DEI pledges, with people focused on LGBT instead of the ABCs and 123s.

We have a failing school program, and that needs to change, we can't fix it by electing the same types of people with the same policies of excluding common sense.

We need a parent's bill of rights, a student's bill of rights and a teacher's bill of rights. We need a program to keep the best teachers, a way to remove bad behaved students and remove incompetence.

We need a teachers union focused on education not social justice. We need real change from all agencies evolved with the FNSB schools.

We need to help support Chartered Schools and homeschool programs.

We need to focus on the budget to enhance our ability to bring the best technologies to our students with safe and efficient access. We need to have partnerships with local businesses to help develop people for the workforce here and around the state.

Our nation is at a crossroads road, we need to focus on true changes to make.

FNSB School Board – Seat G

3-Year Term

Sean Holland

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Biographical Information:

Originally from Palmer, I'm a Fairbanksan by choice, a UAF graduate, and a father with young kids in our district's public schools. My career has focused on how technology can support classrooms when applied thoughtfully and backed by evidence. Before working in higher education, I spent seven years teaching children across all grades in Japan, building classroom and cross-cultural skills I still rely on today.

I've long believed that strong public schools are the foundation of a healthy, cooperative community—a place where every child, regardless of background, gets a fair chance at building a capable, independent life. I carry that belief with me every day.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

I'm running for Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board to keep the focus on what serves our kids best: thoughtful use of technology, schools that offer amazing learning opportunities, and quality teaching.

It's time we get smart about screens in schools. I will bring a balanced, evidence-based approach to the classroom, supporting technology that helps teachers build students' digital literacy for the world they're entering, not simply putting screens in their hands.

Our schools are more than buildings; they are communities anchored by trusted staff, from classroom teachers to custodians. I want Fairbanks to be a community where educators truly want to teach. While fighting for adequate, predictable state funding from Juneau, I will work locally to ensure those resources empower, properly compensate, and retain the staff who make our schools safe and vibrant.

When budgets are tight, I will vote to protect what serves every student: professional staff; thriving classrooms; and extracurricular programs like music and art that provide connections beyond the academic setting. Schools are where children build independence, a sense of themselves, ownership of their work, and the confidence to become capable, productive adults.

I'm a parent and an educator ready to listen, keep an open mind, and come to every meeting fully prepared to respect your time. Meetings that end at a reasonable hour bring more of our community into the room. Together we can fight for continued investments in our schools so that every student is ready to meet the future.



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Interior Gas Utility – Seat C

3-Year Term

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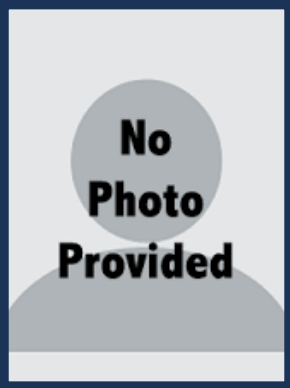
Biographical Information:

Jim Dodson is a lifelong Fairbanks resident and graduate of the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Management. Jim retired in 2021 after serving 15 years as President and CEO of the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation. Previously, he led Denali Group, a trucking and transportation company employing approximately 200 people, and was an owner and CEO of Frontier Flying Service from 1973 to 1979.

A U.S. Army Vietnam veteran who served with the 5th Special Forces Group, Jim has also contributed extensively to Alaska's civic and business communities. His past leadership roles include service on the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's Civilian Advisory Board, the Alaska Command Commander's Civilian Board, the UAF Chancellor's Advisory Board, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough Planning and Zoning Commission. He also served as president of the Alaska Air Carriers Association and Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce

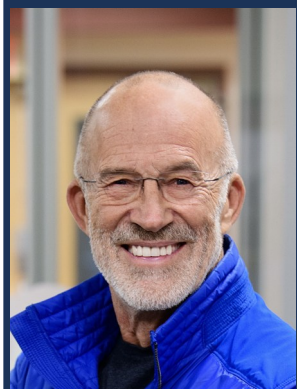
Non-Partisan Position Statement:

[No information provided]



Interior Gas Utility – Seat D

3-Year Term



Steven Lundgren

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Biographical Information:

I retired early 2026 as President & CEO of Denali State Bank following nearly 50 years of work experience in the financial services industry. I participated and served in leadership positions for many professional, business, and service organizations over the course of my career. This includes, in part, serving as Board Chair of the

Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation, as National Treasurer of the Air Force Association, and as President of the Fairbanks Sunrisers Rotary Club. I'm proud to have served in advisory board positions supporting our University of Fairbanks Alaska and our military in Fairbanks. All of my children and grandchildren were born and reside in Fairbanks.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

My experience serving on various boards and working with directors over many years gives me a firm understanding of what a director should and should not do in the board room to support management and the mission of the organization. I have used wood, oil, electricity, propane and natural gas as heat sources while living and working in Fairbanks. All of these have their place in our community, and I am pleased and thankful that we now have natural gas as an option. IGU has done a good job of expanding distribution reasonably and cost effectively, and locking a long term source of natural gas for our community. This will help manage the cost of energy in Fairbanks and provide a clean and cost effective option for businesses and consumers. If elected, I will work with the board to support management in continuing to expand distribution and manage costs to provide a cost effective and reliable source of energy for those who choose natural gas.

FNSB Proposition 1

For more info, visit [FNSB.gov/2026Prop1](https://fnsb.gov/2026Prop1)



PROPOSITION 1

A CITIZENS' INITIATIVE PROPOSITION ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TAX REVENUES

Shall sections 8.04.290 and 8.04.300 of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Code (FNSBC) be reenacted? These sections will provide for limitations on the maximum allowable tax revenues for the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Under FNSBC 8.04.290 the Borough will be able to levy or impose only the same amount of taxes for one fiscal year as the borough levied or imposed for the preceding year, except that the Borough can increase the amount of taxes levied or imposed (a) to adjust for inflation; (b) to take into account new buildings and land coming onto the tax rolls; (c) make new payments on bonds; (d) pay for services approved by voters; (e) pay for new legal judgements entered against the Borough; and to pay for expenses in emergencies. FNSBC 8.04.300 provides a formula and definitions for the limitations of FNSBC 8.04.290.

A **"Yes"** vote reenacts FNSBC 8.04.290 and 8.04.300, which limits the maximum allowable tax revenues for the Borough. If reenacted it may not be modified or negated within two years.

A **"No"** vote means the initiative will be defeated. The current revenue cap in the FNSB Code of Ordinances will remain in effect; however, it can now be modified or negated by the Assembly.

STRICTLY FACTUAL INFORMATION **regarding Proposition 1 adopted by the Assembly on July 23, 2026** **by Resolution No. 2026-19**

1. Proposition 1 will reenact sections of Borough code that establish a limit on the amount of tax revenue the Borough may collect each year, commonly called the "tax cap" or "tax revenue cap."
2. The tax revenue cap limits the total amount of tax revenue the Borough can collect in each taxing jurisdiction from all sources each fiscal year, adjusted for inflation and with certain exclusions. It does not set a specific limit on the real property tax mill rate. The tax revenue cap limits the amount of tax revenue the Borough may collect. The cap does not directly limit appropriations or expenditures funded from non-tax revenue or existing fund balances.
3. As a second class borough, state law authorizes the Borough to levy various types of taxes. The tax revenue cap applies to all Borough taxes, including hotel-motel room tax, alcoholic beverage tax, tobacco distribution excise tax, marijuana and marijuana product sales tax, and property taxes.
4. The tax revenue cap is calculated separately for each area of the Borough that has its own taxing authority. These include areawide services, non-areawide services, solid waste collection district, and service areas. A new tax cannot increase total tax revenue above the cap that is calculated for each taxing jurisdiction. Revenue from a new tax must be balanced by reducing revenue from other taxes.
5. The tax revenue cap is adjusted for certain factors, including:
 - tax revenue from new construction and voter-approved services;
 - any appropriation to fund debt payments on bonds;
 - funding of new judgments against the Borough; and
 - emergency appropriations.
6. The tax revenue cap does not apply to:
 - that portion of hotel-motel room taxes transferred to the hotel-motel room tax fund
 - amounts withdrawn from General Fund reserves in the preceding year and designated by the Assembly to reduce the amount of property taxes levied on the taxpayer (i.e., tax relief)
7. User fees are not included in the tax revenue cap calculation because they are not taxes.
8. The tax revenue cap does not adjust for reductions in state funding received by the Borough.
9. Under Alaska law, if Proposition 1 is approved by voters, the tax revenue cap is law for two years and neither the assembly nor the voters can repeal, modify, or negate it during that period. Thus, additional exclusions cannot be legislated by going to the voters if the effect of those will modify or negate the language the voters adopted by ordinance.



FNSB Proposition 2

For more info, visit [FNSB.gov/2026Prop2](https://fnsb.gov/2026Prop2)

PROPOSITION 2

A CITIZENS' INITIATIVE PROPOSITION CHANGING THE DATE OF THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND MAKING RELATED CHANGES

Shall the Fairbanks North Star Borough Code be amended to move the regular municipal election from the first Tuesday in October to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November; adjust the deadline for receiving mailed absentee ballots to account for the Veterans Day holiday; and change the terms of the Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officer?

A **"Yes"** vote approves the ordinance, moving the regular municipal election to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November and making related code changes.

A **"No"** vote defeats the ordinance, leaving the regular municipal election on the first Tuesday in October.

STRICTLY FACTUAL INFORMATION regarding Proposition 2 adopted by the Assembly on July 23, 2026 by Resolution No. 2026-21

1. Proposition 2 would move the Borough's regular municipal election date from the first Tuesday in October to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. In even-numbered years, the Borough election would be held on the same day as the State general election.
2. Borough elections would remain separate from State elections, even when held on the same day.
3. The Borough will continue to administer and pay for its own election. The election would not be administered by the State.
4. The Borough would still hold an election every year, even though State general elections occur every two years.
5. Early voting for Borough elections and State elections would continue to be conducted separately.
6. On election day, voters participating in Borough and State Elections would check in separately for each election, receive separate ballots, and place those ballots into separate ballot boxes.
7. Voters required to cast a questioned ballot would complete separate Borough and State forms. A questioned ballot is used when additional information is needed to verify a voter's eligibility. Borough and State election officials would continue to review those ballots separately to determine voter eligibility.
8. The Borough does not expect this change to reduce election costs. Currently, the Borough shares some election costs with the City of Fairbanks and the City of North Pole when elections are held together. If those cities continue to hold elections in October, the Borough could lose those shared cost savings.
9. The Borough would incur one-time equipment costs. The Borough currently uses State election equipment at no cost, and moving the election to November would require purchasing items such as ballot boxes, tables, chairs, and signs.
10. On years when Veteran's Day falls on the Tuesday after the November election, the deadline for returning absentee ballots by mail will be adjusted.
11. The annual terms of the Assembly's Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officer would be adjusted.
12. Under Alaska law, if Proposition 2 is approved by voters, the ordinance is law for two years and neither the Assembly nor the voters can repeal, modify, or negate it during that period.

FNSB Proposition 3

For more info, visit [FNSB.gov/2026Prop3](https://fnsb.gov/2026Prop3)



PROPOSITION 3

A CITIZENS' INITIATIVE PROPOSITION REQUIRING ALL BALLOTS TO BE HAND COUNTED BY REGISTERED BOROUGH VOTERS, WITH OBSERVATION AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AND PROHIBITING ELECTRONIC TABULATION SYSTEMS

Shall the Fairbanks North Star Borough Code be amended to require that all ballots cast in Borough elections be hand counted by registered Borough voters and to prohibit the use of electronic tabulation systems to produce or certify election results; provide for observation of the hand-counting process as authorized by law; and become effective in 2027?

A **"Yes"** vote approves the ordinance and requires ballots to be hand counted by registered Borough Voters, with observation as authorized by law, and prohibits electronic tabulation systems.

A **"No"** vote rejects the ordinance and retains the current method of counting ballots.

STRICTLY FACTUAL INFORMATION regarding Proposition 3 adopted by the Assembly on August 20, 2026 by Resolution No. 2026-26

1. Proposition 3 would mandate the method used to count ballots as manual hand-counting beginning with the 2027 election cycle for all Regular, Special, and Run-Off municipal elections.
2. Hand-counting is the process of a human manually reviewing each ballot and tallying votes, without the use of machines.
3. The proposed manual ballot hand-counting system includes that:
 1. Questioned, absentee and special needs ballots are separated from the regular ballots voted on election day.
 2. Regular ballots are hand-counted at polling places on election day.
 3. Counting occurs in public view (to the extent practicable.)
 4. Only registered Borough voters conduct ballot counts.
 5. Questioned, absentee and special needs ballots are hand counted at a central location.
 6. Electronic tabulation systems are not used to produce or certify official results.
 7. Official election results are determined solely from manual hand counts.
4. A hand-count typically takes longer to determine unofficial election results on election day than an electronic tabulation system. However, the official results will be determined in the same timeframe with either method.
5. When a voter inserts a ballot into the electronic tabulation system, the machine alerts them to potential ballot-marking issues and provides the voter an opportunity to review their ballot and vote a new ballot if they choose. If the proposition is adopted, ballots will not be reviewed by voters through the electronic tabulation process. Instead, the hand-counting board will determine voter intent according to election procedures.
6. The ordinance does not include a fiscal analysis or estimate of implementation costs. The overall cost would depend on factors including voter turnout, staffing requirements, and the number of races on the ballot.
7. Under Alaska law, if Proposition 3 is approved by voters, the ordinance is law for two years and neither the Assembly nor the voters can repeal, modify, or negate it during that period.



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City of Fairbanks



SAMPLE BALLOT REGULAR ELECTION - OCTOBER 6, 2026 CITY OF FAIRBANKS

Instructions: To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice, like this: 
Use a black pen to mark your ballot. NO RED INK. If you make a mistake, you may ask for a new ballot.

FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL SEAT E

3-Year Term (2026-2029)

Vote For Not More Than One (1)

- ☐ Aaron Lojewski
- ☐ Laura D. Houger
- ☐ Tom Allen
- ☐ Write-In

FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL SEAT F

3-Year Term (2026-2029)

Vote For Not More Than One (1)

- ☐ John Ringstad
- ☐ Write-In

SAMPLE BALLOT

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Fairbanks City Council – Seat E

3-Year Term

Aaron Lojewski

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Biographical Information:

I fell in love with Alaska as a child. After earning the rank of Eagle Scout, I moved to interior Alaska and enrolled at UAF where I earned a BBA in Finance and an MS in Resource and Applied Economics. Afterwards, I started my own small business, Fairbanks Aurora Tours, which is entering its 10th season. I served for three years on the volunteer Interior Gas Utility Board of Directors and two terms on the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly.

I enjoy the outdoors, our local trail system, Fairbanks bike paths, and dipnetting in the Copper River. Alaska's Interior, especially the Golden Heart City, is truly a wonderful place to live.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

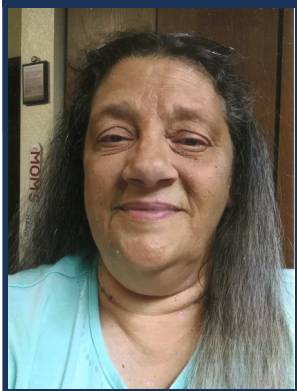
Let's focus on the basics of local government and do a fine job of providing quality police, fire, EMT, road plowing, and road maintenance while supporting and respecting balanced budgets and tax cap mandates in the city charter.

As your former representative on the Borough Assembly, I successfully returned the City of Fairbanks Board of Adjustment powers back to the City from the Borough and, along with then Borough Mayor Karl Kassel, relaxed zoning downtown to allow businesses to expand and offer microbreweries, like the Midnight Mine. I successfully passed legislation that automated borough savings to deal with the deferred maintenance problem to protect the taxpayer from decades of compounding interest being sent to outside bond investors. Bond payments fell over my two terms from \$19.0 million per year to \$10.3 million per year. Furthermore, then Borough Mayor Bryce Ward and I collaborated on and created the popular Capital Improvement Plan, a formal plan to allocate taxpayer dollars for building maintenance.

Overall, I represented you for two terms on the Borough Assembly by supporting core government services, lower taxes, and the Tax Cap. I'm ready to do it again on the Fairbanks City Council. I am asking for your vote.

Fairbanks City Council – Seat E

3-Year Term



Laura D. Houger

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Biographical Information:

Hi, I am an independent, motivated, determined, visually impaired single mother of 5 adult children and Nona to an energetic toddler boy and baby girl due in December '26. At 4 months old, I was adopted by the most attentive parents ever; unfortunately they have both passed on. My parents taught me that I should never let anyone tell me I can't do something unless I try and fail at it. I was

born and raised in Virginia, finally got to Alaska in 2003.

Over the years I have worked in retail new and thrift. Best job ever was FRA Closet Collections, 8 years there. Volunteered my way through Hunter & Ryan Schools, Boys & Girls Club, Summer Snack Backpack, Santa's Helpers... Etc.

Been told I have an attention to detail. I don't like to start something I'm not gonna finish. And I'm a problem solver by nature.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

As a 23-year resident of Fairbanks what saddens me the most is seeing and feeling the drug /alcohol addiction that has gripped our community. I love this area, The City of Fairbanks. I have a calling, a clear desire To Do something. Because of the ways that addiction has touched my family, safe to say it has probably affected your life in one way or another. Whether it be a loved one, a friend, a co-worker or maybe yourself.

I believe part of the problem lies in that most do not see this as a family/ community disease; which it is. It affects everyone it touches.

When The Boys & Girls Club left our community, I think it left a big gap for the Youth; who need Activities /Programs.

I've learned this about addiction, two things everyone needs to know: When someone asks for help they need to get help right then. Second, steps to sobriety is unique for each person.

Anyone that's known me knows that being a social entrepreneur has been my focus. There's a need, I have plans to make long lasting changes that will improve our City. It will help our community, help our community; call it a community enterprise.

In the Golden Heart City whenever there's something that needs to be done, we together to get it done. We can make it come to fruition as a community; with your votes- Friends step up. I know we can truly heal our community together.

Presented exactly as submitted.

Fairbanks City Council – Seat E

3-Year Term

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Biographical Information:

I am a lifelong Alaskan, born in Seward and grew up in Seward and Anchorage. I have lived in Fairbanks for almost 20 years. I attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks and earned a BS in Anthropology. I am a current graduate student at UAF earning an MA in Anthropology. I am a working Archaeologist and have worked on various proposed development projects since 2010. Working as a field archaeologist I have learned to:

- Make a plan
- Evaluate evidence
- Adapt to changing conditions
- Adjust my approach with new information
- Collaborate with others

These skills will be a great asset to the Fairbanks community. Plus, I am handy with a shovel.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

We have a great community but there are challenges including affordability, homelessness, and decreased number of local businesses. I would like to address these challenges.

- I support the proposed warm-up shelter to ensure Fairbanks residents are safe this winter.
- I support a “Housing First” approach to address homelessness in the long term.
- I support efforts to increase available affordable housing.
- I support city contracts that fairly compensate the public employees who keep our city running.
- I support efforts to increase accessibility and city beautification efforts, especially in Downtown.

Fairbanks City Council – Seat F

3-Year Term



John Ringstad
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Biographical Information:

John Ringstad is a third generation Alaskan, born and raised in Fairbanks. He has a wife, three children and five grandchildren. Growing up in a large family, he values the importance of hard work and investing in what you care about. He's spent his life fighting for the rights of Alaskans and supporting the local economy.

After graduating from Monroe and UAF, John followed in his grandmother's (Fairbanks Mayor Sylvia Ringstad) footsteps pursuing positive change at the government level. He went on to serve two terms in the Alaska State Legislature where he focused on resource development, budgets, private land ownership, and collaborating with local businesses owners. He has worked in real estate, banking, as a truck driver, in government and public relations, and as a lobbyist for the school district. He also served as a board member for multiple local organizations.

For more information please visit John-Ringstad.com

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

[No information provided]

City of North Pole



SAMPLE BALLOT REGULAR ELECTION - OCTOBER 6, 2026 CITY OF NORTH POLE

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NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL
3-Year Term (2026-2029)
Vote For Not More Than Two (2)

- ☐ Thomas R McGhee
- ☐ Benjamin Williams Jr.
- ☐ Aubrey Barnett
- ☐ Write-In
- ☐ Write-In

CITY OF NORTH POLE PROPOSITION A A CITIZENS' INITIATIVE PROPOSITION THAT MOVES THE CITY OF NORTH POLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM THE FIRST TUESDAY IN OCTOBER TO THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER.

*UNDERLINED AND BOLD WORDS ARE ADDITIONS TO THE CHARTER

*STRIKETHROUGHS ARE DELETIONS FROM THE CHARTER

North Pole City Charter Section 10.1 REGULAR CITY ELECTIONS:

The regular City elections shall be held annually on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. ~~Tuesday in October or such other date as the Council may provide in the Code. The date of holding regular City elections may not be changed by the Council at any time less than one year prior to the date of the first regular City election affected.~~

Shall Section 10.1 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of North Pole be amended to change the date of the regular municipal election from the first Tuesday in October to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November?

A YES VOTE AMENDS THE CHARTER AND MOVES THE ELECTION TO NOVEMBER

A NO VOTE KEEPS THE CHARTER UNCHANGED AND THE ELECTION IN OCTOBER

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

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North Pole City Council

3-Year Term



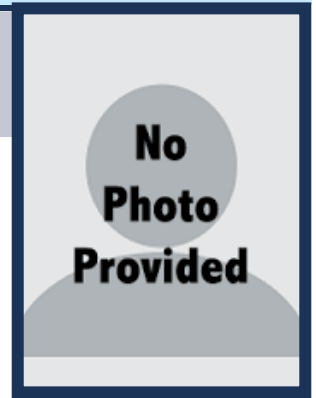
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No additional information provided.

North Pole City Council

3-Year Term

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North Pole City Council

3-Year Term



Aubrey Barnett

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Biographical Information & Non-Partisan Position Statement:

A veteran, small business owner, wife and mother, Aubrey Barnett is a dedicated community member, running for City Council with a commitment to serving the residents of North Pole.

For the past five years, Aubrey has called North Pole home and has developed a deep appreciation for the people and community that make this city special. As a veteran, Mrs. Barnett will bring a strong sense of service, responsibility, and dedication to this community she loves so dearly.

Aubrey Barnett holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in Business Management and is a small business owner, bringing firsthand experience in leadership, budgeting, problem-solving, and understanding the challenges facing local businesses and working families.

Outside of work, family and community remain at the heart of Mrs. Barnett's life. Married with two children, Aubrey is actively involved in the community through the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and High School Football booster club.

Aubrey Barnett believes city government should listen to residents, provide dependable services, and work responsibly to keep the community affordable and welcoming for families, veterans, seniors, and local businesses.

With a background built on service, business, family, and community involvement, Aubrey Barnett is ready to bring that same commitment to the North Pole City Council.

ELECTION RESULTS

- Unofficial election results will be available at [FNSB.gov](https://fnsb.gov) after polls close on election night, October 6, 2026.
- Qualified questioned and absentee ballots will be counted publicly in the FNSB Assembly Chambers on October 13, 2026 and livestreamed at [FNSB.gov/Meetings](https://fnsb.gov/Meetings). Online results will be updated.
- Election results remain unofficial until certified by the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, Fairbanks City Council, and North Pole City Council, respectively.



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