

Anchorage Tea Party

Alaska State Legislature Candidate Questionnaire 2012

You may use as much space as you like for your responses, including additional pages. Your responses will be posted on our website, and hard copies will be made available to attendees at our June 25, 2012 candidate forum.

Candidate Name _____ Bob Bell _____ House or Senate X
District __J_____

1. Give your opinion on a rotating legislative session to be held in each of the three largest cities in Alaska. What are your ideas for providing Alaska citizens' better access to the legislature? I think it is an excellent idea. When we voted to move the capital my firm was the one that came up with the "truck stop" capital in willow. Gov. Hammond wasn't amused. I also think more committee meeting should be held in Anchorage and Fairbanks when the issue affects this area.
2. What must Alaska do to increase our oil-related revenues? We need to increase production. We get 12.5% of the oil as a royalty. If production goes up one million bbl/day at \$100/bbl Alaska takes in \$12,500,000/day or 4.5 billion a year. Until we get a reasonable tax structure production will not go up.
3. What is your position on "Loser Pays" tort reform legislation for Alaska? I am in favor. I also think any lawsuit for less than \$100,000 should have to go to arbitration. We need tort reform on several issues.
4. What is the one most important thing we can do to improve education in Alaska and how will you facilitate that? We need a admendment to our constitution to allow school vouchers for private schools.
5. Give examples of capital budget projects you favor spending state monies on. Watana Dam, in state gas line, and roads to new parts of the state (Nome for instance)
6. Do you believe this year's state operating budget is too high, just right, or too low? If too high, name three programs in which you would make cuts. If too low, list the areas which need more spending. It is too high. We are over regulating most industries and often duplicating federal regulations. We need to reduce those departments and regulate less. Why is the state in the employment business competing with private

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employment businesses? They are also in the vocational rehabilitation business which could be done by the private sector.

7. What is your interpretation of the Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and how it relates to states' rights? Give specific examples relating to Alaska. The courts have interpreted the interstate commerce clause very broadly to give the federal government vast powers that I don't think the framers of the constitution intended for them to have. I don't see anything that allows the federal government to own land, but they own most of Alaska. I don't know what authority the EPA has to do a report on the Pebble Mine project when it is on State land. The big one is the federal government taking over management of fish and game on federal land in Alaska. The tenth give all rights to the states not outlined in the constitution. That has been violated time after time by the courts.
8. Name four things Alaska can and should do to reduce health care costs. First of all the patients should have some skin in the game when it comes to the cost of their treatment. If the insurance pays it then who cares what it costs. If the patient pays enough of the bill they will then "shop" the doctor. We need to reduce paper work requirements on doctors. I understand most medical offices spend up to 25% of their time dealing with government and insurance companies reporting requirements. We need tort reform so doctors don't get sued for any mistake or omission. We need more opening in the WAMI program to get more doctors in Alaska.
9. Do you support the current processes for Alaska judicial appointments and retentions? Why or why not? No I don't. we have a panel of lawyers deciding who gets considered by the governor. It should be a panel of citizens with maybe a lawyer advising them. We have the opportunity to vote on them for retention and I am not sure I have a better idea than that.
10. List any restrictions you personally will have (or have) on contributions to your campaign such as a dollar cap, accepting contributions from public-sector or private unions, PACs, etc. Please provide details and justification. I have no restrictions as long as they meet state law. I tell all my contributors that I will vote on every issue based on what is best for the people I represent. If that happens to be contrary to what they want I

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