

Anchorage Tea Party

Alaska State Legislature Candidate Questionnaire 2012

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(<http://www.akredistricting.org/GIS%20STORAGE/Pdfs/HD19.pdf>)

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?

Rotate and use innovative technology to create world class access.

2. What must Alaska do to increase our oil-related revenues?

This is a complex undertaking that needs to be attacked at various levels much like a business would market and sell its product or services. We need Marketing(to both the shareholders and consumers), enabling policies and laws, infrastructure, stable political climate, tort reforms, educated Alaskan workforce, cost effective social services to support a population base.

3. What is your position on "Loser Pays" tort reform legislation for Alaska?

We need to curb the malicious and frivolous misuse of legitimate grievance response avenues. I fully support loser pays tort reform legislation, but I want to ensure that this does not disenfranchise the individual with a reasonable concern. My main focus is how much these kinds of lawsuits cost small businesses - Small businesses paid \$105.4 billion in tort liability costs in 2008.

4. What is the one most important thing we can do to improve education in Alaska and how will you facilitate that?

Three goals if treated as a mission by the education system can transform the system as we know it. The three goals are "Competition, Choice availability, operational efficiency across the entire public services."

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5. Give examples of capital budget projects you favor spending state monies on.

Projects which increase the operating efficiency of government like the replacement of the State's petroleum tax auditing system, infrastructure projects that will provide roads or bridges to resources, and local projects with support and buy-in from residents that can maximize state and federal dollars.

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.

Too high. Although the Legislature has begun to focus on more than just the increments for departments, it must do more to ensure Department missions are not creeping, that formula programs don't simply get automatic increases and to put more focus on services that allow for economic growth - including permit processing, continuing the outreach of the Division of Motor Vehicles in advancing opportunities for Rural residents to earn commercial driver's licenses which then provides more job opportunities in Rural Alaska, more support to entrepreneurs beginning businesses.

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 Tenth Amendment is pretty straightforward, the interpretation of it by the US Supreme Court has not been. "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the people." Certainly the most pressing issue is the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or Obamacare as many people have come to know the bill. But, there are other issues of federal overreach whether covered by the Tenth Amendment or others such as navigable waters issues and authority of National Park Service employees on Alaska's waters.

8. Name four things Alaska can and should do to reduce health care costs.

Alaska is hampered by being a small market. Nothing but time will change that. However, the State Department of Commerce can encourage and seek out qualified companies wishing to do business in the State. The better solution would be the federal government removing impediments for residents to be able to purchase insurance across state lines. Allowing lower level licensed professionals to handle certain levels of care can bring down costs. However, licensed professions have tended to fight efforts such as direct entry midwives and the dental therapist program.

9. Do you support the current processes for Alaska judicial appointments and retentions? Why or why not?

I do believe that the Judicial Council should forward every name if the person is qualified. However the current process seems to be working since names of those who have the character and are qualified are forwarded to the Governor for appointment.

10. List any restrictions you personally will have (or have) on contributions to your campaign such as a dollar cap, Please email responses to admin@anchorgeteaparty.org by June 22. Thank you for your willingness to serve Alaska!

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