

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: Gabrielle LeDoux

House District: 13

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?

This is a very interesting idea and deserves consideration. I believe that in our modern technological era we need to always be on the look out for new ways of providing Alaska citizens' better access to the legislature. However, I do support moving the capitol to a location closer to the people.

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

We need a more business friendly environment that encourages competition and more oil production.

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

I support "Loser Pays." This would be a good way to deter outside environmental groups from shutting down Alaska resource development by way of frivolous lawsuits.

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

The one thing that will give us better results and lower costs with anything including education is one word, "competition." As a legislator I will work with my colleagues to make "competition" in education a reality.

5. Give examples of capital budget projects you favor spending state monies on. *Roads, Roads, and Roads.*

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.

When the Alaska State Legislature is spending State funds to fly people from rural areas into Anchorage for a basketball tournaments you know the budget is too high. I would not cut just three programs but would advocate for targeted cuts and possible elimination of programs that have proven to be a waste of money. I'm very interested in the help of TEA party activists in helping identify areas where we can do that.

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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.

I don't know how to word it any clearer than how it is worded in the Constitution.

"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."

Simply put the Federal Government has a list of certain powers and responsibilities and anything else is reserved to the States unless otherwise prohibited.

The list of violations to the 10th Amendment by the federal government would fill a book. An example here in Alaska is the Federal Government's involvement with State issues on State land like with the EPA sticking its nose into the Pebble Mine process or the Federal Park Service arresting people on State waterways.

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

Competition! Competition! Competition! Competition! This means a reduced roll for government while at the same time passing laws that encourage competition on all levels. We need to get rid of things that squash competition. We need competition among doctors of the same and different medical disciplines; we need competition across state lines among medical insurance companies. We need to do away with the certificate of need that protects hospitals from competition. Its real simple - increased competition means lower prices and better service.

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

No, I believe the Judicial Council is unnecessary and that the governor should be able to appoint Judges directly with the approval of the legislature.

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.

There is an old saying that goes something like this: "If you can't take their money and vote against them in the morning, you don't belong in politics." I have no dollar cap other than those set by law and will accept contributions from anyone who supports my campaign.

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