

*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.*

**Rep. Bill Stoltze, House District 11**

- 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 am receptive to the idea of rotating sessions, but the devil is in the detail. I have been an advocate of more hearings in the Valley and Anchorage, and have held many accordingly. Also cosponsored legislation to move the legislature, including a proposal to have the private sector build it.**
  
- 2) What must Alaska do to increase our oil-related revenues? **Reform oil taxes- Alaska must be competitive; change the national administration and the officials opposed to development; reform regulatory regime; in general, support measures to increase throughput in the pipeline. We cannot be "fine with decline".**
  
- 3) What is your position on "Loser Pays" tort reform legislation for Alaska? **Support. I voted for HB 168 this past session.**
  
- 4) What is the one most important thing we can do to improve education in Alaska and how will you facilitate that? **Education must be accountable for money spent, and the curriculum must be relevant to the needs of students. We need more vocational, technical and workforce training. I am also an advocate of school choice/ Cosponsored HJR 16**
  
- 5) Give examples of capital budget projects you favor spending state monies on. **Capital budgets have been cyclical in amount, larger when there are surpluses. We need to stabilize spending to better plan for the real priorities of transportation and economic infrastructure needs to grow our economy.**

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. **Operating budget is too high. The only effective way to reduce it is to eliminate or reduce entitlement/formula funding spending**

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. **Powers not expressly reserved to the federal government are reserved to the states. I have fought many battles on this principle. I amended HB 301 to prohibit cooperation by state employees or enforcement officers with federal officials enforcing federal laws on state lands and waters. I also voted to support former Gov. Palin's veto of Obama Stimulus funds, which had many, many strings attached.**

8) Name four things Alaska can and should do to reduce health care costs. **I have, and will continue to support tort reform. I support greater use of Physicians Assistants, ANP's, and other less costly providers when appropriate. I support at least modest co-pays for people getting free medical care. Allow medical providers to charge no-shows receiving free care- those paying are frequently charged. Repeal Obama Care. (Voted for HJR 35 opposing the federal law)**

9) Do you support the current processes for Alaska judicial appointments and retentions? Why or why not? **The current system is very flawed. The governor deserves a much wider range of nominees. The Alaska Bar Association dominated process does not allow a fair process. Many conservative candidates are unable to clear through the selection process by the lawyers, being denied despite qualifications.**

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 a rule that there is not a promise or “quid pro quo” for anyone contribution people choose to give to support the costs of running my campaign. I don’t like everything about the current process, but it is better that the government financing plan that liberal activists have promoted.**