

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 _____ Dick Traini _____ House or Senate District _____ 15 _____

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? **The Capital must me moved to where the majority of Alaskans live, from Homer to Fairbanks. I have been to Juneau it just does not work as the state capital in this day and age.**
2. What must Alaska do to increase our oil-related revenues? **Lower the tax on oil revenue and spur exploration of new fields.**
3. What is your position on "Loser Pays" tort reform legislation for Alaska? **I believe that Alaska's current "loser Pay" system is working. It discourages frivolous lawsuits and allows the prevailing party to recover attorneys fees. In conjunction with Civil Rule 82. It is working well and i do not see any reason to revisit the current system.**
4. What is the one most important thing we can do to improve education in Alaska and how will you facilitate that? **Work to get rid of No Child Left Behind and get the Federal Government out of the education system where they do not belong.**
5. Give examples of capital budget projects you favor spending state monies on. . **The Susitna Dam Project, A in state gas line from the north slope to tide water at Kenai and a liquidfication plant for shipment**
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. **Just Right, the Legislature and Governor did a good job.**

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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 support a plain reading of the Tenth Amendment - any powers not reserved to federal government are retained by the states and the people. In particular, this prevents the federal government from forcing states to enforce statutes. The IM program I got rid of after fighting it for 8 years and Federal government did everything they could to force Anchorage to keep this mandated program.**

8. Name four things Alaska can and should do to reduce health care costs. **Help repeal Obama Care, Allow Alaska to import medicine from Canada without FDA approval, Make it easier for people to practice dentistry as is being done in some Alaska villages,**

9. Do you support the current processes for Alaska judicial appointments and retentions? Why or why not? **Yes it has seemed to work**

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. **No restrictions on fund raising with the exception that APOC rules will be followed.**

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