

LWW BALLOT REVIEW

Prepared by the League of Women Voters of Anchorage for the

Anchorage Regular Municipal Election, Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Mayor • Assembly • School Board • Propositions • Charter Amendment • Service Area Boards

This is a VOTE AT HOME/VOTE BY MAIL ELECTION Traditional polling places will not be available

Ballot packages will be mailed March 12, 2024, to qualified voters in the Municipality of Anchorage (Municipality) at their address of record with the State of Alaska Division of Elections. Ballot packages will not be forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service.



For the Tuesday, April 2, 2024, Regular Municipal Election, qualified voters within the Municipality will:

- Elect the mayor
- Elect one assembly member and three school board members
- Vote areawide on eight bond propositions and one charter amendment
- Voters residing in some service areas will elect members to their service area boards



➡ Voting by Mail is as easy as 1-2-3! Safe • Secure • Confidential

Voters should follow the instructions included in the ballot package and follow these three steps:

1. **Vote your ballot, filling in the ovals completely** in blue or black ink. Place your voted ballot in the enclosed secrecy sleeve and place the secrecy sleeve in your ballot return envelope. (Only one ballot per return envelope.)
2. **Sign the voter declaration** on the back of your ballot return envelope.
3. **Return your ballot envelope in one of three ways:** 1) Place your ballot in a Secure Drop Box (muni.org/elections/dropbox), 2) bring it to an Anchorage Vote Center (muni.org/elections/AVC), or 3) send the ballot through the mail with the U.S. Postal Service using \$0.68 first class postage or one forever stamp. Ballots MUST be postmarked on or before Election Day. **If mailing your ballot the day before or on Election Day, ask a postal official to hand-cancel (hand-stamp) the envelope with a postmark.**

Learn more by calling 907-243-VOTE (8683), emailing elections@anchorageak.gov or visiting muni.org/elections. Find Frequently Asked Questions online at muni.org/electionsFAQ.

This **Ballot Review** presents information about eight bond propositions and one charter amendment as well as contact and background information for the mayoral, assembly and school board candidates.

The **Notice of Election** was published in the *Anchorage Daily News* on **Sunday, February 11, 2024**, and will be published again on **Sunday, March 31, 2024**. It is online at muni.org/elections. The Notice lists the mayoral, assembly, school board and service area candidates, Anchorage Vote Centers, Secure Drop Box hours and locations, the text of the ballot propositions and charter amendment as well as the Notice of Bonded Indebtedness.

Who May Vote

Anyone who is a qualified voter of the State of Alaska, a resident of the Municipality 30 days immediately preceding the election, and registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the Municipality at least 30 days before the election may vote in this election.

Voting Options Prior to Election Day and on Election Day

You may request a ballot be mailed to a temporary address, vote by fax, or vote by email. You may vote by mailing your ballot, placing it in a secure drop-box, or vote in-person at an Anchorage Vote Center. Ballots MUST be postmarked on or before Election Day. **If mailing your ballot the day before or on Election Day, ask a postal official to hand-cancel (hand-stamp) the envelope with a postmark.**

Applications to Vote at a Temporary Address must be received by the Clerk's Office by 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2024. Applications are available at muni.org/elections/tempaddress or by calling 907-243-VOTE (8683).

To vote by fax or email, you must contact the Clerk's Office by calling 907-243-VOTE (8683). Applications to vote by fax or email received after 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2024, will be processed subject to availability of staff and resources until 5 p.m., Monday, April 1, 2024.

Voting on Service Area Bonds

Bond-related projects such as roads and parks are sometimes organized into service areas with specific geographic boundaries; only taxpayers in those service areas pay for the bonded projects. Even so, state law requires a pledge of the "full faith and credit" of the whole Municipality, which means that a bonded proposition in a service area must be approved by a majority of voters throughout the Municipality as well as by a majority of voters in the service area.

All areawide bonds are paid for by property owners throughout the Municipality. This applies to Propositions 1 (School Bonds), 6 (Public Safety and Transit), 7 (Areawide Cemetery) and 8 (Areawide Public Restrooms).

Other bond-related projects including Propositions 3 (Anchorage Road and Storm Drainage Service Area), 4 (Parks and Recreation), 5 (Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area) and 9 (Chugach State Park Access Service Area) are paid for by property taxpayers in their respective areas.

For more information on the individual bond projects, please visit Office of Management and Budget's Fact Sheets: muni.org/Departments/budget/Pages/Bond-Prop-Fact-Sheets.aspx

Qualified voters residing in the Municipality may vote for a candidate listed by **filling in the oval completely** in blue or black ink next to the name, or writing in the name of a person qualified to hold that office and filling in the oval next to the write-in name. Candidates' names appear in random order on the ballot.

Voting for Candidates

- The mayoral race requires a 45% + 1 vote to win outright. If no candidate wins outright, the top two candidates go to a run-off election.
- Assembly members are elected to designated seats. Assembly member candidates win with a simple majority.
- School board members are elected at large, i.e., members represent all areas of the Municipality but are elected to a designated seat. School board candidates win with a simple majority.
- Service area board members are elected by the voters residing in the respective service area. Service area candidates must file a declaration of candidacy, even as a write-in, at least seven days before the election.

NOTE: Anchorage municipal elections are **NOT** governed by ranked choice voting. In Alaska's 2020 General Election, voters approved an initiative to establish a ranked choice voting system for the state general election. That initiative does not apply to municipal elections.



Traditional polling places will not be available

Anchorage Vote Centers offer the following services:

Voting assistance • Register to vote • Vote a questioned ballot • Accessible voting
Return a ballot • Replace a lost or damaged ballot • Receive a ballot package and vote

Call 907-243-VOTE (8683) for more information.

View a map of Anchorage Vote Center locations at muni.org/elections/dropbox.

➡ Anchorage Vote Center Locations

<p>ZJ Loussac Library 3600 Denali Street, First Floor <i>All municipal ballots will be available at this location.</i> Weekdays, March 25 – April 1, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Election Day, April 2, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. <i>Use Bus Routes 25, 85</i></p>	<p>City Hall 632 West 6th Avenue, First Floor <i>All municipal ballots will be available at this location.</i> Weekdays, March 25 – April 1, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Election Day, April 2, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. <i>Use Bus Routes 10, 11, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 41, 85, 92</i></p>	<p>Eagle River Town Center <i>Same building as the library</i> 12001 Business Boulevard, Community Room #170 <i>Only Chugiak-Eagle River ballots will be available at this location.</i> Weekdays, March 25 – April 1, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Election Day, April 2, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. <i>Use Bus Route 92</i></p>
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➡ Secure Ballot Drop Box Locations

Secure Ballot Drop Boxes are open 24/7 from March 12, 2024, to April 2, 2024, at 8 p.m.

View a map of Secure Ballot Drop Box locations at muni.org/elections/dropbox. Call 907-243-VOTE (8683) for more information.

Location	Location
<p>Anchorage School District Education Center, 5530 E. Northern Lights Boulevard <i>Use Bus Route 10</i></p>	<p>Girdwood Community Center, 250 Egloff Drive</p>
<p>Bartlett High School, 1101 Golden Bear Drive <i>Use Bus Routes 25, 92</i></p>	<p>Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street <i>Use Bus Routes 25, 85</i></p>
<p>Begich Middle School, 7440 Creekside Center Drive <i>Use Bus Routes 10, 25, 30, 31, 51</i></p>	<p>O'Malley's on the Green, 3651 O'Malley Road</p>
<p>City Hall Parking Lot, 632 W. 6th Avenue <i>Use Bus Routes 10, 11, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 41, 85, 92</i></p>	<p>Planning and Development Center (MOA Permit Center), 4700 Elmore Road <i>Use Bus Route 25</i></p>
<p>Clark Middle School, 150 Bragaw Street <i>Use Bus Routes 20, 31</i></p>	<p>Service High School, 5577 Abbott Road</p>
<p>Dimond High School, 2909 W. 88th Avenue <i>Use Bus Route 65</i></p>	<p>South Anchorage High School, 13400 Elmore Road</p>
<p>Eagle River Town Center, 12001 Business Boulevard <i>Use Bus Route 92</i></p>	<p>Spenard Community Recreation Center, 2020 W. 48th Avenue</p>
<p>Election Center, 619 E. Ship Creek Avenue</p>	<p>UAA Alaska Airlines Center, 3550 Providence Drive <i>Use Bus Routes 10, 20, 55</i></p>
<p>Fairview Community Recreation Center, 1121 E. 10th Avenue <i>Use Bus Route 11</i></p>	<p>West High School, 1700 Hillcrest Drive <i>Use Bus Routes 10, 40, 85</i></p>

The information below was submitted by the candidate.

Candidates for Mayor

Bill Popp Phone: 907-242-3671 Email: bill@poppforanchorage.com Website: www.poppforanchorage.com Education: East Anchorage High School Class of 77 Elected Experience: Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member 1996-2002; Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Chair 2000; Special Assistant, Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor's Office 2002-2007	Other Professional Experience: President & CEO, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation 2007-2023; Project Coordinator, Challenger Learning Center of Alaska Project 1996-2000; Co-Owner, Toonz Music & Books, Soldotna & Kenai 1990-1996 Community Service: Alaska Public Media Board of Directors, 2016-2023 (chair 2022-2023); Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors 2007-2023; Visit Anchorage Board of Directors 2007-2003	Nick Danger Phone: 907-570-6066 Email: nicholasdanger907@gmail.com Website: None listed Education: Doctorate in Religious Science Elected Experience: Girdwood Board of Supervisors 1998-2001; Public Safety Advisory commission 2000-2020 Other Professional Experience: Boy Scouts girdwood 2006-2008 Community Service: None listed
Chris Tuck Phone: 907-223-6474 Email: Chris@tuckformayor.com Website: tuckformayor.com Education: None listed	Elected Experience: None listed Other Professional Experience: None listed Community Service: None listed	Jenny Di Grappa Phone: 907-328-9737 Email: info@jennydigrappa.com Website: www.jennydigrappa.com Education: Master of Public Administration, UAS; B.S. Environment & Society, UAA Elected Experience: JBER Honorary Commander, 673d Air Base Wing, 2021-Present; Campbell Green Homeowners Association, Board Vice Chair, 2020-Present; Association of Fundraising Professionals-Alaska Chapter, Board of Directors, 2019-2022 Other Professional Experience: Food Bank of Alaska, Chief of Philanthropy and Community Relations, 2017-Present; Anchorage School District, Substitute Teacher, 2015-2017; Alaska Brain Injury Network, Operations and Outreach Director, 2013-2014 Community Service: Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness, Advisory Council Member, 2021-Present; Thread, Board Member, 2023-Present; School Business Partnerships, 2017-Present
Darin Colbry Phone: 907-885-9630 Email: colbry.d@yahoo.com Website: None listed Education: 12th	Elected Experience: None listed Other Professional Experience: None listed Community Service: I have helped homeless people out before	Suzanne LaFrance Phone: 907-519-6910 Email: info@votesuzanne.com Website: votesuzanne.com Education: Palmer High School, University of Portland (BA), Purdue (MA) Elected Experience: Anchorage Assembly - District 6, April 2020-April 2023; Anchorage Assembly - District 6, April 2017-April 2020; Anchorage Assembly Chair, June 2021-April 2023 Other Professional Experience: Alaska Municipal League Member, 2017-2023, Board of Directors, 2021-2023; AT&T Alascom, 2003-2022 (Project Manager, Financial Analyst, Area Manager); Alaska Fiber Star, Gunderboom, 1998-2003 (Marketing Communications) Community Service: PTA; Great Alaska Schools; BSA Scouting
Breck Craig Phone: 907-891-3028 Email: 9breck@gmail.com Website: None listed Education: MBA, BA	Elected Experience: None listed Other Professional Experience: None listed Community Service: None listed	Dave Bronson Phone: 907-301-9995 Email: info@bronsonformayor.com Website: bronsonformayor.com Education: Undergraduate Elected Experience: Mayor of Anchorage July 2021-present Other Professional Experience: Military officer May 1981 - May 2005; Airline Pilot Sept 1991-Aug 2020 Community Service: None listed
Dustin Thomas House Darden Phone: 907-884-5784 Email: LawHelpAK@gmail.com Website: LawHelpAK.com Education: you Learn something New everyday Elected Experience: appointed Pro Se Litigant case 3AN-23-08112CI; appointed Pro Se Litigant #3:23-cv-00153-SLG/in Ninth Circuit	Other Professional Experience: Carpenter; Professional operator, CDL, Class A, 9a, P, S, T, X, 12, Rest M; Gardner Community Service: Auther of form that allows you to vote with paper hand count only; I Let people know that covid-19 injections are designed to kill people; Its never too Late to turn from evil. Jesus Christ will forgive if you ask!	Phil Isley Phone: 907-248-0018 Email: isleyphil@gmail.com Website: None listed Education: None listed Elected Experience: None listed Other Professional Experience: None listed Community Service: None listed

Candidates for Assembly Seats

District 2, Seat A Chugiak, Eagle River, JBER (Term Ends 2025)

Mark H. Littlefield Phone: 907-727-0805 Email: mhl@mtaonline.net Website: None listed Education: High School Diploma Elected Experience: Eagle River Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors, Eagle River Valley Alternate (April 2023-Current); Eagle Crossing HOA Board of Supervisors (2021)	Other Professional Experience: CBERRRSA Road Board, Acting Superintendent of Eagle River Street Maint (June 2010 to May 2023) Community Service: Eagle River resident from (1984 to present); United States Air Force, (Retired Mar 1995); Municipality of Anchorage Employee, (Feb 1995-Retired May 2023)
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Candidates for School Board Seats

Seat E

Pat Higgins

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Website: pathigginsforschoolboard.com

Education: None listed

Elected Experience: Anchorage School Board 2008-2017, 2021 to present

Other Professional Experience: None listed

Community Service: Abbott Loop Community Council Member; Abbott Loop Community Patrol-Member

Kay Schuster

Phone: 907-301-0559

Email: Kayschuster@ak.net

Website: None listed

Education: None listed

Elected Experience: None listed

Other Professional Experience: None listed

Community Service: None listed

Seat F

Angela Frank

Phone: 907-717-1947

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Website: None listed

Education: BA, Digital Marketing & Culinary in Baking and Pastry

Elected Experience: Media Board, UAA 2021-2023; DECA, Bellevue College 2016-2018

Other Professional Experience: Local Government Specialist, 2023 - present; Governess, 2011-2023

Community Service: Blood Bank of Alaska; Hospice of Anchorage

Seat F (Cont.)

Dora Wilson

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Education: Masters, Business Organizational Management

Elected Experience: Anchorage School Board Seat F 2021-2024

Other Professional Experience: Anchorage School Business Partnerships - Board Member 2001-Present; Resource Family Advisory Board 2016-Present; AK Hopes & Dreams 2016-Present

Community Service: Foster Parent 18 years

Seat G

Chelsea Pohland

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Website: None listed

Education: None listed

Elected Experience: None listed

Other Professional Experience: None listed

Community Service: None listed

Carl Jacobs

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Website: WWW.CARL4ANCHORAGE.COM

Education: High School: Fox Valley Lutheran Academy; College: Judson University

Elected Experience: Anchorage School Board - 2021-Current

Other Professional Experience: ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 - Anchorage Chapter President; ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 - Statewide Executive Board

Community Service: ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 - Community Organizer/Volunteer Coordinator; Denali Family Services - Therapeutic Foster Parent

Description of precinct boundaries: Litigation regarding the State of Alaska 2021 Redistricting Plan has been concluded; however, descriptions of the election district precinct boundaries have not been finalized in the Alaska Administrative Code. In the meantime, election district voting precincts are depicted on maps approved and adopted by the Division of Elections in the Division's document titled Voting Precinct Maps, dated June 20, 2022. The maps can be found online at www.elections.alaska.gov/research/district-maps/ and at the State of Alaska Region II Election Office, 2525 Gambell St., Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

Go to: muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Clerk/Elections/Pages/BallotInfo.aspx to read the entire ordinance.

Proposition 1 - \$62,370,000 Anchorage School District Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay for capital improvements for Anchorage School District (ASD) schools as outlined below.

For each \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value (based on the estimated 2024 assessed valuation in the Municipality), the estimated annual increase in taxes is approximately \$12.69 to retire the proposed bonds. There are no new operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

Property owners throughout the Municipality of Anchorage would be taxed for these bonds.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Alpenglow Elementary School Roof Replacement & Seismic Structural Upgrades	\$ 4,628,000	-
Central Middle School Roof & Structural Upgrades	\$ 13,549,300	-
Chugiak High School Roof Replacement & Seismic Structural Upgrades	\$ 16,013,000	-
Prioritized Security Vestibule & Security Improvements at Kasuum, Lake Hood, & Klatt Elementary Schools	\$ 4,462,000	-
Romig Middle School Renovation Design	\$ 2,426,500	-
Inlet View Elementary School Replacement	\$ 18,998,200	-
Planning and Design 2024/2025 Projects	\$ 2,293,000	-
Total:	\$62,370,000	\$0

(A0 2023-123)



Proposition 2 - Charter Amendment Requiring Assembly Confirmation of the Chief Medical Officer

This proposition would amend Anchorage Municipal Charter Section 5.02 – Powers of the mayor as follows (**underlined and bolded words** are proposed new words):

Section 5.02. – Powers of the mayor.

- (a) The mayor shall appoint all heads of municipal departments **and the chief medical officer of the municipality**, subject to confirmation by the assembly, on the basis of professional qualifications. Persons appointed by the mayor serve at the pleasure of the mayor.

(AO 2023-128)

Proposition 3 - \$47,110,000 Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area Roads and Storm Drainage Bonds

These bonds would pay for roads and storm drainage capital acquisition, construction, renovation upgrades and related capital improvements in the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA).

For each \$100,000 of assessed property value in the ARDSA (based on the estimated 2024 assessed valuation in the ARDSA) the estimated annual increase in taxes is \$12.43 to retire the proposed bonds and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of \$0.17 to pay for annual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs, not to exceed \$48,000.

Only property owners in the ARDSA would be taxed for these bonds. There is no cost to properties in Chugiak, Eagle River, Girdwood, and other areas outside the Service Area. However, because state law requires the full faith and credit of the whole Municipality to be pledged for these bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the ARDSA.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
36th Ave Resurfacing Phase II – LaTouche St to Lake Otis Pkwy	\$3,800,000	-
42nd Ave Upgrade – Lake Otis Pkwy to Florina St	8,600,000	-
48th Ave Reconstruction Old Seward Hwy to International Airport Rd	500,000	-
ADA Improvements	1,000,000	-
Alaska Railroad Crossing Rehabs	1,750,000	-
AMATS: 4th Ave Signals and Lighting – Cordova St to Ingra St	510,000	-
AMATS: 88th Ave Surface Rehab – Abbott Rd to Lake Otis Pkwy	150,000	-
AMATS: Spenard Rd Rehabilitation – Northwood Dr to Minnesota Dr	150,000	-
ARDSA Alley Paving	600,000	-
ARDSA Road and Drainage Rehabilitation Annual Program	2,000,000	-
ARDSA Sound Barrier/Retaining Wall Replacement	500,000	-
ARDSA Storm Drainage Deficiencies	1,000,000	-
ARDSA Street Light Improvements	500,000	-
Dowling Rd Surface Rehab – Lake Otis Pkwy to Elmore Rd	2,000,000	-
Downtown Lighting and Signals Upgrades	4,000,000	-
Fish Creek Improvements Phase V – Cook Inlet to Lake Otis Pkwy	150,000	-
Flooding, Glaciation, and Drainage Annual Program	2,000,000	15,000
Intersection Resurfacing	200,000	-
Leary Bay Cir Drainage Improvements	250,000	-
Low Impact Development Annual Program	250,000	10,000
Northern Lights Blvd Surface Rehabilitation – Lake Otis Pkwy to Bragaw St	7,000,000	-
Patterson St Improvements – DeBarr Rd to Chester Creek	200,000	-
Pavement and Subbase Rehabilitation	1,200,000	5,000
Pedestrian Safety and Rehabilitation Annual Program	500,000	15,000
Pokey Cir Area Drainage Improvements	100,000	-
Road Improvements – Downtown Way Finding	250,000	3,000
Silverado Way Road and Drainage Improvements	600,000	-
Snow Disposal Site – West Anchorage	5,000,000	-
Snow Removal Equipment	1,000,000	-
Tasha Dr Reconstruction	850,000	-
West Bluff Dr/Ocean Dock Rd Area Storm Drain	500,000	-
Total:	\$47,110,000	\$48,000

(AO 2024-4)

Proposition 4 - \$4,350,000 Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay the costs of renovating and rehabilitating trails and parks and making improvements at various parks and recreational facilities in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area (APRSA).

For each \$100,000 of assessed property value in the APRSA (based on the estimated 2024 assessed valuation in the APRSA), the estimated annual increase in taxes is \$1.04 to retire the proposed bonds and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of approximately \$0.75 to pay for annual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs, not to exceed \$241,000.

Only property owners in the APRSA would be taxed for these bonds. The APRSA includes most of the Anchorage Bowl and most of the Hillside. There would be no cost to property owners in Eagle River, Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek, Eklutna, Girdwood, Indian, Bird Creek, and portions of Glen Alps, Rabbit Creek, and Bear Valley. However, because state law requires the full faith and credit of the whole Municipality to be pledged for these bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the APRSA.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Athletic Field Safety Improvements	\$ 200,000	\$10,000
Campbell Creek Trail Rehabilitation and Way Finding	300,000	30,000
Eastchester Park	300,000	15,000
Fairview Recreation Center Improvements	250,000	13,000
Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean	50,000	2,000
Government Hill Neighborhood Park	100,000	5,000
Johnny Ellis Bridge & Park Placemaking	100,000	5,000
Mountain View Parks Improvements & Safety Enhancements	350,000	18,000
Mulcahy Stadium Facility Safety & ADA Upgrades	100,000	10,000
Playground Development – All-Inclusive	300,000	15,000
Russian Jack Springs Park Safety and ADA Improvements	600,000	30,000
Sand Lake Dock	200,000	13,000
Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to Ship Creek Trail Connection	1,500,000	75,000
Total:	\$4,350,000	\$241,000

(AO 2024-7)

Proposition 5 - \$1,500,000 Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay for capital improvements to reconstruct the roof and renovate the heating delivery system at Anchorage Police Department (APD) Elmore Station.

For each \$100,000 of assessed property value (based on the estimated 2024 assessed valuation in the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area (AMPSA) the estimated annual costs are \$0.31 to retire the proposed bonds. There are no new operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

Only property owners in the AMPSA would be taxed for these bonds. The AMPSA consists of areas north of McHugh Creek (other than Fire Island). There would be no cost to properties in Girdwood, Bird, Indian, Rainbow, Portage and other areas outside the AMPSA. However, because state law requires the full faith and credit of the whole Municipality to be pledged for these bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the AMPSA.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
APD Elmore Station Heating Delivery System Renovation	\$ 500,000	-
APD Elmore Station Roof Reconstruction	1,000,000	-
Total:	\$1,500,000	\$0

(AO 2024-3)

Proposition 7 - \$4,100,000 Areawide Cemetery Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay for areawide cemetery equipment and capital improvements within the Municipality. Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to: Anchorage Memorial Park, Girdwood Cemetery, and Eagle River Cemetery.

For each \$100,000 of assessed property value (based on the estimated 2024 assessed valuation in Anchorage) the estimated annual costs are \$0.83 to retire the proposed bonds and an increase in the municipal tax cap of approximately \$0.01 to pay for annual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs, not to exceed \$5,000.

Property owners throughout the Municipality of Anchorage would be taxed for these bonds.

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Anchorage Memorial Cemetery Equipment	\$ 100,000	\$5,000
Girdwood Cemetery	1,750,000	-
Anchorage Memorial Cemetery	500,000	-
Eagle River Cemetery	1,750,000	-
Total:	\$4,100,000	\$5,000

(AO 2024-5(S))

Proposition 6 - \$4,560,000 Areawide Public Safety and Transit Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay for capital improvements to acquire new replacement ambulances, acquire and replace transit vehicles and support equipment, undertake signal system, signage, traffic calming and safety improvements, and undertake school zone safety improvements, bus stop improvements, and improvements to transit facilities and centers.

For each \$100,000 of assessed property value (based on the estimated 2024 assessed valuation in the Municipality) the estimated annual costs are \$0.93 to retire the proposed bonds and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of \$0.33 to pay for annual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs, not to exceed \$125,000.

Property owners throughout the Municipality of Anchorage would be taxed for these bonds.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Anchorage Signal System, Signage, and Safety Improvements	\$ 500,000	\$ 5,000
Fire Ambulance Replacement	700,000	-
School Zone Safety	500,000	-
Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements	1,000,000	120,000
Transit Facilities, Centers and Bus Stop Improvements	960,000	-
Transit Fleet/Support Equipment/Support Vehicle Replacement & Expansion	900,000	-
Total:	\$4,560,000	\$125,000

(AO 2024-8(S), As Amended)

Proposition 8 - \$5,000,000 Areawide Public Restroom Bonds

These bonds would pay for the installation of standalone, durable-construction public restroom units throughout the Municipality.

For each \$100,000 of assessed property value (based on the estimated 2024 assessed valuation in the Municipality) the estimated annual costs are \$1.01 to retire the proposed bonds and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of \$0.79 to pay for annual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs, not to exceed \$300,000.

Property owners throughout the Municipality of Anchorage would be taxed for these bonds.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Portland Loo, or similar, standalone bathrooms	\$5,000,000	\$300,000
Total:	\$5,000,000	\$300,000

(AO 2023-114(S-1), As Amended)

Proposition 9 - \$4,000,000 Chugach State Park Access Service Area Capital Improvements Bonds

In 2023, Anchorage voters approved creation of the Chugach State Park Access Service Area (CASA), allowing the Municipality to submit bond proposals to the voters. This proposition provides public access improvements to include Canyon Road and parking to the Sunnyside Trailhead.

For each \$100,000 of assessed property value in CASA, (based on the estimated 2024 assessed valuation in the CASA) the estimated annual increase in taxes is \$0.95 to retire the proposed bonds. There are no additional operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

Only property owners in the CASA would be taxed for these bonds. CASA includes all areas of the Municipality north of McHugh Creek. It does not include Fire Island, areas currently contained within Eagle River-Chugiak Parks and Recreation and Girdwood Valley Service Area, and those areas of the Municipality within Tax District 15 (which contains Rainbow, Indian, Bird Creek and Portage).

However, because state law requires the full faith and credit of the whole Municipality to be pledged for these bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the CASA.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Sunnyside Trail Access Improvement	\$4,000,000	-
Total:	\$4,000,000	\$0

(AO 2024-132(S))

Bonded Indebtedness

The current General Obligation bonded indebtedness of the Municipality of Anchorage, including authorized but unissued bonds, based on bonds outstanding as of **December 31, 2023**, is as follows:

General Obligation Bonds	General Purpose	School	Total Outstanding
General Obligation Bonds Issued and Outstanding	\$421,690,000	\$386,265,000	\$807,955,000
Authorized but Unissued General Obligation Bonds	\$115,315,000	\$72,787,000	\$188,102,000
Total General Obligation Bonded Indebtedness Including Authorized but Unissued Bonds			\$996,057,000

Principal and Interest Payments for 2024

Constituting the cost of debt service on current indebtedness:	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
	\$77,000,000	\$30,931,775	\$107,931,775

The total assessed valuation for the year 2024 of all taxable and personal property within the Municipality's boundaries is estimated at \$37,805,103,190.

BALLOT STATUS

Voters can find out the status of their ballot by using **BallotTrax at anchoragevotes.com**, where voters can sign up for texts, email, or voicemail alerts regarding ballot status.

As always, voters can call the Municipal Voter Hotline at 907-243-VOTE (8683) to confirm ballot return envelope status.

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Qualified voters within the Municipality of Anchorage will:

- Elect the mayor, one assembly member and three school board members
- Vote areawide on eight bond propositions and one charter amendment
- Elect service area board members



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This **Ballot Review** presents information about eight regular election propositions and one charter amendment as well as contact and background information about the candidates.

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