

# **BALLOT REVIEW**

Prepared by the League of Women Voters of Anchorage for the

# Anchorage Municipal Election, Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Mayor • School Board • Bond Propositions • Charter and Municipal Code Amendments

## This is a VOTE BY MAIL ELECTION supplemented by Secure Ballot Drop Boxes and Accessible Voting Centers.

## Traditional polling places will not be available.

Ballot packages will be mailed March 13, 2018 to qualified voters in the Municipality of Anchorage at their mailing address of record with the State of Alaska Division of Elections as of March 4, 2018. Ballot packages will not be forwarded by the US Postal Service.

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, qualified voters within the Municipality of Anchorage will:

- Elect a Mayor and three School Board members and
- Vote areawide on 7 bond propositions, an initiative, and two Charter and two Municipal Code amendments.

\_ Voters residing in some service areas will also elect members to their respective service area boards.



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or received at an Accessible Vote Center by 8:00 pm, Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

This *Ballot Review* presents information about the ballot measures and bond propositions, as well as contact information for the candidates for Mayor and School Board.

The Notice of Election was published in the *Anchorage Daily News* Friday, February 16, 2018 and will be published again on Monday, April 2, 2018. It is online at **muni.org/elections**. The notice will list Mayoral, School Board and Service Area Candidates, Accessible Vote Centers and Secure Drop Box locations, and the text of the ballot propositions. The Notice of Bonded Indebtedness will be published in the *Anchorage Daily News* on Sunday, March 4, 2018 and on Monday, April 2, 2018.

Who may vote?	Anyone registered to vote in Alaska by March 4, 2018, and who has lived within the Municipality of Anchorage for at least 30 days before Election Day may vote in this election.
Voting Options Prior to Election Day	Voting begins when you receive your ballot packet. You may vote at home or take your ballot package with you and vote in-person at an Accessible Vote Center.
Absentee Ballots	Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters at a temporary mailing address beginning on March 13, 2018 for all voters who submit Absentee by mail appli- cations by March 1, 2018. Otherwise, applications for absentee ballots must be submitted to the Municipal Clerk's Office no later than March 27, 2018. Absentee by Mail applications are available by visiting our website at muni.org/2018application or by contacting MOA Elections at (907) 243-VOTE(8683). Voters may contact (907)243-VOTE(8683) to request an application to vote by fax or email.
Voting for Candidates	Qualified voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage may vote for a candidate listed by filling in the oval 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. All School Board members are elected at large, meaning each member represents all areas of the Municipality but are elected to designated seats. The Mayoral race requires a 45% +1 vote; School Board candidates win with the highest number of votes. Candidates' names appear in random order on the ballot. There are no Assembly seats on this ballot.
Voting on Service Area Bonds	Bond-related projects such as roads and parks are organized into service areas with various 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 bond 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.
	For example, all qualified voters vote on the Anchorage Road and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA) bonds but only taxpayers in the ARDSA pay for them. In this election, this applies to Propositions 3 (ARDSA – Roads), 4 (APRSA – Parks), 5 (AMPSA - Police) and 6 (AFSA – Fire). Other bond related projects like Propositions 2 (Schools), 7 (Facilities) and 8 (Areawide Safety) are funded areawide and paid for by all Anchorage taxpayers.

Election Day Tuesday April 3, 2018

## **Accessible Vote Centers**

#### View a map of Accessible Vote Center locations at muni.org/elections/AVC.

Accessible Vote Centers offer the following services, where voters can:

- Return a ballot .
- Replace a lost or damaged ballot .

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- Receive voting assistance
- Receive a ballot package if one was not
  received in the mail
  Vote a guestioned or provisional ballo
  - Vote a questioned or provisional ballot

Receive voting assistance				
Location	Dates	Hours		
MOA Election Center	Weekdays, March 26 – April 2	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.		
619 E. Ship Creek Ave., Suite 100 at Door D (on the east side of the building) All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.	Tuesday, April 3 – <i>Election Day</i>	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.		
Anchorage City Hall	Weekdays, March 26 – April 2	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.		
632 West 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 155 All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.	Tuesday, April 3 – <i>Election Day</i>	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.		
<b>Z. J. Loussac Library</b> 3600 Denali Street, First Floor <i>All Municipal ballots will be available at this location</i> .	Weekdays, March 26 – April 2 Saturday, March 31 Sunday, April 1	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Noon – 5:00 p.m.		
	Tuesday, April 3 – <i>Election Day</i>	7:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.		
Eagle River Town Center 12001 Business Park Blvd., Community Room #170	Weekdays, March 26 – April 2	8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.		
Only Eagle River Chugiak ballots will be available at this location.	Tuesday, April 3 – <i>Election Day</i>	7:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.		
O'Malley's on the Green	Weekdays, March 26 –	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.		
3651 O'Malley Road All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.	Tuesday, April 3 – <i>Election Day</i>	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.		

## **Secure Drop Boxes**

Secure Drop Boxes are open 24/7 beginning on March 13, 2018



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Location	Location			
Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street	Service High School, 5577 Abbott Road			
Anchorage School District Education Center, 5530 East Northern Lights Blvd.	South Anchorage High School, 13400 Elmore Road			
Bartlett High School, 1101 Golden Bear Drive	Spenard Community Recreation Center, 2020 West 48th Avenue			
Clark Middle School, 150 Bragaw Street	UAA Alaska Airlines Center, 3550 Providence Drive			
Dimond High School, 2909 West 88th Avenue	Eagle River Town Center, 12001 Business Boulevard			
Fairview Community Recreation Center, 1121 East 10th Avenue	Girdwood Community Center, 250 Egloff Drive			

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#### Prop 1 - Initiative Petition 2017-2

#### Regulating Access to Facilities Such as Locker Rooms and Bathrooms On the Basis of Sex at Birth, Rather Than Gender Identity

This proposition enacts a law that, among other things, would:

- 1. Require all multiple occupancy changing facilities and restrooms that are owned or operated by the Municipality to be designated for, and used only by, persons of the same "sex," except: (a) for custodial or maintenance purposes, when the facility is not occupied by a member of the opposite sex; (b) to render medical assistance; (c) in the circumstance of a caretaker accompanying a disabled person for the purpose of allowing the disabled person to use the facility; (d) for minors under the age of 8, when the minor is with a person caring for the minor, and (e) for certain emergency and other situations;
- 2. Provide that employers, public accommodations and other persons may establish and enforce sex-specific standards or polices concerning access to "intimate facilities," such as locker rooms, showers, changing rooms, and restrooms;
- 3. Define "sex" as an individual's "immutable biological condition of being male or female," as determined by "anatomy and genetics at the time of birth"; an individual's "original birth certificate" could be relied upon as "definitive evidence" of the individual's sex;
- 4. Define "multiple occupancy changing rooms and bathrooms" as facilities designed or designated to be used by more than one person at a time where persons may be "in various states of undress in the presence of other persons"; such facilities would include, but not be limited to, locker rooms, shower rooms, changing rooms and bathrooms;
- 5. Declare a policy that persons using such facilities owned or operated by the Municipality have a right to "physical privacy" that includes the right "not to be seen in various states of undress by members of the opposite sex"; and
- 6. Delete the requirement in current Municipal Code that entitles persons to use restrooms, locker rooms and dressing rooms that are "consistent with their gender identity"; Municipal Code provides that a person's "gender identity" means his or her "gender-related self-identity, as expressed in appearance or behavior, regardless of the person's assigned sex at birth," which may be established by medical history or, among other things, evidence that the gender identity is "sincerely held, core to a person's gender-related self-identity, and not being asserted for an improper purpose."

Shall this proposition become law?

(Initiative Petition 2017-2)

#### Prop. 2 - \$50,656,500 Anchorage School District Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay for educational capital improvements, construction, renewal, replacement and renovation of school facilities and projects to extend educational facility building life. More information about these bonds is available at asdk12.org/Page/7815 or 907-742-4153.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimate costs are \$10.20 to retire the debt. There are no new costs for operations and maintenance (O&M).

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

(AO 2017-164(S))

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

Project	Estimated Cost	Annual O & M
Roof repairs/replacements: Birchwood, Homestead, North Star, Ptarmigan Elementary and Mears Middle Schools	\$29,812,500	0
Replace roof drainage systems: Kincaid, Northern Lights ABC, Bowman, Trailside, Russian Jack, Kasuun and Lake Hood Elementary Schools	3,528,000	0
Installation of fire suppression system and safety and code upgrades: Abbott Loop Elementary, East High School Gym, and Service High School	16,011,000	0
Planning and design projects for safety and code improve- ments at East High School.	1,305,000	0
Total	\$50,656,500	0

#### Prop. 3 - \$33,865,000 Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area Road 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 Road and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA).

The ARDSA includes much of the Anchorage Bowl. It does not include Girdwood, Eagle River/Chugiak and some of the Hillside.

For property in the ARDSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$8.66 to retire the debt and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of \$3.08 to pay for annual operation and maintenance costs of \$866,000 (O&M). However, because State law

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
120th Ave Upgrade - Johns Rd to Old Seward Hwy	\$400,000	
27th Ave Storm Drain Improvements - C St to A St	550,000	\$ 55,000
2nd Ave/Nelchina St Area Storm Drain Improvements Phase II	300,000	
36th Ave Resurfacing - New Seward Hwy to Lake Otis Pkwy	300,000	
42nd Ave Upgrade - Lake Otis Pkwy to Florina St	750,000	
48th Ave/Cordova St Reconstruction Old Seward Hwy to International Airport Rd	500,000	

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.

Only property owners in ARDSA would be taxed for these bonds.

#### (AO 2017-172)

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

Project	Estimated Cost	Annual O & M
82nd Ave Storm Drain Replacement - west of Old Seward Hwy	2,100,000	\$21,000
ADA Improvements	500,000	2,000
Alaska Railroad Crossing Rehabs	\$ 300,000	\$ 20,000

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## Prop. 3 - \$33,865,000 Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area Road and Storm Drainage Bonds (cont.)

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M	Project		Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Anchorage Signal System, Signage, and Safety Improvements	\$ 250,000	\$ 5,000	Mountain View Dr/Bragaw St Surface Rehab - Taylor St to McCarrey St	\$	200,000	
ARDSA Alley Paving	300,000		Patterson St Bike Lanes - Debarr Rd to Chester Creek		300,000	\$ 1,000
Bugle Ct Area Drainage Improvements and Surface Rehab	300,000	3,000	Pedestrian Safety and Rehab Annual Program	1	,000,000	75,000
Campbell Woods Subd Area Road and Drainage	2,500,000		Pleasant Valley Subdivision Area Road and Drainage Rehab	3	,400,000	340,000
Improvements Central Business District Infrastructure Upgrades	2,000,000		Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) and Subbase Rehabilitation		600,000	60,000
Chester Creek Flooding - Lagoon to A St	300,000		Reka Dr Southside Separated Pedestrian Facility and Storm Drain Replacement - Bragaw St to Pine St		200,000	
E 73rd Ave Area Drainage - West of Old Seward Hwy	150,000	15,000	Relocation of Traffic Signal for Fire Station #3		600,000	
Flooding, Glaciation, and Drainage Annual Program	1,000,000	15,000	·			
Image Dr/Reflection Dr Area Road Reconstruction	1,000,000		Road and Storm Drain Improvements Annual Program	1	,000,000	15,000
Intersection Resurfacing	100,000		Signalization of the Tudor Road and MacInnes Street Intersection		225,000	
Intersection Safety and Congestion Relief Annual Program	500,000		Storm Drain Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation Program	1	.,000,000	
Jamestown Dr Area Drainage Improvements	1,800,000	18,000	Stormwater Sediment Treatment Facility	3	,300,000	33,000
Juneau St/Karluk St Area Storm Drain Improvements - 16th Ave to 20th Ave	300,000		, Street Light LED Upgrades		750,000	
Lakehurst Dr Area Drainage Improvements Phase III	200,000	2,000	Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements	1	,000,000	30,000
	,	,	Westpark Stormwater Bypass Reconstruction	2	,140,000	21,000
Loon Cove Area Drainage Improvements	1,350,000	135,000	Wonder Park Elementary School Area Street Lighting		150,000	
Low Impact Development Annual Program	250,000		Total	\$22	,865,000	\$866,000
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(AO 2017-172)

## Prop. 4 - \$3,650,000 Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay to repair and replace aging pedestrian bridges along trails, make playground, parking, safety and park improvement at various parks, rehabilitate trails including Campbell Creek Trail, construct a bike park at South Anchorage Sports Park and related capital improvements in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area (APRSA).

For property in the APRSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.85 to retire the debt and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of \$0.56 to pay for additional operation and maintenance costs of \$174,000.

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.

(AO 2017-177)

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to		Estimated
Project	Estimated Cost	Annual O & M
Campbell Creek Trail Rehabilitation & Way Finding	\$750,000	\$37,500
Chester Creek Single Track	150,000	3,750
Coastal Trail Bridge Replacement and Improvements at South Westchester Lagoon	950,000	19,000
Facility Safety Upgrades	100,000	
Fairview Park Safety and Inclusive Playground	250 000	15,000
Taku Lake Park Safety and Recreation Improvement	250,000	15,000
South Anchorage Sports Park, Phase 3, Construction of Bike Park	150,000	15,000
Tikishla Park Inclusive Playground	100,000	
Town Square Park Development	600,000	60,000
University Lake Park Safety Improvements	350,000	8,750
Total	\$3,650,000	\$174,000



#### Prop. 5 - \$1,050,000 Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area Facilities Bonds

These bonds would pay for capital improvements within the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to: Service Area (AMPSA).

For property in the AMPSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.22 to retire the debt. There are no new costs for operations and maintenance (O&M).

Only property owners in the AMPSA would be taxed for these bonds. The AMPSA includes all the areas of the Municipality north of McHugh Creek (other than Fire Island). There would be not any cost to property owners in Girdwood, Bird, Indian, Rainbow, Portage 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 AMPSA.

(AO 2017-173)

#### Prop. 6 - \$2,588,000 Anchorage Fire Service Area Fire Protection Bonds

These bonds would pay for capital improvements related to fire protection within the Anchorage Fire Service Area (AFSA).

For property in the AFSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.56 to retire the debt. There are no new costs for operations and maintenance (O&M).

Only property owners in the AFSA would be taxed for these bonds. The AFSA includes the Anchorage Bowl, Eagle River and most of the Hillside. There would be no cost to property owners in Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek, Girdwood and portions of Glen Alps and Rabbit Creek, 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 AFSA.

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

Project	Estimated Cost	Annual O & M
AFD Fire Station #10 Generator Replacement	\$ 100,000	0
AFD Fire Station #11 Replace Flat Roof Section	200,000	0
Emergency Communication Equipment	2,288,000	0
Total	\$2,588,000	0

(AO 2017-169)

#### Prop. 7 - \$1,407,000 Areawide Facilities Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay for areawide facilities capital improvements, including roof replacements and senior citizen facilities improvements.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.28 to retire the debt. There are no new costs for operations and maintenance (O&M).

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

(AO 2017-171)

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not l	Estimated	
Project	Estimated Cost	Annual O & M
Anchorage Senior Center Facility Improvements	\$ 100,000	0
Animal Control Roof Replacement	600,000	0
Chugiak Senior Center Adult Day Services - Replace Fence and Deck with Concrete Patio	117,000	0
Chugiak-Eagle River Library Facility Improvements	90,000	0
Loussac Library Security Improvements	500,000	0
Total	\$1,407,000	0

#### Prop. 8 - \$4,908,000 Areawide Public Safety and Transit Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay for acquiring two new ambulances, upgrading transit facilities, upgrading infrastructure, and undertaking bus stop and school safety zone improvements and related capital improvements areawide.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated costs are \$0.99 to retire the debt. There are no new costs for operations and maintenance (O&M).

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

(AO 2017-170)



Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limite Project	d to: Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Fire Lifepack 12 Cardiac Monitors & Lucas CPR Chest Compression Systems Replacement	\$ 270,000	0 0
Purchase Two New Additional Fire Department Ambulances	700,000	0
School Zone Safety	500,000	0
Anchorage Area-Wide Radio Network (AWARN) Infrastructure Upgrade	2,250,000	0
Transit Maintenance Building Replacement Mega Doors (2)	300,000	0
Bus Stop Improvements	200,000	0
Support Equipment	80,000	0
Transit Facility Rehab/Upgrades	608,000	0
Total	\$4,908,000	0



Project	Estimated Cost	Annual O & M
APD Headquarters Boilers, Valves, and Fittings Replacement	\$800,000	0
APD Training Center Roof Top HVAC Unit Replacement	\$250,000	0
Total	\$1,050,000	0

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#### Prop. 9 - Charter Amendment Regarding Parking Enforcement in Girdwood, Permitting Possible Delegation of Responsibilities in The Girdwood Valley Service Area to The Whittier Police Department

The Anchorage Municipal Charter currently provides that, except for violations that occur within a specified area in downtown, parking violations may only be enforced by employees of the Anchorage Police Department. This proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter to allow the Assembly to delegate the enforcement of parking violations in the Girdwood Valley community to the employees of any police department where police protection services are authorized to be provided in a service area.

If approved, the proposition would allow, but not require, the Assembly to delegate the enforcement of parking violations that occur within the Girdwood Valley Service Area to the Whittier Police Department, which is currently providing police protection services to the GVSA on a contractual basis.

Specifically, this proposition would amend sections 21.01 and 21.02 of the Charter to read as follows: (<u>Underlined and bolded words</u> are proposed new words; strikeouts are proposed deletions.)

#### Section 21.01. Vehicle violation enforcement.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in the Charter. nNo enforcement of any vehicle violation, whether the vehicle is parked or in motion may be performed in by the Municipality of Anchorage by any persons other than a regularly sworn police officer who meets the standards set forth in A.S. 18.65.290(75)(A) or (B). Such enforcement includes, but is not limited to, any and all civil or criminal statutes, codes, ordinances or regulations which apply to the regulation of vehicles and which currently exist or may exist in the future.

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(c) The Municipality may, by ordinance only, delegate enforcement of parking violations in the Girdwood Valley community, when a service area in the community is authorized to provide police protection services, to the employees of any police department.

Section 21.02. Prohibited vehicle impound, towing and transportation from public streets and emergency exception.

No vehicle may be impounded, towed, or transported from upon the public streets in the Municipality of Anchorage without the written permission of either the owner or the operator of the vehicle, a valid court order, or unless an impound notice is placed on the vehicle by a police officer qualified as set forth in Section 21.01 above, or by other employees of <u>a the Anchorage</u> Police Department as may be delegated by ordinance. This shall not prohibit necessary emergency action in the event that a vehicle presents an immediate threat to life or public safety.

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Shall the Charter be amended as set forth above?

(AO 2017-165(S))





#### Prop. 10 - Charter Amendment and Sale of ML&P to Chugach Electric

If approved by a majority of qualified voters voting on the question, this proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter and authorize (but not require) the Municipality to sell by Assembly Ordinance approved no later than December 31, 2018, the assets and business of Municipal Light & Power (ML&P) to Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach Electric).

Chugach Electric proposes to acquire ML&P assets in a transaction that, among other terms, would include:

 <u>Payment of Competitive Value</u>. Chugach Electric would pay a competitive value of approximately \$1 billion for the acquisition of ML&P, subject to adjustment during the due diligence process.

Proceeds will be used to:

- 1. Retire ML&P and Municipality of Anchorage debt;
- Replace ML&P's current payments in-lieu-of-tax to ensure that property and other taxes subject to the tax cap cannot rise as the result of the sale; and
- Fund the MOA Trust Fund. The MOA Trust Fund is a permanent, protected fund with dividends payable only in accordance with a controlled spending policy adopted by law.

Any change in the use of the proceeds may be made only with approval of the majority of qualified voters voting on the question.

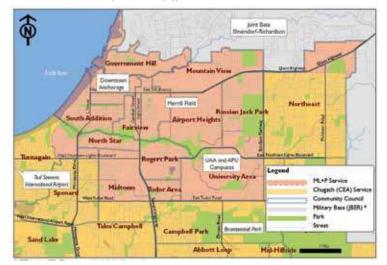
- <u>Retention of Employees.</u> Chugach Electric would commit to not lay off any ML&P or Chugach Electric employees as a result of the transaction, and would succeed to all rights and obligations of the collective bargaining agreement covering ML&P employees.
- <u>No Increase in Base Rates.</u> Base rates for existing ML&P and Chugach Electric ratepayers would not increase as a result of the transaction.

This proposition would specifically amend Article XVI Municipal Utilities of the Anchorage Municipal Charter to add a new section as follows:

#### Section 16.04 Disposal of Municipal Light & Power to Chugach Electric Association, Inc.: Disposition of Proceeds.

- (a) ML&P to Chugach Electric. In addition to the disposal options provided under section 16.02, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter to the contrary, the Municipality may by ordinance approved no later than December 31, 2018 sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of all or part of the assets and business of Municipal Light & Power to Chugach Electric Association, Inc.
- (b) Disposition of Proceeds. Notwithstanding any provision of this Charter to the contrary, a portion of any annual payment received by the Municipality in a transaction described in section 16.04(a), equivalent to the Municipal Utility Service Assessment that the Municipality would have received from ML&P had the transaction not occurred, shall be deemed and treated as a "payment in-lieu of taxes" for the purposes of section 14.03(a)(1), and shall be available to the Municipality for appropriation. All other proceeds of the sale of ML&P received by the Municipality shall be disposed of in accordance with section 13.11.

Shall the Charter be amended, and the Municipality be authorized (but not required) to sell all or part of ML&P to Chugach Electric and dispose of the proceeds of sale, as described above? (AO 2018-1(S))



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#### Prop. 11 - Larger Residential Real-Property Tax Exemption

This proposition would increase the residential real-property tax exemption to provide that 20% of a residential real property's value may be exempt from taxation, up to a maximum of \$50,000. Currently, 10% of a residential real property's value may be exempt from taxation, up to a maximum of \$20,000.

To be voted on by qualified voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage.

(AO 2017-154)

#### Prop. 12 - Annexation of the Eagle River Valley Area to the Anchorage Fire Service Area

This proposition expands the boundaries of the Anchorage Fire Service Area (AFSA) to include the parcels and areas in the northeast area Eagle River Valley that are currently not in a fire service area. The Eagle River Valley northeast area to be annexed is substantially as depicted in Exhibit A attached to AO 2018-3(S), As Amended, and described in Section 3 of that ordinance. The proposed boundaries of the area to be annexed will include all privately owned parcels of land in the Eagle River Valley from the eastern boundary of the current AFSA, which intersects Eagle River Road at mile 5.84, to the John Barclay Homestead parcels to the southeast past the end of Eagle River Road and Cumulus Road and between, on the southwest side, the southwestern banks of the channels of Eagle River from a point of even latitude with the parcels at the end of Cumulus Road downstream to the point Eagle River crosses the eastern boundary of the current AFSA, and on the northeast side of the valley, the ridges of Mount Magnificent and Pecking Mountain. If this proposition is approved by the voters, beginning with the 2019 tax year the taxable property in the annexed Eagle River Valley northeast area would be levied and taxed with the AFSA mill rate annually, and no increase in taxes is expected for properties within the current AFSA as a result of this expansion. The annexation of the Eagle River Valley northeast area to the AFSA will become effective only if both the voters in the area to be annexed, and the voters in the existing AFSA, separately approve this proposition by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question in this election.

Shall the Eagle River Valley northeast area be annexed to the Anchorage Fire Service Area effective January 1, 2019?

To be voted on by qualified voters in the Anchorage Fire Service Area (AFSA) and the northeast area of the Eagle River Valley.

(AO 2018-3(S))

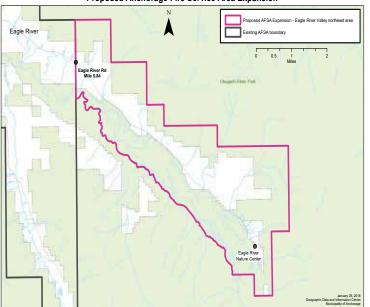


Exhibit A, as amended Proposed Anchorage Fire Service Area Expansion

#### **Notice of Bonded Indebtedness**

The current General Obligation (G.O.) bonded indebtedness of the Municipality of Anchorage, including authorized but un-issued bonds, based on bonds outstanding as of **December 31, 2017**, is as follows:

General Obligation Bonds	General Purpose	School	Total
Issued and outstanding	392,325,000	486,000,000	878,325,000
Authorized but unissued	112,981,000	84,602,000	197,583,000
Total	505,306,000	570,602,000	1,075,908,000
Bonds paid off in 2017	36,160,000	56,480,000	92,640,000
Debt Service Payments	Principal	Interest	Total
To be made in 2018 on all G.O. bonds			
G.O.	38,655,000	18,481,440	57,136,440
School	55,055,000	24,898,138	79,953,138
Total	93,710,000	43,379,578	137,089,578

# The full texts of ordinances and proposed law are available at muni.org/elections.

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Tuesday, April 3, 2018

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- Elect a Mayor and three School Board members
- Vote areawide on seven bond propositions, an initiative, two Charter Amendments and two Municipal Code changes.

This **Ballot Review** presents information about the ballot measures and bond propositions, as well as contact information for the candidates for Mayor and School Board.



