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CERTIFICATION OF OCTOBER 1, 2024 CBJ REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

I, Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk and Election Official for the City & Borough of Juneau, do hereby certify that the undersigned members of the Canvass Review Board conducted the canvass of the October 1, 2024, Regular Municipal Election on October 15, 2024 and that the attached report reflects the number of persons voting, all votes cast at the election including the votes for Mayor (1 seat for a three-year term), District 1 Assemblymember (1 seat for a three-year term), District 2 Assemblymember (1 seat for a three-year term), Board of Education Members (3 seats each for three-year terms) and for the following Propositions and Recall Petitions.

Mayor

Beth Weldon	6230 votes
<u>Angela Rodell</u>	<u>4262 votes</u>
Total Votes Counted	10,492

District 1 Assemblymember

Neil Steininger	5820 votes
<u>Connor D. Ulmer</u>	<u>3294 votes</u>
Total District 1 Votes Counted	9114

District 2 Assemblymember

Maureen Hall	3552 votes
Nathaniel (Nano) Brooks	3034 votes
Emily Mesch	1205 votes
Dorene Lorenz	1036 votes
<u>Mary Marks</u>	<u>849 votes</u>
Total District 2 Votes Counted	9676

Board of Education members

Elizabeth (Ebett) Siddon	5629	votes: Elected to a three-year term
Will Muldoon	5235	votes: Elected to a three-year term
Amber Frommherz	4396	votes: Elected to a three-year term
Jenny Thomas	3154	votes
Michele Stuart Morgan	2677	votes
<u>Jeff Redmond</u>	<u>2294</u>	<u>votes</u>
Total Board of Education Votes Counted	23,385	

PROPOSITION #1

Explanation

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☐ YES, BONDS
☐ NO, BONDS

Proposition 1 – Passed with 6205 YES Votes and 4457 NO Votes; total votes counted 10,662.

PROPOSITION #2
Initiative Proposition Short Title: Ship-Free Saturdays

WHEREAS, the Juneau “cruise season” adversely impacts Juneau residents’ health and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the cruise industry has created a Juneau “cruise season” this year, 2024, of 195 days to run from April 9-October 24, and without pause for 142 days, from May 2-September 27; and

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WHEREAS, city leaders and industry have had decades to act and have failed to balance the economic benefits to some against the economic and other harms of the many imposed by the cruise tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, residents are displaced by cruise industry overtourism from downtown, the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area, and recreation and food harvesting on area lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, excess human presence and human-driven noise from overtourism sullies the sentient, sacred, divine, and living ancestral natural environment necessary for cultural and spiritual health and growth; and

WHEREAS, health, learning, productivity, and enjoyment are diminished by air pollution, noise, light pollution, and traffic from cruise ships, tour buses, helicopters, floatplanes, and boats; and

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WHEREAS, The Fourth of July is a day of community celebration and festivity that extends along our waterfront and through our narrow downtown streets. Making July Fourth cruise ship free opens possibilities for additional community use and enjoyment of our downtown and harbor throughout the entire day.

SHALL THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU CODE BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

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Section 2. Effective Date. This initiative shall be effective 30 days after the election is certified.

☐ SHIP-FREE SATURDAYS, YES
☐ SHIP-FREE SATURDAYS, NO

Proposition 2 – Failed with 4196 YES Votes and 6575 NO Votes; total votes counted 10,771.

PROPOSITION #3**Explanation**

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**BONDS, YES****BONDS, NO**

Proposition 3 – Passed with 7000 YES Votes and 3565 NO Votes; total votes counted 10,565.

RECALL PETITION A**Recall Board of Education Member Deedie Sorensen, President****Petitioners Committee Verbatim Statement of Grounds:**

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In response to the alarming audit and the departure of the finance officer, the Board authorized the new superintendent to hire an accountant to examine our budget exhaustively.

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Next, we implemented strategies to address the issues which included a hiring freeze, securing a \$3.9 million grant for building maintenance, all while holding meetings to gather public input on the 2025 school budget and consolidation. The board, administration, and staff should be commended for achieving a balanced budget revision for 2024, resulting in \$600,000 positive balance. This is the deficit budget referenced in the Recall.

We made difficult decisions for our schools in the 2025 budget. Decisions necessary to ensure our students continue to receive a great education.

Vote "NO" on the recall."

Board of Education Recall Question - Petition A:

Shall Deedie Sorensen be recalled from the office of Board of Education?

**RECALL SORENSEN, YES****RECALL SORENSEN, NO**

Recall Petition A: SORENSEN – Failed with 3562 YES Votes and 6665 NO Votes; total votes counted 10,227.

RECALL PETITION B**Recall Board of Education Member Emil Mackey, Vice-President****Petitioners Committee Verbatim Statement of Grounds:**

"Mackey demonstrated failure to perform prescribed duties, misconduct in office, and incompetence by: ...Failing to understand FY24 budget accounting errors resulting in \$7.9M deficit and taxpayer loan from CBJ, violating BP3460."

Verbatim rebuttal statement from Emil Mackey:

"The Budget Issue is not as described in the Recall Petition nor in the Ballot Title. Unlike other states, the responsibility for Alaska school funding is the sole responsibility of the State and it is unconstitutional for districts to fund past the "local contribution" limited in case law and statute. As long as the State of Alaska funds districts within 5% of 2006 funding levels, all districts will continue to face deficits and cuts.

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Board of Education Recall Question - Petition B:

Shall Emil Mackey be recalled from the office of Board of Education?



RECALL MACKEY, YES



RECALL MACKEY, NO

Recall Petition B: MACKEY – Failed with 3753 YES Votes and 6482 NO Votes; total votes counted 10,235.

Robert Laurie

Robert Laurie, Canvass Board Member

Mary Berthwick

Mary Berthwick, Canvass Board Member

Loren A. Jones

Loren Jones, Canvass Board Member

Deborah Behr

Deborah Behr, Canvass Board Member

Robert Minch

Robert Minch, Canvass Board Member

Dated: October 15, 2024

Elizabeth J. McEwen

Elizabeth J. McEwen, MMC
Municipal Clerk & Election Official

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 15th day of October, 2025.



Diane Cathcart

Notary Public for the State of Alaska

My commission expires: June 1, 2028

**CBJ October 1, 2024 Regular Municipal Election
Official Results - certified by Canvass Review Board
Tuesday October 15, 2024**

Voters Cast: 10,880 of 28,113 (38.70%)

Mayor (Vote for 1)

	Total	
Times Cast	10,880 / 28,113	38.70%
Candidate	Total	
• Angela Rodell	4,262	•
• Beth Weldon	6,230	•
Total Votes	10,492	•

Assembly District 1 (Vote for 1)

	Total	
Times Cast	10,880 / 28,113	38.70%
Candidate	Total	
• Neil Steininger	5,820	•
Connor D. Ulmer	3,294	•
Total Votes	9,114	•

Assembly District 2 (Vote for 1)

	Total	
Times Cast	10,880 / 28,113	38.70%
Candidate	Total	
Nathaniel (Nano) Brooks	3,034	•
Dorene Lorenz	1,036	•
Emily Mesch	1,205	•
Mary Marks	849	•
Maureen Hall	3,552	•
Total Votes	9,676	•

Rebecca E. Belu
May Portner
B. L. A. M. W.
Lobeth Lamin
John C. Jones
Evelyn M. Green
 10/15/2024

Board of Education (Vote for 3)

	Total	
Times Cast	10,880 / 28,113	38.70%
Candidate	Total	
Amber Frommherz	4,396	
Jeff Redmond	2,294	
Elizabeth (Ebett) Siddon	5,629	
Jenny Thomas	3,154	
Will Muldoon	5,235	
Michelle Stuart Morgan	2,677	
Total Votes	23,385	

Proposition #1 (Vote for 1)

	Total	
Times Cast	10,880 / 28,113	38.70%
Candidate	Total	
BONDS, YES	6,205	
BONDS, NO	4,457	
Total Votes	10,662	

Proposition #2 (Vote for 1)

	Total	
Times Cast	10,880 / 28,113	38.70%
Candidate	Total	
SHIP-FREE SATURDAYS, YES	4,196	
SHIP-FREE SATURDAYS, NO	6,575	
Total Votes	10,771	

Proposition #3 (Vote for 1)

	Total	
Times Cast	10,880 / 28,113	38.70%
Candidate	Total	
BONDS, YES	7,000	
BONDS, NO	3,565	
Total Votes	10,565	

Recall Petition A (Vote for 1)

	Total	
Times Cast	10,880 / 28,113	38.70%
Candidate	Total	
RECALL SORENSEN, YES	3,562	
RECALL SORENSEN, NO	6,665	
Total Votes	10,227	

Recall Petition B (Vote for 1)

	Total	
Times Cast	10,880 / 28,113	38.70%
Candidate	Total	
RECALL MACKEY, YES	3,753	
RECALL MACKEY, NO	6,482	
Total Votes	10,235	



CBJ – Regular Municipal Election, October 1, 2024
October 21, 2024 Election Report to CBJ Assembly

Beth McEwen, MMC
Municipal Clerk/Election Official

Below is a brief recap of the numbers associated with CBJ's October 1, 2024 By-Mail Election.

Looking at the Numbers

Total number of CBJ Registered Voters as of Sept. 1, 2024	28,113
Total number of ballots mailed to voters from ballot printer¹	26,433
Total number of ballots mailed to a temporary address²	64
Total number temporary address ballots returned	54
Total number of fax/e-ballots issued	108
Total number of fax/e-ballots returned	82
Total number of challenged ballots (sent cure letters)	178
Total number of challenged ballots cured (approved for counting)	92
Total number of rejected ballots*	153
Total number of accepted/counted ballots	10,880

Ballots were mailed out by K&H Printing from Seattle, WA on Thursday, September 12. Ballot drop boxes were installed and opened to receive ballots starting September 13 through Election Day, October 1 at 8:00 p.m. The two Vote Centers, located in the Assembly Chambers at City Hall and the Mendenhall Library, were open September 16 through Election Day October 1, 2024.

¹ 29.07.100 Voting procedure.

- (a) When the election official conducts an election by mail, the election official shall mail a ballot to each person whose name appears on the voter registration list prepared under AS 15.07.125 for that election. The ballot shall be sent to the address stated on the official registration list unless the voter has notified the election official in writing of a different address to which the ballot should be sent. The election official is not required to mail a ballot to any voter who does not have a valid residence address, or is in the condition of purge notice (PN), undeliverable (UN), or list maintenance undeliverable (LU), as described in AS 15.07.130. Any qualified voter not mailed a ballot will not later be refused a ballot when requested, but may be required to vote a questioned ballot. The election official shall send ballots by first class, non-forwardable mail, on or before the 19th day before the election.

² Ballots issued by the Ballot Processing Center included ballots sent to voters who applied for a fax/e-ballot or those applications for ballots to be mailed to a temporary address.

Election officials followed the 'cure' process for voted ballots that were received but challenged for one of the following issues:

- Lack of signature on the return ballot envelope,
- The signature on the return ballot envelope didn't match the signature on file with CBJ or State Division of Elections,
- There was no reference signature on file with CBJ or the State of Alaska Division of Elections,
- Lack of personal identifier (must have been one of the following: Date of Birth, last four digits of Social Security Number, Alaska Driver's License number or Voter ID number)
- The personal identifier didn't match that on file with CBJ or the State of Alaska Division of Election.

Voters whose ballots were challenged through the 'cure' process were sent letters, which provided instructs on how to fix the issue. The deadline for voters to submit their cures was Monday, October 14 at 4:30p.m., All remaining challenged ballots were reviewed by the Canvass Review Board on Tuesday, October 15.

Based on past by-mail elections, it is likely we will continue to receive a small number of ballots after certification via USPS that may or may not have been postmarked before or on Election Day.

***Rejected Ballots**

The following is a breakdown of the numbers for those ballots that were rejected:

• Ballots received after 8:00p.m. on Election Day (1 e-ballot + 4 regular ballots)	5
• "Naked" Ballots received without the return ballot envelope/voter information	14
• Duplicate ballots received (only the 1 st ballot counted, 2 nd ballot was rejected)	4
• Voter registered in another Alaskan community	2
• Voter not registered in Alaska or registered past the 9/1/2024 deadline	7
• Voter listed as ineligible to vote by State Div. of Elections	1
• Ballot envelope blank (no signature, no personal identifier), not cured by 10/15	28
• Ballot envelope missing personal identifier, not cured by 10/15	21
• Ballot envelope had incorrect personal identifier, not cured by 10/15	6
• Ballot envelope signature did not match signature on file, not cured by 10/15	28
• Ballot envelope had multiple issues, not cured by 10/15	3
• Ballots received via USPS after Election Day with no or illegible postmark	11
• Ballots postmarked after election day and received before certification	23
TOTAL Rejected Ballots	153

Following certification of the election, CBJ staff transmits a list of all successful voters, questioned and special needs ballot envelopes, and any ballot mail returned as "undeliverable" or "other reasons" to the State Division of Elections. The State Division of Elections then updates the voter history accordingly and follows up with its list maintenance protocols for any address changes and/or mail received as undeliverable.

Attachment: October 15, 2024 Election Certification & Official Results



NOTICE OF REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION - OCTOBER 1, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Municipal Election will be held in the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska on **Tuesday, October 1, 2024 by-mail**. Precinct polling places will not be available for regular in-person voting on Election Day, but there will be two Vote Centers (City Hall and Mendenhall Valley Library) available for in-person voting for two weeks beginning on Monday, September 16 and ending at 8:00p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

Registered voters of the State of Alaska who reside within the City and Borough of Juneau are eligible to vote in this election and will be mailed a ballot at the permanent mailing address listed in the State of Alaska Voter Registration List. Voters should be prepared to provide identification along with their voted ballot if no identification was filed with the State of Alaska when registering.

The purpose of the election is:

1. To elect from candidates residing in the entire City and Borough of Juneau, Mayor for a term of three years;
2. To elect from candidates residing in Assembly Election District No. 1, one Assemblymember for a term of three years;
3. To elect from candidates residing in Assembly Election District No. 2, one Assemblymember for a term of three years;
4. To elect from candidates residing in the entire City and Borough of Juneau, three members of the Board of Education (School Board) for terms of three years each.
5. To vote on the below Areawide propositions and petitions.

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

City and Borough of Juneau Outstanding and Other Debt Information

The following information is provided as required by CBJ Charter Section 10.5, Notice of Bond Election:

- CBJ's total general obligation outstanding debt principal, as of **September 1, 2024**, is \$52,150,000. Of this amount, \$440,000 will be reimbursed by the State of Alaska under the State's School Construction Bond Debt Reimbursement Program. The school debt issued is eligible for 60-70% debt reimbursement from the State, subject to annual appropriation by the Legislature.
- There are no unissued voter approved general obligation bonds.
- For the current fiscal year, FY25, CBJ is budgeting to pay a total of \$9,625,600 for bond debt service (principal, interest, and fees). \$440,000 of this amount will be reimbursed by the State under the State's School Construction Bond Debt Reimbursement Program. This leaves a balance of \$9,185,600 to be paid from local tax sources and interest income. Of this amount, \$2,026,600 will be paid from port development revenues and fund balance from the Port Development Fund, \$297,600 from hotel bed tax revenues to fund debt service for Centennial Hall improvements, \$30,000 from interest income, and \$6,831,400 from general property tax levies.
- The current total taxable assessed valuation within the municipality is \$6,526,344,800 (\$6.53 billion).
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RECALL PETITION A

Recall Board of Education Member Deedie Sorensen, President

Petitioners Committee Verbatim Statement of Grounds:

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Board of Education Recall Question - Petition A:

Shall Deedie Sorensen be recalled from the office of Board of Education?

☐ RECALL SORENSEN, YES
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RECALL PETITION B
Recall Board of Education Member Emil Mackey, Vice-President

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Board of Education Recall Question - Petition B:
Shall Emil Mackey be recalled from the office of Board of Education?

☐ **RECALL MACKEY, YES**
☐ **RECALL MACKEY, NO**

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible to vote in the City and Borough of Juneau elections, you must be:

1. Qualified to vote in state elections;
2. A resident of the municipality for at least 30 days immediately preceding the election;
3. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the municipality at least 30 days before the municipal election at which you seek to vote; and
4. Not disqualified under Article V of the State of Alaska Constitution.

THE OCTOBER 1, 2024 ELECTION WILL BE HELD BY-MAIL

All registered voters of the State of Alaska who reside within the City and Borough of Juneau will be mailed a ballot on September 12, 2024 at the permanent mailing address listed in the State of Alaska Voter Registration List. When voting a by-mail ballot, the voter marks their ballot, inserts it into the provided security envelope, puts that into the provided return envelope, signs the voter certification and provides a personal identifier (Voter ID number, Alaska State ID or Driver's License number, Date of Birth, or last four digits of the voter's Social Security Number) and returns it to the CBJ Clerk's Office. By-mail ballots returned in a manner other than inside the official voter issued return ballot envelope will not be counted.

CBJ Election Officials encourage voters to verify their permanent mailing address:

- Online: <https://myvoterportal.alaska.gov/>
- Phone:
 - o Alaska Region 1 Elections Office: (907) 465-3021
 - o CBJ Elections Office (907) 586-5278; select option “4”.
- Email:
 - o Alaska Region 1 Elections Office electionsr1@alaska.gov
 - o CBJ Elections Office cbj.elections@juneau.gov

Voters who wish to register to vote or update their mailing address for the October 1, 2024 Regular Municipal Election must do so no later than Sunday, September 1, 2024. Voter registration is available at the following locations:

- State of Alaska Voter Registration System (OLVR) online: <https://voterregistration.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Region I Elections Office at 9109 Mendenhall Mall Road, Suite 3
- City and Borough of Juneau Libraries
- CBJ Clerk/Election Office at 155 Heritage Way, Rm 215 (call 907-586-5278 and select option “4” before visiting)

VOTING FROM A TEMPORARY ADDRESS OR BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION [Fax/E-Ballot]

Mailed ballots will not be forwarded. If a voter needs to have the ballot mailed to an address other than the permanent mailing address on file with the State of Alaska Division of Elections, the voter must submit an “**Application to Vote at a Temporary Address**”. If a voter needs a ballot by electronic transmission [Fax/E-ballot], they must fill out an application for a “**Fax/E-Ballot**.” A qualified voter may vote from a temporary address or via Fax/E-ballot for any reason. Applications (and the ballot certifications) require a handwritten signature; digital signatures are not allowed.

Application forms are available by any of the following methods:

- Online at <https://juneau.org/clerk/elections>
- By e-mail: cbj.elections@juneau.gov
- By Phone: (907) 586-5278; select option “4” – CBJ Elections
- By Fax: (907) 586-4552
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- In Person at one of the CBJ Vote Centers listed below

OPTIONS TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE:

By Mail: Ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day, October 1, 2024 and received before election certification to count. If returning your ballot via USPS, a first class stamp is required and we recommend voters ensure the ballot envelope received a legible postmark.

Ballot Drop Box: Ballot drop boxes are available 24/7 starting September 13, 2024 to 8:00pm on Election Day, October 1, 2024. They are located at:

- **Alaska Electric Light and Power Company (AEL&P)**
5601 Tonsgard Ct, Lemon Creek
- **City Hall – Corner near Marine Way and Municipal Way**
155 Heritage Way, Downtown
- **Douglas Library/Fire Hall Community Building**
1016 3rd Street, Douglas
- **Mendenhall Valley Public Library**
3025 Dimond Park, Valley
- **Statter Harbor BOAT Launch Parking (not the Harbor Office parking lot)**
11801 Glacier Highway, Auke Bay

Vote Center: Vote Centers are open to people who need assistance, require an ADA accessible ballot, did not receive a ballot in the mail, or prefer to vote in person.

- **City Hall Assembly Chambers, 155 Heritage Way, Downtown**
Starting Monday, September 16:
Open Monday through Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm
Open Election Day, Tuesday, October 1, 7:00am – 8:00pm

- **Mendenhall Valley Public Library**, 3025 Dimond Park, Mendenhall Valley
Starting Monday, September 16:
Open Monday through Thursday, 10:00am – 6:00pm
Open Friday and Saturday, 12:00pm – 5:00pm
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Voters who need help may appoint a Personal Representative:

A qualified voter who requires assistance due to age, illness or disability, may appoint a personal representative over the age of 18 to obtain assistance to facilitate the following services:

- Read the ballot out loud,
- Mark the ballot with the voter's permission,
- Insert the ballot into the appropriate envelopes,
- Witness the voter's signature,
- Mail the ballot or deliver the ballot to a drop box

A personal representative or power of attorney ***may not sign the voter oath*** on behalf of the voter under penalty of law.

If a voter requires assistance and is unable to locate a personal representative, the voter may contact the Municipal Clerk's Office on or after September 16 to make such arrangements.

More information is available at:

CBJ Clerk/Election Office

155 Heritage Way, Juneau, AK. 99801

Phone: (907) 586-5278 option 4 Fax: (907) 586-4550 e-mail: cbjelections@juneau.org

website: <https://juneau.org/clerk/elections>

I certify that this notice meets the requirements of CBJ Code 29.07.010 Election times; notice.



8/26/2024

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk / Election Official DATE

ADA Accommodations Available Upon Request.



CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU
OFFICIAL BALLOT
REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION
OCTOBER 1, 2024

Elizabeth J. McEwen
Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

Instructions:
To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this: ●
Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot. NO RED INK. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, fill in the oval and print the person's name on the blank line provided for a write-in candidate. If you make a mistake voting, draw a line through the oval and candidate or issue you voted, write "NO" next to it and then continue voting by filling in the oval next to your choice.

MAYOR VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u> ☐ Angela Rodell ☐ Beth Weldon ☐ Write-in	PROPOSITION #2 Initiative Proposition Short Title: <u>Ship-Free Saturdays</u> WHEREAS, the Juneau “cruise season” adversely impacts Juneau residents’ health and quality of life; and WHEREAS, the cruise industry has created a Juneau “cruise season” this year, 2024, of 195 days to run from April 9-October 24, and without pause for 142 days, from May 2-September 27; and WHEREAS, a majority of Juneau residents think that our local government is not doing enough to manage cruise tourism; and WHEREAS, city leaders and industry have had decades to act and have failed to balance the economic benefits to some against the economic and other harms of the many imposed by the cruise tourism industry; and WHEREAS, residents are displaced by cruise industry overtourism from downtown, the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area, and recreation and food harvesting on area lands and waters; and WHEREAS, excess human presence and human-driven noise from overtourism sullies the sentient, sacred, divine, and living ancestral natural environment necessary for cultural and spiritual health and growth; and WHEREAS, health, learning, productivity, and enjoyment are diminished by air pollution, noise, light pollution, and traffic from cruise ships, tour buses, helicopters, floatplanes, and boats; and WHEREAS, Ship-Free Saturdays would provide one day per week, in a consistent and predictable manner, for rest, recovery, recreation, fishing, gathering, and events and activities at home, downtown, and elsewhere in the community; and WHEREAS, Ship-Free Saturdays would give businesses providing cruise industry services one predictable day per week to schedule maintenance and time off. This pause could result in safer, cleaner, and better operations and happier employees; and WHEREAS, Ship-Free Saturdays would enhance the experiences of independent visitors; and WHEREAS, The Fourth of July is a day of community celebration and festivity that extends along our waterfront and through our narrow downtown streets. Making July Fourth cruise ship free opens possibilities for additional community use and enjoyment of our downtown and harbor throughout the entire day. SHALL THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU CODE BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: Section 1. Title 20, Business Regulations, is amended to create a new chapter entitled CBJ 20.50 Cruise Ships, with a new section to read as follows: 20.50.010 No cruise ship with a capacity of 250 passengers or more shall be allowed to dock, moor, or disembark passengers within the City and Borough of Juneau boundaries on any Saturday or July 4. Section 2. Effective Date. This initiative shall be effective 30 days after the election is certified. ☐ SHIP-FREE SATURDAYS, YES ☐ SHIP-FREE SATURDAYS, NO
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SAMPLE

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

PROPOSITION #3
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RECALL PETITION B
Recall Board of Education Member Emil Mackey, Vice-President Petitioners Committee Verbatim Statement of Grounds: “Mackey demonstrated failure to perform prescribed duties, misconduct in office, and incompetence by: ...Failing to understand FY24 budget accounting errors resulting in \$7.9M deficit and taxpayer loan from CBJ, violating BP3460.” Verbatim rebuttal statement from Emil Mackey: “The Budget Issue is not as described in the Recall Petition nor in the Ballot Title. Unlike other states, the responsibility for Alaska school funding is the sole responsibility of the State and it is unconstitutional for districts to fund past the “local contribution” limited in case law and statute. As long as the State of Alaska funds districts within 5% of 2006 funding levels, all districts will continue to face deficits and cuts. The board was notified of the issue in January 2024 with four months to make a decision under State Law. The budgetary choice was simply buildings versus staff. In FY 2024, the District employed 317 teachers. The chosen model laid off 46.5 teachers. Had we adopted the model advocated by recall sponsors, the district would have had to lay-off 84 of the 317 teachers. Nobody liked the choices, but the chosen alternative was the best decision possible for student success and kept the lowest possible Pupil/Teacher Ratio for years to come. A successful recall will threaten these solutions and have a chilling effect on responsible decision-making by future board members. I urge a “No” vote against this recall. Learn more at JuneauRecall.com.” Board of Education Recall Question - Petition B: Shall Emil Mackey be recalled from the office of Board of Education? ☐ RECALL MACKEY, YES ☐ RECALL MACKEY, NO

SAMPLE

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VOTER INFORMATION

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General Obligation Bond
Public Safety Communication Infrastructure

PROPOSITION No.2

Ship-Free Saturdays

PROPOSITION No.3

General Obligation Bond
Reconstruct Juneau Douglas Wastewater
Treatment Plant



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PROPOSITION NO. 1

General Obligation Bond

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General Obligation Bond

Public Safety Communication Infrastructure

This proposition authorizes the issuance of \$12,750,000 in general obligation bond debt to fund infrastructure repairs, equipment replacements, and technological improvements to Juneau's deteriorating public safety communications system relied on by local, state, and federal agencies.

Overview/Explanation

The City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ)'s public safety communication system provides first responders with mission critical radio and data communications. This public system is used during both routine and emergency calls and air rescues throughout the borough. It is also central to communication and interagency coordination during emergency response for floods, landslides, structure fires, active shooter situations, and search and rescue.

The CBJ public safety communication system is used by the following organizations:

- Juneau Police Department
- Capital Transit
- US Coast Guard
- Capital City Fire & Rescue (Including Rescue Teams, CARES Mobile Integrated Health & Sobering Center)
- CBJ Public Works
- Alaska State Troopers
- US Forest Service
- Other State and federal agencies (FBI, DEA, Customs & Border Patrol, TSA Law Enforcement, Probations, Pretrial, Alcohol Marijuana Control Office)

Current Conditions

The existing radio system fails to meet minimum public safety standards. Frequent interruptions, static and interference in radio service with spotty or no reception inside commercial and public buildings and in many neighborhoods puts the public and first responders at risk. Poor quality of radio traffic increases the likelihood of a request for emergency backup to go unnoticed. Handheld portable and mobile/vehicle radios lack basic safety features like GPS and alert tones. The system's communication hardware components are no longer supported by the manufacturers and must be purchased from third parties such as eBay. The radio sheds, towers and power sources supporting this system need to be replaced or upgraded to expand coverage.

Proposed Project

The proposed bond issuance would modernize equipment and expand radio coverage. Radio channels will be added for interoperability with partners, clarity of communications will be increased, and current "dead zones" will be reduced by replacing outdated radio infrastructure. By improving redundancy and system power supply, the project will improve the reliability and portability of communications during emergencies.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

General Obligation Bond

Project Funding

The total cost to replace and upgrade the CBJ public safety radio system is estimated at approximately \$24.4 million.

CBJ General Fund Available Now	\$9.67M
Grant: Congressionally Directed Spending Available Now	\$2M
General Obligation Bond This Proposition	\$12.75M

CBJ has substantial debt capacity to support this project and others without raising the debt service mill rate as many large projects are being paid off in the coming years. If this bond issuance is approved, the debt service portion of the property taxation (mill) rate will not increase. More about the debt service and property tax mill rate is available at www.juneau.org/budget.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Ship - Free Saturday

On the following pages are statements written by private parties in support and in opposition of Proposition #2. CBJ is neutral on the proposition and the statements do not represent a CBJ position. The statements are provided in this voter information guide so that voters have as much information as possible heading into the election. CBJ appreciates and thanks the statement writers for their time and willingness to contribute to the guide.

If the proposition passes, a new section of code would be added to Title 20 (Business Regulations) of the CBJ code of ordinances. It would state:

20.50.010 No cruise ship with a capacity of 250 passengers or more shall be allowed to dock, moor, or disembark passengers within the City and Borough of Juneau boundaries on any Saturday or July 4.

Additional information is available on this topic and other tourism related topics at <https://juneau.org/manager/tbmp>

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Ship - Free Saturdays (Support)

Ship-Free Saturdays is about Balance.

By Karla Hart

Ship-Free Saturdays puts residents first for one day per week. It gives us a chance to enjoy our homes, the glacier, downtown, and to reclaim a sense of community. It gives whales a break. Seasonal employees might count on one consistent day off per week. It is about restoring balance.

The number of cruise ship passengers visiting Juneau has ballooned from 237,000 in 1990 to 689,000 in 2000 to 1.67 million in 2023. The cruise season has stretched, the daily intensity increased, and we have no pause from spring through summer and into fall.

Industry and city leaders know cruise tourism has significant adverse impacts on the community. Yet, they have failed to meaningfully address the needs of the community for rest, quiet, recreation, clean air, enjoying summer, and simply a break from cruise tourism.

Voluntary hasn't worked.

The Tourism Best Management Practices program claims to "balance the needs of tourism with the rhythm of local life." Does it? Every guideline of the 28-page booklet represents an identified impact the industry acknowledges, and yet we continue to suffer noise, congestion, displacement, wakes, crowding, pollution, and other impacts.

Memorandums of Agreement between Juneau and the cruise companies claim to limit cruise tourism. These voluntary limits on ship numbers and number of passengers allow 2.5 million passengers - 50% growth over 2024 levels.

Ship-Free Saturdays is a MODEST and REASONABLE proposal for one consistent day a week (plus 4th of July) without the adverse impacts of large-scale cruise ship tourism. Over 2,500 Juneau voters signed the initiative petition to give citizens the chance to decide if we want to put Ship-Free Saturdays into law.

We urge you to vote YES!

What about?

Threatened lawsuits - If industry attempts to force themselves upon a host community that is clearly setting limits, what does it say about the industry? A federal judge in U.S. District Court of Maine ruled in favor of a citizen initiative limiting cruise passengers.

Job losses - Juneau cruise tourism relies heavily on a non-resident workforce that requires seasonal housing. Might we have more families, year-round employees, and living wage workers if this housing was available for them?

Business impacts and city tax revenue losses - with a 16,000 passenger per day limit, six days per week, cruise ship visitation can continue to grow to 2,000,000+ passengers.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Ship - Free Saturday (Oppose)

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Ship - Free Saturday (Oppose)

Statement in Opposition

By Eric Forst, Red Dog Saloon

Juneau should reject Proposition 2. This measure jeopardizes our economy and the public services we depend on. Here's why voters should vote "NO."

Economic disruption and job loss

Banning cruise ships on Saturdays will cost Juneau millions in lost revenue. Specifically, ship-free Saturdays are projected to reduce local spending by \$30 million, and decrease city revenues by \$3.7 million. This drop in revenue could lead to increased taxes on residents and cuts to essential services.

Cruise tourism supports thousands of jobs in Juneau. Eliminating cruise ship visits on Saturdays will result in job losses, affecting families who rely on tourism for their livelihood. This measure endangers the economic stability of our community, potentially forcing families to move out in search of employment.

Buyer's Remorse in Other States

Bar Harbor, Maine, voted two years ago to restrict cruise tourism. The results have impacted the local economy so negatively that an effort is underway to repeal the measure. Let's not make the same mistake.

Threat to Small Businesses

Local shops, restaurants and service providers depend on the steady flow of cruise passengers to stay open year-round. Ship-free Saturdays will severely impact these businesses, leading to reduced hours, layoffs or even closures. Our small businesses, already struggling during the off-season, cannot stay open without visitor dollars.

Impact on Public Services

Revenue generated from cruise tourism funds crucial public services. Losing these tax dollars and fees means our community will face tough choices, including potential cuts to healthcare, education, public safety and infrastructure maintenance.

Collaboration, Not Confrontation

Juneau has already taken significant steps to manage tourism sustainably. The City and Borough of Juneau created a visitor industry task force that received many public comments and led to three Memorandums of Agreement. These MOAs create a better experience for locals and visitors. This ballot initiative undermines the successful public process and possibly creates a litigious environment where collaboration between the CBJ and the industry abruptly stops.

Create Confidence for Young People

Removing the opportunity for cruise business on Saturdays erases what little confidence young people have in Juneau. The continued economic uncertainty makes pursuing a career and raising a family in Juneau more difficult. Young people have already chosen to leave Juneau, let's not give them another reason to leave. Let's welcome young people to our community by creating an environment of economic opportunity and stability.

Voting "NO" on Proposition 2 is essential to protect Juneau's economy, jobs and public services. We need to continue our collaborative efforts to manage tourism sustainably without resorting to drastic measures.

For the health and future of our community, please join me in voting NO on Proposition 2.

PROPOSITION NO. 3

General Obligation Bond

Proposition No. 3 will authorize the issuance of \$10,000,000 in general obligation bond debt to reconstruct the clarifier building at the Juneau Douglas Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The clarifier at the Juneau Douglas Wastewater Treatment Plant separates suspended solids from liquid effluent through a settling process to achieve the desired purity of treated wastewater. The clarifier is a vital part of the wastewater treatment plant and critical to ensuring that treated sewage meets environmental standards before discharge into Gastineau Channel. The 50-year-old wastewater plant's clarifier building needs significant and time-sensitive structural improvements due to age and corrosion caused by the unique and highly corrosive wastewater treatment environment. Insufficient mechanical ventilation systems are accelerating this corrosion. If not addressed, increasing levels of corrosion will lead to structural failure which will prevent our teams from safely accessing and operating a critical part of the treatment process.

The proposed bond would fund the replacement of the metal building enclosure, including the roof and all structural steel (walls, beams, columns) as well as the mechanical ventilation system and other necessary electrical improvements at the facility. These upgrades will use corrosion-resistant materials and ventilation designs to prevent further corrosion and extend the life of the clarifier equipment as well as the building to ensure continuity of this critical public service for another 50+ years.

The CBJ Water and Wastewater Utility's operational budgets are funded entirely by rate payers. The Utility is not currently funded by property tax or sales tax. (Voter-approved sales tax has periodically been designated to support capital projects for the Utility in the past.) If approved, this bond issuance will reduce the amount of future utility rate increases required to address needed upgrades to aging utility infrastructure.

CBJ has substantial debt capacity to support this project and others without raising the debt service mill rate as many large projects are being paid off in the coming years. If this bond issuance is approved, the debt service portion of the property taxation (mill) rate will not increase. More about the debt service and property tax mill rate is available at www.juneau.org/budget.

For more information, visit www.juneau.org/wastewater-bond-2024.

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MAYOR VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u>	PROPOSITION #2
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☐ Amber Frommherz ☐ Jeff Redmond ☐ Elizabeth (Ebett) Siddon ☐ Jenny Thomas ☐ Will Muldoon ☐ Michelle Stuart Morgan ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in	
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PROPOSITION #3**Explanation**

The proposition will authorize the issuance of \$10,000,000 in general obligation bond debt for paying the cost of undertaking certain wastewater utility infrastructure improvements including replacement of the wastewater clarifier building at the Juneau Douglas Wastewater Treatment Plant that services Thane, Downtown and Douglas. The total annual debt service costs, assuming an interest rate of 3.50%, will be approximately \$1,210,000. This amount of debt service would require an annual property tax levy of approximately \$18.48 per \$100,000 of assessed value. This example of a property tax levy is provided for illustrative purposes only.

**PROPOSITION #3
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
\$10,000,000**

To improve wastewater utility service by improving wastewater utility infrastructure, including, but not limited to, replacement of the wastewater clarifier building at the Juneau Douglas Wastewater Treatment Plant that services Thane, Downtown and Douglas within the City and Borough, shall the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, issue and sell its general obligation bonds, maturing within 10 years of their date of issue, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000?

- ☐ BONDS, YES
☐ BONDS, NO

RECALL PETITION A**Recall Board of Education Member Deedie Sorensen, President****Petitioners Committee Verbatim Statement of Grounds:**

"Sorensen demonstrated failure to perform prescribed duties, misconduct in office, and incompetence by ... Failure to understand the FY24 budget accounting errors resulting in \$7.9M deficit and taxpayer loan from CBJ, violating BP3460."

Verbatim rebuttal statement from Deedie Sorensen:

"The reality behind this recall is 20+ years of declining student enrollment and prior board leadership unwilling to adjust the budget to this reality.

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We made difficult decisions for our schools in the 2025 budget. Decisions necessary to ensure our students continue to receive a great education.

Vote "NO" on the recall."

Board of Education Recall Question - Petition A:

Shall Deedie Sorensen be recalled from the office of Board of Education?

- ☐ RECALL SORESENSEN, YES
☐ RECALL SORESENSEN, NO

RECALL PETITION B**Recall Board of Education Member Emil Mackey, Vice-President****Petitioners Committee Verbatim Statement of Grounds:**

"Mackey demonstrated failure to perform prescribed duties, misconduct in office, and incompetence by: ... Failing to understand FY24 budget accounting errors resulting in \$7.9M deficit and taxpayer loan from CBJ, violating BP3460."

Verbatim rebuttal statement from Emil Mackey:

"The Budget Issue is not as described in the Recall Petition nor in the Ballot Title. Unlike other states, the responsibility for Alaska school funding is the sole responsibility of the State and it is unconstitutional for districts to fund past the "local contribution" limited in case law and statute. As long as the State of Alaska funds districts within 5% of 2006 funding levels, all districts will continue to face deficits and cuts.

The board was notified of the issue in January 2024 with four months to make a decision under State Law. The budgetary choice was simply buildings versus staff. In FY 2024, the District employed 317 teachers. The chosen model laid off 46.5 teachers. Had we adopted the model advocated by recall sponsors, the district would have had to lay-off 84 of the 317 teachers. Nobody liked the choices, but the chosen alternative was the best decision possible for student success and kept the lowest possible Pupil/Teacher Ratio for years to come. A successful recall will threaten these solutions and have a chilling effect on responsible decision-making by future board members. I urge a "No" vote against this recall. Learn more at JuneauRecall.com."

Board of Education Recall Question - Petition B:

Shall Emil Mackey be recalled from the office of Board of Education?

- ☐ RECALL MACKEY, YES
☐ RECALL MACKEY, NO

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2024 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Angela Rodell

Candidate: Mayor



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Angela Rodell
Office Sought:	Mayor
Residence Address:	316 Distin Avenue
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 21643
Email Address:	angelaforjuneau@gmail.com
Age:	56
Occupation:	Legislative Staff
Place of Birth:	Wisconsin
Length of Residency in Juneau:	13 years
Communities lived in & dates of residency:	New York City (1996 – 2011) Minneapolis, MN (1995-1996) Lexington, KY (1990-1995) Eau Claire, WI
Education:	Masters, Public Administration, University of Kentucky BA Economics & Political Science, Marquette University
Political or Government Work:	Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Dept of Revenue Commissioner, Dept of Revenue CEO, Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Staff, Senator Cathy Giessel
Business or Professional Work:	Senior Vice President, FirstSouthwest Founder, Rodell Consulting Senior Advisor, On Pepper

Service Organization Memberships: Member, Investment Committee, Alaska Community Foundation

Other appropriate information: Served 6 years on Juneau Airport Board
Current Chair, Launch Alaska

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

Originally from Wisconsin, I have been a Juneau resident for 13 years. My career began in New York City, where I spent 15 years providing financial expertise to municipal and state clients nationwide. In 1996, I came to Alaska to work on homebuyer initiatives for the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. I was recruited as Deputy Commissioner for the Alaska Department of Revenue and joined Governor Parnell’s cabinet as Revenue Commissioner in 2013. As CEO of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, I helped grow the fund from \$50 billion to \$80 billion. Currently, I consult on energy and tech initiatives, work for the Legislature as staff for Senator Cathy Giessel, and serve as Chair to Launch Alaska. I served six years on the Juneau Airport Board and enjoy hiking with my yellow lab, Finn, and experiencing Juneau’s varied cultural and culinary offerings.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

Throughout my career, I’ve provided financial and strategic expertise to help communities thrive and grow. My professional experience would add dimension and depth to our Assembly as we strive to keep Juneau attractive and affordable.

As Mayor, I will focus on affordability and livability:

Taxation: Current levels of taxation and spending are not sustainable. Over \$37 million in CBJ reserves is double that required for the Restricted Budget Reserve. On average, property assessments have increased 50% in the last 8 years. Over-collecting property and sales taxes makes Juneau more expensive, driving people out of town.

Cost-of-living: The most significant factor in keeping Juneau affordable is housing, including mortgage and rental costs, insurance, property taxes, and utilities. The Assembly’s actions impact other household costs. In our \$440 million budget, it should be possible to eliminate sales tax on food for everyone.

Health & Safety: Basic services require constant attention: hospital, water and sewer infrastructure, and landfill. Critical services (police, fire, public works) must take priority.

Juneau should realize maximum returns on our economic drivers and strengths: Greens Creek and Kensington mines, our fishing industry, UAS, our world-class recreation, our entrepreneurial tourism sector, and our hard-working residents.

Some ask why I am challenging an incumbent and didn’t wait for the Mayor’s seat to open up. Frankly, we don’t have three years to get our house in order.

I will work with individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations, and CBJ Assembly and staff to ensure a dynamic and strong Juneau – now and in the future.

2024 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Beth Weldon

Candidate: Mayor



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Beth Weldon
Office Sought:	Mayor
Residence Address:	8525 Mendenhall Loop Rd, Juneau Alaska
Mailing Address:	PO Box 32516 Juneau, AK 99803
Email Address:	weldonforjuneaumayor@gmail.com
Website Address:	bethweldonforjuneau.com
Age:	59
Occupation:	Local Business Owner
Children's names:	Cody Weldon, Tyler Weldon
Place of Birth:	Juneau
Length of Residency in Juneau:	59 years
Communities lived in & dates of residency:	Juneau and Douglas since 1965
Education:	B.S. in Fisheries from University of Washington
Political or Government Work:	Mayor, Assembly Member
Business or Professional Work:	Business owner, Glacier Auto Parts 2012- present; Current President, Alaska Municipal League; Retired Division Chief, Capital City Fire/Rescue 1992-2012; Owner/Operator F/V Seven C's 1986-1992

Service Organization Memberships: Juneau Glacier Valley Rotary member and past President; Former Juneau Ski Club Board Member; former volunteer for Glacier Swim Club, JDHS Wrestling, Hockey and Track and Field; former Volunteer Firefighter 1989-1992

Special Interests: Reading, jigsaw puzzles, hiking/walking with my dog Gunner

Other appropriate information: Other background includes CBJ Supervisory Academy; Aurora Fire Officer Development Program; National Fire Academy Leadership II; Former Instructor in EMS; Fire Service; Marine Ship Board Firefighting; Aircraft Rescue Firefighting; Emergency Medical Dispatch; Alaska State Firefighter Association, Juneau Chapter Board

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

I am a lifelong Juneau resident and fourth generation Douglasite. I graduated from JDHS and UW and owned/operated the gillnetter F/V Seven C’s before starting my 20-year career with Capital City Fire / Rescue where I retired as a Division Chief. I was their first female officer and earned seven service awards.

My two sons were very active in sports, and I was a volunteer for many of their activities including the ski club, swim club, wrestling, hockey, and track and field. My husband, Greg, and I were together 30 years before his untimely death this spring. I continue to run the business we’ve owned for 12 years.

My love for public service inspired me to run for the Assembly. After serving about 1.5 years, I ran for Mayor and have enjoyed being Mayor for two terms. I am also the current President for the Alaska Municipal League.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

I’ve had the privilege to serve as Juneau’s mayor the past two terms. I was at the helm during the unexpected challenge of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent glacier outburst flood. *My fire department experience served me well during these times of crisis.* Maintaining our economic health during the pandemic was paramount to me. I helped steer aid to childcare providers to keep them open and to businesses to help them continue to pay their workers. I, with the Assembly, worked hard to put funds where they were needed most.

As a small business owner, Juneau’s economic vitality is important to me. To that point, we are working to help with the lack of housing through creative ways using grants and loans. The quality of our children’s education, childcare needs, the challenges of homelessness, and maintaining our city’s infrastructure, such as water and sewer service and roads, remain vital to providing a solid foundation for our community.

Tourism is a growing industry, especially for our younger entrepreneurs. Recognizing its importance while striving to ensure community concerns are addressed is critical. Keeping Juneau a welcoming Capital City is essential, and my involvement with the Alaska Committee and Capitol Fund Committee is beneficial to our community.

My time as Mayor has provided me the opportunity to see the challenges and rewards of addressing these issues, all while maintaining a balanced budget. I have added a sense of stability and collaboration to the Assembly and hope to continue this work.

2024 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Neil Steininger

Candidate: Assembly District 1



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Neil Steininger
Office Sought:	Assembly District 1
Residence Address:	137 Gastineau Ave.
Mailing Address:	137 Gastineau Ave.
Email Address:	neil.for.alaska@gmail.com
Age:	40
Occupation:	Consultant
Place of Birth:	Portland, Oregon
Length of Residency in Juneau:	23 Years total
Communities lived in & dates of residency:	Eagle River, AK till 1992 Juneau, AK 1992-2003 Reno, NV 2003-2012 Juneau, AK 2012-present
Education:	Bachelors in Economics from the University of Nevada, Reno
Political or Government Work:	State of Alaska Office of Management and Budget 2015-2023 Department of Transportation 2013-2015 Department of Revenue 2012
Business or Professional Work:	Steininger Services (consulting) 2023-Present Sierra Nevada Corporation (Reno, NV) 2008-2012

Service Organization Memberships: St. Vincent DePaul Finance Committee

Special Interests: Woodworking, camping, fishing and hunting

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

I was raised in the Valley, where my parents still live, and graduated from JDHS class of '03, where I received an excellent education. I moved to Reno for university, graduating with a Bachelor's in Economics. I was ultimately drawn back home by Juneau's extraordinary quality of life, fresh air, and access to the outdoors. Since 2012, I have enjoyed living on Gastineau Avenue, appreciating the walkable and diverse downtown community.

My professional experience, ten years with the State and four in the private sector, has honed my ability to collaborate with individuals from diverse backgrounds to address the challenges affecting public services. These skills will serve me well when working with the rest of the City Assembly and CBJ staff.

During my leisure time, I enjoy woodworking, making bowls and vases on my lathe, reading science fiction, and relaxing with my cats, Mojito and Mezcal.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

Returning to Juneau after college, I discovered a town full of opportunities and a welcoming environment. My peers and I found employment in tourism, government, or the service industry – I am committed to preserving and enhancing these opportunities for future generations.

I have extensive professional experience evaluating public sector finances, projects, and policy, which will bring valuable skills to the Assembly as we address Juneau's current and future challenges.

To create a place where future generations can thrive, we need a city government that delivers high-quality, dependable services for all Juneau residents. There's a special responsibility to a capital city: we must be responsive, transparent, fair, and accountable to both citizens and businesses residing and investing here. The City must exercise care and prudence in managing public funds. I am eager to collaborate with other assembly members to achieve these goals.

2024 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Connor D. Ulmer

Candidate: Assembly District 1



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Connor D. Ulmer
Office Sought:	District 1 Assembly
Residence Address:	9631 Stikine St, Juneau, AK 99801
Mailing Address:	PO Box 34445, Juneau, AK 99803
Email Address:	ulmer4alaska@gmail.com
Age:	26
Occupation:	Executive Assistant – Office of the President, Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Place of Birth:	Juneau, AK
Length of Residency in Juneau:	26 Years
Communities lived in & dates of residency:	Juneau, AK (1998-Present)
Education:	Bachelor of Business Administration
Political or Government Work:	Administrative Assistant - Tribal Court, Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Business or Professional Work:	Board Youth Advisor, Sealaska Corporation; Barista, Sacred Grounds
Service Organization Memberships:	Trustee, Goldbelt Ancestral Trust; Council Member, Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council

Special Interests: Fishing, Hiking, Weaving, Beading, Canoeing

Other appropriate information: Tlingit

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

Connor Deikeenaak’w Ulmer is Kaagwaantaan Kóok Hít (Box House) from Xunna Káawu (Hoonah). He was born and raised in Dzantik’i Héeni (Juneau, AK). Graduated from Thunder Mountain High School and then went on to attend University of Alaska Southeast and obtained a bachelor’s degree in business administration with an emphasis in management.

Deikeenaak’w began working at Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska at the Tribal Court and is now working in the Office of the President. He also served a two-year long term on the Sealaska Board of Directors as the Board Youth Advisor.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

I have had the joy of being born and raised here in Dzantik’i Héeni and have chosen to stay in the community that has shaped me into who I am today. Being born and raised here I have experienced the challenges that members of our community experience. A few of the challenges that I would like to help address would be housing, education and economic development.

Housing is one of the hardest things to find in our community and not just affordable housing. I would like to help find solutions on how we can address the housing shortage the affordability, and how we can support our houseless population.

I have been educated through the Juneau School District and experienced some of the struggles the schools have had. I want to make sure that our schools can stay open, attract amazing teachers, and for the community to be proud of our school district.

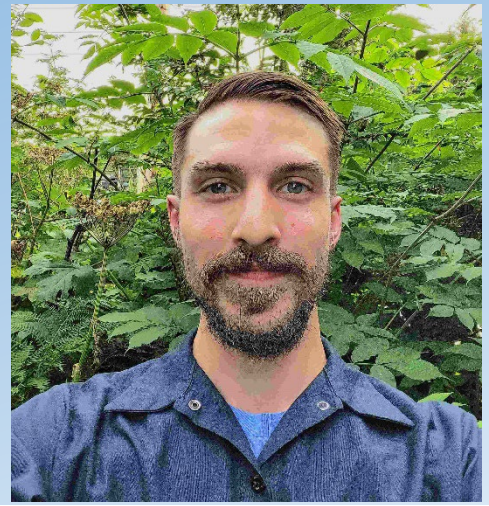
Seeing the large impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on our community showed how important it is to support our locally owned business. Making sure that there are more ways to collaborate and support locally owned business, so our economy grows.

2024 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Nathaniel (Nano) Brooks

Candidate:



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Nathaniel (Nano) Brooks
Office Sought:	Assembly District 2
Residence Address:	12085 Glacier Hwy, Juneau AK, 99801
Mailing Address:	P.O. BOX 34397, Juneau AK, 99803
Email Address:	413nano@gmail.com
Age:	30
Occupation:	Laundry/Entrepreneur
Place of Birth:	Juneau, AK
Length of Residency in Juneau:	30 years
Education:	JDHS class of 2011, Wyotech 2011-2012, AVTEC 2015-2017
Business or Professional Work:	owner/operator Hi-Fi Senpai, Wash Dash or Button Mash, Alaska Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Alaska Hydro Power, Alaska Mini Golf, Alaska Property Management, and Alaska Crime Labs. Vice president for the non-profit 49 th Forward. Employed as plumbing and HVAC technician 2016-2024
Service Organization Memberships:	Juneau Chamber of Commerce
Special Interests:	art/music, automechanic work, tinkering on machines, collecting various things

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

Nathaniel Brooks (Nano) is a born and raised Juneauite. He graduated JDHS at the age of 16, attended Wyotech 2011-2012, and later enrolled in and completed programs for mechanical trades at AVTEC. His diverse work experience in the community has covered many fields. The last 8 years have been spent in the plumbing and HVAC field, with a focus on heat pump installations.

With a strong work ethic, vast work experience, and a technical mind, Nano has designed and invented multiple renewable energy generators and is patent pending for 4 devices. His passion for economic development and sustainability doesn't end there. He has an entrepreneurial spirit and a passion for planning/creating new industries in Alaska to provide jobs for residents and fund services. His ideas and thoughts revolve around sustainability such as food production, energy production, and renewable utilities. Things that could make Juneau an example for the country.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

It is the obligation and responsibility of the non partisan assembly to collect only what's needed in tax revenue in order to provide the best possible support, services, and facilities for all members of the community while ensuring responsible, transparent, and accountable governance.

I love this place and community with all my heart. I have absolute faith in what can be accomplished when we all stand up and work together for a better future in the capital city. It breaks my heart when friends, family, neighbors, and fellow community members tell me that the services and facilities that their lives depend on, are no longer practical, viable, or available. The mismanagement of taxpayer money has led us to a point where we have failing schools, a failing hospital, utilities that don't meet regulations, and out of control property assessments that are crippling the communities ability to make a living and continue calling Juneau “home.” I want to give the community the same hope I feel and that can be done with a land raffle.

As a city representative I will champion efforts and programs that incentivize the retention of existing residence while attracting new ones. I will push to diversify and stimulate revenue streams outside of property taxes and passenger fees. I will focus on ways to reduce wasteful spending and mismanaged finances. I will exercise avenues to reallocate savings that haven't had progress or voter approval so we can lighten the financial burden on the members of the community.

2024 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Dorene Lorenz

Candidate: Assembly District 2



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Dorene Lorenz
Office Sought:	Assembly, District 2
Residence Address:	2823 Marsha Avenue
Mailing Address:	2823 Marsha Avenue
Email Address:	DoreneMLorenz@aol.com
Website Address:	DL4JNU.com
Age:	59
Occupation:	Communications Consultant
Children's names:	Casmir
Place of Birth:	Seward, AK
Length of Residency in Juneau:	6 years
Communities lived in & dates of residency:	1965-2024, Seward, Anchorage, Eagle River, Wasilla, Nikiski, Kenai, Soldotna, Juneau.
Education:	Chugiak High School, Anchorage Community College, Brigham Young University, University of Arizona, Tucson.
Political or Government Work:	Seward City Council
Business or Professional Work:	I've channeled my communications expertise into a public affairs and marking consultancy where my strategic guidance has helped

organizations align their messaging with their core values and engage the public on critical matters. Clients include small businesses, Alaska Native Corporations, Fortune 5 companies.

Service Organization Memberships:

As a proud fourth-generation Alaskan, my deep connection is evident in my 20+ year involvement in preserving our history through the Pioneers of Alaska, where I am currently serving my third term as President of the Juneau Women's Igloo. Am also the Historian for the Svalbard Lodge No. 33 Sons of Norway and a member of the Filcom, Inc.

Special Interests:

International Affairs, Social Justice, Equality, Fairness.

Other appropriate information:

An avid horsewoman, I share my home with uber rare Nordic chickens, large working dogs, and a fierce orange kitty.

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as "a", "and", and "the" will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

A former television talk show host, broadcast journalist, and news director at ABC/FOX Alaska, and current Juneau correspondent for Seward Public Radio, my passion for amplifying the voices of the community, thought-provoking storytelling, and uncovering the truth, earned an appointment as a Pakistan Fellow at International Center for Journalists.

My career extends to showcasing my talents as a celebrated interior designer, visual artist, television and film actor, and international award-winning screenwriter.

My involvement in civic initiatives reflects a lifelong dedication to public service. I have invested my time in the Alaska Historic Commission, Alaska250, Anchorage Arts Advisory Committee, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, and the AVTEC Institutional Advisory Committee; as well as the Seward's Historic Preservation Commission, Economic Development Committee, Waterfront Development Committee, Alternative Energy Committee, Long-Term Care Replacement Facility Committee, Centennial Legacy Committee; and the CBJ Sister Cities and Historic Resources Committees.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as "a", "and", and "the" will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

I am deeply committed to community sustainability, and I believe our goals can be achieved in a reasonable and measured manner.

The real world impacts of the decisions made by the Juneau Assembly can be sharp pain-points for retirees, young families, and small business owners.

We need a strong, diversified economy with year-round jobs paying family-supporting wages, exceptional schools and recreational opportunities, and the ability to gracefully age-in-place in a safe, affordable home.

We need to remember that our residents are Juneau's biggest resource and not treat them like an afterthought. We need to make sure that CBJ's governance matches up with our community values.

I am committed to maintaining transparency in government operations and the decision-making processes.

By working together, we can enjoy a vibrant and robust community, and leave that legacy for future generations.

I value your support and look forward to achieving great things with you.

2024 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Emily Mesch

Candidate: Assembly District 2



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Emily Mesch
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Residence Address:	8181 Grant Street, Juneau, AK
Mailing Address:	8181 Grant Street, Juneau, AK
Email Address:	emilyforassembly@gmail.com
Website Address:	www.emilyforassemblycbj.com
Age:	38
Occupation:	Rideshare Driver
Place of Birth:	Hadera, Israel
Length of Residency in Juneau:	Five years
Communities lived in & dates of residency:	Downtown: March 2019-October 2021; Mendenhall Valley October 2021-present
Education:	High School - The Sagemont School (Weston, FL) Undergraduate - Reichman University (Herzliya, Israel) Graduate Studies - Bar Ilan University (Givat Shmuel, Israel)
Military Service:	Israeli Air Force - Budget Office, January 2010-January 2012, discharge at rank Sergeant
Political or Government Work:	Shéiyi Xaat Hit Youth Shelter - Youth Development Leader, 2022- 2023

Juneau Human Rights Commission - Member, 2021-2024
City and Borough of Juneau - COVID 19 Communications Assistant,
2021
State of Alaska - Occupational Licensing Examiner, 2019-2020

Service Organization Memberships:

Southeast Alaska LGBTQ Alliance - Board Member, 2019-Present,
President 2022-Present
Congregation Sukkat Shalom - Board Member, 2019-Present
Skagway Arts Council - Member, 2018-2019

Special Interests:

Community theater, karaoke, green energy

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

Born in Israel, grew up in Florida, and moved back to Israel for college. I earned a BA in Business Administration, served two years in the Budget Office of the Israel Air Force, and watched my mom live out the last years of her life before moving back to the US.

I’ve lived in Alaska since 2017, and I’ve spent that time working to become a part of my community, and to make Juneau my home. I’ve worked for the state, for the city, for private business, and as an independent contractor. I’ve volunteered my time for several local organizations. In 2021, I bought my first house, a home in the Mendenhall Valley, and I intend to keep working to improve Juneau: this city that I call home.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

I think Juneau has three major priorities, moving forward:

1) School funding. Last year was painful for everyone. We cannot just wake up one morning to news of a \$9.5 million deficit ever again. JSD is independent from assembly, but that doesn't mean that assembly should leave our schools to figure things out on their own. I intend to work with the school board to ensure we always know what our school budgets really are.

2) Housing costs. The whole country is watching housing costs rise, but in Juneau it hits harder than most places. With limited space and high materials costs, every problem gets amplified here. So assembly needs to be pro-active, and we need an "everything on the table" approach. But at the same time, we need oversight to make sure that when we invest in affordable housing, we actually get affordable housing.

3) Cruise ship tourism. This is a tough one, I'll be honest. Some people feel like they're losing the city they love for half the year, and some people wouldn't be able to earn a living without the floating hotels that come to visit every summer. Finding the right balance for Juneau isn't going to be easy, but it's going to require

communication with all stakeholders. One thing that everyone can agree on is that we need to be working to make sure that as much value as possible from Juneau's tourism industry stays in Juneau.

2024 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Mary Marks

Candidate: Assembly District 2



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Mary Marks
Office Sought:	Juneau Assembly District 2
Residence Address:	8282A Garnet Street
Mailing Address:	PO Box 33892, Juneau AK 99803
Email Address:	klingit@yahoo.com
Age:	61
Length of Residency in Juneau:	Fifteen+
Education:	2024 University of Alaska Fairbanks Bachelor of Arts Alaska Native Studies Indigenous Peoples Law, Government & Policy 2022 associate's degree Tribal Governance University of Alaska Fairbanks Continuing education at University of Alaska Fairbanks in the master's degree Rural Development Indigenous Peoples Law, Government & Policy 2024/2025 school year.

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as "a", "and", and "the" will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

My name is Mary Marks, Kaagwaantaan Yanwaa Shaa, from Klukwan, Alaska. I am deeply committed to serving our community, with a history of active involvement in local and regional leadership. I volunteer as a delegate for the Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council and serve on various committees, including the Education Committee, VAWA Task Force, Judiciary Committee, and Native Education Advisory Committee. My experience on multiple boards has equipped

me with a strong background in protecting shareholder investments, upholding fiduciary responsibilities, and advocating for policies that benefit our people.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

I will ensure that the voices of our community are heard. I will bring commitment to Tlingit values-respect, kindness, and stewardship-to Tlingít Aaní (land), and my work. I will take a proactive approach to leadership. I have a track record of testifying on critical issues such as education, business, and land demonstrates my dedication to our community’s future. I bring the experience, motivation, and understanding to serve effectively on the Assembly.

2024 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Maureen Hall

Candidate: Assembly District 2



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Maureen Hall
Office Sought:	CBJ Assembly District 2
Residence Address:	1081 Arctic Circle, Juneau, AK 99801
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 33851, Juneau, AK 99803
Email Address:	maureen4juneau@gmail.com
Website Address:	maureen4juneau.com
Age:	64
Occupation:	Retired School Nurse
Children's Names:	Brenna, Dennis, Riley and Maddie
Place of Birth:	Lakeview, Oregon
Length of Residency in Juneau:	31 years
Communities lived in & dates of residency:	Juneau, AK 1993 - present Yellowknife, NWT Canada 1987 - 1993 Various Western states (Oregon, Nevada, Colorado) — 1983–1987 (spouse working as contract geologist) LaGrande, Oregon 1978 – 1982 Paisley, Oregon 1959 – 1978
Education:	Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Political or Government Work:

When I became a school nurse, I joined the Alaska School Nurse Association (ASNA). Living in the state capital, I have been actively involved with the ASNA Legislative Committee. With the State Department of Education & Early Development, I participated as a school nurse representative to help produce the Alaska Education Challenge, a guiding document for the Department of Education & Early Development.

Business or Professional Work:

More than 33 years as a registered nurse including:

- 1.75 years as State School Nurse Consultant 1
- 17 years with Juneau School Districts as a school nurse
- 11 years as a nurse in a pediatric clinic setting
- Additional experience in homecare and hospital nursing

Service Organization Memberships:

Board of Directors, St. Vincent de Paul – Juneau
Alaska School Nurse Association

Special Interests:

As my children would say, my soap box is [childhood trauma](#) and how we can prevent trauma to ensure that all children can grow into healthy adults able to fully participate in society.

I am a lifelong learner and a “news junkie” from my college years, subscribing to several local and national newspapers and more apt to spend vacation time attending a conference than lounging on a beach although in retirement, hoping to do that as well.

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

Maureen grew up on a cattle ranch in Eastern Oregon. She earned a BS in Nursing from Oregon Health Science University and moved to Juneau 31 years ago as part of the mining community. Initially working part-time while raising her family, she then embarked on a 17-year career as a school nurse with Juneau School District before transitioning to a role as a school nurse consultant with the state. Recently retired, she is now focusing on serving her community from her diverse background.

For the past 9 years, Maureen has served as a board member and past president of St. Vincent de Paul, a non-profit in our community serving our most vulnerable citizens. She currently manages the volunteer run aid distribution program.

She enjoys cross-country skiing, reading, and most of all, spending time with her family, all living in Alaska and 3 raising their families in Southeast.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]*:

As a nurse, a mother, a grandmother and a community volunteer, I would bring these perspectives to our Assembly. I see our community through the eyes of our families and of those living on the margins of our society. Nurses take in the big picture, gather evidence, are task-oriented, good listeners, and work on practical solutions to multi-faceted problems. As a school nurse, our work is at the intersection of healthcare and education so I would bring valuable insight to the needs of both our local health care system and the vital importance of an educated citizenry.

Initially, my focus will be on three key areas:

- **Health Care:** I am particularly concerned with the sustainability of our local hospital and health care system.
- **Education:** We need a strong public school system that prepares our future workforce by offering both trade and college pathways. This preparation should start with access to affordable daycare and high-quality preschool programs.
- **Housing and Homelessness:** My focus will be on the needs of disabled and elderly individuals, as well as those entering the workforce. It is essential to consider whether workers can afford to live here and support a family. Additionally, we must ensure that the homeless have access to mental health and addiction services as well as an opportunity to fully participate in society.

I am prepared to study the issues, listen and learn and help our community adapt to an ever-changing set of demands. Thank you for your consideration.

2024 Official Candidate Statement
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska
Amber Frommherz
Candidate: Board of Education



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Amber Frommherz
Office Sought:	JSD School Board (Board of Education)
Residence Address:	4801 River Road, Juneau, AK 99801
Mailing Address:	Same
Email Address:	amber_frommherz@yahoo.com
Age:	43
Occupation:	Outreach & Development Program Manager
Children’s names:	Kira, Ricardo, Nanibah, & Shandiin
Place of Birth:	To’Nanees’Dizi (Tuba City), AZ
Length of Residency in Juneau:	10 years
Communities lived in & dates of residency:	San Diego, CA (2000 - 2003) Albuquerque, NM (2003 - 2005) Hanscom AFB/Woburn, MA (2005 - 2014) Juneau, AK (2014 - Present)
Education:	Bachelor of Arts, Tufts University--Medford, MA (2011) Master of Arts, Tufts University--Medford, MA (2014)
Political or Government Work:	School Board Member, Juneau School District (2021-2024)

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The text of this statement was provided by the candidate in accordance with CBJ Code 29.07.055.*

Business or Professional Work:

I work as the Outreach & Development Program Manager for SEARHC to assist and promote the consortium's grow-your-own initiatives throughout SE AK.

Special Interests:

Booster Club mom-duties, seasonal outdoor activities, and visiting AZ family when I can.

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as "a", "and", and "the" will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

Yá'át'ééh, Amber Frommherz yinishé. Kinyaa'áanii nishłí. Tł'izí łan'í báshishchíí n. Tł'áashchí'í 'éí dashicheii nááná Táchii'nii 'éí dashináli. 'Ákót'éego 'éí 'asdzáni nishłi.

My name is Amber Frommherz. I am of the Towering House clan, born for the Many Goats clan. My maternal grandfather is of the Red Cheek clan and my paternal grandfather is of the Red-Running-Into-Water clan.

My journey has been rooted in education, either to obtain it or serve in it, and, now to connect others to it. I joined the Navy to help pay for college. After five years, I became a "non-traditional" student starting at a tribal college and finishing with a graduate degree from Tufts University in MA. By 2014, my family and I relocated to Juneau via orders from the Coast Guard. Since 2014 my family and I have developed a love of the land and connection to the community of Dzántik'i Héeni (Juneau).

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as "a", "and", and "the" will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

I bring a reflective and inquisitive leadership approach to the school board. I have almost three years experience as a JSD School Board member where I have learned the importance and impact of process, public engagement, and policy. I am committed to finding student/family-centric solutions amidst the district's reconfiguration and challenging state-fiscal climate.

I bring experience working with national, state, inter-tribal, and municipal agencies to advocate for early education and military-families. My lived and professional experiences have proven that a collective approach with respect for different views helps to solve challenges.

If elected to JSD School Board, I intend to

- be available to communicate with those who are invested in our school district;
- advocate to improve state education funding;
- continue support for social and emotional literacy for students and staff;
- ensure continued support for culturally-responsive teaching in partnership with local cultural heritage organizations, and;
- learn about and support JSD CTE programming.

I would appreciate your vote.

2024 Official Candidate Statement
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska
Jeff Redmond
Candidate: Board of Education



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Jeff Redmond
Office Sought:	School Board (Board of Education)
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 21443, Juneau, Alaska 99802
Email Address:	jeff.juneauschoolboard@gmail.com
Age:	43
Occupation:	City of Juneau, Transit
Place of Birth:	Washington State
Length of Residency in Juneau:	11 years
Communities lived in & dates of residency:	Cordova, Alaska: 10 years
Education:	University of Alaska Southeast, Early Childhood Education

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

I moved to Alaska 20 years ago, drawn by a deep respect and love for the natural beauty and the strong sense of community that this state offers. With a passion for education and a firm belief in the importance of nurturing the next generation, I have dedicated my life to serving the public, currently working for the City of Juneau's Transit Department. My commitment to education stems from my own academic journey at the University of Alaska Southeast, where I studied Early Childhood Education. As a parent with two children in the Juneau School District, I understand the challenges our schools face and the need for a dedicated, balanced approach to governance that puts our children's best interests first.

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Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

As a candidate for the Juneau School Board, my focus is on removing politics from our education system and prioritizing what truly matters: the well-being and success of our students. With two children currently enrolled in the Juneau School District, I have a vested interest in the quality of education they receive. I believe our schools should be safe, inclusive environments where every child has the opportunity to thrive academically and personally.

Our district is facing significant challenges, including budget constraints and declining enrollment. While these issues are daunting, they are not insurmountable. Other districts have faced similar difficulties and have emerged stronger by focusing on strategic, community-driven solutions. I believe we can do the same.

If elected, I will work to ensure that the decisions made by the school board reflect the needs and aspirations of our community. My goal is to foster a collaborative environment where parents, teachers, and administrators work together to create a positive and effective educational experience for all students. By putting politics aside and focusing on what’s best for our children, we can build a brighter future for our district.

2024 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Elizabeth (Ebett) Siddon

Candidate: Board of Education



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Elizabeth (Ebett) Siddon
Office Sought:	Board of Education (School Board) Member
Residence Address:	4030 N Douglas Hwy. Juneau, AK 99801
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 21007 Juneau, AK 99801
Email Address:	ebett_calvert@hotmail.com
Website Address:	elizabethsiddon.com
Age:	46
Occupation:	Fisheries Biologist
Spouse or Partner name:	Chris
Children's names:	Luke
Place of Birth:	Hanover, NH
Length of Residency in Juneau:	22 years
Communities lived in & dates of residency:	Juneau Alaska (since 2002)
Education:	B.S. from the University of New Hampshire (2000) M.S. in Fisheries from the University of Alaska Fairbanks (2005) PhD in Fisheries from the University of Alaska Fairbanks (2013)

Political or Government Work: Juneau Board of Education (since 2018)
Parent representative to the Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education’s Early Intervention Committee (since 2015)

Business or Professional Work: I work as a Research Fisheries Biologist for NOAA’s Alaska Fisheries Science Center (Auke Bay Labs, since 2016).

Service Organization Memberships: Juneau STEAM Coalition (since 2017)

Special Interests: Running, hiking, hockey

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

I grew up in New Hampshire before moving to Pittsburgh, PA for high school. I attended the University of New Hampshire for my undergraduate degree in Marine and Freshwater Biology. I moved to Juneau in 2002 to begin my Masters in Fisheries at UAF’s College of Fisheries. I studied nearshore kelp ecology and spent lots of time SCUBA diving in the Juneau area. After receiving my Masters, I worked for NOAA as a scientific editor while also teaching as an adjunct faculty at the University of Alaska Southeast. In 2008, I started a PhD program at UAF’s College of Fisheries conducting research on pollock in the Bering Sea and graduated in 2013. I currently work for NOAA Fisheries as the Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management Lead for the Auke Bay Labs. Each summer, I teach an undergraduate course in ecosystem research at the Shoals Marine Laboratory off the coast of Maine.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

I bring professional and personal experiences to the School Board. Professionally, I have a PhD in Fisheries from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and am committed to supporting students through outreach education. Personally, I have a 5th grader in the Juneau School District.

I bring a strong background in three specific areas:

1. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math).
STEAM education teaches critical thinking skills. A strong science foundation prepares students in all subject areas and post-secondary pathways. I work in a dynamic scientific environment, I know the importance of communicating science to broad audiences, and I am familiar with the current landscape of scientific fields. I have been an active leader in the Juneau STEAM Coalition and am passionate about K-12 outreach education.
2. Special Education.
I am the mother of a Special Education student. I am very familiar with all aspects of Special Education programming, related services, and funding. I am a strong advocate for programs like the District’s Integrated

Preschool Program. I believe that integration, with appropriate supports, provides benefits to all students in the classroom.

3. JSD Programs and Policies.

I have consistently served on the Board's Program Evaluation Committee and Policy Committee since 2018. I have demonstrated my commitment to learning about all topics in front of the Board. I bring an open mind and am not afraid to ask questions and continue to learn in order to do what is best for students.

2024 Official Candidate Statement
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska
Jenny Thomas
Candidate: Board of Education



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Jenny Thomas
Office Sought:	Juneau School Board (Board of Education)
Residence Address:	4460 Windfall Ave., Juneau, AK 99801
Mailing Address:	Same
Email Address:	jenny.thomas2024@yahoo.com
Website Address:	www.jenny4schoolboard.com
Age:	46
Occupation:	Business owner
Spouse or Partner name:	Bryan Thomas
Children’s names:	Harbor and Neela
Place of Birth:	Juneau
Length of Residency in Juneau:	23 years
Communities lived in & dates of residency:	Juneau, AK: 1978 -1980 Northway, AK 1980 -1986 Eagle River, AK 1986 -1993 Juneau, AK, 1993 -present
Political or Government Work:	Secretary, Alaska Department of Labor; Human Resource Specialist, Alaska Department of Administration; Human Resource Technician, Juneau School District

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Business or Professional Work:

Business Owner

Special Interests:

My family and I enjoy all that Southeast Alaska has to offer, from boating to hiking, rain or shine.

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

I’m a lifelong Alaskan. My father was an Alaska State Trooper, and his job took us to various parts of Alaska. I was born in Juneau and moved to Northway, then Eagle River, before returning to Juneau in 1993. I graduated from Juneau Douglas High School in 1996. Over the years, I have had a diverse career path while taking courses at the University of Alaska Southeast. I worked for the State of Alaska as a secretary to a director in the Department of Labor, a human resource specialist for the Department of Administration, and later as a human resource technician for the Juneau School District. I then chose to stay home with my two young children. During that time, I dedicated myself to volunteering in their classrooms several times a week. In 2013, my husband and I started our plumbing and heating business.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

Over the past year, the sudden decisions to close schools have created challenges and disruptions for our students, teachers, and parents. While we understand that declining enrollment requires changes, the rushed process resulted in undue stress to the entire community. I will advocate for a board that values transparency, accountability, and open communication. For the school board to be effective, it is crucial to create an environment where teachers, parents, and other stakeholders can openly voice their concerns without fear of retaliation, the administration's actions are evaluated, and concerns raised by the community are acknowledged and addressed. As a board member, I will address past shortcomings, promote transparency and accountability, and create a more responsive and supportive school board environment. I will work to foster trust and improve the overall functioning of the school system in Juneau.

2024 Official Candidate Statement
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska
Will Muldoon
Candidate: Board of Education



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Will Muldoon
Office Sought:	Juneau School District Board of Education
Residence Address:	1925 Davis Avenue Apt # D10 Juneau, AK 99801
Mailing Address:	1925 Davis Avenue Apt # D10 Juneau, AK 99801
Email Address:	Will@WillMuldoon.com
Website Address:	WillMuldoon.com
Age:	40
Occupation:	Analytics Manager for the Depart of Administration, State of Alaska
Spouse or Partner name:	Morgan Dufseth
Place of Birth:	Newport, Rhode Island
Length of Residency in Juneau:	28 years
Communities lived in & dates of residency:	Newport Rhode Island 1984 -1987 West Hampton Beach, Long Island NY, 1987-1989 Governors Island, 1989 – 1991 Lincroft New Jersey, 1991 – 1993 Sandy Hook New Jersey, 1993 – 1996 Juneau Alaska, 1996 - Present
Education:	Diploma, JDHS

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Political or Government Work:	Juneau School District Board of Education, Finance Chair, Clerk: 2021 - Present
Business or Professional Work:	State of Alaska, Department of Administration 2014 – Present. Mainframe Ops/Analytics/Data Governance Self employed (Information Technology) 2010 – 2014 Juneau Empire, 2006 – 2010. Prepress Production and Information Technology Southeast Alaska Animal Medical Center, 2002 – 2006. Reception/Information Technology.
Service Organization Memberships:	KTOO Broadcasting Board of Directors: 2008 – 2014 CoastAlaska Public Broadcasting Board of Directors: 2010 – 2012 CBJ Commission on Aging: 2019 – 2020 CBJ Parks and Recreation Advisory Cmte, Vice Chair: 2018 – 2022 CBJ Aquatics Board, Chair: 2018 – 2022 Alaska State Employees Association Trustee: 2023 Alaska State Employees Association Audit Cmte, Chair: 2024 (Present) Juneau Central Labor Council, Vice President: 2023 – Present Disability Law Center, Clerk: 2022 – Present Alaska Bar Association Discipline Cmte for the 1 st Judicial District, Citizen’s seat: 2022 - Present
Special Interests:	book reading/collecting, baking, 3d Printing, cartography, data processing, workflow design.

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

I originally moved to Juneau in 1996 when my mother was stationed for her final tour of duty with the United States Coast Guard. After high school, I remained in Juneau working in the private and public sectors in Information Technology. Juneau has been a wonderful place to grow up and I’ve continuously tried to serve our community when and where possible.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

I am running for reelection to the Juneau School District Board of Education because I believe that we need to see our way through the situation we remain in. I was first elected via a two-week write-in campaign that started because I received dozens of phone calls one evening asking that I do so.

When speaking to people in our community three years ago, I stated that I didn't have a specific agenda other than attending meetings and doing my best.

My first day as Chair of the Finance Committee changed that when the initial audit showing we are a deficit district was released. Since then, it has been my primary focus. It coupled with the expiration of the COVID funding and the state hold-harmless provisions for declining enrollment.

The Juneau School District had to reconfigure on short notice. That process was unprecedented and extremely difficult. Unfortunately, there may be similar work ahead.

The state notified the school district of potential changes to the AK Administrative Code that could fundamentally change the way the district is funded and potentially remove millions of dollars of local funding in the process.

If the Governor follows through on these changes, it is imperative for the future of our school district to meet this challenge head on. If reelected, my primary focus would be to continue working with the administration to meet the challenges our community continues to face.

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 06/17/2024
Drafted by: Bond Counsel

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2024-25

An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$12,750,000 to Finance Public Safety Communication Infrastructure within the City and Borough, and Submitting a Proposition to the Voters at the Election to Be Held Therein on October 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, certain public safety communication infrastructure improvements within the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska (the “City and Borough”) are needed in order to meet the current and future needs of the City and Borough; and

WHEREAS, the new public safety communication infrastructure project described in Section 3 below (the “Project”) has been identified and approved by the Committee of the Whole as necessary to meet the needs of the City and Borough; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide funds for paying the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the City and Borough issue and sell its unlimited tax levy general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$12,750,000 (the “Bonds”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is a noncode ordinance.

Section 2. Findings. The Assembly of the City and Borough hereby finds and declares that the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project identified in Section 3 hereof is necessary and is in the best interest of the inhabitants of the City and Borough.

Section 3. Purposes. To improve public safety by improving communication infrastructure, including, but not limited to, the following, the Assembly has determined that the City and Borough is in need of certain public safety improvements including replacing the outdated radio communication system with a new system that will be Alaska Land Mobile Radio compliant.

The foregoing is herein referred to as the “Project.” The cost of all necessary architectural, engineering, design, and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses, costs of issuance of the Bonds and other costs incurred in

connection with the Project that is approved by the electors shall be deemed capital improvement costs of the approved Project. The approved Project may be completed with all necessary furniture, equipment and appurtenances.

If the City and Borough shall determine that it has become impractical to accomplish any portion of the approved Project by reason of changed conditions or needs, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, the City and Borough shall not be required to accomplish such portions and shall apply Bond proceeds as set forth in this section.

Interest earnings on Bond proceeds may be used and applied by the City and Borough, at the direction of the City Manager or his or her designee, for the Project or for other public safety capital improvements or for the retirement of the Bonds or other general obligation bonds of the City and Borough.

If the approved Project has been completed in whole or in part, or its completion duly provided for, or its completion found to be impractical, the City and Borough may apply Bond proceeds or any portion thereof as provided in Section 10.10 of the Home Rule Charter.

In the event that the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, plus any other monies of the City and Borough legally available, are insufficient to accomplish the approved Project, the City and Borough shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those portions of the approved Project for which the Bonds were approved deemed by the Assembly most necessary and in the best interest of the City and Borough. No Bond proceeds shall be used for any purpose other than a capital improvement.

Section 4. Details of Bonds. The Assembly hereby authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in order to fund the costs of the Project described in Section 3 (the “Bonds”). The Bonds shall be sold in such amounts and at such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by the Assembly and as permitted by law and shall mature over a period of up to 10 years of date of issue. The Bonds shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,750,000. The Bonds shall bear interest to be fixed at the time of sale or sales thereof. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable from annual tax levies to be made upon all of the taxable property within the City and Borough, without limitation as to rate or amount and in amounts sufficient with other available funds, to pay such principal and interest as the same shall become due.

The full faith, credit, and resources of the City and Borough are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of both the principal and interest on such Bonds. The exact form, terms, conditions, contents, security, options of redemption, and such other matters relating to the issuance and sale of said Bonds as are deemed necessary and advisable by the Assembly shall be as hereinafter fixed by ordinance and resolution of the City and Borough.

Section 5. Submission of Question to Voters. The Assembly hereby submits to the qualified electors of the City and Borough the proposition of whether or not the City and Borough

should issue the Bonds for the purpose of financing the costs of the approved Project at the regular municipal election to be held on October 1, 2024.

The City and Borough clerk shall prepare the ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters as provided by this ordinance and shall perform all necessary steps in accordance with law to place the proposition before the voters at the regular election.

Section 6. Ballot Proposition. The proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City and Borough as required by Section 5 above shall read substantially as follows:

Explanation

The proposition will authorize the issuance of \$12,750,000 in general obligation bond debt for paying the cost of undertaking certain public safety improvements including acquisition and installation of a replacement radio communication system. The total annual debt service costs, assuming an interest rate of 3.50%, will be approximately \$1,539,000. This amount of debt service would require an annual property tax levy of approximately \$23.50 per \$100,000 of assessed value. This example of a property tax levy is provided for illustrative purposes only.

PROPOSITION NO. ____

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

\$12,750,000

To improve public safety by improving communication infrastructure, including, but not limited to, acquisition and installation of a replacement radio communication system that will be Alaska Land Mobile Radio compliant within the City and Borough, shall the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, issue and sell its general obligation bonds, maturing within 10 years of their date of issue, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,750,000?

BONDS, YES ☐

BONDS, NO ☐

After voter approval of the proposition and in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, the City and Borough may issue short term obligations, under such date and in such amount, form, terms, maturity, and bearing such rate or rates of interest, all as may hereafter be fixed by ordinance of the City and Borough, consistent with limitations imposed by State law and by the Home Rule Charter and Code of the City and Borough.

Section 7. Notice of Election. The Assembly shall cause a notice of election to be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper for general circulation in the

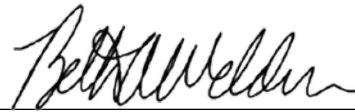
City and Borough. The first notice shall be published not later than September 11, 2024, which is 20 days prior to the regular municipal election. The notice shall contain the information required by Section 10.5 of the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough.

Section 8. Effective Dates.

(a) The authority to issue general obligation bonds proposed in Section 6 of this ordinance shall become effective on the day following the date the election results are certified for the regular municipal election held on October 1, 2024, if a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposition set forth in Section 6 votes for the proposition.

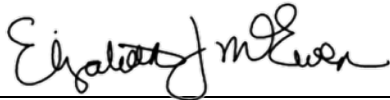
(b) Section 6 of this ordinance authorizing the submission of the ballot proposition to the qualified voters of the City and Borough shall become effective thirty days after adoption of this ordinance.

Adopted this 1st day of July, 2024.



Beth Weldon, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 06/17/2024
Drafted by: Bond Counsel

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2024-26

An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$10,000,000 to Finance Wastewater Utility Infrastructure within the City and Borough, and Submitting a Proposition to the Voters at the Election to Be Held Therein on October 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, certain wastewater utility infrastructure improvements within the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska (the “City and Borough”) are needed in order to meet the current and future needs of the City and Borough; and

WHEREAS, the new wastewater utility infrastructure project described in Section 3 below (the “Project”) has been identified and approved by the Committee of the Whole as necessary to meet the needs of the City and Borough; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide funds for paying the cost of constructing and equipping the Project, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the City and Borough issue and sell its unlimited tax levy general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000 (the “Bonds”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is a noncode ordinance.

Section 2. Findings. The Assembly of the City and Borough hereby finds and declares that the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project identified in Section 3 hereof is necessary and is in the best interest of the inhabitants of the City and Borough.

Section 3. Purposes. To improve wastewater utility service by improving wastewater utility infrastructure, including, but not limited to, the following, the Assembly has determined that the City and Borough is in need of certain wastewater utility infrastructure improvements including replacement of the wastewater clarifier building at the Juneau Douglas Wastewater Treatment Plant that services Thane, Downtown and Douglas.

The foregoing is herein referred to as the “Project.” The cost of all necessary architectural, engineering, design, and other consulting services, inspection and testing,

administrative and relocation expenses, costs of issuance of the Bonds and other costs incurred in connection with the Project that is approved by the electors shall be deemed capital improvement costs of the approved Project. The approved Project may be completed with all necessary furniture, equipment and appurtenances.

If the City and Borough shall determine that it has become impractical to accomplish any portion of the approved Project by reason of changed conditions or needs, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, the City and Borough shall not be required to accomplish such portions and shall apply Bond proceeds as set forth in this section.

Interest earnings on Bond proceeds may be used and applied by the City and Borough, at the direction of the City Manager or his or her designee, for the Project or for other wastewater utility infrastructure capital improvements or for the retirement of the Bonds or other general obligation bonds of the City and Borough.

If the approved Project has been completed in whole or in part, or its completion duly provided for, or its completion found to be impractical, the City and Borough may apply Bond proceeds or any portion thereof as provided in Section 10.10 of the Home Rule Charter.

In the event that the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, plus any other monies of the City and Borough legally available, are insufficient to accomplish the approved Project, the City and Borough shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those portions of the approved Project for which the Bonds were approved deemed by the Assembly most necessary and in the best interest of the City and Borough. No Bond proceeds shall be used for any purpose other than a capital improvement.

Section 4. Details of Bonds. The Assembly hereby authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in order to fund the costs of the Project described in Section 3 (the “Bonds”). The Bonds shall be sold in such amounts and at such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by the Assembly and as permitted by law and shall mature over a period of up to 10 years of date of issue. The Bonds shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000. The Bonds shall bear interest to be fixed at the time of sale or sales thereof. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable from annual tax levies to be made upon all of the taxable property within the City and Borough, without limitation as to rate or amount and in amounts sufficient with other available funds, to pay such principal and interest as the same shall become due.

The full faith, credit, and resources of the City and Borough are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of both the principal and interest on such Bonds. The exact form, terms, conditions, contents, security, options of redemption, and such other matters relating to the issuance and sale of said Bonds as are deemed necessary and advisable by the Assembly shall be as hereinafter fixed by ordinance and resolution of the City and Borough.

Section 5. Submission of Question to Voters. The Assembly hereby submits to the qualified electors of the City and Borough the proposition of whether or not the City and Borough

should issue the Bonds for the purpose of financing the costs of the approved Project at the regular municipal election to be held on October 1, 2024.

The City and Borough clerk shall prepare the ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters as provided by this ordinance and shall perform all necessary steps in accordance with law to place the proposition before the voters at the regular election.

Section 6. Ballot Proposition. The proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City and Borough as required by Section 5 above shall read substantially as follows:

Explanation

The proposition will authorize the issuance of \$10,000,000 in general obligation bond debt for paying the cost of undertaking certain wastewater utility infrastructure improvements including replacement of the wastewater clarifier building at the Juneau Douglas Wastewater Treatment Plant that services Thane, Downtown and Douglas. The total annual debt service costs, assuming an interest rate of 3.50%, will be approximately \$1,210,000. This amount of debt service would require an annual property tax levy of approximately \$18.48 per \$100,000 of assessed value. This example of a property tax levy is provided for illustrative purposes only.

PROPOSITION NO. ____

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

\$10,000,000

To improve wastewater utility service by improving wastewater utility infrastructure, including, but not limited to, replacement of the wastewater clarifier building at the Juneau Douglas Wastewater Treatment Plant that services Thane, Downtown and Douglas within the City and Borough, shall the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, issue and sell its general obligation bonds, maturing within 10 years of their date of issue, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000?

BONDS, YES ☐

BONDS, NO ☐

After voter approval of the proposition and in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, the City and Borough may issue short term obligations, under such date and in such amount, form, terms, maturity, and bearing such rate or rates of interest, all as may hereafter be fixed by ordinance of the City and Borough, consistent with limitations imposed by State law and by the Home Rule Charter and Code of the City and Borough.

Section 7. Notice of Election. The Assembly shall cause a notice of election to be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper for general circulation in the City and Borough. The first notice shall be published not later than September 11, 2024, which is 20 days prior to the regular municipal election. The notice shall contain the information required by Section 10.5 of the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough.

Section 8. Effective Dates.

(a) The authority to issue general obligation bonds proposed in Section 6 of this ordinance shall become effective on the day following the date the election results are certified for the regular municipal election held on October 1, 2024, if a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposition set forth in Section 6 votes for the proposition.

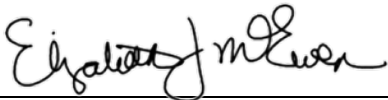
(b) Section 6 of this ordinance authorizing the submission of the ballot proposition to the qualified voters of the City and Borough shall become effective thirty days after adoption of this ordinance.

Adopted this 1st day of July, 2024.



Beth Weldon, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk

**INITIATIVE AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONERS COMMITTEE
CITY & BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

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Reference: CBJ Charter Articles VI, VII, VIII & XIV and CBJ Code 29.10 Initiative and Petition

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Initiative Short Title: **Ship Free Saturdays**

WHEREAS, the Juneau “cruise season” adversely impacts Juneau residents’ health and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the cruise industry has created a Juneau “cruise season” this year, 2024, of 195 days to run from April 9-October 24, and without pause for 142 days, from May 2-September 27; and

WHEREAS, a majority of Juneau residents think that our local government is not doing enough to manage cruise tourism; and

WHEREAS, city leaders and industry have had decades to act and have failed to balance the economic benefits to some against the economic and other harms of the many imposed by the cruise tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, residents are displaced by cruise industry overtourism from downtown, the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area, and recreation and food harvesting on area lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, excess human presence and human-driven noise from overtourism sullies the sentient, sacred, divine, and living ancestral natural environment necessary for cultural and spiritual health and growth; and

WHEREAS, health, learning, productivity, and enjoyment are diminished by air pollution, noise, light pollution, and traffic from cruise ships, tour buses, helicopters, floatplanes, and boats; and

WHEREAS, Ship Free Saturdays would provide one day per week, in a consistent and predictable manner, for rest, recovery, recreation, fishing, gathering, and events and activities at home, downtown, and elsewhere in the community; and

WHEREAS, Ship Free Saturdays would give businesses providing cruise industry services one predictable day per week to schedule maintenance and time off. This pause could result in safer, cleaner, and better operations and happier employees; and

WHEREAS, Ship Free Saturdays would enhance the experiences of independent visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth of July is a day of community celebration and festivity that extends along our waterfront and through our narrow downtown streets. Making July Fourth cruise ship free opens possibilities for additional community use and enjoyment of our downtown and harbor throughout the entire day.

SHALL THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU CODE BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Title 20, Business Regulations, is amended to create a new chapter entitled CBJ 20.50 Cruise Ships, with a new section to read as follows:

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20.50.010. No cruise ship with a capacity of 250 passengers or more shall be allowed to dock, moor, or disembark passengers within the City and Borough of Juneau boundaries on any Saturday or July 4.

Section 2. CBJ 85.10.050 (k), Harbor Administration, Parking, is amended to add as follows:

(7) All downtown waterfront parking restricted for commercial vehicle use relating to cruise tourism shall be available and posted for free public parking on Saturdays and July 4.

Section 3. Effective Date. This initiative shall be effective 30 days after the election is certified.

The following qualified voters and residents of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, state under oath that they constitute the petitioners committee for the above referenced initiative. The coalition has been formed and will be responsible for circulating booklets for voter signatures.

All notices should be mailed to:

Name: Karla Hart

Address: 4950 Wren Drive, Juneau, Alaska 99801

Phone: 907-957-6723

Email address: karlahart@gmail.com

DATED this 9th day of April, 2024.

Please Print: Legal Names and Mailing Addresses of each Member of the Petitioner's Committee:

1. Karla J. Hart, 4950 Wren Drive, Juneau, AK 99801.
2. Kimberly Metcalfe Helmar, 730 Gold Street, Juneau, AK 99801
3. Linda Blefgen, 11435 Glacier Highway, 2A, Juneau, AK 99801
4. Stacy A. Eldemar, 9057 Ninnis Drive, Juneau, AK 99801
5. Steven Krall, 875 Basin Road, Juneau, AK 99801

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AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONERS COMMITTEE

Initiative Short Title: Ship Free Saturdays

Karla J. Hart

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Karla J. Hart

Residence and Mailing Addresses: 4950 Wren Drive, Juneau, Alaska 99801

and Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Kimberly Metcalfe Helmar

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Kimberly Metcalfe Helmar

Residence and Mailing Addresses: 730 Gold Street, Juneau, AK 99801

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Linda M. Blefgen

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Linda Blefgen

Residence and Mailing Addresses: 11435 Glacier Highway, 2A, Juneau, AK 99801

and Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Stacy A. Eldemar

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Stacy A. Eldemar

Residence and Mailing Addresses: 9057 Ninnis Drive, Juneau, AK 99801

and Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Steven Krall

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Steven Krall

Residence and Mailing Addresses: 875 Basin Road, Juneau, AK 99801

and Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

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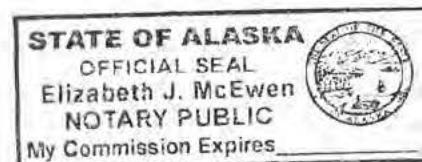
On this 9th day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Karla J. Hart, Kimberly Metcalfe Helmar, Linda Blefgen, Stacy A. Eldemar, and Steven Krall known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Elizabeth J. McEwen

SEAL:

Notary Public (Signature)



(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 5/6/2026



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email: Beth.McEwen@juneau.gov
CBJ.Elections@juneau.gov

July 1, 2024

Karla Hart
via email & USPS Certified Mail
4950 Wren Drive
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: "Ship-Free Saturday" Initiative Petition Certification

Dear Ms. Hart and Initiative Petition Committee,

The Clerk's office has completed its review of the initiative petition and concludes that with the supplemental signatures submitted, it meets the requirement to obtain **2,359** signatures in order to certify the petition and is therefore considered sufficient. Attached is a copy of the certification of your petition.

[CBJ Charter §7.10](#) states in part: "(a) When an initiative or referendum petition has been determined sufficient, the clerk immediately shall submit it to the Assembly. If the assembly fails to adopt a proposed initiative measure without any change in substance within forty-five days... after the date the petition was determined sufficient, it shall submit the proposed initiative or referred measure to the electorate of the municipality."

I will be forwarding this certification to the Assembly at tonight's July 1 Regular Assembly meeting as a Staff Report. The Assembly will then have until August 15 to take action. If they choose not to act, the question will appear on the October 1, 2024 Regular Municipal Election Ballot.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at 907-586-5278.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth "Beth" McEwen, MMC
CBJ Municipal Clerk/Election Official

Attached:

Certificate of Initiative Petition "Ship-Free Saturdays"
April 9, 2024 Initiative Affidavit of Petitioners Committee
CBJ Charter, Code and Alaska Statutes related to the Initiative Process

cc: City Manager Katie Koester
Deputy Manager Robert Barr
Acting City Attorney Emily Wright
City Attorney Robert Palmer

CERTIFICATE

I, Elizabeth J. McEwen, the duly appointed and qualified Municipal Clerk of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, a municipal corporation of the State of Alaska, DO HEREBY CERTIFY receipt of the Initiative Petition submitted by the Petitioners Committee *re: Short Title: Ship-Free Saturdays as follows:*

Initiative Short Title: Ship-Free Saturdays

WHEREAS, the Juneau “cruise season” adversely impacts Juneau residents’ health and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the cruise industry has created a Juneau “cruise season” this year, 2024, of 195 days to run from April 9-October 24, and without pause for 142 days, from May 2-September 27; and

WHEREAS, a majority of Juneau residents think that our local government is not doing enough to manage cruise tourism; and

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Section 2. Effective Date. This initiative shall be effective 30 days after the election is certified.

Ship-Free Saturdays. Yes ☐

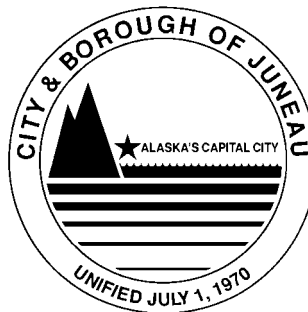
Ship-Free Saturdays. No ☐

And that the above petition was filed in the proper form and bears the 2,359 signatures required for certification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City and Borough of Juneau this 1st day of July, 2024.



Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk/Election Official
City and Borough of Juneau





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July 11, 2024

Jenny Thomas
via email (7/11) and USPS Certified Mail
4460 Windfall Ave.
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Certification of Recall Petitions for Deedie Sorensen & Emil Mackey

Dear Ms. Thomas and Petitioner Committee,

As communicated in my initial letter of April 4, 2024, in consultation with the CBJ Law Department, we approved, in part, the Recall Petitioners Committee application for the recall of Board of Education Member Deedie Sorensen and Board of Education Member Emil Mackey based on the following grounds as stated in the petitioner's affidavit:

Recall of Juneau School Board Member Deedie Sorensen, President

7. Failure to understand the FY24 budget and accounting errors resulting in \$7.9M deficit and taxpayer loan from CBJ, violating BP3460.

Recall of Juneau School Board Member Emil Mackey, Vice President

7. Failure to understand the FY24 budget and accounting errors resulting in \$7.9M deficit and taxpayer loan from CBJ, violating BP3460.

For reference purposes in this memo, I will be referring to the petitions collectively and the process in general, however, each petition is separate and is its "own instrument" as referenced in AS 29.26.290. Please note that while Article VIII of the CBJ Charter would govern our recall process, the provisions of AS 29.26.240-AS 29.26.360 govern in the event of a conflict with the Article VIII Charter provisions. All dates referenced take place in 2024 unless specified otherwise.

The Clerk's office completed its review of the two recall petitions and concluded that, with the supplemental signatures submitted on July 1, each petition met the requirement to obtain **2,359** signatures for certification and is therefore considered sufficient. Attached are the certifications of each of the recall petitions.

Per AS 29.26.310, "if a recall petition is sufficient, the clerk shall submit it to the governing body at the next regular meeting or at a special meeting held before the next regular meeting." I will forward these certifications to the Assembly's next meeting, which is a Special Assembly meeting scheduled for Monday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m. Since the July 22 Assembly meeting is 71 days prior to the Regular Municipal Election on October 1, the Assembly will not need to call

for a Special Election to be held in accordance with AS 29.26.320¹ but the Assembly will need to forward the questions to the ballot for the October 1, 2024 Regular Municipal Election.

In accordance with AS 29.26.330², each official named in the recall petition will have the opportunity to submit a statement of 200 words or less to appear on the ballot along with the following grounds and question from the petition committee.

Short Title: Recall *[Name of official]*

Based on the following grounds: "Failure to understand the FY24 budget and accounting errors resulting in \$7.9M deficit and taxpayer loan from CBJ, violating BP3460,"

Shall *[Name of official]* be recalled from the office of Board of Education?

Yes [☐]

No [☐]

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at 907-586-5278.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth "Beth" McEwen, MMC
CBJ Municipal Clerk/Election Official

Attachments:

Certifications of Petition Sufficiency for Sorensen and Mackey Recall Petitions

Affidavits of Petitioners Committee (redacted)

Alaska Statutes 29.26.240-29.26.360

cc: Board of Education President Deedie Sorensen

Board of Education Vice President Emil Mackey

Acting City Attorney Emily Wright

JSD Superintendent Frank Hauser

CBJ Board of Education Members

CBJ Mayor & Assemblymembers

¹ Sec. 29.26.320. Election.

(a) If a regular election occurs within 75 days but not sooner than 45 days after submission of the petition to the governing body, the governing body shall submit the recall at that election.

(b) If no regular election occurs within 75 days, the governing body shall hold a special election on the recall question within 75 days but not sooner than 45 days after a petition is submitted to the governing body.

(c) If a vacancy occurs in the office after a sufficient recall petition is filed with the clerk, the recall question may not be submitted to the voters. The governing body may not appoint to the same office an official who resigns after a sufficient recall petition is filed naming that official.

History. (§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985)

² Sec. 29.26.330. Form of recall ballot.

A recall ballot must contain

(1) the grounds for recall as stated in 200 words or less on the recall petition;

(2) a statement by the official named on the recall petition of 200 words or less, if the statement is filed with the clerk for publication and public inspection at least 20 days before the election;

(3) the following question: "Shall (name of person) be recalled from the office of (office)? Yes [] No []".

History. (§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985; am § 18 ch 80 SLA 1989)

CERTIFICATE

I, Elizabeth J. McEwen, the duly appointed and qualified Municipal Clerk of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, a municipal corporation of the State of Alaska, DO HEREBY CERTIFY receipt of the Recall Petition of Board of Education Member Deedie Sorensen, President submitted by the Petitioners Committee, and partially approved the petition affidavit, under the following grounds:

Recall of Juneau School Board Member Deedie Sorensen, President

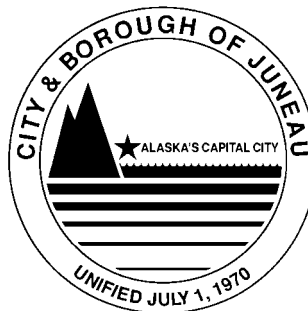
7. Failure to understand the FY24 budget and accounting errors resulting in \$7.9M deficit and taxpayer loan from CBJ, violating BP3460.

And that the above petition was filed in the proper form and bears the 2,359 signatures required for certification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City and Borough of Juneau this 11th day of July, 2024.



Elizabeth J. McEwen, MMC
Municipal Clerk/Election Official
City and Borough of Juneau



CERTIFICATE

I, Elizabeth J. McEwen, the duly appointed and qualified Municipal Clerk of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, a municipal corporation of the State of Alaska, DO HEREBY CERTIFY receipt of the Recall Petition of Board of Education Member Emil Mackey, Vice President submitted by the Petitioners Committee, and partially approved the petition affidavit, under the following grounds:

Recall of Juneau School Board Member Emil Mackey, Vice President

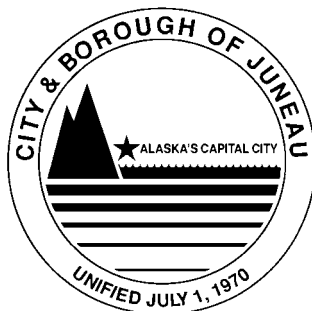
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Elizabeth J. McEwen, MMC
Municipal Clerk/Election Official
City and Borough of Juneau



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**AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONERS COMMITTEE
CITY & BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

Reference: CBJ Charter Articles VI, VII, VIII & XIV and CBJ Code 29.10 Initiative and Petition

Check one:

☐ Initiative Petition Affidavit ☒ Recall Petition ^{one} ☐ Referendum Petition Affidavit

Request of Petitioner's Committee (add as many lines as necessary, notary block must be complete with notarized signature on same page as notarization):

Initiative Short Title: Recall - Deedie Suresen

Language of proposed initiative ordinance, resolution, or other measure:

See attached

The following qualified voters and residents of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, state under oath that they constitute the petitioners committee for the above referenced initiative/referendum (circle one). The coalition has been formed and will be responsible for circulating booklets for voter signatures.

All notices should be mailed to:

Name: Jenny V Thomas

Address: 4460 Winfall Ave Juneau, AK 99801

Phone: 907 957-7411

Fax: _____

Email address: Debs-judgahed.com

DATED this 28 day of March, 2024

Please Print: Legal Names and Mailing Addresses of each Member of the Petitioner's Committee:

1. Jenny Thomas 4460 Winfall Ave Juneau, AK 99801
2. Charles Kenneth VanKirk P.O. Box 33883 Juneau, AK 99803
3. Shannon Kelly 8202 A Keegan St Juneau, AK 99801
4. Melissa Cullen 2787 Duran Juneau, AK 99801
5. Jennifer Greene 8007 Poppy Ct, Juneau AK 99801

4. Lyane VanKirk P.O. Box 33883 Juneau, Alaska 99803

6. Heather Sikes PO Box 35495 Juneau, AK 99803

7. Bjorn Wolter 3335 Meander Way Juneau AK 99801
8. Lucinda Brown-Mills 4447 Takil Blvd Juneau AK 99801
9. Jessica Kathleen Miller 8518 Forest Lane, Juneau AK 99801
10. Olivia Orsborn 9152 Jerry Dr, Juneau AK 99801
11. Sharyn Augustine 10780 mendenhall Loop Rd, Juneau AK 99801

March 28, 2024

Application to recall: Juneau School Board Member: Deedie Sorensen, President

Sorensen demonstrated failure to perform prescribed duties, misconduct in office, and incompetence by:

1. Failure to communicate with stakeholders, creating an avoidable crisis, and rushing to adopt a polarizing consolidation model while refusing to factor in significant negative community impacts, violating Juneau Borough School Districtⁱ BP1100ⁱⁱ, BP0530(2)(2.3)(5.3)(6).ⁱⁱⁱ
2. Failure to heed 2017 study warning of declining enrollment and need to consolidate, violating BP3000(1)(2), ^{iv}BP1100.
3. Failure to instruct Superintendent to be transparent about looming debt crisis when notifying public by 10/1/23 per BP3460^v, BP 3100^{vi}.
 - a. Officially notified public of budget deficit crisis 1/12/24.
 - b. Consolidation model hastily approved on 2/22/24.
4. Refusal to incorporate community input and testimony 3/12/24, violating BP1120^{vii}.
5. Permitting Mackey to intimidate/demean a fellow board member at the 3/7/24 board meeting, then attacking and degrading community members. Demonstrated inability to maintain order and censure Mackey for his inappropriate behavior, violating BP0200^{viii}, BP9010^{ix}. BP1000^x, BP1120.
6. Publishing an Opinion News article 3/9/24 undercutting a board member's 'approved' motion to present new information to the community, violating BP1000.
7. Failure to understand the FY24 budget and accounting errors resulting in \$7.9M deficit and taxpayer loan from CBJ, violating BP3460.

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Jenny Thomas - primary contact
4460 Windfall Ave
Juneau, AK 99801
907-957-7411

Charles VanKirk - secondary contact
3654 Tongass Blvd.
Juneau, AK 99801
907-321-3383

ⁱWe read statutory and regulatory citations as one word, so it is unnecessary to eliminate the spaces in such citations in order to meet the 200 word requirement.

- ⁱⁱ BP1100: Communication with the public
- ⁱⁱⁱ BP0530: Discontinuation or closure of schools ^{iv} BP3000: Concepts and roles
- ^v BP3460: Periodic financial reports
- ^{vi} BP3100: Budget
- ^{vii} BP1120: Public involvement in Board of Education meetings ^{viii} BP0200: Goals for the school district
- ^{ix} BP9010: Public statements
- ^x BP1000: Communications with the public

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AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONERS COMMITTEE – page 2

Initiative Short Title: RECALL- DEE DEE SORENSEN

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 1:

Charles Kenneth Van Kirk (Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Charles Kenneth Van Kirk

Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 3654 Tongass Blvd Juneau AK 99801 P.O. Box 35883 Juneau AK 99803 [REDACTED] ✓

(Optional) Phone: 907-321-8781 Email address: chuckvk@gmail.com

State of Alaska

Judicial District 1st SS

On this 28 day of March in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Charles Kenneth Van Kirk known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

[Signature]

SEAL:

Notary Public (Signature)

Andrea Hirsh

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 02/24/2027



PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 2:

[Signature] (Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Jenny Thomas [REDACTED] ✓

Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 4460 Windfall Ave Juneau AK 99801

(Optional) Phone: 907-957-7411 Email address: bebs-jv@yahoo.com

State of Alaska

Judicial District 1 SS

On this 28 day of March in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Jenny Thomas known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

[Signature]

SEAL:

Notary Public (Signature)

Andrea Hirsh

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 02/24/27



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AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONERS COMMITTEE – page 3

Initiative Short Title: Recall - Deedie Sorensen

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 3:

[Signature] (Signature of Petitioner)
 Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Shannon Marie Kelly
 Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 8202 A Keegan Street, Juneau, AK 99801 ✓
 (Optional) Phone: 575-776-7867 Email address: ShannonKelly76@gmail.com
 Voter ID [REDACTED]

State of Alaska
 Judicial District 1st SS

On this 28 day of March in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Shannon Marie Kelly
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

[Signature]
 Notary Public (Signature)
Andrea Hirsh
 (Notary's printed name)
 My commission expires 22 02/24/2027

SEAL:



PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 4:

[Signature] (Signature of Petitioner)
 Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Melissa Christine Moseley Cullum
 Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 8787 Duran Juneau, AK 99801
 (Optional) Phone: 907-209-1665 Email address: relief166@yahoo.com

State of Alaska
 Judicial District 1 SS

On this 28 day of March in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Melissa Christine Moseley Cullum
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

[Signature]
 Notary Public (Signature)
Andrea Hirsh
 (Notary's printed name)
 My commission expires 02/24/2027

SEAL:



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Withdrawn
 re: conversation
 with Jenny
 Thomas
 3/7/24

Initiative Short Title: Deedie Soransen - Recall

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 3:

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: _____

Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) _____

(Optional) Phone: _____ Email address: _____

State of _____
Judicial District _____ SS

On this _____ day of _____ in the year _____ before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: _____
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

SEAL:

Notary Public (Signature)

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires _____

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 4:

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Lynne Vankirk

Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 3654 Tongass Blvd PO Box 33883, Juneau, AK 99803 [REDACTED] ✓

(Optional) Phone: 907-321-8700 Email address: clvankirk@hotmail.com

State of Alaska
Judicial District 1 SS

On this 29 day of march in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Lynne Vankirk
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

SEAL:

Notary Public (Signature)

Andrea Hirsh
(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 02/24/2027



AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONERS COMMITTEE - page # 5
Initiative Short Title: RECALL - DEEDIE SORENSEN

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 5:

Shannon D. Greene (Signature of Petitioner)
Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: SHANNAN D. GREENE
Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 8007 POPPY CT - JUNEAU AK 99801 ✓
(Optional) Phone: (508) 566-6420 Email address: NILLAROO@ADL.COM
AKIDL - [REDACTED]
State of Alaska
Judicial District 1st SS

On this 28 day of March in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Shannan Denise Greene
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

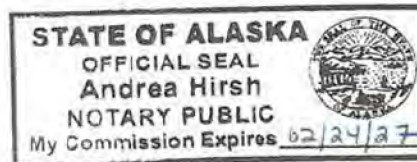
In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Andrea Hirsh
Notary Public (Signature)

Andrea Hirsh
(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 02/24/2027

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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 6:

Heather J. Sikes (Signature of Petitioner)
 Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Heather J. Sikes ✓
 Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 14331 Ocean View Dr. Juneau, AK 99801, PO Box 35495 Juneau, AK 99805
 (Optional) Phone: 907-209-7502 Email address: sikeshe907@gmail.com

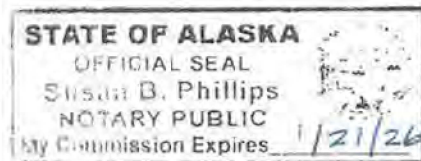
State of Alaska
 Judicial District Juneau SS

On this 29th day of March in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Heather Sikes
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Susan B. Phillips
 Notary Public (Signature)
Susan B Phillips
 (Notary's printed name)
 My commission expires 1/21/26

SEAL:



PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 7:

Bjorn Wolter (Signature of Petitioner)
 Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Bjorn Wolter [REDACTED] ✓
 Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 3335 MEANDER WAY, JUNEAU, AK, 99801
 (Optional) Phone: _____ Email address: bjorn.wolter@gmail.com

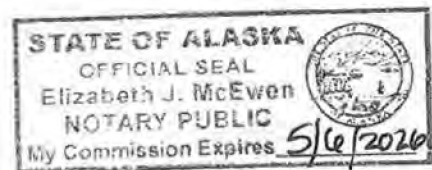
1st State of Alaska
 Judicial District Juneau SS

On this 2nd day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Bjorn Wolter
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Elizabeth J. McEwen
 Notary Public (Signature)
Elizabeth J. McEwen
 (Notary's printed name)
 My commission expires 5/6/2026

SEAL:



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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 8:

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Lucinda Brown-Mills

Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 4447 Taku Blvd. Juneau AK 99801

(Optional) Phone: 907-723-7078 Email address: Lucinda.Brownmills@gmail.com

State of Alaska

Judicial District 1 SS

On this 3 day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Lucinda Brown-Mills known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(Signature of Notary Public)

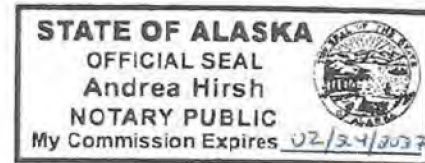
Notary Public (Signature)

Andrea Hirsh

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 02/24/2027

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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 9:

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Jessica Kathleen Miller

Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 8518 Forest Lane

(Optional) Phone: 907-465-7022 Email address:

State of Alaska

Judicial District 1st SS

On this 3 day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Jessica Kathleen Miller known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(Signature of Notary Public)

Notary Public (Signature)

Andrea Hirsh

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 02/24/2027

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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 10:

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Olivia Elzina OrsbornResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 9152 Jerry Dr Juneau AK 99801(Optional) Phone: 907 723 4773 Email address: olivia_orsborn@hotmail.comState of AlaskaJudicial District 1st SS

On this 3 day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Olivia Elzina Orsborn known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

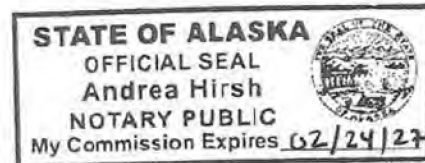


SEAL:

Notary Public (Signature)

Andrea Hirsh

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 02/24/2027

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 11:

(Signature of Petitioner)

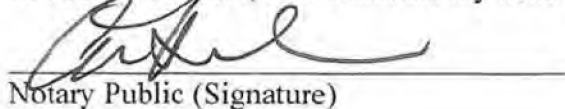
Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: SHARYN ANNE AUGUSTINEResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) [REDACTED] - 10780 Mendenhall Loop Rd, Juneau, AK 99801

(Optional) Phone: _____ Email address: _____

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On this 3 day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Sharyn Anne Augustine known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

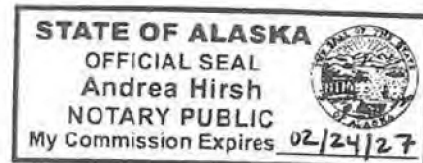


SEAL:

Notary Public (Signature)

Andrea Hirsh

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 02/24/2027

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Reference: CBJ Charter Articles VI, VII, VIII & XIV and CBJ Code 29.10 Initiative and Petition

Check one:

☐ Initiative Petition Affidavit ☒ Recall Petition Affidavit ☐ Referendum Petition Affidavit

Request of Petitioner's Committee (add as many lines as necessary, notary block must be complete with notarized signature on same page as notarization):

Initiative Short Title: Recall - Emil Mackey

Language of proposed initiative ordinance, resolution, or other measure:

See attached

The following qualified voters and residents of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, state under oath that they constitute the petitioners committee for the above referenced initiative/referendum (circle one). The coalition has been formed and will be responsible for circulating booklets for voter signatures.

All notices should be mailed to:

Name: Jenny Thomas

Address: 4460 Windfall Ave Juneau, AK 99801

Phone: 907-957-7411 Fax: _____

Email address: debs.jud@yahoo.com

DATED this 28 day of March 2024.

Please Print: Legal Names and Mailing Addresses of each Member of the Petitioner's Committee:

1. Jenny Thomas 4460 Windfall Ave Juneau AK 99801
2. Charles Kenneth Vankirk P.O. Box 33883 Juneau, AK 99803
3. Shannon Kelly 8202A Keegan St. Juneau, AK 99801
4. ~~Melissa Cullen 8787 Duran Juneau, AK 99801~~
5. Shannon Greene 8007 Poppy Ct - JUNEAU, AK 99801

4. Lynne Vankirk P.O. Box 33883 Juneau, AK 99803

6. Heather Sikes POB 35495 Juneau AK 99803

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7. Bjorn Walter 3335 Meander Way Juneau AK 99801
8. Lucinda Brown-Mills 4447 Taku Blvd Juneau AK 99801
9. Jessica Miller 8518 Forest Lane, Juneau AK 99801
10. Olivia Orsborn 9152 Jerry Dr Juneau AK 99801
11. Sharyn Augustine 10780 Mendenhall Loop Rd, Juneau AK 99801

March 28, 2024

Application to recall: Juneau School Board Member: Emil Mackey, Vice President

Mackey demonstrated failure to perform prescribed duties, misconduct in office, and incompetence by:

1. Not communicating with stakeholders and refusing to factor in significant negative community impacts in rush adopting a polarizing consolidation model, violating Juneau Borough School Districtⁱ BP1100ⁱⁱ, BP0530(2)(2.3)(5.3)(6).ⁱⁱⁱ
2. Failure to heed 2017 study warning of declining enrollment and need to consolidate, violating BP3000(1)(2), ^{iv}BP1100.
3. Failure to instruct superintendent on 9/23 to notify the public by 10/1/23, per BP3460^v, BP3100^{vi}.
 - a. Officially notified the public of the budget deficit 1/12/24.
 - b. Consolidation model hastily approved on 2/22/24.
4. Refusal to incorporate community input and testimony 3/12/24, violating BP1120^{vii}.
5. Publicly intimidating a board member at the 3/7/24 board meeting for motioning to present alternative consolidation model information, which achieved a majority vote, violating BP0200^{viii}, BP9010^{ix}.
 - a. Verbally attacking and degrading community members; visually displayed his inability to maintain composure, violating BP1000^x, BP1120.
6. Publishing Open Letter article 3/8/24 undercutting a board member's 'approved' motion to present new information to the community, violating BP1000.

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7. Failing to understand FY24 budget accounting errors resulting in \$7.9M deficit and taxpayer loan from CBJ, violating BP3460.
8. Failing to disclose a conflict of interest when discussing JCCS contract and relocation in addition to advertising personal business during board meetings, violating BP9270^{xi}.

Jenny Thomas - primary contact
4460 Windfall Ave
Juneau, AK 99801
907-957-7411

Charles VanKirk - secondary contact
3654 Tongass Blvd
Juneau, AK 99801
907-321-3383

ⁱ We read statutory and regulatory citations as one word, so it is unnecessary to eliminate the spaces in such citations in order to meet the 200 word requirement.

- ⁱⁱ BP1100: Communication with the public
- ⁱⁱⁱ BP0530: Discontinuation or closure of schools
- ^{iv} BP3000: Concepts and roles
- ^v BP3460: Periodic financial reports
- ^{vi} BP3100: Budget
- ^{vii} BP1120: Public involvement in Board of Education meetings
- ^{viii} BP0200: Goals for the school district
- ^{ix} BP9010: Public statements
- ^x BP1000: Communications with the public
- ^{xi} BP9270: Conflict of interest

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Initiative Short Title: RECALL- EMIL MACKEY

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 1:

Charles Kenneth VanKirk (Signature of Petitioner)
 Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Charles Kenneth VanKirk
 Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 3654 Tongass Blvd Juneau, AK 99801 P.O. Box 33553 Juneau, AK 99803
 (Optional) Phone: 907-321-8281 Email address: chuckvk@gmail.com

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On this 28 day of March in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Charles Kenneth VanKirk known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Andrea Hirsh
 Notary Public (Signature)
Andrea Hirsh
 (Notary's printed name)
 My commission expires 02/24/2027

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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 2:

Jenny Thomas (Signature of Petitioner)
 Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Jenny Thomas
 Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 4460 Windfall Ave Juneau, AK 99801
 (Optional) Phone: 907-957-7411 Email address: bebs-jvd@yahoo.com

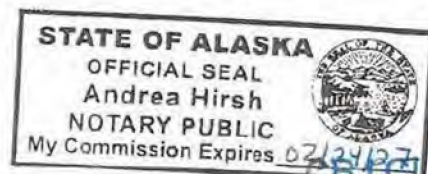
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On this 28 day of March in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Jenny Thomas known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Andrea Hirsh
 Notary Public (Signature)
Andrea Hirsh
 (Notary's printed name)
 My commission expires 02/24/2027

SEAL:



Initiative Short Title: Recall - Emil MacKey

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 3:

(Signature of Petitioner)
 Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Shannon Marie Kelly
 Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 8202A Keegan Street, Juneau, AK 99801
 (Optional) Phone: 575-776-7867 Email address: ShannonKelly76@gmail.com
 Voter ID: [REDACTED]

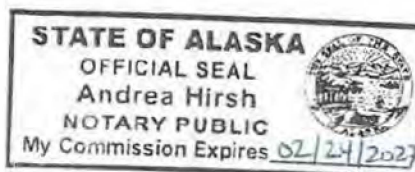
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 Judicial District 1st SS

On this 28 day of March in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Shannon Marie Kelly
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(Signature)
 Notary Public (Signature)
Andrea Hirsh
 (Notary's printed name)
 My commission expires 02/24/2027

SEAL:



PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 4:

(Signature of Petitioner)
 Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Melissa Christine Moseley Cullum
 Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 8787 Duran Juneau, AK 99801
 (Optional) Phone: 907-209-1665 Email address: relief166@yahoo.com

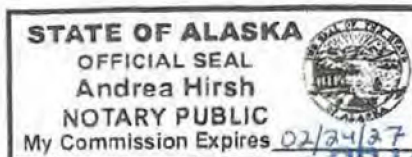
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On this 28 day of March in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Melissa Christine Moseley Cullum
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(Signature)
 Notary Public (Signature)
Andrea Hirsh
 (Notary's printed name)
 My commission expires 02/24/27

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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 3:

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: _____

Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) _____

(Optional) Phone: _____ Email address: _____

State of _____
Judicial District _____ SS

On this _____ day of _____ in the year _____ before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: _____
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

SEAL:

Notary Public (Signature) _____

(Notary's printed name) _____

My commission expires _____

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 4:

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Lynne Van Kirk

Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 3654 Tongass Blvd, P.O. Box 3383, Seward, AK 99803

(Optional) Phone: 907-321-8100 Email address: clvan Kirk@hotmail.com

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Judicial District 1 SS

On this 29 day of March in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Lynne Van Kirk
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

SEAL:

Notary Public (Signature) _____

Andrea Hirsh

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 02/24/2027



Initiative Short Title: RECALL - EMIL MACKAY

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 5:

Shannan D. Greene (Signature of Petitioner)
 Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: SHANNAN D. GREENE
 Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 8007 POPPY CT - JUNEAU AK 99801
 (Optional) Phone: (508) 566-6420 Email address: NILLAROO@AOL.COM
AKSL - [REDACTED]
 State of Alaska
 Judicial District 1 SS

On this 28 day of March in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Shannan D. Greene
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Andrea Hirsh
 Notary Public (Signature)
Andrea Hirsh
 (Notary's printed name)
 My commission expires 02/24/2027

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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 6:

Heather J. Sikes (Signature of Petitioner)
 Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Heather J. Sikes
 Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 16331 Oceanview Dr Juneau, AK 99801 & PO BOX 35495 Juneau, AK 99801
 (Optional) Phone: 907-259-7502 Email address: sikeshs907@gmail.com

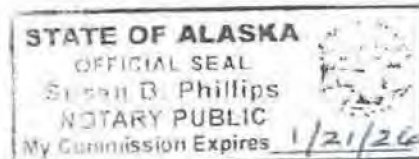
State of Alaska
 Judicial District Juneau SS

On this 29th day of March in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Heather Sikes
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Susan B. Phillips
 Notary Public (Signature)
Susan B. Phillips
 (Notary's printed name)
 My commission expires 1/21/26

SEAL:



PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 7:

Bjorn Wolter (Signature of Petitioner)
 Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Bjorn Wolter
 Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 3335 MEANDER WAY, JUNEAU, AK, 99801
 (Optional) Phone: _____ Email address: bjorn.wolter@gmail.com

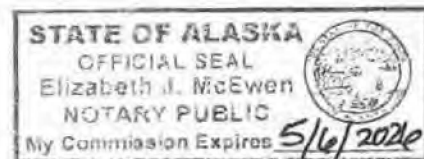
1st State of Alaska
 Judicial District Juneau SS

On this 2nd day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Bjorn Wolter
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Elizabeth J. McEwen
 Notary Public (Signature)
Elizabeth J. McEwen
 (Notary's printed name)
 My commission expires 5/6/2026

SEAL:



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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 8:

Lucinda Brown Mills (Signature of Petitioner)
Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Lucinda Brown Mills
Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 4447 Taku Blvd. Juneau, AK 99801 [REDACTED]
(Optional) Phone: 907-723-1078 Email address: lucinda.brownmills@gmail.com

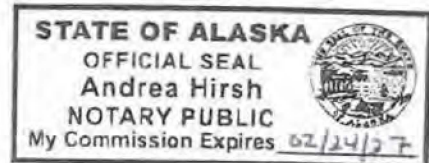
State of Alaska
Judicial District 1st SS

On this 3 day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Lucinda Brown Mills
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Andrea Hirsh
Notary Public (Signature)
(Notary's printed name)
My commission expires 02/24/2027

SEAL:



PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 9:

Jessica Kathleen Miller (Signature of Petitioner)
Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Jessica Kathleen Miller
Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 8518 Forest Lane [REDACTED]
(Optional) Phone: 907-465-7022 Email address: _____

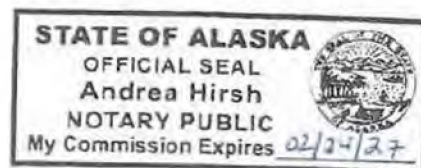
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Judicial District 1st SS

On this 3 day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Jessica Kathleen Miller
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Andrea Hirsh
Notary Public (Signature)
(Notary's printed name)
My commission expires 02/24/2027

SEAL:



Initiative Short Title: Recall Emil Mackey

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 10:

(Signature of Petitioner)
 Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Olivia Elzina Orsborn
 Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 9152 Jerry Dr Juneau AK 99801
 (Optional) Phone: 907 723 4773 Email address: olivia-orsborn@hotmail.com
 State of Alaska
 Judicial District 1 SS

On this 3 day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Olivia Elzina Orsborn
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(Signature)
 Notary Public (Signature)
Andrea Hirsh
 (Notary's printed name)
 My commission expires 02/24/2027

SEAL:



PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 11:

(Signature of Petitioner)
 Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: SHARYN ANNE AUGUSTINE
 Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 10780 MENDENHALL LOOP RD, JUNEAU, AK 99801
 (Optional) Phone: _____ Email address: _____

State of Alaska
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On this 3 day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Sharyn Anne Augustine
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(Signature)
 Notary Public (Signature)
Andrea Hirsh
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Article 3. Recall.

Sec. 29.26.240. Recall.

An official who is elected or appointed to an elective municipal office may be recalled by the voters after the official has served the first 120 days of the term for which elected or appointed.

History.

(§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985)

Sec. 29.26.250. Grounds for recall.

Grounds for recall are misconduct in office, incompetence, or failure to perform prescribed duties.

History.

(§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985)

Sec. 29.26.260. Application for recall petition.

(a) An application for a recall petition shall be filed with the municipal clerk and must contain

(1) the signatures and residence addresses of at least 10 municipal voters who will sponsor the petition;

(2) the name and address of the contact person and an alternate to whom all correspondence relating to the petition may be sent; and

(3) a statement in 200 words or less of the grounds for recall stated with particularity.

(b) An additional sponsor may be added at any time before the petition is filed by submitting the name of the sponsor to the clerk.

History.

(§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985; am § 14 ch 80 SLA 1989)

Sec. 29.26.270. Recall petition.

(a) If the municipal clerk determines that an application for a recall petition meets the requirements of [AS 29.26.260](#), the clerk shall prepare a recall petition. All copies of the petition must contain

(1) the name of the official sought to be recalled;

(2) the statement of the grounds for recall as set out in the application for petition;

- (3) the date the petition is issued by the clerk;
- (4) notice that signatures must be secured within 60 days after the date the petition is issued;
- (5) spaces for each signature, the printed name of each signer, the date of each signature, and the residence and mailing addresses of each signer;
- (6) a statement, with space for the sponsor's sworn signature and date of signing, that the sponsor personally circulated the petition, that all signatures were affixed in the presence of the sponsor, and that the sponsor believes the signatures to be those of the persons whose names they purport to be; and
- (7) space for indicating the number of signatures on the petition.

(b) The clerk shall notify the contact person in writing when the petition is available. That person is responsible for notifying sponsors. Copies of the petition shall be provided by the clerk to each sponsor who appears in the clerk's office and requests a petition, and the clerk shall mail the petition to each sponsor who requests that the petition be mailed.

History.

(§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985; am § 15 ch 80 SLA 1989)

Sec. 29.26.280. Signature requirements.

(a) The signatures on a recall petition shall be secured within 60 days after the date the clerk issues the petition. The statement provided under AS 29.26.270 (a)(6) shall be completed and signed by the sponsor. Signatures shall be in ink or indelible pencil.

(b) The clerk shall determine the number of signatures required on a petition and inform the contact person in writing. If a petition seeks to recall an official who represents the municipality at large, the petition shall be signed by a number of voters equal to 25 percent of the number of votes cast for that office at the last regular election held before the date written notice is given to the contact person that the petition is available. If a petition seeks to recall an official who represents a district, the petition shall be signed by a number of the voters residing in the district equal to 25 percent of the number of votes cast in the district for that office at the last regular election held before the date the written notice is given to the contact person that the petition is available.

(c) Illegible signatures shall be rejected by the clerk unless accompanied by a legible printed name. Signatures not accompanied by a legible residence shall be rejected.

(d) A petition signer may withdraw the signer's signature upon written application to the clerk before certification of the petition.

History.

(§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985; am § 16 ch 80 SLA 1989)

Sec. 29.26.290. Sufficiency of petition.

(a) The copies of a recall petition shall be assembled and filed as a single instrument. A petition may not be filed within 180 days before the end of the term of office of the official sought to be recalled. Within 10 days after the date a petition is filed, the municipal clerk shall

(1) certify on the petition whether it is sufficient; and

(2) if the petition is insufficient, identify the insufficiency and notify the contact person by certified mail.

(b) A petition that is insufficient may be supplemented with additional signatures obtained and filed before the 11th day after the date on which the petition is rejected if

(1) the petition contains an adequate number of signatures, counting both valid and invalid signatures; and

(2) the supplementary petition is filed more than 180 days before the end of the term of office of the official sought to be recalled.

(c) A petition that is insufficient shall be rejected and filed as a public record unless it is supplemented under (b) of this section. Within 10 days after the supplementary filing the clerk shall recertify the petition. If it is still insufficient, the petition is rejected and filed as a public record.

History.

(§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985; am § 17 ch 80 SLA 1989)

Sec. 29.26.300. New recall petition application.

A new application for a petition to recall the same official may not be filed sooner than six months after a petition is rejected as insufficient.

History.

(§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985)

Sec. 29.26.310. Submission.

If a recall petition is sufficient, the clerk shall submit it to the governing body at the next regular meeting or at a special meeting held before the next regular meeting.

History.

(§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985)

Sec. 29.26.320. Election.

(a) If a regular election occurs within 75 days but not sooner than 45 days after submission of the petition to the governing body, the governing body shall submit the recall at that election.

(b) If no regular election occurs within 75 days, the governing body shall hold a special election on the recall question within 75 days but not sooner than 45 days after a petition is submitted to the governing body.

(c) If a vacancy occurs in the office after a sufficient recall petition is filed with the clerk, the recall question may not be submitted to the voters. The governing body may not appoint to the same office an official who resigns after a sufficient recall petition is filed naming that official.

History.

(§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985)

Sec. 29.26.330. Form of recall ballot.

A recall ballot must contain

(1) the grounds for recall as stated in 200 words or less on the recall petition;

(2) a statement by the official named on the recall petition of 200 words or less, if the statement is filed with the clerk for publication and public inspection at least 20 days before the election;

(3) the following question: “Shall (name of person) be recalled from the office of (office)? Yes [] No []”.

History.

(§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985; am § 18 ch 80 SLA 1989)

Sec. 29.26.340. Effect.

(a) If a majority vote favors recall, the office becomes vacant upon certification of the recall election.

(b) If an official is not recalled at the election, an application for a petition to recall the same official may not be filed sooner than six months after the election.

History.

(§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985)

Sec. 29.26.350. Successors.

(a) If an official is recalled from the governing body, the office of that official is filled in accordance with [AS 29.20.180](#) . If all members of the governing body are recalled, the governor shall appoint three qualified persons to the governing body. The appointees shall appoint additional members to fill remaining vacancies in accordance with [AS 29.20.180](#) .

(b) If a member of the school board is recalled, the office of that member is filled in accordance with [AS 14.12.070](#) . If all members are recalled from a school board, the governor shall appoint three qualified persons to the school board. The appointees shall appoint additional members to fill remaining vacancies in accordance with [AS 14.12.070](#) .

(c) A person who has been recalled may not be appointed under (a) or (b) of this section to the office from which the person was recalled. A person appointed under (a) or (b) of this section serves until a successor is elected and takes office.

(d) If an official other than a member of the governing body or school board is recalled, a successor shall be elected to fill the unexpired portion of the term. The election shall be held not more than 60 days after the date the recall election is certified, except that if a regular election occurs within 75 days after certification the successor shall be chosen at that election.

(e) Nominations for a successor may be filed until seven days before the last date on which a first notice of the election must be given. Nominations may not be filed before the certification of the recall election.

History.

(§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985; am § 19 ch 80 SLA 1989)

Sec. 29.26.360. Application.

AS 29.26.250 — 29.26.360 apply to home rule and general law municipalities.

History.

(§ 9 ch 74 SLA 1985)

Chapter 28. Elections.

[Repealed, § 88 ch 74 SLA 1985.]

[AS 14.12.030-14.12.070](#)

Article 2. School Boards.

Sec. 14.12.030. School boards.

(a) Each borough and city school district with an average daily membership of 5,000 or less has a school board of five members, except that the governing body of the borough or city may by ordinance, concurred in by a majority of the district school board, provide for a school board of seven members.

(b) Each borough and city school district with an average daily membership exceeding 5,000 has a school board of seven, nine, or eleven members, as established by ordinance.

(c) The provisions of (a) and (b) of this section do not apply if the assembly serves as the school board of the borough school district.

(d) The provisions of (a) and (b) of this section do not apply to a regional educational attendance area that converts to a city or borough school district. The number of school board members may be changed by the qualified voters in a district by placing the question on the ballot at a regular school board election in the manner prescribed by law.

(e) Each city or borough school district that is operating schools on a military reservation under [AS 14.12.020](#) (a) has one nonvoting delegate from the military reservation or reservations to the school district board to advise and assist the board in matters relating to the military reservation schools operated by the school district and to act as liaison between the board and the military community. The nonvoting delegate shall be appointed by the school district board, shall serve at the pleasure of the school district board, and must be an inhabitant of the area served by the military reservation schools operated by the school district by contract. If an elected community school committee is established on a military reservation, the only inhabitants of that military reservation who are eligible for appointment as the nonvoting delegate are those inhabitants who are members of the elected school committee.

History.

(§ 1 ch 98 SLA 1966; am § 1 ch 71 SLA 1969; am § 1 ch 83 SLA 1974; am § 2 ch 13 SLA 1975; am § 6 ch 124 SLA 1975; am § 4 ch 24 SLA 1979; am § 3 ch 73 SLA 1985; am § 27 ch 74 SLA 1985; am § 21 ch 37 SLA 1986; am § 1 ch 86 SLA 1986)

Sec. 14.12.035. Advisory school boards in borough school districts.

A borough school district board may establish advisory school boards, and by regulation shall prescribe their manner of selection, organization, powers, and duties.

History.

(§ 1 ch 81 SLA 1974)

Sec. 14.12.040. Transition from five to seven member board.

The transition from a five-member to a seven-member school board shall be made at the regular election following, or being held within 90 days preceding, the completion of the second regular school term during which the district maintains an average daily membership exceeding 5,000 or at the regular election following the effective date of an ordinance increasing board membership as provided in [AS 14.12.030](#) (a). Once the district has a seven-member school board, the number of members may not be changed.

History.

(§ 1 ch 98 SLA 1966; am § 2 ch 71 SLA 1969)

Sec. 14.12.050. School board terms.

(a) The term of office of a member of a borough or city school board is three years and until a successor takes office. However, the members of a newly created five-member school board hold office for initial terms as follows: two for a term of three years, two for a term of two years, and one for a term of one year, the terms being assigned to the members by lot. The members of a newly created seven-member school board hold office for initial terms as follows: three for a

term of three years, two for a term of two years, and two for a term of one year, the terms being assigned to the members by lot.

(b) When a transition is made from a five-member school board to a seven-member school board, the length of the terms of office for the two new members to be elected shall be determined by lot so that when the terms of office for the two new members are assigned, the terms of office for the entire seven-member board shall be as follows: three members have a three-year term, two members have a two-year term, and two members have a one-year term. A seven-member school board, the terms of office of whose members at the time of transition from a five-member board did not result in terms expiring in the manner provided in this section, may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board, adjust the terms of office to conform to the schedule for expiration of terms of office provided in this section.

(c) Nothing in this section prevents school board members from succeeding themselves.

History.

(§ 1 ch 98 SLA 1966; am § 1 ch 41 SLA 1972)

Sec. 14.12.070. Vacancies.

If a vacancy occurs on the school board, the remaining members shall within 30 days fill the vacancy. The person selected shall serve until the next regular election when a successor shall be elected to serve the balance of the term.

History.

(§ 1 ch 98 SLA 1966)

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Reference: CBJ Charter Articles VI, VII, VIII & XIV and CBJ Code 29.10 Initiative and Petition

Check one:

☐ Initiative Petition Affidavit

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Request of Petitioner's Committee (add as many lines as necessary, notary block must be complete with notarized signature on same page as notarization):

Initiative Short Title: Repeal Ordinance #2023-24

Language of proposed initiative ordinance, resolution or other measure:

See attached

The following qualified voters and residents of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, state under oath that they constitute the petitioners committee for the above referenced initiative/referendum (circle one). The coalition has been formed and will be responsible for circulating booklets for voter signatures.

All notices should be mailed to:

Name: Tammy Ness

Address: PO Box 240454 Douglas, Ak 99824
(304 St & Douglas)

Phone: 907.434.1360

Fax:

Email address: jness2@msn.com

DATED this 9th day of April, 2024

Please Print: Legal Names and Mailing Addresses of each Member of the Petitioner's Committee:

1. Tammy Ness POB 240454 Douglas Ak
2. DENNIS WINK 1101 Mendenhall Peninsula Rd Juneau 99801
3. Rebecca Dandore 4407 Sesame St Juneau Ak 99801
4. Gilchrist Anderson 8751 Haloff Wy Juneau, AK 99801
5. TAMMY HUNT PO Box 20202, JUNEAU, AK 99802

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Repeal ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2023-24

An Ordinance Amending the Elections Code Relating to Election Procedure

Adopted the 17th day of May, 2023

Initiative Short Title: Repeal Ordinance #2023-24

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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 1:

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Tammy NessResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) PO Box 240454 Douglas Ak (304 5th St Douglas)(Optional) Phone: _____ Email address: tness2@mon.comState of AlaskaJudicial District Juneau SS

On this 9th day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Tammy Ness
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

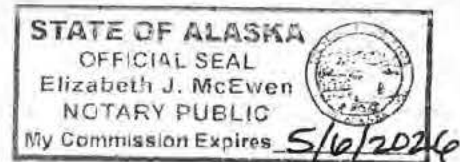
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Notary Public (Signature)

Elizabeth J. McEwen

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 5/6/2026

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 2:

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Dennis A WinkResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 1101 Mendenhall Peninsular Rd Juneau, AK 99801(Optional) Phone: 360 303 7947 Email address: da.wink@live.comState of AlaskaJudicial District Juneau SS

On this 9th day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Dennis A. Wink
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

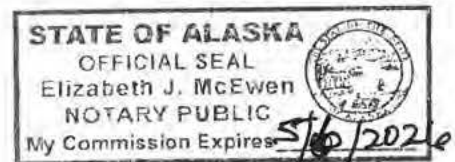
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Notary Public (Signature)

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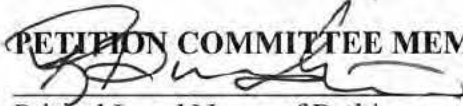
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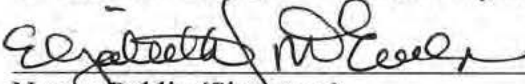
PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 3:

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Rebecca DundoreResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 4407 Sesame St. Juneau, AK 99801(Optional) Phone: 907-419-7584Email address: maamadundore@protonmail.comState of AlaskaJudicial District Juneau SS

On this 9th day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Rebecca Dundore
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

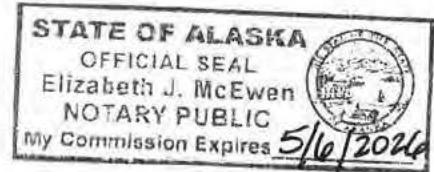
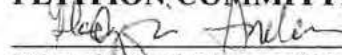


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Elizabeth J. McEwen

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 5/6/2026**PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 4:**

(Signature of Petitioner)

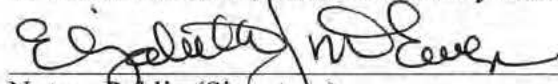
Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Gladys Jean AndersenResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 8759 Harloft Wy Juneau, AK 99801

(Optional) Phone: _____

Email address: mrssanderson@yahoo.comState of AlaskaJudicial District Juneau SS

On this 9th day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Gladys Jean Andersen
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

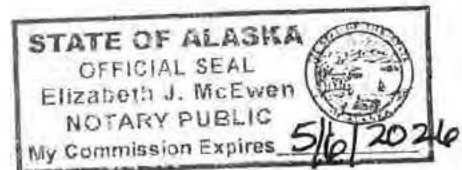


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Elizabeth J. McEwen

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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 5:

Tammy Hunt (Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: TAMMY HUNT

Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth)

RES: 9044 GLACIER HWY MAIL: PO Box 20202, JUNEAU AK 99802 DOB: [REDACTED]
(Optional) Phone: 907-789-4211 Email address: mendenhallq2@ac3alaska.net

State of Alaska

Judicial District Juneau SS

On this 9th day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Tammy Hunt known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

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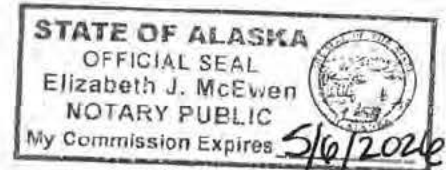
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June 24, 2024

Tammy Ness
via email and USPS certified mail
P.O. Box 240454
Douglas, AK 99824

Re: "Repeal Ordinance 2023-24" Referendum Petition Final Determination

Dear Ms. Ness,

Thank you for all your work on behalf of the Referendum Petition Committee. On Thursday, June 20, 2024, we received the supplemental referendum petition **Books 61-95** as one instrument in accordance with CBJ 29.10.060 for the following petition:

REFERENDUM SHORT TITLE: Repeal Ordinance 2023-24

Repeal Ordinance of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska Serial No. 2023-24, **An Ordinance Amending the Elections Code Relating to Election Procedure**, Adopted the 17th day of May, 2023.

In accordance with CBJ Charter §7.3, the petition committee needed to collect the number of signatures equal to twenty-five percent of the votes cast in the preceding municipal election which came out to a minimum of **2,359 signatures required** for Clerk staff to certify this petition. During our initial review, we were **able to count 968 signatures** of those that were submitted, which was **1391** signatures fewer than the amount needed for certification. Supplemental petition books were issued on June 10 and the number of signatures returned in the supplemental books on June 20, prior to a signature review process, was only **963**. Even if every signature in the supplemental books was reviewed and approved, **that still leaves 428 signatures less than the number needed to certify this petition**. Therefore, this petition is hereby rejected and shall be filed as a public record in accordance with CBJ Charter §7.7 (copy attached).

If you have any questions regarding the petition or election process, please contact our office at 907-586-5278.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth "Beth" McEwen, MMC
CBJ Municipal Clerk/Election Official

Attached: CBJ Charter Article VII, CBJ Code 29.10, AS 15.56.090, AS 15.56.040, AS 11.56.200

cc: Mayor, Assembly, City Attorney Robert Palmer, City Manager and Clerk staff

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Reference: CBJ Charter Articles VI, VII, VIII & XIV and CBJ Code 29.10 Initiative and Petition

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Request of Petitioner's Committee (add as many lines as necessary, notary block must be complete with notarized signature on same page as notarization):

Initiative Short Title: Preserve Precinct Voting & Hand Counting

Language of proposed initiative ordinance, resolution, or other measure:

See attached

The following qualified voters and residents of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, state under oath that they constitute the petitioners committee for the above referenced initiative/referendum (circle one). The coalition has been formed and will be responsible for circulating booklets for voter signatures.

All notices should be mailed to:

Name: Tammy Ness

Address: Po Box 240454 Douglas Ak 304-5th Street

Phone: 907-434-1360

Fax:

Email address: jtness2@msn.com

DATED this 2nd day of May, 20 24.

Please Print: Legal Names and Mailing Addresses of each Member of the Petitioner's Committee:

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4. Mark Durdore 4407 Sesame St. Juneau AK 99801
5. Shannon Greene 8007 Poppy Ct JUNEAU, AK 99801

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WHEREAS, Juneau has a long tradition of precinct voting with paper ballots which provides integrity and confidence for voters; and

WHEREAS, many citizen hands make light work and leverage effectiveness of local precincts to complete and report results on Election day; and

WHEREAS, an average of two-thirds or 18,000 mail-in ballots are printed, mailed, and yet not cast, therefore wasting resources, public money, and creating thousands of unsecured blank ballots; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska adopted an absentee voting policy including importance of absentee ballot receiving deadline to be on Election Day;

This initiative proposes that CBJ issue an Ordinance to amend CBJ Code **TITLE 29 - ELECTIONS**, whereby all municipal elections shall abide by the following core principles:

- A. The default method of elections shall be in-person at precinct locations.
- B. Election results shall be determined by hand-counting at precinct locations on Election Day continuously until completed.
- C. Traditional paper ballots will be used for all CBJ Elections; exception for absentee ballots.
- D. No ballot drop boxes will be used for any CBJ Elections.
- E. Absentee ballots shall be postmarked 7 calendar days before election day. The deadline for hand-delivered ballots is 8 pm on Election Day to the Clerk.
- F. The Clerk will properly vet incoming absentee ballots. Qualified absentee ballots will be delivered to Lemon Creek 04-125 precinct for hand-counting. Lemon Creek precinct will include a separate tally of total Absentee ballots on its **ERPD**.
- G. All precincts will report their final election results to the Clerk by phone and signed Election Results Precinct Document (ERPD) on Election Day. The **ERPD** shall be signed by individuals on the respective precinct hand-counting team and serves as verification of precinct results. The Clerk will total individual ERPDs to determine final election results and will publish to the public via standard means, followed by certified results.

THE AMENDED CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU CODE **TITLE 29 - ELECTIONS** TO BE EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION IS CERTIFIED.



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May 23, 2024

Tammy Ness (*via mail & email*)
P.O. Box 240454
Douglas, AK 99824

Re: Response to Petitioner Committee re: “Preserve Precinct Voting and Hand-Counting” Initiative Petition Affidavit

Dear Ms. Ness,

CBJ Law and Clerk staff have reviewed the Affidavit of Petitioners Committee “Preserve Precinct Voting and Hand-Counting” submitted on May 2, 2024.

In reviewing the initiative petition, I deemed the **Affidavit Form** and the **Petitioner’s Committee** portions sufficient. However, in accordance with CBJ Code 29.10.025, I am denying this initiative petition with respect to the **Proposed Measure Form** based on the reasons stated in the attached CBJ Law Department Legal Review memo dated May 23, 2024.

Enclosed with this letter are the CBJ Charter Article VII and CBJ Code 29.10 that govern the initiative and referendum process as well as a flow chart to help outline the process and the associated timeframes.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at 907-586-5278.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth “Beth” McEwen, MMC
CBJ Municipal Clerk/Election Official

Attachments:

Affidavit of Petitioners Committee “Preserve Precinct Voting and Hand-Counting” Initiative
May 23, 2024, Legal Review Memo from CBJ Law Department
CBJ Charter Article VII and CBJ Code 29.10
Initiative/Referendum Petition Flow Chart

cc: City Attorney Robert Palmer



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 23, 2024
TO: Beth McEwen, CBJ Municipal Clerk
FROM: Robert Palmer, CBJ Municipal Attorney
SUBJECT: Certification of Preserve Precinct Voting & Hand-Counting Initiative

You asked whether the proposed initiative related to preserving precinct voting and hand-counting should be certified for signature collection. For the following reasons, I recommend you not certify this petition.

On May 2, 2024, a petitioner's committee submitted an initiative related to elections. While the petition includes multiple whereas clauses, the remaining petition states:

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- E. Absentee ballots shall be postmarked 7 calendar days before election day. The deadline for hand-delivered ballots is 8 pm on Election Day to the Clerk.
- F. The Clerk will properly vet incoming absentee ballots. Qualified absentee ballots will be delivered to Lemon Creek 04-125 precinct for hand-counting. Lemon Creek precinct will include a separate tally of total Absentee ballots on its **ERPD**.
- G. All precincts will report their final election results to the Clerk by phone and signed Election Results Precinct Document (ERPD) on Election Day. The **ERPD** shall be signed by individuals on the respective precinct hand-counting team and serves as verification of precinct results. The Clerk will total individual ERPDs to determine final election results and will publish to the public via standard means, followed by certified results.

THE AMENDED CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU CODE **TITLE 29 - ELECTIONS** TO BE EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION IS CERTIFIED.

You are empowered to make the certification decision.¹ The following is offered to aid in your decision.

I. Analysis.

This *Affidavit of Petitioner's Committee* was refiled after a similar initiative titled "Method of Elections" was denied for improper form. A companion election code referendum petition was certified on April 24, 2024.²

Alaska courts generally do not review initiative challenges unless and until it is approved by the voters.³ "However, exceptions to this rule exist where the proposed legislation is challenged on the basis that it does not comply with the constitutional and statutory provisions regulating initiatives and referendums, or where it is challenged as clearly unconstitutional or unlawful."⁴ "In matters of initiative and referendum, we have previously recognized that the people are exercising a power reserved to them by the constitution and the laws of the state, and that the constitutional and statutory provisions under which they proceed should be liberally construed."⁵

The Alaska Constitution and CBJ Charter provide citizens the right to propose initiatives.⁶ Incorporating the initiative restrictions of CBJ Charter and the Alaska Constitution, CBJC 29.10.025 provides some of the legal requirements for certification of an initiative:

- **Affidavit form.** Certification shall be denied if the affidavit is not substantially in the required form.⁷ Notably, "The affidavit shall set out in full the proposed initiative ordinance, resolution, or other measure..."⁸

¹ *Alaska Action Ctr., Inc. v. Municipality of Anchorage*, 84 P.3d 989, 992 (Alaska 2004) (concluding the Municipal Clerk has discretion to reject an initiative if it violates any of the restrictions on an initiative).

² Referendum Petition to Repeal Ordinance 2023-24, An Ordinance Amending the Elections Code Relating to Election Procedure (Received April 9, 2024).

³ *Price v. Kenai Peninsula Borough*, 331 P.3d 356, 359 (Alaska 2014); *Municipality of Anchorage v. Holleman*, 321 P.3d 378, 382 (Alaska 2014).

⁴ *Price*, 331 P.3d at 359; *Anchorage Citizens for Taxi Reform v. Municipality of Anchorage*, 151 P.3d 418, 422 (Alaska 2006) ("In matters involving initiatives, we 'construe voter initiatives broadly so as to preserve them whenever possible. However, initiatives touching upon the allocation of public revenues and assets require careful consideration because the constitutional right of direct legislation is limited by the Alaska Constitution'").

⁵ *Price*, 331 P.3d at 359; *Kodiak Island Borough v. Mahoney*, 71 P.3d 896, 898 (Alaska 2003).

⁶ Alaska Constitution, Article XI, Section 1; CBJ Charter Article 7; *Anchorage Citizens for Taxi Reform v. Municipality of Anchorage* ("*Anchorage Citizens*"), 151 P.3d 418, 422 (Alaska 2006) (applying the Alaska Constitution initiative provisions to a unified/home rule municipality).

⁷ CBJC 29.10.025(b)(2).

⁸ CBJ Charter 7.2(a) ("The affidavit shall set out in full the proposed initiative ordinance, resolution, or other measure; or cite the ordinance, resolution, or other measure to be referred.").

- **Proposed measure form.** Certification shall be denied if the proposed measure to be initiated is not in the required form:
 - (i) The measure shall be confined to one subject; and
 - (ii) The measure may not include subjects restricted by Charter section 7.1 or article XI, section 7 of the Alaska Constitution.⁹
- **Petitioner's committee.** There are fewer than five qualified members on the committee.¹⁰

Because I understand the Clerk's Office is reviewing the initiative for sufficiency of the petitioner's committee signatures, I will focus my analysis on form.

A. The form of the proposed ordinance in the affidavit is confusing and misleading.

The public interest in informed lawmaking requires a petition to be presented clearly and be comprehensible.¹¹ A petition that is confusing or misleads voters invalidates the important screening function that the signature requirement provides in the initiative process:

The signature-gathering requirement ensures that only propositions with significant public support are included on the ballot. But when a petition, including its title and summary, is confusing or misleading, petition signers may not understand what they are signing. Signatures on a confusing or misleading petition therefore may or may not indicate support for the measure.¹²

This proposed measure is confusing and misleading in multiple ways:

1. **Title.** The title of this proposed measure is "Preserve Precinct Voting & Hand-Counting" but the substance of the measure only provides seven "core principles." There are no legal provisions in this petition that preserve precinct voting or hand-counting. Because the substance of the proposed ordinance does not actually preserve precinct voting and hand-counting of ballots, the title is misleading and confusing.¹³ Thus, the petition is misleading and confusing.
2. **Prefatory clause.** The petition's prefatory clause is misleading and confusing: "This initiative proposes that CBJ issue an Ordinance to amend CBJ Code Title 29 - Elections, whereby all municipal elections shall abide by the following core principles." That language suggests this

⁹ CBJC 29.10.025(b)(2) and (c); CBJC 29.10.030 (petition format requirements); see A.S. 29.26.110(a) (requiring initiatives for non-home rule municipalities so satisfy similar requirements).

¹⁰ CBJC 29.10.025(b)(3); see A.S. 29.26.110(a).

¹¹ *Citizens for Implementing Med. Marijuana ("CIMM") v. Municipality of Anchorage*, 129 P.3d 898, 901 (Alaska 2006) (concluding a petition was confusing and misleading); *Faipeas v. Municipality of Anchorage*, 860 P.2d 1214, 1219 (Alaska 1993).

¹² *CIMM*, 129 P.3d at 901; *Faipeas*, 860 P.2d at 1221.

¹³ *CIMM*, 129 P.3d at 902 (concluding a misleading or confusing title can render a petition legally insufficient).

initiative would order the legislative body, the CBJ Assembly, to issue an ordinance to amend CBJ Code Title 29. An initiative cannot compel the legislative body to enact an ordinance, especially when such a mandate would violate other CBJ Charter provisions.¹⁴ There is also uncertainty as to what such an ordinance would be required to contain to satisfy such a mandate. Because the prefatory clause does not clearly describe what happens if the voters were to adopt this measure and it appears to violate, at a minimum, the ordinance procedure of the CBJ Charter, the prefatory clause is misleading and confusing. Thus, the petition is misleading and confusing.

3. **Substance of ordinance.** The substance of the petition is misleading and confusing. While the measure proposes seven “core principles,” the ordinance never enacts the substantive legal provisions to amend CBJ Code Title 29 to apply those “core principles,” despite the petition title and the enactment clause stating CBJ Code Title 29 is amended.¹⁵ Additionally, the form of the ordinance fails to comply with the ordinance requirements of CBJC 01.20.020, which are required pursuant to CBJ Charter 5.1. Because the substance of the measure is not in the correct form and it does not actually have provisions that amend sections of CBJ Code Title 29, the substance of the ordinance is misleading and confusing. Thus, the petition is misleading and confusing.

4. **Enactment clause.** The enactment clause of the petition is misleading and confusing, which provides: “The amended City and Borough of Juneau Code Title 29 – Elections to be effective 30 days after the election is certified.” That enactment clause states Title 29 of the CBJ Code would be amended by this petition. However, the enactment clause conflicts with the prefatory clause because it only proposes the CBJ issue an ordinance. Additionally, the enactment clause misleads voters because there is no substantive provision of this ordinance; The core principles are simply policy statements, which have no legal effect.¹⁶ Because the enactment clause purports to adopt an ordinance yet there is no substantive text in the ordinance and it conflicts with the prefatory clause, the enactment clause is misleading and confusing. Thus, the petition is misleading and confusing.

¹⁴ *E.g.*, CBJ Charter 5.3(a) Ordinance Procedure (“An ordinance may be presented for consideration only by a member or committee of the assembly or by the manager at any regular or special meeting of the assembly.”); CBJ Charter 3.12(f) (requiring five affirmative votes to enact an ordinance).

¹⁵ *CIMM*, 129 P.3d at 903 (“The text of the proposition itself is deficient because it does not explain whether it creates or abolishes rights”); *Alaska Action Ctr.*, 84 P.3d at 995 (“Without any of the substantive sections of the initiative, the policy statement and severability clause have no legal effect and cannot go before the electorate.”).

¹⁶ *Alaska Action Ctr.*, 84 P.3d at 995 (“Without any of the substantive sections of the initiative, the policy statement and severability clause have no legal effect and cannot go before the electorate.”).

In summary, this petition is misleading and confusing because the title, the prefatory clause, the substance of the ordinance, and the enactment provision are not in the proper form and fail to sufficiently inform the voters what they would be voting for. If the petitioners cure the improper form issues identified above and submit another subsequent petition, the petitioners are encouraged to consider whether any of the proposed items involve prohibited appropriations, like appropriating limited municipal resources, or if a provision is clearly illegal.¹⁷

Thus, I recommend you reject certification of this petition.

¹⁷ CBJC 29.10.025(b)(2) & (c)(2); *Hughes v. Treadwell*, 341 P.3d 1121, 1125–26 (Alaska 2015); *Price*, 331 P.3d at 359; *Carmony v. McKechnie*, 217 P.3d 818, 820 (Alaska 2009) (stating that a court may review a challenged initiative under a “clearly unconstitutional or clearly unlawful” standard pre-enactment); *Anchorage Citizens*, 151 P.3d at 422 n. 2 (“The municipal clerk may not reject the measure on other constitutional grounds unless controlling authority leaves no room for argument about its unconstitutionality.”); *Mahoney*, 71 P.3d at 899-900.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONERS COMMITTEE – page 2

Initiative Short Title: Preserve Precinct Voting & Hand-Counting

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 1:

Dennis G. Wink (Signature of Petitioner)Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: DENNIS ARTHUR WINKResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 1101 Mendenhall Peninsula Rd Juneau, AK [REDACTED](Optional) Phone: 360 303 7947 Email address: de.wink@live.comState of AlaskaJudicial District 1st SS

On this 2nd day of May in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Dennis Wink
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

[Signature]

Notary Public (Signature)

Andrea Hirsh

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 02/24/27

SEAL:



PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 2:

[Signature] (Signature of Petitioner)Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Rebecca DundoreResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 4407 Sesame St. Juneau AK 99801(Optional) Phone: _____ Email address: monmadundore@protonmail.comState of AlaskaJudicial District 1st SS

On this 2nd day of May in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Rebecca Dundore
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

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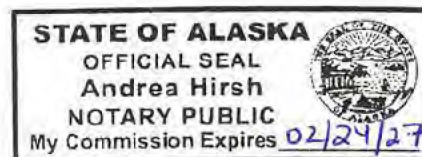
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AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONERS COMMITTEE - page 3

Initiative Short Title: Preserve Precinct Voting & Hand-Counting

PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 3:

Mark Dundore (Signature of Petitioner)Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Mark DundoreResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 4407 Sesame St. Juneau, AK 99801

(Optional) Phone: _____ Email address: _____

State of AlaskaJudicial District 1st SS

On this 2nd day of May in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Mark Dundore
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Andrea Hirsh

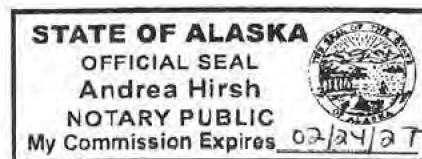
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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 4:

Tammy S. Ness (Signature of Petitioner)Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Tammy S. NessResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 304 5th Street / PO Box 240454 Douglas, AK(Optional) Phone: 907 434 1360 Email address: jness2@msn.comState of AlaskaJudicial District 1st SS

On this 2nd day of May in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Tammy Ness
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Andrea Hirsh

Notary Public (Signature)

Andrea Hirsh

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 02/24/2027

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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 5:

Shannan D. Greene (Signature of Petitioner)Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: SHANNAN D. GREENEResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 8007 POPPY COURT - JUNEAU, AK [REDACTED](Optional) Phone: (508) 566-6420 Email address: WILLARD@AOL.COMState of AlaskaJudicial District 1st SS

On this 2nd day of May in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Shannan Greene
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Andrea Hirsh

Notary Public (Signature)

Andrea Hirsh

(Notary's printed name)

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**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK/
ELECTION OFFICIAL**

City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ)
155 Heritage Way, Room 215
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1397
Phone: (907)586-5278 x4175 Fax: (907)586-4552
email: CBJ.Elections@juneau.gov

April 24, 2024

Tammy Ness (*via mail & email*)
P.O. Box 240454
Douglas, AK 99824

**Re: Response to Petitioner Committee re: "Method of Elections" Initiative Petition
Affidavit**

Dear Ms. Ness,

CBJ Law and Clerk staff has reviewed the Affidavit of Petitioners Committee "Method of Elections" submitted on April 9, 2024. In accordance with CBJ Code 29.10.025, I am denying this initiative petition for the reasons stated in the attached CBJ Law Department Legal Review memo dated April 12, 2024.

Should the petitioners committee choose to submit a subsequent initiative petition affidavit, and it becomes certified, the timing is such that it may or may not make it onto the October 1, 2024 Regular Municipal Election ballot depending on dates the affidavit is received and all the other subsequent dates for the initiative process to occur.

Enclosed with this letter is the CBJ Charter Article VII and CBJ Code 29.10 that governs the initiative and referendum process as well as a flow chart to help outline the process and the associated timeframes.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at 907-586-5278.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth "Beth" McEwen, MMC
CBJ Municipal Clerk/Election Official

Attachments:

Affidavit of Petitioners Committee "Method of Elections" Initiative
April 12, 2024, Legal Review Memo from CBJ Law Department
CBJ Charter Article VII and CBJ Code 29.10
Initiative/Referendum Petition Flow Chart

cc: City Attorney Robert Palmer

**AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONERS COMMITTEE
CITY & BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

Reference: CBJ Charter Articles VI, VII, VIII & XIV and CBJ Code 29.10 Initiative and Petition

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☒ Initiative Petition Affidavit

☐ Referendum Petition Affidavit

Request of Petitioner's Committee (add as many lines as necessary, notary block must be complete with notarized signature on same page as notarization):

Initiative Short Title: method of elections

Language of proposed initiative ordinance, resolution, or other measure:

See attached

The following qualified voters and residents of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, state under oath that they constitute the petitioners committee for the above referenced initiative/referendum (circle one). The coalition has been formed and will be responsible for circulating booklets for voter signatures.

All notices should be mailed to:

Name: Tammy Ness

Address: PO Box 240454 Douglas, AK 99824
(304 5th St Douglas)

Phone: 907.434.1360 Fax: _____

Email address: jtness2@msn.com

DATED this 9th day of May, 2024.

Please Print: Legal Names and Mailing Addresses of each Member of the Petitioner's Committee:

1. Tammy Ness POB 240454 Douglas AK 99824
2. Dennis Wink 1101 Mendenhall Peninsula Rd Juneau 99801
3. Rebecca Dunder 4407 Sesame St Juneau AK 99801
4. Glady Anderson 8159 Haloff Wy Juneau, AK 99801
5. TAMMY HUNT PO Box 20202 Sleetie, AK 99802

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PETITION FOR INITIATIVE

CBJ's default method of elections shall be in-person at precinct locations.

Election results shall be determined by hand-counting at precinct locations on Election Day continuously until completed.

Traditional long ballots will be used for all CBJ Elections.

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The CBJ Clerk will total individual **ERPDS** to determine final election results and will be published on CBJ websites and media sources, followed by the certified results.

Initiative Short Title: method of Elections

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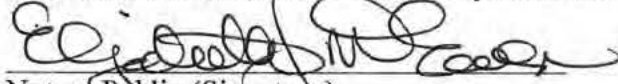
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Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Tammy NessResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) Po Box 240454, Douglas AK (301 5th St Douglas)(Optional) Phone: 907-434-1360 Email address: jtness2@msn.comState of AlaskaJudicial District Juneau SS

On this 9th day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Tammy Ness known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

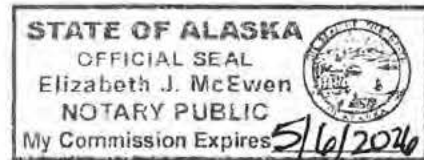


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Elizabeth J. McEwen

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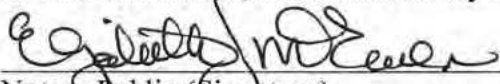
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On this 9th day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Dennis A. Wink known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

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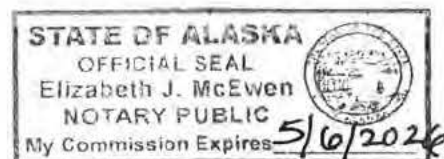


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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 3:

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Rebecca DundoreResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 4407 Sesame St, Juneau AK 99801 - [REDACTED](Optional) Phone: 907-419-7584Email address: monmadundore@protonmail.comState of AlaskaJudicial District Juneau SS

On this 9th day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Rebecca Dundore known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

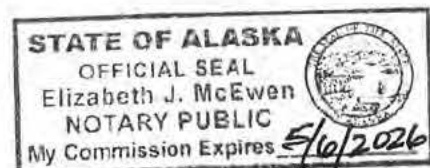
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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 4:

(Signature of Petitioner)

Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: Glady Jean AndersonResidence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth) 6759 Haloff Wy Juneau, AK 99801 [REDACTED]

(Optional) Phone: _____

Email address: mrssanderson@yahoo.comState of AlaskaJudicial District Juneau SS

On this 9th day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Glady Jean Anderson known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

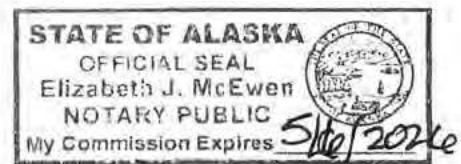
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Elizabeth J. McEwen
Notary Public (Signature)

SEAL:

Elizabeth J. McEwen

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires 5/6/2026

Initiative Short Title: Method of Elections

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PETITION COMMITTEE MEMBER 5:

Tammy Hunt (Signature of Petitioner)Printed Legal Name of Petitioner: TAMMY HUNT

Residence and Mailing Addresses, and one Identifier (Voter Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Date of Birth)

RESIDENCE: 9044 GLACIER HWY MAILING: PO BOX 20202 JUNEAU AK 99802(Optional) Phone: 907-789-4241Email address: mendenhall@2@acsa.alaska.netState of AlaskaJudicial District Juneau SSOn this 9th day of April in the year 2024 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Tammy Hunt

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Elizabeth J. McEwen

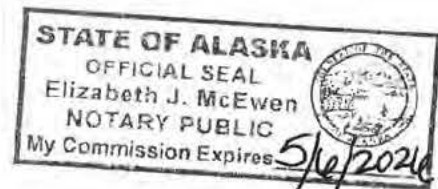
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LAW DEPARTMENT

DATE: April 12, 2024

TO: Beth McEwen, City Clerk
Di Cathcart, Deputy Municipal Clerk

VIA: Robert Palmer III, City Attorney

FROM: Emily Wright, Assistant Municipal Attorney

I have reviewed the *Affidavit for Petitioners Committee* filed on April 9, 2024, requesting certification of an initiative regarding “Method of Elections.”

Legal Background

The Alaska Constitution Article XI, the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Charter Section 7, and the provisions of CBJ Code Chapter 29.10 provide the framework for initiative petitions submitted by citizens of Juneau.

CBJ Charter provision 7.1 sets out the parameters for an initiative (or referendum) and 7.2 sets forth the requirements to commence the initiative (or referendum).

7.1 The powers of the initiative and referendum are reserved to the people of the municipality with reference to all legislative authority which the assembly may exercise except that the powers of initiative and referendum shall not apply to ordinances establishing budgets, fixing mill levies, or to ordinances or other measures appropriating funds, provided, however, that this limitation on the powers of initiative and referendum shall not be construed to limit the power of the people to approve pursuant to Section 9.7 of this Charter a millage rate in excess of that otherwise imposed thereby.

7.2 (a) Any five qualified municipal voters may commence initiative or referendum proceedings by filing with the clerk an affidavit stating they will constitute the petitioners committee and be responsible for circulating the petition and filing it in proper form. The affidavit shall include the names and addresses of the members of the petitioners committee and shall specify the address to which all notices to the committee shall be sent. The affidavit shall set out in full the proposed initiative ordinance, resolution, or other measure; or cite the ordinance, resolution, or other measure to be referred.



Chapter 29.10 provides further guidance regarding the initial review of an affidavit:

- (b) Certification shall be denied if:
 - (1) The affidavit is not substantially in the required form;
 - (2) The proposed measure to be initiated is not in the required form; or
 - (3) There are fewer than five qualified members on the committee.
- (c) The proposed measure to be initiated shall be in the following form:
 - (1) The measure shall be confined to one subject;
 - (2) The measure may not include subjects restricted by Charter section 7.1 or article XI, section 7 of the Alaska Constitution.

Review of Affidavit

The *Affidavit of Petitioners Committee* does not comply with the required form and should not be certified.

As an initial matter, the *Affidavit* does contain the names, addresses, and notarized signatures of five persons. The Clerk's Office should review to ensure that each name represents a qualified member.

The main issue presented regarding the *Affidavit* is one of form. While the topic is limited to one subject and is not a subject restricted under Charter or State Constitution, the *Affidavit* fails to "set out in full the proposed initiative ordinance, resolution, or other measure; or cite the ordinance, resolution, or other measure to be referred." CCBJ Charter Art. 7.2(a)

The attached language of the proposed initiative, ordinance, resolution, or other measure consists of eight short sections. There are three fatal flaws: (1) there is no indication whether this is an ordinance, resolution, or other measure, each having distinct authority and weight of law, (2) there is no reference to which provisions of existing law are being created or modified, and (3) there is no enacting language. The result, should this language be accepted, presented, and passed by voters, would be the creation of an un-enacted, unenforceable, provision with no home in CBJ code.¹ No part of the CBJ Charter would be changed and the full language of Chapter 29, Elections, would remain unaltered and in full force. The description as presented does not meet the requirements for form and is misleading, incomplete, and unclear.²

I recommend that the certification be denied pursuant to CBJC 29.10.025.

¹ *Citizens for Implementing Medical Marijuana v. Municipality of Anchorage*, 129, P.3d 898, 903 (Alaska 2006) (Discussing the "uncertainty" created by poor drafting which would violate "the principle of informed lawmaking that underlies all petition requirements. Because potential petition signers could not know with sufficient certainty what they were endorsing, the petition is legally insufficient.")

² *Sitkans for Responsible Government v. City & Borough of Sitka*, 274 P.3d 486, 494 (Alaska 2012) (the proposed referendum must be "presented clearly and honestly to the people of Alaska.")

CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU CHARTER & CODE EXCERPTS
RE: INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM [As of April 24, 2024]

PART I - HOME RULE CHARTER
ARTICLE VII. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

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Section 7.1. Reservation of powers.

The powers of the initiative and referendum are reserved to the people of the municipality with reference to all legislative authority which the assembly may exercise except that the powers of initiative and referendum shall not apply to ordinances establishing budgets, fixing mill levies, or to ordinances or other measures appropriating funds, provided, however, that this limitation on the powers of initiative and referendum shall not be construed to limit the power of the people to approve pursuant to Section 9.7 of this Charter a millage rate in excess of that otherwise imposed thereby.

(Adopted by the voters on October 3, 1995, regular election.)

Section 7.2. Commencement of proceedings.

- (a) Any five qualified municipal voters may commence initiative or referendum proceedings by filing with the clerk an affidavit stating they will constitute the petitioners committee and be responsible for circulating the petition and filing it in proper form. The affidavit shall include the names and addresses of the members of the petitioners committee and shall specify the address to which all notices to the committee shall be sent. The affidavit shall set out in full the proposed initiative ordinance, resolution, or other measure; or cite the ordinance, resolution, or other measure to be referred.
- (b) Promptly after the filing of a proper affidavit, the clerk shall issue the appropriate petition pages to the petitioners committee.

Section 7.3. Petition.

A petition for initiative or referendum shall be filed in proper form with the clerk within thirty days after the date of issuance of petition pages. The petition shall be signed by a number of qualified municipal voters equal to at least twenty-five percent of the votes cast in the municipality at the preceding regular municipal election. If the subject matter of the petition relates only to a service area, the petition shall be signed by a number of qualified voters residing within the service area equal to at least twenty-five percent of the votes cast in the service area at the preceding regular municipal election. A petition shall be limited to one ordinance, resolution, or other measures.

Section 7.4. Form of petition.

- (a) All pages of a petition shall be uniform in size and style. They shall be assembled as one instrument for filing. Each signature shall be executed in ink, and shall be followed by the residence address of the person signing.

¹State law reference(s)—Charter must contain provision for initiative and referendum, AS 29.06.320; initiative and referendum, AS 29.10.030; prohibited subjects, AK. Const. art. XI, § 7.

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- (b) Petitions shall contain or have attached to them throughout their circulation the full text of the proposed initiative or referred measure.

Section 7.5. Affidavit of circulator.

When filed each page of a petition shall have attached to it an affidavit executed by the circulator of the petition. The affidavit shall state the number of signatures on the page, that the circulator personally circulated the page, that all the signatures were affixed in the circulator's presence, that the circulator believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be, that each signer had an opportunity before signing to read the full text of the proposed initiative or referred measure, and that the circulator believes each signer to be a qualified municipal voter.

(Serial No. 90-30, § 8, 1990/10-2-1990)

Section 7.6. Examination for sufficiency.

Within ten days following the date on which the petition is filed in proper form, the clerk shall certify the petition if it bears the required number of signatures. The clerk shall send a copy of the certification to the petitioners committee by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(Serial No. 90-30, § 8, 1990)

Section 7.7. Supplemental petition.

If the petition is determined to be insufficient, the clerk shall send notice of insufficiency to the petitioners committee by certified mail, return receipt requested. The petition may be supplemented by additional signatures within ten days following the date of receipt of the notice. Within ten days following the date of supplementary filing in proper form, the clerk shall certify the petition if it is sufficient. Otherwise, the petition shall be rejected and filed as a public record.

Section 7.8. New petition.

Failure to secure sufficient signatures shall not preclude the filing of a new initiative or referendum petition, except that a new petition shall not be filed sooner than six months after a petition which was diligently pursued is rejected on the same or substantially the same matter.

Section 7.9. Withdrawal of signature.

A person who has signed an initiative or referendum petition may withdraw the signature at any time prior to the date of filing of the petition or the required supplementary petition by filing with the clerk a signed statement requesting withdrawal.

(Serial No. 90-30, § 8, 1990)

Section 7.10. Action on petitions.

- (a) When an initiative or referendum petition has been determined sufficient, the clerk immediately shall submit it to the assembly. If the assembly fails to adopt a proposed initiative measure without any change in substance within forty-five days or fails to repeal the referred measure within thirty days after the date the petition was determined sufficient, it shall submit the proposed initiative or referred measure to the

electorate of the municipality. If the subject matter of the proposed initiative or referred measure relates only to a service area, the measure shall be submitted only to the electorate of the service area.

- (b) The election on a proposed initiative or referred measure shall be held at the next regular election, or, if already scheduled, a special election occurring not sooner than 90 days from the last day on which the assembly action may be completed on the proposed initiative or referred measure. If no regular election is scheduled to occur within 75 days after the certification of a petition and the Assembly determines it is in the best interest of the municipality, the Assembly may, by ordinance, order a special election to be held on the matter before the next scheduled election. The notice of election shall contain at least a summary of the proposed initiative or referred measure.
- (c) Copies of the proposed initiative or referred measure shall be available for distribution to the public at the office of the clerk within a reasonable time before the initiative or referendum election and shall be available for distribution to the voters at the polls.

(Serial No. 2005-18(am), § 3, 2005/10-4-2005)

Section 7.11. Results of election.

If a majority of the qualified voters voting on a proposed initiative measure vote in its favor, it shall be adopted upon certification of the election and shall be treated in all respects in the same manner as if adopted by the assembly. If a majority of the qualified voters voting on a referred measure vote for repeal, it shall be considered repealed upon certification of the election. If conflicting measures are approved at the same election, the one receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes shall prevail.

Section 7.12. Suspension of referred measures.

- (a) When a referred measure has not taken effect, it shall be suspended upon the taking out of a petition by the petitioners committee. The suspension shall terminate when there is a final determination of insufficiency of the petition, no petition is filed within thirty days after the issuance of petition papers, or a majority vote against repeal of a referred measure has been certified.
- (b) The provisions of (a) of this section do not apply to emergency measures enacted to meet a public emergency.

Section 7.13. Effect of election.

- (a) The assembly shall not, within one year of certification of the election, act in any way to modify or negate the effect of an initiative or referred measure.
- (b) An election on an initiative or referred measure shall preclude the filing of a new initiative or referendum petition on the same or substantially the same matter sooner than one year after voter approval or disapproval of the initiative or referendum.

Chapter 29.10 INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM²

29.10.010 Purpose.

It is the purpose of this chapter to define and clarify the procedures to be followed in initiative and referendum proceedings authorized under article 7 of the Charter of the City and Borough of Juneau. The initiative and referendum are forms of direct democracy and as such their availability to, and utilization by, the public must be facilitated while, at the same time, the integrity of the procedures must be maintained through mechanisms which discourage, reduce, and prevent both the occurrence and appearance of fraud. Further, in order to ensure clear, fixed and reliable standards, it is necessary that citizens and those officials charged with the validation of petitions be able to rely on designated official, published maps, plats and records of the municipality and on the published voter registration records of the state.

(Serial No. 78-3, § 2, 1978)

29.10.020 Attorney assistance on initiative petitions.

- (a) The five qualified municipal voters who desire to commence initiative proceedings under Section 7.2 of the Charter may, prior to submission of their affidavit to the election official, submit a copy of the affidavit and the proposed ordinance, resolution or other measure to be initiated to the City and Borough attorney with a request that it be reviewed by the attorney. The attorney may refuse the request for review, but shall do so immediately upon receipt of the request and shall notify the petitioners' committee of the refusal at the address set forth in its affidavit. The notice of refusal shall contain the reason the attorney is unable to review the initiative. Such reasons include insufficient time to accomplish an immediate review and a conflict of interest.
- (b) If the attorney accepts the request for review, the review shall be accomplished as rapidly as possible. The attorney shall review the proposed measure for form, content and conflict with existing law, ordinances, resolutions and other measures. The attorney shall suggest language changes deemed appropriate and shall provide an explanation of the basis for the suggested changes and the effect of such changes. The attorney shall have no authority to rewrite or require the rewriting of any part of a proposed measure.
- (c) Immediately upon completion of review of the measure to be initiated, the attorney shall provide the committee with a copy of the comments and suggested changes.
- (d) If the committee makes any changes to the proposed measure subsequent to receipt of the attorney's comments, it may again submit the measure to the attorney for review and comment.
- (e) It is the purpose of this section to authorize minimum, corrective legal assistance in order to make groups desiring to initiate measures aware of legal problem areas which may arise if a proposed initiative is adopted in a particular form.

(Serial No. 78-3, § 2, 1978; Serial No. 98-25, § 28, 1998; Serial No. 2001-28, § 2, 6-4-2001)

²Charter reference(s)—Initiative and referendum, art. VII.

Cross reference(s)—Ordinances, CBJ Code ch. 01.20.

29.10.025 Certification of petitioners' committee affidavit.

- (a) The committee shall submit the affidavit to the election official who shall within 15 working days either certify it or notify the initiative committee of the grounds for denial.
- (b) Certification shall be denied if:
 - (1) The affidavit is not substantially in the required form;
 - (2) The proposed measure to be initiated is not in the required form; or
 - (3) There are fewer than five qualified members on the committee.
- (c) The proposed measure to be initiated shall be in the following form:
 - (1) The measure shall be confined to one subject;
 - (2) The measure may not include subjects restricted by Charter section 7.1 or article XI, section 7 of the Alaska Constitution.

(Serial No. 2000-10, § 3, 5-15-2000)

29.10.030 Petition format.

- (a) The petition form prepared by the election official for issuance to the petitioners' committee shall be in substantial compliance with this section.
- (b) The front of the cover page of the petition shall provide a space for the name of the person who is circulating the petition and shall contain a statement in bold type identifying the petition as a referendum or initiative petition as appropriate, the initiative or referendum request, a space for an impartial summary of the ordinance to be initiated or referred, a statement in bold type that a notice to petition signers is on the back of the cover sheet and that the ordinance to be initiated or referred is inside the first page of the petition, and a petition booklet number. On the back of the cover sheet, the election official shall cause to have printed a notice to the petition signers that signatures must be in ink, the residence address, mailing address, and printed name must be legible, that the signer must be a registered voter and have been a resident of the City and Borough for the immediately preceding 30 days, and the acceptable and unacceptable forms of residence address which appear in subsections 29.10.090(b) and (c).
- (c) The second and such subsequent pages as are necessary shall contain a space for the full text of the ordinance to be initiated or referred.
- (d) Following the full text of the ordinance shall be not less than five nor more than ten signature pages. Qualified voters signing the petition shall provide their printed name, signature, residence address, and one personal identifier—which can be the last four digits of the voter's registration identification number, the last four digits of the voter's driver's license or state identification number, the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, or the voter's year of birth, mailing address and zip code, length of residence in City and Borough, and date signed. The election official shall number each signature page serially in a sequence of numbers which shall be continuous through all booklets issued. Above the column titles shall be the petition request, which shall make reference to the ordinance or measure to be initiated or referred and its location in the booklet. At the bottom of each signature page shall be a statement that to be valid, the signature must be in ink, the name as printed and signed must be in the same form as the name appears on the state voter registration rolls, the printed name, personal identifier, and residence address must be legible and the signer must indicate his or her length of address in the City and Borough immediately preceding signing the petition.

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- (e) The signature page shall contain the affidavit of the circulator as required by section 7.5 of the Charter.
 - (f) Each booklet shall be assembled by the election official and all pages within each booklet shall be stapled or otherwise fastened together.

(Serial No. 78-3, § 2, 1978; Serial No. 98-25, §§ 29, 30, 31, 32, 1998; Serial No. 2001-28, § 2, 6-4-2001; Serial No. 2014-37(c), § 6, 6-30-2014, eff. 7-31-2014 ; Serial No. 2022-24(am) , § 21, 6-13-2022, eff. 7-13-2022)

29.10.040 Instructions to petitioners.

The election official shall issue written instructions to the petitioners' committee setting forth the requirement that to be valid the signature line must contain the signature in ink, the legible printed name, the legible residence address of the municipal voter signing the petition, one personal identifier, and the length of residence in the City and Borough. The instructions shall also include the types of addresses which are and are not acceptable as residence addresses.

(Serial No. 78-3, § 2, 1978; Serial No. 98-25, § 33, 1998; Serial No. 2022-24(am) , § 22, 6-13-2022, eff. 7-13-2022)

Charter reference(s)—Signatory requirements, § 7.5.

29.10.050 Objection to petition form or instructions.

- (a) Objections to the form of the petition or the instructions issued by the election official shall be made in writing by the petitioners' committee prior to the expiration of the third working day of the 30-day petition period. The election official shall immediately consider timely filed objections and take such action as appropriate. If it is necessary, in the election official's judgment, to make a change in the petition form as issued, the election official shall issue new petitions.
- (b) If the election official issues new petitions under this section, the 30-day period for the collection of signatures shall be counted from the date the election official issues the corrected petitions to the petitioners' committee. Signatures gathered on the first-issued petitions shall be invalid regardless of the date upon which signatures are obtained.
- (c) Objections not filed with the election official as provided in this section shall be deemed waived for all purposes.

(Serial No. 78-3, § 2, 1978; Serial No. 98-25, § 34, 1998)

29.10.060 Submission and receipt of petitions.

- (a) The petitioners' committee shall file the petitions as a single instrument. After the filing, no additional petition booklets may be received by the election official for validation whether such additional booklets are submitted before or after the expiration of the petition period. Such late booklets shall be received only for the purpose of preservation for the record.
- (b) Filing shall be done during municipal business hours. If the last day of the period falls on a Saturday which is not a City and Borough holiday, the election official shall make arrangements with the petitioners' committee to receive the petitions at the election official's office at or before 4:30 p.m. on that Saturday. If the last day of the period falls on a Sunday or other City and Borough holiday, the petitioners' committee may file the petition not later than 9:00 a.m. on the first weekday which is not a holiday.

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- (c) Immediately upon receipt of the petition, and in the presence of the person submitting the petition, the election official shall check each booklet and shall mark as rejected on its face, and the reason for rejection, any petition booklet which:
 - (1) Shows evidence of having been disassembled and reassembled;
 - (2) Does not contain all pages of the ordinance to be initiated or referred;
 - (3) Does not contain the fully completed, signed and notarized affidavit of the circulator.
 - (d) Due to potential confidential voter information contained in petition booklets, all petition booklets and copies of booklets must be surrendered to the election official within 60 days of issuance.

(Serial No. 78-3, § 2, 1978; Serial No. 98-25, § 35, 1998; Serial No. 2022-24(am) , § 23, 6-13-2022, eff. 7-13-2022)

29.10.070 Supplemental petition.

- (a) If the election official determines that there is an insufficient number of valid signatures on the petitions filed during the 30-day period, the election official shall send notice of the insufficiency to the petitioners' committee by certified mail, return receipt requested. The petitioners' committee shall have an additional ten days from receipt of the notice to gather additional signatures on petitions supplied to the committee by the election official for that purpose. The petitions supplied by the election official for the supplemental period shall be in the format specified in section 29.10.030, except that the signature page numbering shall not duplicate that used for the 30-day period.
- (b) Petitions shall be submitted and received in the manner provided in section 29.10.060.
- (c) No signatures obtained on booklets issued during the first 30-day period shall be valid if submitted with the supplemental petition.

(Serial No. 78-3, § 2, 1978; Serial No. 98-25, § 36, 1998)

Charter reference(s)—Supplemental petition, § 7.7.

29.10.080 Validation of signatures.

- (a) The election official shall reject the signature of any person whose name does not appear on the voter registration list available from the state elections office and who is determined by the state elections office to be a person who is not registered on the day the election official requests state verification of the voter status of the person.
- (b) The election official shall reject the signature of any person whose signed and printed name are so illegible that the election official cannot identify the name; provided, however, the election official may accept an otherwise illegible name if the voter has provided adequate personal identifying information and the legible address information given by the person corresponds to voter registration information of the person registered to the personally identifying information given.
- (c) The election official shall reject all but one signature of any person who has signed his or her name two or more times to petition booklets.
- (d) The election official shall reject the signature of any person whose signature is not executed in ink.
- (e) The election official shall reject the signature of any person who had not been a resident of Juneau for the 30 days immediately preceding the date the person signed the petition.

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- (f) The election official shall reject the signature of any person who fails to provide a legible and adequate residence address as provided in section 29.10.090.
 - (g) The election official shall reject the signature of any person whose petition signature and printed name are not the form in which the person is registered to vote unless the election official is able to determine from the voter's personal identifying information or the address information from the state elections office that the signature is that of a registered voter.

(Serial No. 78-3, § 2, 1978; Serial No. 98-25, § 37, 1998; Serial No. 2014-37(c), § 7, 6-30-2014, eff. 7-31-2014 ; Serial No. 2022-24(am) , § 24, 6-13-2022, eff. 7-13-2022)

29.10.090 Residence address requirements.

- (a) A residence address for the purpose of initiative and referendum petition requirements is a locatable address where the person lives. A residence address is adequate only if it contains sufficient information to permit the person's place of residence to be found by an ordinary person with no particular knowledge of the City and Borough of Juneau area if such person is given the residence address information which appears on the petition, the official map of the City and Borough of Juneau, the approved house numbering maps of the City and Borough of Juneau, and relevant approved plan maps.
- (b) Notwithstanding the general definition provided in subsection (a) of this section, the following shall be deemed to be adequate residence addresses.
 - (1) A subdivision name with a lot and block number;
 - (2) A United States survey number when the smallest recorded subdivision which is applicable to the property is included;
 - (3) A milepost when accompanied by a road or highway name;
 - (4) A boat harbor or marina name when the stall, slip, or boat name is also included;
 - (5) A hotel or motel if the room number is numbered;
 - (6) A trailer court if the space number or street name and number within the trailer court is given;
 - (7) A house number with a street or highway name;
 - (8) An apartment or condominium name when accompanied by an apartment or unit number.
- (c) The following types of addresses are inadequate as a residence address:
 - (1) A street name without a house number;
 - (2) A milepost without a highway or road name;
 - (3) A highway or road name without a milepost or house number;
 - (4) Alaska, Juneau, Douglas, Auke Bay, Vanderbilt Hill, Pinewood Park, Mendenhaven, Back Loop or any other similar designation by a geographic area or subdivision only;
 - (5) A rural route box number;
 - (6) A post office box number;
 - (7) A street, highway or road intersection;
 - (8) Any address which is ambiguous either on its face or becomes ambiguous upon consulting a map or plat to which one would be led from the residence address information;
 - (9) An illegible address.

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- (d) If there is a dispute as to the adequacy of a residence address given by a person whose name has been rejected by the election official, the name shall be rejected if it is determined that a house number has been assigned to the place of residence of the person whose name has been rejected unless the assigned street name and house number or an accurate legal description of the property has been used on the petition.

(Serial No. 78-3, § 2, 1978; Serial No. 98-25, § 38, 1998; Serial No. 2001-28, § 2, 6-4-2001)

29.10.100 Petition and signature rejection for other reasons.

- (a) If any allegation of fraud or misconduct is filed with the election official prior to the certification or notice of insufficiency of the petitions, the election official shall immediately investigate such allegations and reject the challenged petitions or signatures if such investigation reveals fraud or other irregularities which warrant rejection.
- (b) Any allegation of fraud or misconduct filed after certification of the petition which would or may result in the invalidation of a sufficient number of signatures to cause a petition to be insufficient shall be referred immediately to the assembly. The assembly shall schedule a hearing on the matter and take such action as it deems appropriate with respect to signatures or petitions which are affected by any fraud or misconduct it finds.
- (c) It shall be fraud sufficient to reject an entire petition booklet if it is shown that a petition circulator has either failed to do any act or had no reasonable basis for a belief to which the petition circulator is required to swear under section 7.5 of the Charter.

(Serial No. 78-3, § 2, 1978; Serial No. 98-25, §§ 39, 40, 1998)

State law reference(s)—Petition offenses, AS 15.56.090.

29.10.110 Termination of suspension of ordinance effective date.

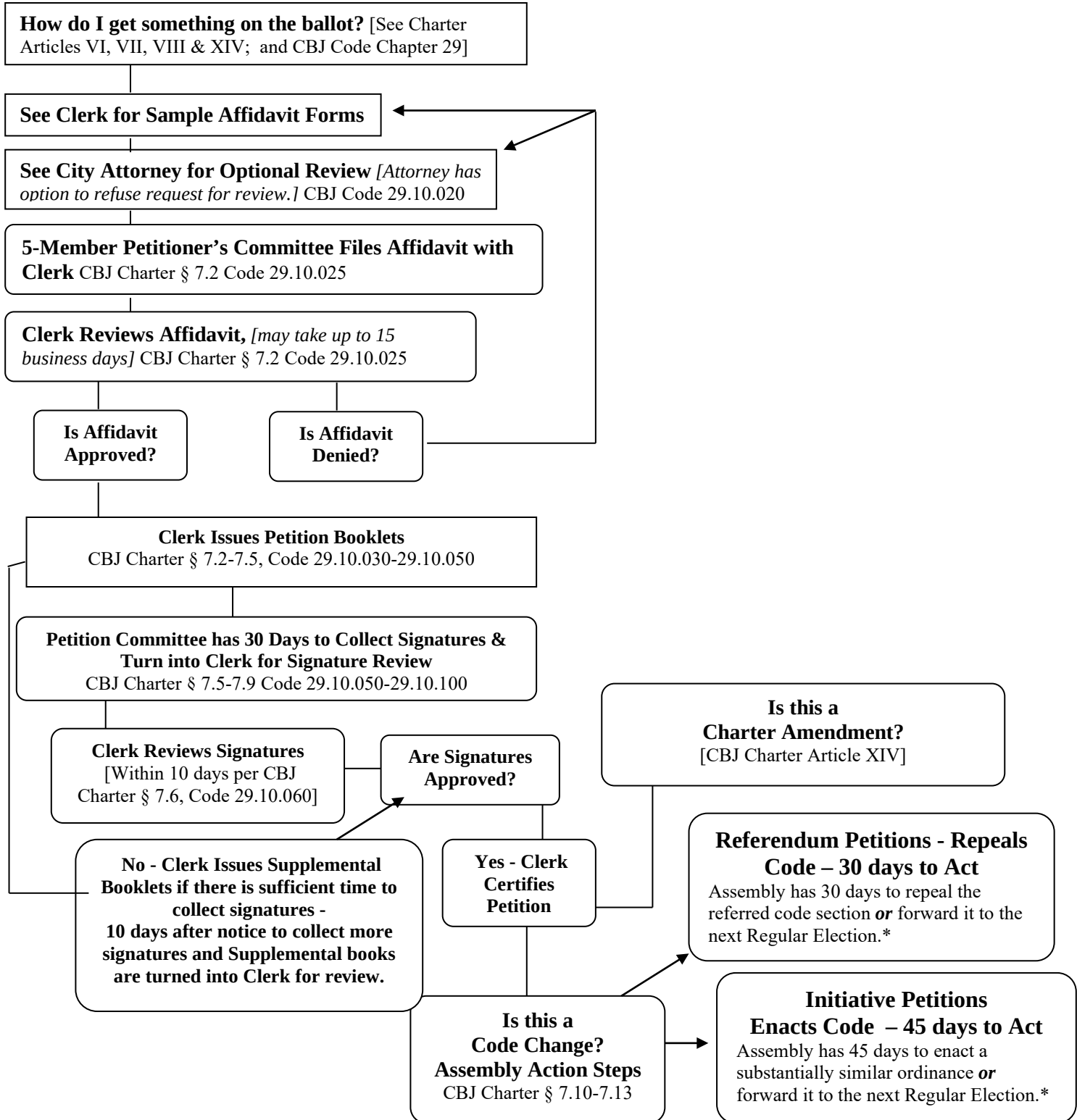
An ordinance which has been suspended by the operation of section 7.12 of the Charter shall become effective five working days after notice of insufficiency has been delivered to the petitioners' committee unless an appeal of the municipal clerk's decision is filed within that time.

(Serial No. 78-3, § 2, 1978).

Charter reference(s)—Suspension of referred measures, § 7.12.

City & Borough of Juneau Municipal Elections Petition Process

[As outlined in the CBJ Charter and Code – Flow Chart Updated April 24, 2024]
Some of the charter & code sections may be paraphrased or abbreviated for sake of brevity.
Please refer to the Charter or Code section referred to for the full text.
https://library.municode.com/ak/juneau/codes/code_of_ordinances



*Charter § 7.10(b) provides, in part, for a proposed initiative or referred measure to be placed on the next regular election, or, if already scheduled, at a special election if one is scheduled no sooner than 90 days from the last day of Assembly action. If there is no regular election scheduled within 75 days after the petition is certified, the Assembly may choose to order a special election on the matter prior to the next regular election.