



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).
- The maximum effective interest rates to be paid on these bonds will vary depending on the market conditions at the time of issuance. CBJ anticipates that the effective interest rate on the general obligation tax-exempt bonds is estimated not to exceed 3.5%.

PROPOSITION #1

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 #1
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

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
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

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.

School Board members rely on district staff to develop, monitor, and regularly report on budget changes. In November 2023, a multi-month audit confirmed there was a substantial failure to report critical financial information.

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.

In January 2024, as Board President, I notified the Assembly and our community of the findings - a severe budget deficit.

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 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

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:
 - Alaska Region 1 Elections Office: (907) 465-3021
 - CBJ Elections Office (907) 586-5278; select option “4”.
- Email:
 - Alaska Region 1 Elections Office elections1@alaska.gov
 - 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
- In Person at the CBJ Clerk/Election Office: 155 Heritage Way, Rm 215, Juneau, AK, or
- 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
Open Election Day, Tuesday, October 1, 7:00am – 8:00pm

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.