



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

Elizabeth J. McEwen
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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.

<p>MAYOR VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Angela Rodell <input type="radio"/> Beth Weldon <input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSITION #2</p> <p>Initiative Proposition Short Title: Ship-Free Saturdays</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SHALL THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU CODE BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Section 2. Effective Date. This initiative shall be effective 30 days after the election is certified.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SHIP-FREE SATURDAYS, YES <input type="radio"/> SHIP-FREE SATURDAYS, NO</p>
<p>DISTRICT 1 ASSEMBLY VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Neil Steininger <input type="radio"/> Connor D. Ulmer <input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	
<p>DISTRICT 2 ASSEMBLY VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Nathaniel (Nano) Brooks <input type="radio"/> Dorene Lorenz <input type="radio"/> Emily Mesch <input type="radio"/> Mary Marks <input type="radio"/> Maureen Hall <input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	
<p>BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>THREE</u></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Amber Frommherz <input type="radio"/> Jeff Redmond <input type="radio"/> Elizabeth (Ebett) Siddon <input type="radio"/> Jenny Thomas <input type="radio"/> Will Muldoon <input type="radio"/> Michelle Stuart Morgan <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	
<p>PROPOSITION #1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Explanation</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSITION #1 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS \$12,750,000</p> <p>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?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BONDS, YES <input type="radio"/> BONDS, NO</p>	

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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.

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**

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