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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

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

### District 1 Assemblymember

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

### District 2 Assemblymember

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

### Board of Education members

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

### 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?

- 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

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

**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**

**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:**

“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 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.

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**

**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

*Deborah Behr*

Deborah Behr, Canvass Board Member

*Mary Borthwick*

Mary Borthwick, Canvass Board Member

*Robert Minch*

Robert Minch, Canvass Board Member

*Loren Jones*

Loren Jones, 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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*  
*Mary Lou Kerk*  
*Beth A. Weldon*  
*Robert L. Lamin*  
*John C. Jones*  
*Elyse M. Jones*  
 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	✓