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CANDIDATE PAMPHLET



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OUR TOWN. YOUR VOTE.



MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

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How to Vote Local

Vote Absentee by Mail or Electronically

Applications due to the FNSB Clerk's Office by:

Vote By Mail:	Tuesday, September 26th
Electronic Voting:	12 p.m. on Monday, October 2nd
Form Available at:	www.fnsb.gov/elections

Vote Early

Dates:	September 18th—September 28th
Time:	9 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Location:	Shopper's Forum Mall, 1255 Airport Way, Fairbanks

Dates:	Sunday, September 24th
Time:	10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Location:	Shopper's Forum Mall, 1255 Airport Way, Fairbanks

Vote Absentee In Person

Dates:	September 18th—October 2nd
Time:	Monday—Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
Locations:	City of Fairbanks Clerk's Office, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks City of North Pole Clerk's Office, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole

Dates:	September 29th & October 2nd
Times:	9 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Location:	Shopper's Forum Mall, 1255 Airport Way, Fairbanks

Vote on Election Day at your Polling Place

Date:	Tuesday, October 3rd
Time:	7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Precincts & Polling Locations

City ballots are only offered at City Precincts.

*** Not all voters within these precincts live within city boundaries.

Polling Place location changed for the October 3, 2023 Municipal Election

FNSB Only		City of Fairbanks/FNSB	City of North Pole/FNSB	
District	Precinct	Location	Address	City
31-446	***Aurora	Fairgrounds—Agricultural Museum	1800 College Rd.	Fairbanks
31-455	Fairbanks #1	Carlson Center	2010 2nd Avenue	Fairbanks
31-480	***Fairbanks #2	Pioneer Park Centennial Center	2300 Airport Way	Fairbanks
31-485	Fairbanks #3	Shoppers Forum	1255 Airport Way	Fairbanks
32-355	Fairbanks #4	Farewell Avenue Christian Center	100 Farewell Avenue	Fairbanks
32-365	Fairbanks #5	Tanana Middle School	600 Trainor Gate Road	Fairbanks
32-375	Fort Wainwright	Last Frontier Community Center	1044 Apple Street	Ft. Wainwright
32-385	Badger No. 2	Badger Plaza	771 Badger Road	Fairbanks
33-130	Badger No. 1	New Hope Methodist Presbyterian Church	2371 Bradway Road	North Pole
33-135	Chena Lakes	Santa Senior Center	101 5th Avenue E.	North Pole
33-155	Moose Creek	Moose Creek Baptist Church	3518 Hope Street	North Pole
33-165	Newby	North Pole Plaza Mall	301 N. Santa Claus Lane	North Pole
33-175	***North Pole	North Pole City Hall	125 Snowman Lane	North Pole
33-183	Plack	North Pole Plaza Mall	301 N. Santa Claus Lane	North Pole
34-235	Eielson	Eielson AFB Base Exchange	451 Broadway Avenue	Eielson AFB
34-238	Eielson Farm Road	Moose Creek Baptist Church	3518 Hope Street	North Pole
34-240	Farmers Loop	Seventh-Day Adventist Church	1811 Farmer's Loop Road	Fairbanks
34-260	Salcha	Salcha Elementary School	8530 Richardson Hwy.	Salcha
34-263	Steele Creek	Weller Elementary School	635 Elementary Drive	Fairbanks
34-265	Steese	Bentley Mall—(Near Michael's)	32 College Road	Fairbanks
34-270	Summit	Bentley Mall—(Near Safeway)	32 College Road	Fairbanks
34-280	Two Rivers	Two Rivers Community Center	7234 Anders Avenue	Fairbanks
35-580	Airport	J.A. Kornfeind Training Center	4782 Dale Road	Fairbanks
35-582	Chena	Faith Baptist Church	910 Chena Pump Road	Fairbanks
35-584	Ester	Ursa Major Distilling	2922 Parks Highway	Fairbanks
35-586	Geist	University Baptist Church	1197 University Avenue	Fairbanks
35-587	Lakeview	Gene's Chrysler Center	3400 S. Cushman Street	Fairbanks
35-592	Shanly	Beaver Sports	3480 College Road	Fairbanks
35-595	University Hills	Effie Kokrine Charter School	601 Loftus Road	Fairbanks
35-596	University West	Woodriver Elementary School	5000 Palo Verde Drive	Fairbanks
36-001	Goldstream No. 1	Chena Goldstream Fire Station #3	1300 Goldstream Road	Fairbanks
36-002	Goldstream No. 2	Ken Kunkel Community Center	2645 Goldstream Road	Fairbanks

Municipal Clerks Contact Information

Fairbanks North Star Borough

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City of North Pole

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Other Information & Resources

Polling Place Information

Phone: (907) 459-1401

Website: [Fairbanks North Star Borough Find My Polling Place \(GIS\)](#)

Update Voter Registration or Register to Vote

Phone: (866) 959-8683

Website: www.elections.alaska.gov

Local Voting Method Information

Local elections are conducted using a majority voting method, which is to vote for one candidate per race. The only exception is the City of North Pole election, which asks voters to select no more than two candidates to fill two offices.

The State of Alaska General Election is conducted using a Ranked Choice Voting method.

Ranked Choice Voting is not used in local municipal elections.

Disclaimer

Candidate information and photographs are presented as submitted by the candidate without any changes to grammar, spelling, or punctuation. None of the information provided by the candidates has been verified for accuracy.


In order to have information published in this pamphlet, candidates were invited to submit their statements to the appropriate Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2023.

Fairbanks North Star Borough

Sample Ballot (Page 1)



SAMPLE BALLOT REGULAR ELECTION - OCTOBER 3, 2023 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

Instructions: To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice, like this: 
Use a black pen to mark your ballot. NO RED INK. If you make a mistake, you may ask for a new ballot.

<p>BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SEAT D 3-Year Term (2023-2026) Vote For Not More Than One (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tammie Wilson <input type="radio"/> Liz Reeves-Ramos <input type="radio"/> Write-In</p>	<p>SCHOOL BOARD SEAT F 3-Year Term (2023-2026) Vote For Not More Than One (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bobby Burgess <input type="radio"/> April Smith <input type="radio"/> Write-In</p>
<p>BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SEAT E 3-Year Term (2023-2026) Vote For Not More Than One (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jimi Cash <input type="radio"/> Nick LaJiness <input type="radio"/> Write-In</p>	<p>SCHOOL BOARD SEAT G 3-Year Term (2023-2026) Vote For Not More Than One (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Maggie Matheson <input type="radio"/> Meredith Maple <input type="radio"/> Write-In</p>
<p>BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SEAT H 3-Year Term (2023-2026) Vote For Not More Than One (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Aaron Gibson <input type="radio"/> Scott Crass <input type="radio"/> Write-In</p>	<p>INTERIOR ALASKA NATURAL GAS UTILITY (IGU) BOARD AT-LARGE SEAT C 3-Year Term (2023-2026) Vote For Not More Than One (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jim Dodson <input type="radio"/> Write-In</p>
<p>SCHOOL BOARD SEAT E 3-Year Term (2023-2026) Vote For Not More Than One (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tim Doran <input type="radio"/> Michael Humphrey <input type="radio"/> Write-In</p>	<p>INTERIOR ALASKA NATURAL GAS UTILITY (IGU) BOARD AT-LARGE SEAT D 3-Year Term (2023-2026) Vote For Not More Than One (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Pete Kelly <input type="radio"/> Sherri L. Wall <input type="radio"/> Write-In</p>

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SAMPLE BALLOT

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
PROPOSITION 1
EXPANDING HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE POWERS

"Shall the Fairbanks North Star Borough exercise on an areawide basis additional health and social service powers to expend opioid settlements funds to provide grants to local providers for opioid remediation?"

YES
 NO

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
PROPOSITION 2
**EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION FARM STRUCTURES
USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR FARMING ACTIVITY**

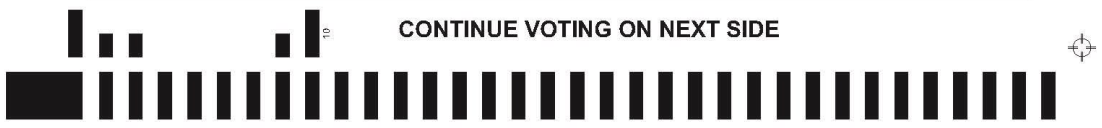

"Shall the Fairbanks North Star Borough exempt from taxation farm structures used exclusively for farming activity, as permitted by state law and as described in Ordinance No. 2023-34?"

YES
 NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

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FNSB Assembly (Seat D)

3-Year Term



Tammie Wilson

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Biographical Information:

I am a mother and grandmother and I live in the North Pole area where I work as a Family Representative for the Department of Community and Family Services helping families who are or could potentially be involved with the Office of Children's Services. I am also a small business owner of an antique and collectible shop.

I received my Bachelor of Science from Illinois State University. I have further my education by taking additional classes and earning certificates from both Stanford University and MIT Professional Education.

I have served in the Alaska State House of Representatives where I was a House Finance member for the majority of my time. I have just completed my 4th year on the FNSB Assembly and am seeking re-election.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

"Government has no other end, but the preservation of property" John Locke, an excerpt from the Second Treaties of Civil Government, 1690.

I believe government desperately needs to return to this concept. Government's only "job" should be enabling individuals, and local businesses, to thrive without unnecessary interference. These ideas and priorities guide my work for you.

1. Securing & Protecting Property Rights by promoting "Grandfather Rights" and independent services areas.
2. I support a Veteran's Cemetery here in the Interior and have been lucky to have been a part of the group, Veteran's for Justice, that worked diligently to secure land so we can truly honor those that fought for our freedom. The next step is to work on securing funding for the development and maintenance to make this a reality.
3. Energy issues are important and we need to work together to find short-term, mid-term, and long-term solutions.
4. Promoting Alaska's National Guard and Military Bases, showing our gratitude to our troops and promoting the economic and security value of our installations.

Our future is bright and the decisions weighty. Government must be lean; not burdening an already strained private business economy.

I will always make time to accommodate your schedule and hear your concerns; your thoughts are important. I would appreciate your vote on October 3rd and I thank you for the honor of working for you.

FNSB Assembly (Seat D)

3-Year Term



Liz Reeves-Ramos

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Biographical Information:

I was born in Fairbanks, raised near Denali, and returned to Fairbanks in 2012 to make this remarkable place my home once again. My husband and I purchased a home in the Borough because we love this area and the people who live here. I have devoted my career to Human Services, protecting and caring for some of our most vulnerable populations. Over the years, I've seen the incredible potential and strength of our community. Together, we have weathered challenges and celebrated triumphs, and now, I want to be a driving force for continued positive change and progress. Throughout my life I have been deeply committed to public service and the betterment of our town. Now, by running for this assembly seat, I aim to listen and amplify your voice, champion the needs of every resident, and work collaboratively to build a brighter future for Fairbanks.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

Strong, vibrant public schools are at the center of a strong economy, and it's vital that we foster an environment where all students can thrive and receive the best education possible. Our schools also play a critical role in meeting the Borough's workforce demands. I support career and technical education programs that prepare our future skilled workers to fill the growing needs from industries like health care, construction, pipefitting, and electrical. Equally, I support programs that prepare our college-going students, especially those interested in high-demand fields like engineering, education, sustainable agriculture, and business.

I am committed to prioritizing the safety of our roads and working toward improving the overall road system in our Borough. Our road service areas and road service commissioners must be supported in a more streamlined and efficient manner. I look forward to working on the Borough's Comprehensive Roads Plan, which seeks to improve the current and future road network, while also respecting private property rights.

We must continue to invest in and maintain our public services and facilities, including pools, parks, trail systems, and community centers. These facilities all contribute to the quality of life here in the Borough.

As a homeowner, small farmer, and taxpayer, I recognize the importance of sound fiscal management. By respecting the tax cap and focusing on fiscal responsibility, we can ensure that our Borough remains on a stable and sustainable path – one that addresses the needs of our community while keeping an eye on our economic well-being.

FNSB Assembly (Seat E)

3-Year Term



Jimi Cash

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Biographical Information:

My name is Jimi Cash and I was born and raised in Fairbanks. I graduated from Lathrop High School. I married my wife here 19 years ago and we are currently raising 6 beautiful 3rd generation Alaskans. My oldest daughter is attending UAF fire science program in the fall.

I am a veteran and a small business owner. I am a public representative and I am grateful to be able to serve on the Assembly and on the Legislative priorities committee with the borough. I have served as chair of the Assembly Road Service Area committee and was the Assembly's member of the Explore Fairbanks board. I have served on committees at the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce as well as the on board of local nonprofits. My life has been dedicated to service not just to my self, but my family and my community.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

Now more than ever Fairbanks needs an assembly that is ready to take on the challenges the next few years will bring. We need strong fiscal responsibility to keep our taxes low and our borough thriving. As a public representative who is a lifelong Alaskan, I will do what it takes to listen to our community and protect our property rights. I will also commit to lowering property taxes and helping create a sustainable, responsible budget with thought for our schools and education system.

I strongly support responsible resource development policies for the borough's economic base and policies that reduce heating and energy costs. I will work with state and federal partners as well as our stakeholders for the benefit of our community.

I am running for re-election because I believe in a strong local community and I recognize the duty the Assembly has to the residents of the borough to be fiscally responsible and provide essential services such as emergency services and education.

FNSB Assembly (Seat E)

3-Year Term



Nick LaJiness

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Biographical Information:

I was born in Fairbanks, grew up in North Pole, and have called this community home my entire life. I've hunted and fished the mountains and streams all over our great state. I slept many nights on Lost Lake as a Boy Scout. My work ethic started at an early age when I worked in commercial fishing, canneries, and for moving companies. I competed in hockey, soccer, football, and —my favorite — wrestling. I graduated from North Pole High School in 1991, and the following day I went to work at Prudhoe Bay. I'm a third-generation Union Pipefitter and currently a 33-year member of our Local 375. Recently I accepted a position as Manager for contract operations on Fort Wainwright. I am President of the 501(c)(3) non-profit Straw for Dogs. But most importantly I am a husband and father of three children now in their twenties.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

As a lifelong FNSB resident, I have a vested interest in the future of our Borough — an interest that has led me to run to serve on the Assembly. I will pioneer a positive direction to build a better Borough for all.

Recently our Borough has experienced substantial losses of population. This is problematic and identifies a declining community. Being faced with dire consequences, strong action must be taken. Change doesn't just start at the top, our residents have fresh ideas and great values that can put our community back on track to create renewed interest in this great place we call home.

We must start with a fully funded education system: one that will provide pathways for our youth to attain careers enabling our community to retain and sustain future families. Currently our workforce is supplemented by outside sources; many positions in most industries are employing workers from outside our Borough. This is the case on in construction, fishing, mining, on the oil field — and even our hospitals have traveling nurses.

By filling these positions locally our economy will flourish by way of work force development.

I support mining respectfully and safely, however I oppose the Tetlin to Fort Knox Ore Haul for undeniable safety concerns.

I seek to lower energy costs by the use of renewable energy sources.

I support animal welfare awareness and enforcement. The way we allow animals to be treated is a reflection of our values. We need to better represent ourselves.

FNSB Assembly (Seat H)

3-Year Term



Aaron Gibson

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Biographical Information:

I was born and raised in Fairbanks, graduated from Lathrop High School and then earned an associate degree in Information Technology Network Administration from UAF. I served on the Fairbanks City Council for three years, represented the city on the Fairbanks Surface Area Transportation planning commission, and coach youth hockey.

I have been married to my wife Erin for 14 years. Currently I am an IT manager for a local non-profit and continue my education through further studies at the University of Alaska. Through the years I grew up playing baseball, basketball, soccer, and Hockey and now enjoy watching my four children participate in these sports.

We have made a choice to raise our family here in the Borough, as we feel there are many opportunities provided for

families.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

I am running for the Assembly to work on out-of-the-box solutions that can keep property taxes low, and to create a stable and attractive environment for businesses and families to locate in the Borough. I would like to continue the work started with the Capital Improvement Program, ensure we fully fund education, and make the FNSB a place that people to work stay, and live in.

I have also supported transparency in government finances and will continue to think about how our decisions at the Assembly impact those decisions that you make around the kitchen table.

My priorities are Public Works, focusing on maintaining our current infrastructure, and ensuring we can take care of what we have before building new things. Supporting housing and homeless issues, because as a community we can solve these problems.

Thank you for your trust over the last three years and I would ask for your continued support. Please call me at 907-978-3058 if you have any questions or concerns.

FNSB Assembly (Seat H)

3-Year Term



Scott Crass

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Biographical Information:

Scott Crass serves the State of Alaska as a computer scientist at the Alaska Volcano Observatory and is intricately linked to the heart of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. His lineage in Fairbanks traces back four generations, marked by entrepreneurial spirit with several family-run businesses. As a devoted father of two in public schools, Scott is passionate about advancing education.

Beyond his professional sphere, he's an ardent union leader and volunteers as a youth coach at the Fairbanks Curling Club. He is also a musician and founding member of the band Sweating Honey. Scott is a Unit 20 moose hunter, Chitina dip netter, and burbot fishermen. His diverse engagements, from labor to local sport, signify his deep commitment to Fairbanks' growth and well-being. A pragmatic, non-partisan, hardworking person, his blend of professional acumen, family

values, and community service makes Mr. Crass an ideal representative to the Borough Assembly.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

The Fairbanks North Star Borough, with its legacy of labor unity and progressive thinking, stands at a crossroads. As challenges mount, aligning our actions with our shared vision becomes paramount. My vision for the Borough stands on three pillars:

Firstly, the essence of our future lies in education. As a parent of two public school students, I'm acutely aware of our system's shortcomings, with the teacher shortage strikingly apparent. This isn't mere statistics; it's about our children's aspirations. We must prioritize comprehensive education funding along with workforce development, ensuring our children flourish in an environment of support and excellence.

Moreover, as we plan our community's evolution, we must embed environmental planning at its core. Our municipal strategies should address the undeniable shifts in our climate, influencing every facet from wildfire mitigation and frost heave repair to energy choices. Every decision should be assessed through the lens of environmental resilience and long-term economic stability, ensuring our strategies remain pertinent for our children and theirs.

Furthermore, the blueprint for our borough's growth should echo our community spirit of freedom and liberty. We must spend responsibly, knowing the tax burden falls primarily on the shoulders of working-class families. I built my own home here, and I know that wouldn't have been possible anywhere else.

In running for office, I aim to intertwine these pillars in our borough's fabric, ensuring our decisions today foster a prosperous Borough. I respectfully ask for your vote.

FNSB School Board (Seat E)

3-Year Term



Tim Doran

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Biographical Information:

- Born and raised in New York City, I came to Alaska in 1975 spending about 12 years in Bush villages and residing in Fairbanks since 1990.
- My background includes
 - * an early banking career,
 - * 10 years in non-profit administration,
 - * 36 years in education as principal (~23 years at Denali Elementary), teacher, administrator,
 - * University of Alaska instructor over 25 years,
 - * rural, urban, public, and private school experience, and
 - * local, State, and international leadership perspectives.
- Community service currently includes 6 years as a member of the Fairbanks School Board, 8 years volunteering as a Museum Docent for school tours at the UA Museum of the North, and prior service in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and Peace Corps Response.

- Married with two daughters (Fairbanks graduates), two sons-in-law and five grandchildren, all of whom live in Fairbanks.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

Being on the School Board brings two important values together: a sense of community service and a passion for education. I love seeing students and educators in action — interacting and learning together. Working with families and the broader community to foster an environment wherein children can grow and develop is priceless. There is no better feeling than seeing former students in the workforce, running businesses, raising families, taking care of us throughout the community.

I have real experience in real schools garnered over decades. “Retiring” in 2014, the first step was to take that expertise overseas to the Republic of Palau through the Peace Corps Response. There I assisted in the development of a 10-year National Plan for Education. The next natural involvement was to run for School Board in 2017. Being on the Board allows me to advocate for public education and most importantly to work for students in partnership with educators and families in the best interest of those students.

Public education is at a critical juncture wherein the academic and social needs of children and funding of education are disjointed. The priorities at this time include: increased funding as an investment in public education, implementation of the Alaska Reads Act (literacy K-12), recruitment, and retention of educators (respect and support), and rebuilding and redesigning education post-pandemic.

My vision and hope is that Every Student Becomes a Competent, Confident, Curious, Caring and Contributing Citizen. I appreciate your support and vote.

FNSB School Board (Seat E)

3-Year Term



Michael Humphrey

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Biographical Information:

Michael Humphrey is the proud father of six children, all under the age of eleven. He and his wife, Nathanya, have been married for fifteen years and have lived in the borough for six and a half years. Michael is a United States Marine who received the Purple Heart and the Navy Commendation medal with decoration for valor, among other awards. He graduated from Reichman University (formerly IDC) in Herzliya, Israel with a degree in Government including a double specialization in counterterrorism and international relations. Michael previously taught Tae-kwon-do for over ten years and has been involved in AWANA and youth sports. He regularly attends Crossroads Baptist Church in North Pole with his family.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

Michael's campaign motto is: **Security, Discipline, Excellence.**

Security. Children have the right to be secure in their bathrooms and private spaces, in their sports, and in the values imparted to them by their parents without facing new values proposition from positions of authority at school

Discipline. Schools should have discipline in regards to teaching core subjects. Efficient use of class time and a rigorous focus on academics will give our students an advantage. The School Board should have discipline in regards to the budget. Getting to the goal of meeting spending targets while reducing class sizes and allowing teacher pay to be highly competitive takes hundreds of tough choices.

Excellence. Everything we do should be with the goal of improving student academic outcomes. This focus will guide our decisions and help eliminate ideological bias in the classroom.

Michael believes that creating more opportunities for parental involvement in schools will create shared experiences, develop educator relationships, and create educational buy-in crucial to improving student outcomes.

FNSB School Board (Seat F)

3-Year Term



Bobby Burgess

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Biographical Information:

I was born and raised in Fairbanks and have never found a place I'd rather live. I'm a proud product of our local school system, having attended U Park, Ryan, and West Valley. I earned both a Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I have three children currently enrolled in our district schools and two recent graduates.

For the past ten years I've worked for the State of Alaska in the Contaminated Sites Program. I enjoy being able to serve the public through this job, which has given me valuable skills in negotiation, professionalism, and collaboration.

My investment in the community has led me to many volunteer opportunities, including serving on the Guys Read Gals Read, Inc. board, volunteering with FYSA as a youth soccer coach, and most recently, serving on the FNSB School

Board Budget Committee.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

The FNSB School District faces many challenges, including implementation of the Alaska Reads Act, recruiting and retaining educators, and responding to ongoing budget shortfalls. Now, more than ever, our school board needs leadership that can make rational, objective decisions that are based on facts and stakeholder input.

My work with the School Board's Budget Committee has provided me with insight into our budget challenges. Whether or not the district gets more funding during the next budget cycle, I will prioritize all students, ensure that dollars are spent wisely, and make sure that programs are preserved. I have a proven track record of successful negotiation through my job with the State, and would use these skills to reach out to legislators and borough assembly members in order to lobby for fully funded schools.

I am committed to listening to community members, educators, and parents and students in order to best understand what Fairbanksans want their schools to look like. I will ensure that I'm fully informed on all issues so that, before I vote, I understand their impact on all of the district's students, staff, and schools.

As a proud product of our local schools, I know how great this district is. I want to ensure that my kids, my friends' kids, and all of this community's students have the same high quality education that I had. To accomplish this goal, I will seek input from educators and parents, and will continually work toward finding Common Ground for the Common Good.

FNSB School Board (Seat F)

3-Year Term



April Smith

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Biographical Information:

I am a 26-year resident of Fairbanks/North Pole. I have 10 children, 3 graduates, 2 high schoolers, a middle schooler, 3 elementary schoolers, and my baby daughter is 3. My husband and I chose to raise our large family in the Golden Heart because we love the community and know there is no better place for opportunity and growth. An early career in tourism helped me embrace and love this town. Once we had children, I chose to stay home and raise our growing family. After home-schooling for many years, I took up real estate as a way to invest in helping other families make their homes in our beautiful community. I am still a licensed real estate professional. I serve on the boards of several non-profits and look for ways to keep Fairbanks a place families and businesses want to settle and thrive in for generations.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

I am a dedicated, trustworthy, reliable person who supports public education tirelessly. I believe that the backbone of a thriving community is excellent educational opportunities. I support innovative, responsible, safe educational environments for all students. I firmly believe that Fairbanks educators have what it takes to offer a world-class education and will work toward building trust that will bring funding for future growth. Spending responsibly while investing in giving students and families what they need to be competitive in a diverse and changing society is my top priority. I intend to spend considerable resources completely reviewing policies in the coming years to ensure that proper guardrails are in place to keep students and employees safe and to allow them to focus on the best educational outcomes for every student, our community deserves nothing less.

FNSB School Board (Seat G) 3-Year Term



Maggie Matheson

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Biographical Information:

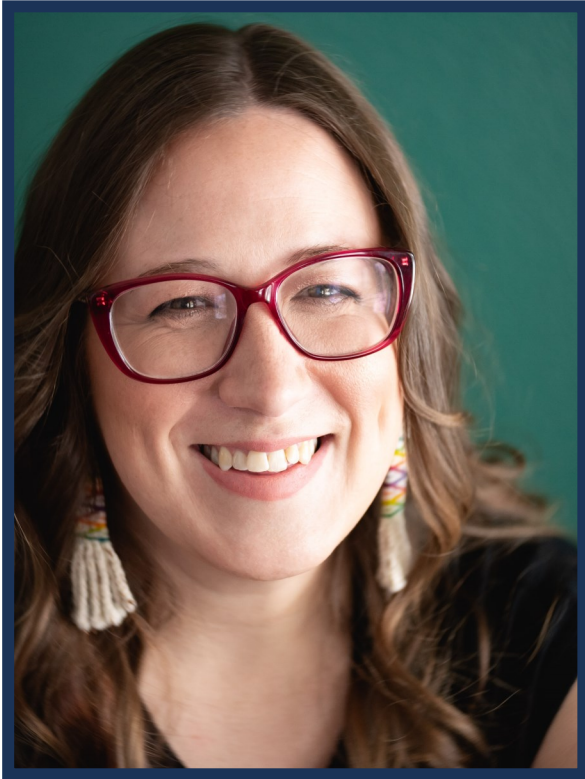
No information provided.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

No information provided.

FNSB School Board (Seat G)

3-Year Term



Meredith Maple

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Biographical Information:

Born and raised in Louisville, KY, I made Fairbanks my home in 2015 and immediately began working with children. I ran an in-home daycare until 2018, when I accepted a position at the Fairbanks Children's Museum. I became the museum's Executive Director in 2019.

In 2017, my husband Kel Gitter and I became licensed foster parents, and in 2022 we had the privilege of adopting our daughter.

I received my BA in History at the University of Louisville with minors in Spanish and Political Science as well as my MA in Public History. I currently serve on the board of directors for two local nonprofits, chair the FNSB's Early Childhood Development Commission, and am on the Education & Workforce Development Committee at the Chamber of Commerce.

When I am not working or volunteering you can find me camping with my husband, kids, and dogs!

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

With your support and vote I will work to promote early childhood education, attract a strong workforce with strong schools, and make sure that all students are set up for success.

Our district currently does a phenomenal job of providing pre-K services to our special education students. Expansion of these services could offer a powerful way to set all students up for long-term academic achievement, especially as we implement the AK Reads Act.

We must ensure that all children are successful throughout their school careers. The board can do this by fully supporting the district's Student Support Services. The passionate staff at the Foster Care Program, Alaska Native Education Program, Migrant Education Program, and McKinney-Vento Program (working with students experiencing homelessness) work hard to support all the district's families and students. As a board, we can spread information about these programs, as well as spread awareness of the systemic issues impacting students receiving their services.

Workforce development is critical to the health of our community. As a chamber member, I participate in regular conversations and advocacy dedicated to attracting and retaining a skilled Fairbanks workforce. Our community must have resources that appeal to prospective residents when they explore employment options. Public schools are one of the most important resources we can offer future residents and they should be funded accordingly.

My commitment to this community is clear, and I am eager to continue that commitment as a member of the FNSBSD School Board.

Interior Alaska Natural Gas Utility Board (IGU) (At-Large Seat C)



Jim Dodson

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Biographical Information:

Residence: Fairbanks, Alaska

Marital Status: Married (Kathi Dodson - 4 children – 5 grandchildren)

Retired in 2021 after serving 15 years as President/CEO Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation

Prev. Military Groups: Chief of Staff of the Air Force’s Civilian Advisory Board, Member Alaska Command Commander’s Civilian Board.

Education: B.S. Accounting/Management

Military: U.S. Army Vietnam 5th Special Forces Group
University of Alaska Fairbanks Chancellor’s Advisory Board. (Past)

Member FNSB Planning and Zoning Commission. (Past)

President of Alaska Air Carriers Association. (Past)

President of Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. (Past)

I have served as President/CEO of Denali Group, a trucking transportation business employing 200 with gross sales of approximately \$200 million. From 1973 to 1979, I was an owner and CEO of Frontier Flying Service, a scheduled and charter company that owned 34 aircraft and employed 70 personnel. I was born and raised in Fairbanks and am a graduate of UAF School of Management.

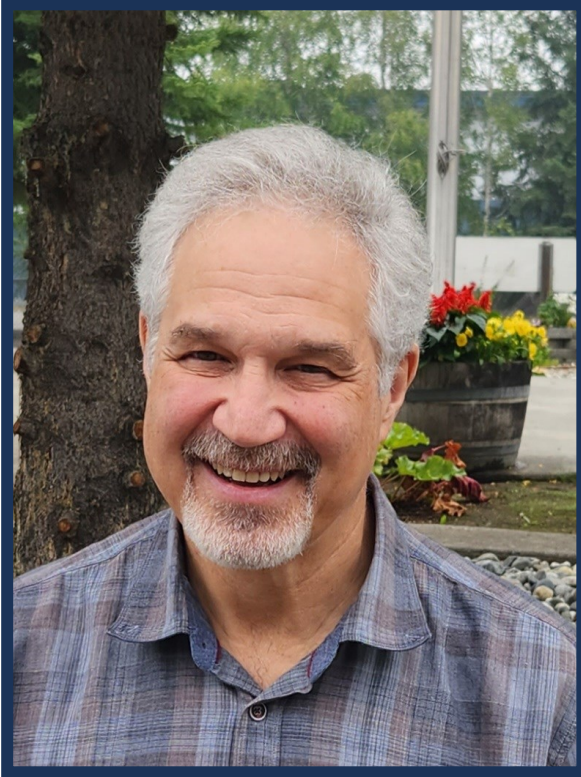
Non-Partisan Position Statement:

My lifetime of work and service in Alaska has made it clear to me that the availability of energy and the cost of energy has been a major deterrent to the development of Alaska and to prosperity of Alaskans. For several years I have worked on energy projects and proposals that I hoped would bring clean, affordable energy to Alaska and/or Fairbanks. More than ten years ago, as president of FEDC, we began work on a project we called “Energy for All Alaska”. That project evolved into a focus on Fairbanks and today is IGU. We helped create IGU and today I would like to help it grow. My dedication to service did not start today.

I have served on numerous local, state and national boards – notable amongst them: State of Alaska Military Force Advocacy and Structure Team (AMFAST), the State of Alaska Aviation Advisory Board, the Board of Directors of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, and the Holland America Advisory Board. I was the recipient of the Messer Award for outstanding service in community and military relations (2005 & 2017), the Alaska Legion of Merit Award in 2017 and Business Leader of the Year (presented by the UAF School of Management) in 2019. I have always strived to make things better than I found them. If elected to the IGU Board, I pledge to serve with the same goal.

I would appreciate your vote.

Interior Alaska Natural Gas Utility Board (IGU) (At-Large Seat D)



Pete Kelly

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Biographical Information:

I am currently the CEO of the Fairbanks Rescue Mission. I was born and raised in Fairbanks as was my wife Perri and we have been married for 42 years. Perri and I both received our bachelor's degrees while raising our kids and working. She is a graduate of UAF and I graduated from Liberty University with a degree in Business Management.

I spent ten years in the State Senate. I was elected by my peers as chair of the Senate Finance Committee 3 times and as Senate President in 2017. I also served in the House of Representatives for four years all of which were on the Finance Committee.

Most of my time has been in the private sector, but I spent 6 years as the Director of State Relations at the University of Alaska

Perri and I have 3 children, all of whom live in Fairbanks.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

I am generally supportive of the direction taken by the current board of IGU and have no plans to upset the good work they have done to this point. My experience as Senate President, and as CEO of a large nonprofit has given me valuable experience dealing with complex organizations. In addition, as chair of Senate Finance I have participated in the long term struggle to bring clean, affordable heating to Fairbanks and North Pole.

The IGU is not a political board it is a policy board and members should resist involvement in politics outside the narrowly defined parameters of the utility. Nevertheless, there will come a time when organized political activists will manufacture some cause and come against this board. They will buy cleverly crafted ads. They will pack meetings and threaten board members to acquiesce to their demands. I will say no. I am very comfortable with these kinds of political fights and happy to go against contrived public sentiment when it conflicts with the best interest of our community – even when it is unpopular.

Interior Alaska Natural Gas Utility Board (IGU) (At-Large Seat D)



Sherri L. Wall

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Biographical Information:

My name is Sherri Wall and I've lived in Fairbanks for over 30 years, actively participating in our truly unique, vibrant community. It was an incredible place to raise three sons, and now I get to see my grand children engaging in the wonderful opportunities that Fairbanks has to offer.

I received my Master's of Science in Resource and Applied Economics from UAF in 2005, and began my position as a full-time instructor in 2006. I have felt very privileged to interact with hundreds of amazing, intellectually curious students during my teaching career.

I am honored to volunteer with Angels in Motion (AIM) which serves those in need in our community. My hobbies include teaching group exercise classes, hiking on our trail system, and playing pickleball!



Non-Partisan Position Statement:

Because I've benefitted from the hard work and dedication of individuals who've selflessly served the FNSB, I feel it is time for me to step up and continue in their tradition. I feel that I will bring diversity to the board, offering a point of view that focuses on tenable solutions that foster economic, environmental and social sustainability in our community.

With the EPA threatening to penalize us because of our serious air pollution issue involving Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5), it is time for us to do everything within our power to enable homes and businesses to benefit from cost-saving, natural gas, the cleanest-burning fossil fuel.

City of Fairbanks

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 SAMPLE BALLOT REGULAR ELECTION - OCTOBER 3, 2023 CITY OF FAIRBANKS	
<p>Instructions: To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice, like this:  Use a black pen to mark your ballot. NO RED INK. If you make a mistake, you may ask for a new ballot.</p>	
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL SEAT E 3-Year Term (2023-2026) Vote For Not More Than One (1)	
<p><input type="radio"/> Sean MacDonald <input type="radio"/> Lonny Marney <input type="radio"/> Write-In</p>	
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL SEAT F 3-Year Term (2023-2026) Vote For Not More Than One (1)	
<p><input type="radio"/> Shoshana R. Kun <input type="radio"/> John Ringstad <input type="radio"/> Write-In</p>	

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City of Fairbanks

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CITY OF FAIRBANKS

PROPOSITION A

INFORMATION: In 1997, the City sold its utility system to a consortium of buyers in exchange for \$87.5 million in cash, payoff of \$47.6 million in utility debt, and other consideration. Of the total proceeds, the City received \$2 million from the water/wastewater purchasers. As part of the overall utility sale, the Peger Road Wastewater Treatment Plant has been operated by Golden Heart Utilities ("GHU") subject to a lease-purchase agreement paying \$33,075 per month to the City Permanent Fund. GHU has not exercised its option to purchase the treatment plant, opting to continue leasing the facility from the City. Over \$10 million has been received in lease payments to date.

The City is eligible to borrow funds from the Alaska Clean Water Fund at 1.5% interest and proposes to borrow up to \$8.2 million for a biosolids remediation pilot testing project to provide a fit-for-purpose technology designed to thermally treat wastewater biosolids (\$1.5 million), for a grit removal project to support ultraviolet treatment (\$1.7 million), and for an ultraviolet disinfection project to ensure compliance with permitted levels of residual chlorine (\$5.0 million) at the wastewater treatment plant. GHU has agreed to repay this loan and interest in full, plus pay the City a 0.5% loan origination fee and other costs. GHU estimates that ratepayers will see an increase of approximately 2.63% to pay for this project. If GHU were to use conventional financing sources instead of using funds secured by the City, the increase would be approximately 5.92%.

QUESTION: Should City of Fairbanks Ordinance No. 6256, as Amended, be ratified?

A "YES" vote ratifies Ordinance No. 6256, as Amended, which authorizes the Mayor to enter into agreements with the State of Alaska and Golden Heart Utilities (GHU) to borrow up to \$8.2 million at 1.5% interest from the Alaska Clean Water Fund for Projects at the Peger Road Wastewater Treatment Plant, with GHU to pay in full all principal, interest, and fees.

A "NO" vote rejects Ordinance No. 6256, as Amended.

YES

NO

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Fairbanks City Council (Seat E)

3-Year Term



Sean MacDonald

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Biographical Information:

Sean is a Fairbanks local, born in the city on June 6th 1986. He has fond memories of walking to his grandparent's house, swimming in the Chena River, and riding bikes with friends late into the summer nights. Sean loves playing hockey, but eventually found it more affordable to play indoor soccer instead (a sport he also enjoys).

He studied Film & Video at Columbia College of Chicago and currently works as a producer for the local television stations.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

I want to see Fairbanks become a more pedestrian friendly city. I would also like to make sure that our police and fire departments are community-oriented, appropriately funded, and effective. Additionally, the city government needs to do more to make sure that construction projects do not negatively affect our local businesses.

Fairbanks is an important city that needs to maintain its unique character, the best way to achieve this goal is to make sure that the city government is a strong player in local politics. In all matters where I am unfamiliar with the issues, I will strive to learn as much as I can and let my faith and life experiences guide me.

Fairbanks City Council (Seat E)

3-Year Term



Lonny R. Marney

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Biographical Information:

My name is Lonny Marney and I am a candidate for reelection for Fairbanks City Council Seat E. During my 49 years I have lived in Fairbanks I have worked as a purchasing agent for an airline, a parts and service manager for two automotive dealerships, and retired as parts manager at The Outpost.

I have been married to my best friend and confident, Michele for 43 years and together raised two sons in Fairbanks. Fairbanks is a great place to raise a family and nurture lifelong friends. With an open mind I will always listen to you and respect your opinions and concerns.

I have been honored to serve as your Councilman for the last 3 years. I look forward to serving again for the next 3 years as your City Councilman. I need your support, and I'm asking for your vote October 3rd.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

I Believe And Support

- * The city charter's requirement for balanced budgets
- * Protecting the city's permanent fund so the city can continue to use Earnings to provide services
- * Maintaining the city's debt free status-few cities are this fortunate
- * Working toward full staffing our Police Department and 911 call center
- * Making sure public works has sufficient financial resources to repair roads and increase snow removal capabilities.
- * Protection the city's capital fund so we do not fall on deferred maintenance or equipment repair and replacement
- * During my first term, I listened and learned the in's and out's of the city's policies, codes and employees
- * Sat in on three labor negotiations
- * As Chair of the Room Tax Discretionary Committee, I proposed and ordinance and presented it before the City Council to change a 20 year old distribution formula increasing the City's portion and made fair adjustments to the other recipients. The Ordinance Passed!

That's why I'm running for reelection, I would be extremely Honored to serve on the city council for another 3 years. I ask for your support and Vote October 3rd.

Fairbanks City Council (Seat F) 3-Year Term



Shoshana Kun

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Biographical Information:

My name is Shoshana Kun and I am running for Fairbanks City Council Seat F. I have previously served on Council under Seat A in 2018 to 2021. I have resided in Fairbanks for over 20 years and raised two children here. My previous experience includes serving on several non-profit boards and worked with large budgets. I currently am a member of the Fairbanks Host Lions and serve as vice chair for a political party.

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

I opted to run for office because I feel that Fairbanks needs long-term vision. We are growing as a city and services need to reflect that. Through pass-through grants that city will be better equipped. I would like to see a warming-hut available again this winter. I will also dedicate myself to ensuring fair labor negotiations. My other focus will be on revising ordinances that are outdated in order to reflect the growing Golden Heart City. Please vote for me October 3rd.

Fairbanks City Council (Seat F)

3-Year Term



John Ringstad

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Biographical Information:

John Ringstad is a third generation Alaskan, born and raised in Fairbanks. He has a wife, three children and five grandchildren. Growing up in a large family, he values the importance of hard work and investing in what you care about. He's spent his life fighting for the rights of Alaskans and supporting the local economy.

After graduating from Monroe and UAF, John followed in his grandmother's (Fairbanks Mayor Sylvia Ringstad) footsteps pursuing positive change at the government level. He went on to serve two terms in the Alaska State Legislature where he focused on resource development, budgets, private land ownership, and collaborating with local businesses owners. He has worked in real estate, banking, as a truck driver, in government and public relations, and as a lobbyist for the school district. He also served as a board member for multiple

local organizations.



For more information please visit John-Ringstad.com

Non-Partisan Position Statement:

No information provided.

City of North Pole

Sample Ballot

 SAMPLE BALLOT REGULAR ELECTION - OCTOBER 3, 2023 CITY OF NORTH POLE	
Instructions: To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice, like this:  Use a black pen to mark your ballot. NO RED INK. If you make a mistake, you may ask for a new ballot.	
NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL 3-Year Term (2023-2026) Vote For Not More Than Two (2)	
<input type="radio"/> Ellen Glab	
<input type="radio"/> Larry Terch III	
<input type="radio"/> Benjamin Williams Jr.	
<input type="radio"/> Write-In	
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CITY OF NORTH POLE PROPOSITION 1 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTH POLE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A \$1.5 MILLION FORGIVABLE LOAN TO MITIGATE EMERGING CONTAMINATES (TO INCLUDE PFAS)	
<p>The City of North Pole is requesting authority to apply for and accept a \$1.5 million forgivable loan from Alaska Division of Water State Revolving Fund to monitor and mitigate emerging contaminants. Emerging contaminants include, but are not limited to, per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other persistent organic pollutants; biological contaminants and microorganisms; some compounds of pharmaceuticals and personal care products; nanomaterials and microplastics; and harmful algal blooms in surface waters. This loan will be for 20 years at an annual interest rate of 1.5%. If needed, the City will repay the loan from the existing general funds. The City's annual loan payment will be approximately \$86,858, although this loan is forgivable (all funds paid will be reimbursed to the City). The Alaska Division of Water State Revolving Fund stated it will reimburse the City of North Pole for 100% of the loan.</p> <p>Shall the City of North Pole apply for and accept a \$1,500,000 forgivable loan offer from Alaska Division of Water State Revolving Fund at an interest rate of 1.5% for a period of 20 years to be repaid from general funds for the purpose of mitigating emerging contaminants?</p>	
<input type="radio"/> YES	
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City of North Pole

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CITY OF NORTH POLE

PROPOSITION 2

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTH POLE TO ACCEPT A \$653,000 LOAN TO DESIGN NEW WATER MAINS TO ADDRESS POTENTIAL WATER SYSTEM FAILURE

The North Pole Utility is requesting authority to accept a \$653,000 loan from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) to fund planning and design of replacement water main distribution system (Downtown Loop area) for the City of North Pole. The Downtown Loop area, which was developed in the 1970s and early 1980s, consists of approximately eight miles of distribution water mains. However, most of these mains are over 50 years old and made of thin-gauge steel piping, which experience significant and constant leaks at the fittings and joints. The Downtown Loop water mains typically operate between 80 to 135 pounds per square gauge (psig), exceeding the 100-psig pressure rating of the system pipes and contributing to the leaking issue. This operating range does not include the increased range during the tourism season or the winter months when the pipes can freeze, causing further damage to the system and aging pipes. As the population is expected to increase, the risk current system failure is an important issue for the City. Leaks and failures will result in infrastructure damage, emergency service disruptions, human health risks, safety issues, and will negatively impact economic development. This loan will be for 20 years at an annual interest rate of 1.5%. The Utility will repay the loan from the existing capital construction utility charges collected from all utility rate payers. This project will not use property taxes nor sales tax for either construction costs or to repay the loan. The Utility's annual loan payment will be approximately \$37,824.

Shall the City of North Pole accept a \$653,000 loan offer from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) at an interest rate of 1.5% for a period of 20 years to be repaid from the existing capital construction utility charges collected from all utility rate payers for the purpose of mitigating emerging contaminants?

- YES
- NO

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North Pole City Council

3-Year Term



Ellen Glab

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Ellen Glab moved to the City of North Pole in September of 2021 with her husband and children following her husband's change in position with the Federal Aviation Administration. Ellen Glab spent the seven years before her family moved to the City of North Pole as a City Clerk for the City of Hume. There she learned the ins and outs of city government. Ellen was active in working with the different organizations throughout the city to create a positive environment for the citizens. She even participated in a "Kiss the Pig Fundraiser" between the city hall and the fire department. In 2022 Ellen went to work for the City of North Pole as their Human Resources Generalist where she grew to admire the connectivity of the City of North Pole. Ellen Glab left her position with the city as an employee with the sole intention of trying to serve the City of North Pole on a higher level.

As a council member, Ellen Glab will bring a knowledge of government and a dedication to serving with the belief that every person should be heard and all voices are equal. With a drive to improve the environment for the current citizens and their children to come. Ellen Glab will bring a ready-to-change attitude to the council to help usher in new ideas to continue to improve the City of North Pole. In a time of great change, Ellen intends to help with the transition to how things are versus how they used to be in a way that is effective for all citizens.

North Pole City Council 3-Year Term



Larry Terch III

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I am fully invested in the North Pole community, where I have made my home for the past 35 years with my wife and three children. I am ready to work on building a lasting future for the next generation to thrive in our community. We are currently in a position to see growth in the North Pole area that has yet to be seen since the pipeline days. My professional experiences as a truck driver, equipment operator, slope worker, and a local Realtor for the last seven years allow me to use my life experiences to make financially responsible decisions affecting our town. I serve on the North Pole Housing Association that manages Holiday Heights senior living on 8th Ave in North Pole. I have served as a member of the Salcha-Badger Road Area Planning Commission, which focused on the F-35 growth and years beyond. Thank you for your support and your VOTE in October.

North Pole City Council 3-Year Term



Benjamin Williams Jr.

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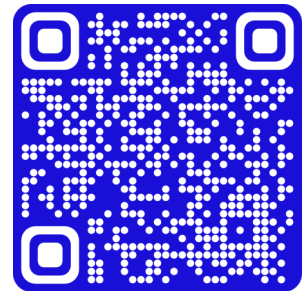
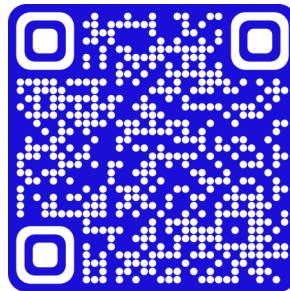
After I graduated from high school then there was College. I thought being a music major was the way to go. But the **Air Force** had my calling. In the service I had many careers, administration clerk, interior & exterior electrician, control specialist, Bio & Chemical warfare specialist, & then a First Sergeant. Also the schools and the mandatory courses in the Air Force assisted in many ways of getting that basic information to me. My life after the Air Force, I became the individual that repaired outside airport equipment when things went wrong. Try doing that at -40° . There is a smart way of doing that task. Again, the schools and the mandatory courses in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) assisted in many ways of getting that basic information to me once more.

There were two jobs that work in concert. One job taught me to think what if & long term thinking, & the other taught me to work with people & do what is best for the people & the Air Force. Both of these jobs still hold true for today.

The reasons that I am running are I would like to advance our city forward & improve it towards the future & have our city become a model for all other cities to follow. Another reason is to have our people view situations as the glass is all ways half full & not half empty. Another reason is listen to ideas from others & build on their ideas. Another reason is take good and bad ideas and build on them for the good of North Pole.

ELECTION RESULTS

- Unofficial election results will be available at [FNSB.gov](https://www.fnsb.gov) on election night, October 3, 2023.
- Qualified questioned and absentee ballots will be counted on October 10, 2023, and results will be updated at [FNSB.gov](https://www.fnsb.gov).
- Election results remain unofficial until certified by the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, Fairbanks City Council and North Pole City Council, respectively.



OUR TOWN. YOUR VOTE.