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Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 3:59 PM
To: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Cc: Forrest, Sharon A (GOV)
Subject: Constitutional Convention question

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From: Fenumiai, Gail M (GOV)
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 10:48 AM
To: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Subject: RE: Constitutional Convention question

Thank you. I will have Sharon reach out to you.

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From: McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV)
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 4:21 PM
To: i.slomski-pritz@shipcreekgroup.com; bob.bird@hotmail.com
Cc: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Subject: Election Pamphlet Convention Question
Attachments: Authors of Ballot Measure Statements - CC (002).pdf

Greetings,

Thank you for providing a statement on the constitutional convention for the election pamphlet. Here are the guidelines.

- Deadline – June 30th; preferably sooner if possible. The statement will need to be translated into 7 languages and submitting it sooner helps our translation team.
- Word limit – AS 15.58.020(a)(10) provides the Official Election Pamphlet “must contain . . . a full statement of the question placed on the ballot [and] statements not to exceed 500 words that advocate voter approval or rejection of the question.”
- At the end of the statement, there must include a signer’s block. The signer’s block must include no more than three signers and include the signers’ full names and organizations if any. The Division of Elections follows guide 6 AAC 25.710(d). Attached is a signer sheet that can be used for the constitutional convention question statements. You can return this with your statement.

If you have any further questions regarding guidelines and protocols, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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Division of Elections
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Statements Advocating Voter Approval or Rejection

We, the undersigned, declare that we are the authors of the Pro Con (check one)
statement pertaining to the ballot measure for the Constitutional Convention Question.

Authors names and title/organization

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Signatures (if authors are not in the same locale, each author may sign a separate form and send to the Division of Elections):

Author Signature

Date

Author Signature

Date

Author Signature

Date

From: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 11:14 AM
To: Lieutenant Governor Kevin Meyer (GOV sponsored); Griffith, Kimberly D (GOV)
Subject: FW: Ballot Statement
Attachments: Con-Con ballot statement.docx

FYI – here is the Pro statement for the Constitutional convention written by Bob Bird.
-Josh

From: Bob Bird <bob.bird@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:10 AM
To: Applebee, Josh M (GOV) <josh.applebee@alaska.gov>
Subject: Ballot Statement

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Josh:

After many re-writes, I have decided to numeralize some of the "Pro" arguments in this Ballot Explanation.

I have kept the original, non-numeralized version, so I will be happy to submit it upon any consultation from you or the Lt. Governor's advice.

It was an honor to be asked, and of course I will make any other modifications that you might advise.

Please confirm receipt.

With sincere best wishes,

Bob Bird
907-398-9373

“Shall there be a constitutional convention?”

Yes! Our beloved state has been captured by massive political corruption. The amendments that might have been proposed for simpler solutions to a convention have been rejected for years by the legislature, while the judiciary has invented new unconstitutional powers for themselves.

1. The Alaska PFD must be constitutionalized.
2. The Judicial Council, which appoints judges and is rigged in favor of lawyers, needs to be discarded.
3. We must reject the violations of the federal constitution that were imposed upon us at statehood. While we must continue to guarantee native lands, Alaska was forced to include in our constitution Article 12, Section 12. This gave the federal government property that has no basis in the U.S. Constitution, which violates Article I, Section 8, clause 17, plus the 10th Amendment. Having the federal government own 65% of our state completely suffocates Alaska’s ability to become economically prosperous and self-supporting.
4. Over the years a power grab by the judiciary has actually overthrown our state constitution. They have seized the power of the purse, the governor’s line-item veto and the legislature’s ability to override it. They invented the “duty” to amend the constitution through case law opinions. The courts have seized the definition of privacy, which is specifically reserved to the legislature in Article 1, Section 22.

Both the executive and legislative branches have had the power to halt this, but it is merely implied.

5. Therefore, the constitution needs to be more strongly worded so that citizens, governors and legislators will understand that the judiciary’s power to interpret the constitution must be shared. As it was said in Federalist #78:

“The judiciary has no influence over either the enforcement or the purse; no direction either of the strength or of the wealth of the society. It may truly be said to have neither force nor will, but merely judgment; and must ultimately depend upon the aid of the executive arm even for enforcement of its judgments.”

6. In addition, election integrity must be addressed so that machines and computers can never again be used, and that chain-of-custody is protected by citizen poll-watchers.

A constitutional convention is a risk, but Alaskans are risk-takers and we cannot allow contrived fears to rule us. If this ballot measure should pass, we must insist the following: That the delegates not be sitting members of the legislature. They must be Alaskans of at least 5 years or more continuous residency, and they must be chosen by “town hall” type meetings through each precinct and district, not by expensive campaigns and electioneering.

Our current constitution reads that all political power is inherent in the people, government originates from the people, is instituted for the good of the people as a whole, and is founded on their will only.

This may be our last chance to do that.

In the name of liberty for ourselves and our future generations, please vote “Yes”.

From: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 10:26 AM
To: Levale, Kady E K (GOV); McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Constitutional Convention question

Kady and Kaitlyn,
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Josh

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Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 11:56 AM
To: McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Convention Question

Bob sounds excited. We will need the answers to these questions for both sides.
Please reach out to Gail for them.

Also, once we get confirmation from the Ship Creek guys we can send out 1 email to both so we know they are getting the same information at the same time.

Thanks

Josh

From: Bob Bird <bob.bird@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 11:50 AM
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Josh:

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From: Espindola, John M (GOV)
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 3:04 PM
To: Gallagher, Tyson C (GOV); Applebee, Josh M (GOV); Brefczynski, Brandon E (GOV)
Cc: Williams, Liz (GOV)
Subject: FW: To: Mike Dunleavy, RE: Constitutional Convention statement in the voter pamphlet

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John Espindola
Special Assistant to the Governor
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From: J. Cassellius <jcassellius@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2022 8:45 PM
To: Espindola, John M (GOV) <John.Espindola@Alaska.gov>; Brett Huber <bretthuber62@gmail.com>; Gialopsos, Vasiliios (DNR) <akis.gialopsos@alaska.gov>
Subject: To: Mike Dunleavy, RE: Constitutional Convention statement in the voter pamphlet

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Attn: Mike Dunleavy and friends in Alaskans in government,
I'm sending you this column by State Constitutional Convention scholar, Dr. JH Snider. He is addressing the problem of bias in the voter pamphlet on the Constitutional Convention.
Recently, I found that Bob Bird (of the Alaska Independence Party or some marginal group like that) was selected to write the Pro-Convention statement. Bob Bird has no group/coalition for the Convention. Why was he selected?
Senator Mike Shower is more knowledgeable about the reasons for the Convention, and is more credible on this issue than Bob Bird. Can you resubmit a statement by Shower?
Snider suggests litigating against this kind of manipulation of voter information. It is fitting that the Lt. Gov office would produce basic information about how the Convention process works, but that has not been done. The public is not receiving needed information about the election due to this inaction and representing the convention by an extreme Right political statement. Will you try to remedy this big problem with the voter pamphlet?

I appreciate knowing if Governor Dunleavy read this.
In hope for the future of Alaska -
Juanita Cassellius
Eagle River

Opinion: Apparent biases at work in creating pro-ConCon statement

People should demand the lt. gov. find an authority to explain the referendum's democratic function.

- J.H. Snider
- Tuesday, June 7, 2022 11:04am
- **OPINION**

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By J.H. Snider

In 1970, the first time the decennial referendum on whether to call a constitutional convention was on Alaska's ballot, Alaskans voted yes. In 1972, Alaska's Supreme Court overturned that result, ruling that the referendum had been biased in favor of calling a convention because it misleadingly implied that the constitution mandated "a convention rather than the referendum." Never mind that under that interpretation it would have been illogical to put the referendum on the ballot, let alone extensively debate it in the news media.

Since then, Alaska's Division of Elections, under the lieutenant governor's control, has perpetrated a negative bias via an election pamphlet including a pro and con statement on the convention question. This pamphlet is hugely influential because it is mailed to every Alaskan voter shortly before the election and because voters have minimal knowledge about why Alaska's framers mandated the convention referendum and how that mandate relates to their present discontent with government.

For other referendums on the ballot, the lieutenant governor must first ask the referendum's sponsor for the pro statement. This isn't possible for the convention referendum because the constitution mandates the referendum.

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This has given the lieutenant. governor, working with the Division of Elections, tremendous flexibility in choosing the pro statement — flexibility he has been able to exercise secretly, arbitrarily and with minimal democratic accountability. The insiders' deadline for submitting the statement was recently postponed from May 17 to June 30.

In 2002 and 2012, the last two times the Lieutenant Governor chose a pro statement, he chose the statement of former Alaska Attorney General John Havelock, who in 1992, the previous time the question was on the ballot, wrote the con statement.

Havelock's conversion from fierce opponent to supporter appears to have been genuine. But he had little sense of the history or democratic function of the convention referendum, and his pro statements failed to clearly state that the Legislature has a blatant conflict of interest in proposing constitutional amendments that might reduce its own power. Instead, he observed that constitutions should change with the times and provided a laundry list of issues a convention might address. Consistent with opponents' arguments, readers could then infer that it is less costly to let the Legislature propose such amendments.

Havelock's short 2012 book, "Why We Need An Alaska Constitutional Convention," features what has become an influential and popular argument to protect Alaska's Permanent Fund Dividend. Alas, it suffers from the same malady as his pro statements.

The Legislature lacks an incentive to fix the abysmal laws that gave the Lieutenant Governor so much hidden discretion to bias the election pamphlet against calling a convention. After all, the Legislature benefits from the current biased process designed to preserve its gatekeeping power over constitutional amendment. I even wonder if Alaska's 1970 lieutenant governor, the legally mandated defendant, wholeheartedly sought to defend the pro-convention election result as opposed to his own behavior.

Two logical ways to bias a pro convention election pamphlet are to either pick a respected authority who nevertheless makes a poor case, or pick someone widely viewed as an extremist so what he says won't matter. For this fall's pamphlet, my sense is that the lieutenant governor will choose the second approach, which would mesh nicely with convention opponents' current strategy of making relatively unpopular causes the face of convention supporters. Never mind that voters would never approve such reforms so a convention would be stupid to place them on the ballot.

To write the pro statement, the public should demand that the lieutenant governor find a widely respected authority who can explain the convention referendum's unique democratic function. If the lieutenant governor yet again acts on behalf of Alaska's political insiders, then the biased pro statement he orchestrates should be litigated, as in 1972. Would Alaska's Supreme Court, consistent with its previous claimed concern about biased government ballot information, take on Alaska's most powerful lawmakers and special interests, who passionately oppose calling a convention and whose support the court's members often seek in their retention elections? Hopefully, yes.

Barring such a ruling, Alaska's statutory initiative should be used to permanently fix the pro statement to educate the public about the unique democratic function of Alaska's decennial periodic convention referendum. There is a shared democratic reason why Alaska's Legislature wasn't either allowed to ratify constitutional amendments it proposed or granted monopoly proposal power over all constitutional amendments. That reason: the Legislature has a blatant conflict of interest with the people in constituting its own powers.

• *J.H. Snider is editor for the Alaska State Constitutional Convention Clearinghouse.*

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From: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 1:38 PM
To: Fradley, Tara D (GOV)
Subject: Language

On the November 8th General Election Ballot, voters will find Ballot Measure No. 1, the Constitutional Convention Question:

- Shall there be a constitutional convention?

A yes vote would be a vote to hold a constitutional convention for the purposes of making revisions to our state constitution. This vote begins the process of electing delegates, determining a time and location, convening and holding a convention, and providing a final draft product for Alaskans to vote on ratification.

A no vote would keep the constitution unchanged in current form.

This vote happens every 10 years as directed by the state constitution.

From: McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 2:03 PM
To: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Subject: Ms. Cassellius

Hi Josh,

Ms. Cassellius' response got lost in my junk folder. Would you like me to further respond?

Thank you,

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From: PFD Alaskans <pfd4ak@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 12:56 PM
To: McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV) <kaitlyn.mcdowell@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Constitutional Convention

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Hi Ms. Kaitlyn - Great to get this info! That's very interesting the Elections can't provide info considering this is on the Nov. ballot - right? Will check on why that is. Maybe it's simply not allowing the administration to weigh in so that the info will be more independent?

Thanks for helping this info search get going -
Juanita

On Tue, Apr 19, 2022 at 10:26 AM McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV) <kaitlyn.mcdowell@alaska.gov> wrote:

Greetings Ms. Cassellius,

I have attached the Citizens Guide to the Constitution which gives an in-depth explanation of each section. Please see [Article XIII Section 3 Call by Referendum](#) for the section regarding the constitutional convention.

I have also attached a White Paper from Senator Gary Stevens's office which answers some commonly asked questions regarding the constitutional convention.

Statutes do not allow the Division of Elections to provide educational material on the constitutional convention.

Thank you,

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From: Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 3:48 AM
To: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Subject: Pamphlet

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Josh,

I asked DOE last week but heard nothing (Monday I think). I was not aware of the constitutional convention portion of the pamphlet and the "for" statement in it. Found out through the grapevine Bob Bird wrote it. I would like to have a chance to add to that or perhaps add my name to the support side of the pamphlet.

Do you know of anyone who might help me on this in the office or DOE?

Wondering if the summer schedule and the election craziness has them tapped out so asking you at this point instead. I would have liked to have written something short for it but never heard about it.

Thanks,

Mike

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From: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 11:55 AM
To: Bob Bird
Subject: RE: Convention Question

Thank you Bob! I will have Kaitlyn from our office follow up with the answers to your questions.

Have a wonderful Friday.

Josh

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From: McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 3:33 PM
To: Ira Slomski-Pritz
Cc: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Subject: RE: Election Pamphlet Convention Question

Yes, we need the signature block tomorrow.

Thank you,

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From: Ira Slomski-Pritz <i.slomski-pritz@shipcreekgroup.com>
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To: McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV) <kaitlyn.mcdowell@alaska.gov>
Cc: Applebee, Josh M (GOV) <josh.applebee@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Election Pamphlet Convention Question

Thanks!

I'm tracking down my third signature. Deadline for that part is tomorrow as well, correct?

Ira

On Wed, Jun 29, 2022 at 9:55 AM McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV) <kaitlyn.mcdowell@alaska.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

The constitutional convention question will be Ballot Measure 1. Thank you for sending over the statement. We appreciate your and the Ship Creek group's efforts.

Thank you,

Kaitlyn McDowell, Executive Assistant

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From: Ira Slomski-Pritz <i.slomski-pritz@shipcreekgroup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 1:18 AM
To: McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV) <kaitlyn.mcdowell@alaska.gov>
Cc: Applebee, Josh M (GOV) <josh.applebee@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Election Pamphlet Convention Question

Hey - the statement is attached.

Can you confirm that this measure will be Ballot Measure 1? If you cannot confirm that, I just need to adjust the last sentence.

Signature block coming next!

On Tue, Jun 28, 2022 at 9:12 AM McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV) <kaitlyn.mcdowell@alaska.gov> wrote:

Just a reminder that the deadline for the statement is in 2 days. Our office and the Division of Elections are anxious to receive the statement as we must translate it into 7 different languages. We appreciate your group's willingness to write this statement.

Please reach out if you have any questions about the guidelines or the signer's block. I have also included the Chief of Staff as a point of contact.

Thank you,

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Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 10:55 PM
To: McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV) <kaitlyn.mcdowell@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Election Pamphlet Convention Question

We're close! Finalizing the statement. Shooting to get it to you asap. I appreciate the reminder

On Wed, Jun 22, 2022 at 10:53 AM McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV) <kaitlyn.mcdowell@alaska.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Slomski-Pritz,

I'm circling back on this request. The deadline is June 30th in eight days. Our office and the Division of Elections would appreciate the statement as soon as possible.

Thank you,

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From: Ira Slomski-Pritz <i.slomski-pritz@shipcreekgroup.com>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 8:14 AM
To: McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV) <kaitlyn.mcdowell@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Election Pamphlet Convention Question

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Hey sorry - we'll shoot to get something this week.

On Fri, Jun 10, 2022 at 1:06 PM McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV) <kaitlyn.mcdowell@alaska.gov> wrote:

Greetings Mr. Slomski-Pritz,

I just wanted to check-in. Do you have any further questions about the guidelines and do you have an idea of when I can expect your statement?

Respectfully,

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Because no state in the nation has held a state constitutional convention in over 36 years, special interests from outside of Alaska would seize this opportunity to make Alaska the testing ground for their political and partisan agendas. Exposing our founding document to years of political infighting, particularly in the face of growing divide in our nation, is the last thing hardworking Alaska families, businesses and communities need.

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On Fri, Jun 10, 2022 at 1:06 PM McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV) <kaitlyn.mcdowell@alaska.gov> wrote:

Greetings Mr. Slomski-Pritz,

I just wanted to check-in. Do you have any further questions about the guidelines and do you have an idea of when I can expect your statement?

Respectfully,

Kaitlyn McDowell, Executive Assistant

Office of Lieutenant Governor Kevin Meyer

PO Box 110015 Juneau, AK 99811

Office 907.465.3520

kaitlyn.mcdowell@alaska.gov

From: McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV)
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 4:21 PM
To: i.slomski-pritz@shipcreekgroup.com; bob.bird@hotmail.com
Cc: Applebee, Josh M (GOV) <josh.applebee@alaska.gov>
Subject: Election Pamphlet Convention Question

Greetings,

Thank you for providing a statement on the constitutional convention for the election pamphlet. Here are the guidelines.

- Deadline – June 30th; preferably sooner if possible. The statement will need to be translated into 7 languages and submitting it sooner helps our translation team.
- Word limit – AS 15.58.020(a)(10) provides the Official Election Pamphlet “must contain . . . a full statement of the question placed on the ballot [and] statements not to exceed 500 words that advocate voter approval or rejection of the question.”
- At the end of the statement, there must include a signer’s block. The signer’s block must include no more than three signers and include the signers’ full names and organizations if any. The Division of Elections follows guide 6 AAC 25.710(d). Attached is a signer sheet that can be used for the constitutional convention question statements. You can return this with your statement.

If you have any further questions regarding guidelines and protocols, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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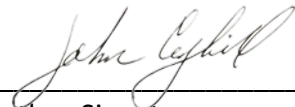
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We, the undersigned, declare that we are the authors of the Pro Con (check one)
statement pertaining to the ballot measure for the Constitutional Convention Question.

Authors names and title/organization

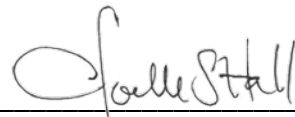
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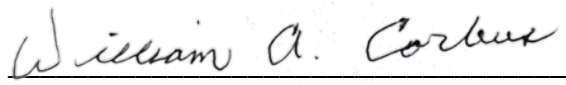
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From: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 6:48 AM
To: clerk@gustavus-ak.gov
Subject: RE: New Constituent Correspondence: Constitutional Convention

Thank you for sending the City of Gustavus' resolution. I will make sure Lt. Governor Meyer sees it right away.

Have a great week and a most excellent weekend!

Josh

Josh Applebee, Chief of Staff
Office of Lt. Governor Kevin Meyer

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From: Karen Platt Platt <clerk@gustavus-ak.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Lieutenant Governor Kevin Meyer (GOV sponsored) <lt.governor@alaska.gov>
Subject: New Constituent Correspondence: Constitutional Convention

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Karen Platt Platt
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9076972451
clerk@gustavus-ak.gov

Message Subject: Constitutional Convention
Message:

Please visit the link below to a Resolution by the City of Gustavus, Alaska opposing a Constitutional Convention.
https://cms.gustavus-ak.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/ordinance/23416/cv22-12_opposing_a_constitutional_convention.pdf

From: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 7:47 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Cc: Lieutenant Governor Kevin Meyer (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Pamphlet

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From: Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 3:48 AM
To: Applebee, Josh M (GOV) <josh.applebee@alaska.gov>
Subject: Pamphlet

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Mike

From: Fenumiai, Gail M (GOV)
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 8:38 AM
To: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Subject: Re: Pamphlet

Thanks Josh. Pamphlet staff said they received one call from someone who didn't identify themselves about this subject and they instructed that person to contact the LGO.

Gail Fenumiai
Director, Division of Elections
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
(907) 465-4611
sent from my iPhone

From: Applebee, Josh M (GOV) <josh.applebee@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 8:46:50 AM
To: Shower, Michael (LEG) <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>
Cc: Lieutenant Governor Kevin Meyer (GOV sponsored) <lt.governor@alaska.gov>
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Mike

From: Bob Bird <bob.bird@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2022 9:55 AM
Subject: Yesterday's Con-Con Talk in Fairbanks

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Dear Friends:

First of all, THANK YOU to Pam Samash, Lance Roberts, Don Haney and Shellie Wyatt for having me shuttled about and made all the hotel arrangements in the brief time that I was in the truly aptly-named "Golden Heart City". And it was 80*+ yesterday!

This talk was necessary because the Interior needs to know the "Pro" arguments for the constitutional convention vote in November, and especially the prolife voters.

Please forward the link below to the Feb. 1 debate between myself and John Coghill if you and your supporters in the Interior have not seen it yet. Some in the audience had. John was not yet then a candidate for Congress. The debate is vitally important and hopefully the UAA debate team will fulfill their intention to hold another one in September.

I worked hard before and during that 2-hour presentation. First of all, because of the recent events, it needed to be updated this week. And then I made the mistake of disdainning a microphone because when the owner asked if I wanted one, I saw only a dozen people on hand. Little did I know a lot more would eventually be coming in. So, I "walked the classroom" to make sure everyone could hear me during the talk.

I heard from Lance that Alaska RTL is uncertain about the need for a "Yes" con-con vote, so I will be happy to make the case just for them.

And please be advised: I cannot give this talk too many times. Churches, conservative action groups, etc can contact me any time.

BTW, the weather from Kenai to Fbks was clear, sunny and 70s all 500 miles along the way. The Alaska Airlines flight took a "Figure 8" detour around Mt. McKinley & Mt. Foraker, too, just to thrill the passengers. They did that on a flight I took in 1990, too. To be at the same height as the 20,000 ft mountain with the wing practically on the summit will make your kidneys work OT.

God bless and please stay in touch.

Bob Bird
907-398-9373

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From: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:01 PM
To: Flynn, Thomas S (LAW)
Cc: Taylor, Treg R (LAW); Mills, Cori M (LAW)
Subject: Re: Constitutional convention question

Thanks Tom.

Josh

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From: Flynn, Thomas S (LAW) <thomas.flynn@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:26:39 PM
To: Applebee, Josh M (GOV) <josh.applebee@alaska.gov>
Cc: Taylor, Treg R (LAW) <treg.taylor@alaska.gov>; Mills, Cori M (LAW) <cori.mills@alaska.gov>
Subject: Constitutional convention question

Josh,

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Thanks,

-Tom

Thomas Flynn

Assistant Attorney General

Labor & State Affairs Section

Alaska Department of Law

1031 West 4th Avenue, Suite 200

Anchorage, AK 99501

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From: McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV)
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 9:47 AM
To: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Subject: FW: public records request

Hi Josh,

I was going to forward Mr. Snider's follow-up to Angela, however, she is out of the office until October 2nd. How would you like me to proceed?

Thank you,

Kaitlyn McDowell, Executive Assistant
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From: 'J.H. Snider' <jhsnider@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 7:39 AM
To: McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV) <kaitlyn.mcdowell@alaska.gov>
Subject: RE: public records request

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I wanted to let you know that I haven't received a response from the Chief Public Records Officer. Please keep in mind 2 AAC 96.325:

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, as soon as practicable, but not later than the 10th working day after the date the agency receives a request for public records that complies with this chapter, the public agency shall
 - (1) furnish all requested records that are disclosable; and
 - (2) advise the requester which of the requested records are nondisclosable, if any, and the specific legal authority and specific facts supporting nondisclosure.
- (b) If the public agency decides that a public record is, in fact, a request for electronic services and products, the public agency shall advise the requester of its decision within 10 working days after receipt of a request and the reasons for this decision.

Sincerely,

J.H. Snider, Editor
The Alaska State Constitutional Convention Clearinghouse

From: Applebee, Josh M (GOV)
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 9:57 AM
To: McDowell, Kaitlyn M (GOV)
Subject: Re: public records request

Go ahead and send it to Angela and I will check with the Dept of law.
Josh

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Snider Note: The Department of Law correspondence with the Lt. Governor's Office was exempt from disclosure under the public records act. Thus, it was redacted below.

[The following text is extremely faint and largely illegible due to redaction. It appears to be a series of paragraphs and possibly a list of items, but the specific content cannot be discerned.]