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2020 Candidate Positions on Corrupt Practices in the Alaska Legislature



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Conservative,

Alaska Conservative Leadership's Center for Caucus Reform and Legislative Accountability is committed to helping Alaska's legislators pursue and develop a culture of legislative accountability that preserves the public trust. Toward that end, the Center has authored and distributed to all legislative candidates our 2020 Corrupt Practices in the Alaska Legislature Candidate Survey. Surveys were sent to all candidates by electronic mail on August 4, 2020.

The Center welcomed suggestions for this year's survey from our supporters and donors. The ten topics that were finally chosen for this year's candidate survey highlight several issues of concern that Alaska legislators have faced in recent years and that are likely to resurface in the future. By raising these issues now, we hope to prepare both voters and future legislators to understand and form an opinion about them before being faced with a decision on whether to maintain the status quo within the legislature or chart a new and better course.

As of this writing, a number of candidates have yet to review their survey and submit their responses on these very important issues. If your candidate has not yet done so, please encourage them to complete their survey using the link that was previously provided to them. If, after reviewing the survey, you believe an issue of importance to legislative accountability was omitted, please contact me at chairman@akleadership.com

Thank you,



David Eastman
Chairman
Alaska Conservative Leadership





1 Bribery: Bear Hunt

Is it acceptable for a legislator to promise to vote how an individual or group tells them to vote, in exchange for being invited on a guided bear hunt on the Yukon River? If you are elected, would you consider entering into such an arrangement?

- a) Yes, I could see there being some circumstances under which I would consider entering into such an arrangement.
- ✓ b) No, I can confidently say that I would not consider entering into such an arrangement under any circumstances.
- c) I'm not sure.

2 Bribery: Election Campaign

Is it acceptable for a legislator to promise to vote how an individual or group tells them to vote, in exchange for support in a future election? If you are elected, would you consider entering into such an arrangement?

- a) Yes, I could see there being some circumstances under which I would consider entering into such an arrangement.
- ✓ b) No, I can confidently say that I would not consider entering into such an arrangement under any circumstances.
- c) I'm not sure.

3 Selling Votes

Is it acceptable for a legislator to promise to vote how an individual or group tells them to vote, prior to identifying the specific legislation or motion they will be voting on, in exchange for a position of leadership in the legislature, additional taxpayer funded staff to work in the legislator's office, membership on a committee in the legislature, a larger office in the Capitol Building, membership in a caucus, or greater access to some other government resource? If you are elected, would you consider entering into such an arrangement?

- a) Yes, I could see there being some circumstances under which I would consider entering into such an arrangement.
- ✓ b) No, I can confidently say that I would not consider entering into such an arrangement under any circumstances.
- c) I'm not sure.

4 Extortion: Quid Pro Quo

Is it acceptable for a legislator to withhold their vote to confirm a governor's appointee to the legislature, until the appointee promises to vote a certain way in the legislature? If you are elected, would you consider entering into such an arrangement with a future colleague in the legislature?

- a) Yes, I could see there being some circumstances under which I would consider entering into such an arrangement.
- ✓ b) No, I can confidently say that I would not consider entering into such an arrangement under any circumstances.
- c) I'm not sure.



5 Coercion – Threatening a Legislator

Is it acceptable for a legislator to threaten to limit or withhold access to government resources that are normally available to all legislators (such as reducing a legislator’s staff below one year-round aide and one additional aide during regular legislative sessions, reducing a legislator’s travel expense account, or limiting access to technology such as a hallway photocopier in the Capitol Building), in order to coerce another legislator to vote a certain way, or as punishment for their having failed to do so? If you are elected, would you consider voting to carry out such a threat?

- a) Yes, I could see there being some circumstances under which I would consider voting to carry out such a threat if the legislator did not vote as they were told.
- ✓ b) No, I can confidently say that I would not consider voting to carry out such a threat under any circumstances.
- c) I’m not sure.

6 Transparency on the Campaign Trail

Is it acceptable for a legislative candidate to publicly indicate how they will vote on a particular policy issue or piece of legislation?

- ✓ a) Yes, I could see there being circumstances under which it would be acceptable for a candidate to publicly indicate how they will vote on a particular policy issue or piece of legislation.
- b) No, I can confidently say that under no circumstances would it be acceptable for a candidate to publicly indicate how they will vote on a particular policy issue or piece of legislation.
- c) I’m not sure.

7 Retaliation

If you are a legislator, and a colleague in the legislature makes a motion that you object to, or casts a vote that you disagree with, or makes a public statement that casts you in a potentially negative light, is it acceptable to vote to retaliate against your colleague by limiting or curtailing their ability to serve the constituents in their district?

If you are elected, would you consider voting to retaliate against a fellow legislator by limiting that legislator’s ability to serve the constituents in their district?

- a) Yes, I could see there being some circumstances under which I would consider voting to retaliate against a fellow legislator by limiting their ability to serve the constituents in their district.
- ✓ b) No, I can confidently say that I would not, under any circumstances, consider voting to retaliate against a fellow legislator by limiting their ability to serve the constituents in their district.
- c) I’m not sure.



8 Bullying: Punishing Legislators

Is it acceptable for a legislator to vote to publicly punish another legislator, or group of legislators, when no explanation is offered to the public concerning why the punishment is taking place? If you are elected, would you consider voting to punish a fellow legislator, or group of legislators, when no explanation has been offered to the public as to the reason for the punishment?

- a) Yes, I could see there being some circumstances under which I would consider voting to publicly punish a fellow legislator or group of legislators, even though no explanation had been offered to the public.
- ✓ b) No, I can confidently say that I would not, under any circumstances, consider voting to publicly punish a fellow legislator or group of legislators, when no explanation had been offered to the public.
- c) I'm not sure.

9 Due Process

Is it acceptable, in a state like Alaska, where all legislators have the right to due process, for a legislator, or group of legislators, to be publicly punished by fellow legislators without due process and the opportunity to publicly defend themselves against whatever accusations have been made against them? If you are elected, would you consider voting to punish a fellow legislator, or group of legislators, based on the will of a caucus or other individual or group, and prior to each accused legislator having the opportunity to publicly defend themselves?

- a) Yes, I could see there being some circumstances under which I would consider voting to punish a fellow legislator, or group of legislators, based on the will of a caucus or other individual or group, and prior to each accused legislator having the opportunity to publicly defend themselves.
- ✓ b) No, I can confidently say that I would not, under any circumstances, consider voting to punish a fellow legislator, or group of legislators, based on the will of a caucus or other individual or group, and prior to each accused legislator having the opportunity to publicly defend themselves.
- c) I'm not sure.

10 Secret Votes

Assuming matters of state or national security are not involved, when a legislator casts an official vote, such as a vote on whether to confirm a governor's appointee to a state office, is it acceptable for that vote to be cast in secret? If you are elected, would you consider casting such a vote in secret, knowing that how you had voted would not be disclosed to the public?

- a) Yes, I could see there being some circumstances under which I would consider casting such a vote in secret, and not promptly disclosing how I had voted to my constituents.
- ✓ b) No, I can confidently say that I would not, under any circumstance, consider casting such a vote in secret without ensuring how I had voted was promptly disclosed to my constituents.
- c) I'm not sure.


Correct Answer ▶


- = Correct
- = Incorrect
- NS = Not Sure
- ? = Did Not Answer


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Name	District	Bribery: Bear Hunt	Bribery: Election Campaign	Selling Votes	Extortion: Quid Pro Quo	Coercion: Threat	Transparency on the Campaign Trail	Retaliation	Bullying: Punishing Legislators	Due Process	Secret Votes
Ryan Smith	House District 6, Denali	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Mike Cronk	House District 6, Tok	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Jamin Burton	House District 7, Wasilla	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Christopher Kurka	House District 7, Wasilla	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Lucas Howard	House District 9, Sutton	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
David Eastman	House District 10, Wasilla	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Sharon Jackson	House District 13, Eagle River	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
James Canitz Sr.	House District 13, Eagle River	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
David Walker	House District 16, Anchorage	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	NS
Lynette Largent	House District 21, Anchorage	N	N	N	N	N	NS	N	N	N	N
David Nees	House District 22, Anchorage	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Timothy Huit	House District 23, Anchorage	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Janice Park	House District 25, Anchorage	N	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Calvin Schrage	House District 25, Anchorage	N	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Ross Bieling	House District 28, Anchorage	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Ron Gillham	House District 30, Kenai	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Ed King	House District 34, Juneau	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Willy Keppel	House District 38, Quinhagak	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Dan Holmes	House District 39, Nome	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Robert Myers	Senate District B, North Pole	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Huhnkie Lee	Senate District D, Wasilla	N	N	N	N	N	NS	N	N	N	N
Thomas Lamb	Senate District D, Wasilla	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Bernadette Rupright	Senate District D, Wasilla	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Stephen Duplantis	Senate District L, Anchorage	N	N	N	N	N	NS	N	N	N	N
Care Clift	Senate District N, Anchorage	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Roger Holland	Senate District N, Anchorage	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
John Cox	Senate District P, Anchor Point	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N

Correct Answer ▶

 = Correct

 = Incorrect

 = Not Sure

 = Did Not Answer

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Name	District
Josh Revak	Senate District M, Anchorage
Andy Holleman	Senate District M, Anchorage
Carl Johnson	Senate District N, Anchorage
Gary Stevens	Senate District P, Kodiak
Bert Stedman	Senate District R, Sitka
Michael Sheldon	Senate District R, Petersburg
Donny Olson	Senate District T, Golovin
Thomas Baker	Senate District T, Kotzebue

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