



ALASKA PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Brothers and Sisters;

We are less than two weeks away from the general election and early voting has already begun. True to form Alaskan politics has provided all the interesting twists and turns we have come to expect. There never is a dull moment.

In every letter we send out regarding politics we reiterate that we support those who support issues important to firefighters. I wish I could tell you this is an exact science, but it is not. Some tough choices need to be made and some races present especially difficult decisions. Our final determinations come with careful deliberation and are based on what is best for moving our issues forward.

Politicians have a tremendous say in matters affecting firefighters. They make the laws that govern our workers compensation coverage, what type of pension we have and if it is funded, death and disability benefits, staffing, our right to bargain, the list goes on. These issues are too important for us to not get involved and have a voice.

With Governor Walker suspending his campaign, we quickly moved to examine the two remaining candidates and make our endorsement. The choice was simple, and we voted to endorse Mark Begich for Governor. Mark has a proven track record on public safety as both the Mayor of Anchorage and a U.S Senator. Mark will continue that support if elected Governor of Alaska.

Below is a full list of our endorsements for the 2018 election. Please feel free to contact any board member with questions regarding this list. I encourage you to exercise your right to vote and to get involved in the political process. A healthy democracy requires active participants.

Tom Wescott

President Alaska Professional Fire Fighters

AKPFFA Endorsements, General Election 2018

Statewide Office

United States Representative: Don Young, Republican

Governor: Mark Begich, Democrat

House Candidates

Kathryn Dodge	Democrat	Fairbanks (01)
Grier Hopkins	Democrat	Fairbanks (04)
Adam Wool	Democrat	Fairbanks (05)
Nancy Dahlstrom	Republican	Eagle River (13)
Kelly Merrick	Republican	Eagle River (14)
Gabrielle Ledoux	Republican	Muldoon (15)
Ivy Sponholz	Democrat	College Gate (16)
Andy Josephson	Democrat	Midtown/University (17)
Harriet Drummond	Democrat	West Anchorage/Spenard (18)
Geran Tarr	Democrat	Mountain View (19)
Zack Fields	Democrat	Downtown Anchorage (20)
Matt Claman	Democrat	West Anchorage (21)
Jason Grenn	Independent	Sand Lake (22)
Chris Tuck	Democrat	Midtown/Taku (23)
Chuck Kopp	Republican	South West Anchorage/Ocenview (24)
Pat Higgins	Democrat	Abbot (25)
Laddie Shaw	Republican	Anchorage Hillside/Huffman (26)
Liz Snyder	Democrat	Tudor/Muldoon, Basher (27)
Amber Lee	Democrat	South Anchorage Hillside/Girdwood (28)
Shawn Butler	Independent	Kenai (29)
Chris Diamond	Independent	Downtown Juneau/Douglas (33)
Andi Story	Democrat	Mendenhall Valley (34)
Jonathan Kreiss-Tompkins	Democrat	Sitka (35)
Dan Ortiz	Independent	Ketchikan (36)

Senate Candidates

Pete Kelly	Republican	Fairbanks Downtown/Wainwright (A)
Oliver Schiess	Democrat	Eagle River (G)
Elvi Gray-Jackson	Democrat	Anchorage, University/Spenard (I)
Don Etheridge	Independent	Juneau, Downtown/Douglas/Mendenhall (Q)

(District numbers listed in parentheses)

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