

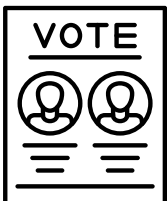
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Candidate's Name:

Bronson, Dave / Church, Josh



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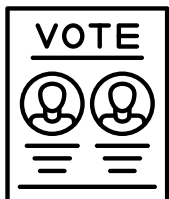
<http://www.davebronson.com>

Office Sought: GOVERNOR / LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

District: Statewide

Party: (Registered Republican) (Certified)

Career Experience: Bronson served as mayor of Anchorage from 2021 to 2024. Josh Church is a former U.S. Marine who currently serves on the Fairbanks City Finance Committee. His previous roles include serving as a Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Animal Control Commissioner and as a member of the Golden Valley Electric Association.



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Publicly Supported Legislation and Policies

Voting Record / Formal Actions

Dave Bronson — East Anchorage Homeless Shelter Funding

- **Bill/Measure:** East Anchorage homeless shelter funding
- **Vote/Action:** NO — Assembly rejected the funding 9–3
- **Bronson's individual vote:** N/A — Bronson was mayor, not an Assembly member. His administration supported the funding.
- **Date:** August 22, 2023
- **Direct Quote:** “We now have — and we will have — no shelter for far too many people this winter. That was the last opportunity.”
- **He also said:** “A focus on housing first, an extreme... or exclusive approach to that... that's going to fail.”
- **Reason Given:** Bronson argued that rejecting the funding would leave Anchorage without adequate shelter capacity for the coming winter. He also argued that an exclusively “housing first” approach would not adequately address people living on the streets.
- **Source:** Alaska Public Media: <https://alaskapublic.org/news/2023-08-23/assembly-rejects-putting-millions-of-dollars-toward-east-anchorage-homeless-shelter?utm>
- **Context:** Bronson's administration was seeking more than \$11 million for the East Anchorage shelter.
- **Josh Church:** No verified legislative vote.

Dave Bronson — AR 2023-98, Sullivan Arena Emergency Shelter

- **Bill/Measure:** AR 2023-98
- **Vote/Action:** YES — motion to lay the resolution on the table
- **Bronson's individual action:** YES — made the motion
- **Date:** March 21, 2023
- **Direct Quote:** No direct quote located in the meeting record.
- **Reason Given:** The official Assembly minutes document Bronson making the procedural motion and participating in the discussion.
- **Source:** Municipality of Anchorage Assembly minutes
- **Context:** The resolution concerned shelter capacity and the Sullivan Arena during Anchorage's homelessness response.
- **Josh Church:** No verified legislative vote.

Dave Bronson — AO 2022-105, Municipal Executive Authority

- **Bill/Measure:** AO 2022-105
- **Vote/Action:** VETO — equivalent to opposing the ordinance
- **Bronson's individual action:** VETO
- **Date:** December 27, 2022
- **Direct Quote:** “This Ordinance is, at its heart, a vehicle for attempting to unconstitutionally transfer executive powers to the Assembly”
- **Reason Given:** Bronson argued that the ordinance improperly transferred executive authority from the mayor to the Assembly.
- **Source:** Municipality of Anchorage veto memorandum: https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/PressReleases/Documents/AR%202023-XXX__w-AM-Attrachments_Re-approp%20Hickel%20Claims.final.pdf?utm
- **Context:** The action was part of Bronson's broader dispute with the Anchorage Assembly

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Publicly Supported Legislation and Policies Continued...

over the division of executive and legislative authority.

- **Josh Church:** No verified legislative vote.

Dave Bronson — AO 2023-110, Short-Term Rental Licensing

- **Bill/Measure:** AO 2023-110
- **Vote/Action:** VETO — opposed
- **Bronson's individual action:** VETO
- **Date:** March 20, 2024
- **Direct Quote:** “the Anchorage Assembly should not be meddling in an individual property owners' ability to make a living for themselves and their families.”
- **Reason Given:** Bronson opposed mandatory licensing requirements for short-term rentals and argued that property owners should retain the ability to use their property as short-term rentals.
- **Source:** Municipality of Anchorage
- **Context:** The Assembly had passed the short-term-rental licensing ordinance before Bronson vetoed it.
- **Josh Church:** No verified legislative vote.

Dave Bronson — AO 2023-95, 2024 General Government Operating Budget

- **Bill/Measure:** AO 2023-95
- **Vote/Action:** VETO
- **Bronson's individual action:** VETO
- **Date:** November 28, 2023
- **Direct Quote:** “This is a function that can be served by Municipal employees.” (*Planning Department communications*)
- **Reason Given:** Specific Assembly amendments involving Planning Department communications (\$75,000), a housing summit (\$75,000), Mobile Intervention Team funding, Mobile Crisis Team funding, behavioral-health grants, housing initiatives, and other budget amendments.
- **Source:** Municipality of Anchorage
- **Context:** Bronson vetoed portions of the 2024 municipal operating budget. The Assembly subsequently overrode the veto.
- **Josh Church:** No verified legislative vote.

Dave Bronson — 2023 Municipal Budget / AO 2022-87

- **Bill/Measure:** AO 2022-87
- **Vote/Action:** VETO / LINE-ITEM VETO
- **Bronson's individual action:** VETO
- **Date:** November 29, 2022
- **Direct Quote:** No direct quote located for every individual vetoed item.
- **Reason Given:** Bronson cited spending priorities and concerns about municipal authority and allocation of funds.
- **Source:** Municipality of Anchorage
- **Context:** The vetoes involved municipal spending, including homelessness-related expenditures.
- **Josh Church:** No verified legislative vote.

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Dave Bronson — AR 2024-103, Eklutna Subpoena Resolution

- **Bill/Measure:** AR 2024-103
- **Vote/Action:** VETO
- **Bronson's individual action:** VETO
- **Date:** April 2024
- **Direct Quote:** "Why are assembly members spending taxpayer dollars for their attorneys to subpoena documents they already have access to?"
- **Reason Given:** Bronson opposed the Assembly's subpoena action and argued that the documents were already available.
- **Source:** Municipality of Anchorage
- **Context:** The veto was part of a dispute between the mayor and Assembly concerning investigative/subpoena authority.
- **Josh Church:** No verified legislative vote.

Dave Bronson — AO 2024-28, Eklutna Resource Management

- **Bill/Measure:** AO 2024-28
- **Vote/Action:** VETO
- **Bronson's individual action:** VETO
- **Date:** April 2024
- **Direct quote from Bronson:** "There is no need to change Title 3 of the Anchorage Municipal Code to shift policymaking from one government branch to the other."
- **Additional direct quote:** "Assembly action that purports to strip executive and administrative power from the mayor or municipal manager raises the question of a charter violation."
- **Reason Given:** Bronson argued against expanding Assembly approval authority over municipal resource and property decisions involving Eklutna.
- **Source:** Municipality of Anchorage Assembly records, and <https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2024/04/09/anchorage-assembly-expected-respond-mayors-vetoes-after-contention-over-eklutna-river/?utm>
- **Context:** The ordinance concerned municipal authority and decisions relating to Eklutna resources.
- **Josh Church:** No verified legislative vote.

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Direct Quotes on Alaskan's Issues

DAVE BRONSON

HOMELESSNESS / HOUSING FIRST

"We now have — and we will have — no shelter for far too many people this winter. That was the last opportunity."

Date: August 23, 2023

Source: Alaska Public Media — Assembly rejects putting millions of dollars toward East Anchorage homeless shelter: <https://alaskapublic.org/news/2023-08-23/assembly-rejects-putting-millions-of-dollars-toward-east-anchorage-homeless-shelter?utm>

"A focus on housing first, an extreme... or exclusive approach to that... that's going to fail. Because at the end of the day, someone has to enter into housing from somewhere and it's not just the street."

Date: August 23, 2023

Source: Alaska Public Media — Assembly rejects putting millions of dollars toward East Anchorage homeless shelter

GOVERNMENT / RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT / HOUSING / ENERGY

"Government grows larger every year while delivering less."

Date: May 29, 2026

Source: Alaska News — Dave Bronson Candidate Statement:

<https://alaskanews.com/transcript/73b125b4-68ff-45b9-be86-777f7fa240fb?utm>

"As governor, I will change course and put Alaska back on offense. I will unleash aggressive resource development, expand access to land and housing, lower energy costs, build infrastructure and create an economy where workers, tradesmen, miners, fishermen, small businesses and families thrive again."

Date: May 29, 2026

Source: Alaska News — Dave Bronson Candidate Statement:

<https://alaskanews.com/transcript/73b125b4-68ff-45b9-be86-777f7fa240fb?utm>

"I will cut bureaucracy, restore accountability, back law enforcement, defend constitutional rights, strengthen election integrity and rebuild trust in government."

Date: May 29, 2026

Source: Alaska News — Dave Bronson Candidate Statement:

<https://alaskanews.com/transcript/73b125b4-68ff-45b9-be86-777f7fa240fb?utm>

"Alaska needs leadership that makes decisions, solves problems and delivers results instead of excuses."

Date: May 29, 2026

Source: Alaska News — Dave Bronson Candidate Statement:

<https://alaskanews.com/transcript/73b125b4-68ff-45b9-be86-777f7fa240fb?utm>

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SUBSISTENCE / FISHERIES

"Alaska Native Tribes do not have designed seats on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, yet, Council decisions have real impacts on tribal members access to fishery resources and habitat. Should any of the six Alaska council seats be tribally designated? And if so, how many?"

Date: October 10, 2024

Source: <https://url.us.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/8S8qCyPWyWtL5k3UZfm0sx8Ehj?domain=kmxt.org/>

"Because there's no salmon. And we don't have enough data to determine what the cause is, but why are the subsistence users, the sport users, and the personal use folks been taking the hit all of these years, at least 10 years?"

Date: September 2026

Source: Alaska News — 2026 Alaska Gubernatorial Fisheries Debate:
<https://alaskanews.com/transcript/4f9ca6c5-278f-46bb-8edc-e63db4b2bedf?utm>

"We're losing whole cultures on the Yukon Kuskokwim."

Date: September 2026

Source: Alaska News — 2026 Alaska Gubernatorial Fisheries Debate:
<https://alaskanews.com/transcript/4f9ca6c5-278f-46bb-8edc-e63db4b2bedf?utm>

"Fish camps are closed. They've been closed now, I think, for 6 years, and their cultures are being lost there."

Date: September 2026

Source: Alaska News — 2026 Alaska Gubernatorial Fisheries Debate:
<https://alaskanews.com/transcript/4f9ca6c5-278f-46bb-8edc-e63db4b2bedf?utm>

"Where's, where's the subsistence representatives? Where is the sport fishing representative? Where is the personal use representative?"

Date: September 2026

Source: Alaska News — 2026 Alaska Gubernatorial Fisheries Debate:
<https://alaskanews.com/transcript/4f9ca6c5-278f-46bb-8edc-e63db4b2bedf?utm>

"And the other users are grossly underrepresented. That, that has got to change. And I would make, and I would make changes."

Date: September 2026

Source: Alaska News — 2026 Alaska Gubernatorial Fisheries Debate:
<https://alaskanews.com/transcript/4f9ca6c5-278f-46bb-8edc-e63db4b2bedf?utm>

"I'm tired of subsistence fishermen taking cuts. Sport fishermen taking cuts, personal use fishermen taking cuts."

Date: August 10, 2026

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Direct Quotes on Alaskan's Issues

Source: Alaska Public Media — Republican Dave Bronson says 'tough' term as mayor gives him an edge in governor's race: <https://alaskapublic.org/news/politics/elections/2026-08-10/republican-dave-bronson-says-tough-term-as-mayor-gives-him-an-edge-in-governors-race?utm>

"I'm here to represent Alaskans, by, in this regard, protecting Alaska fisheries. And that's what I'll do."

Date: August 10, 2026

Source: Alaska Public Media — Republican Dave Bronson says 'tough' term as mayor gives him an edge in governor's race: <https://alaskapublic.org/news/politics/elections/2026-08-10/republican-dave-bronson-says-tough-term-as-mayor-gives-him-an-edge-in-governors-race?utm>

"Everybody owns the fish."

Date: September 2026

Source: Alaska News — 2026 Alaska Gubernatorial Fisheries Debate:
<https://alaskanews.com/transcript/4f9ca6c5-278f-46bb-8edc-e63db4b2bedf?utm>

JOSH CHURCH

ELECTION SECURITY

"We cannot turn over a state in decline to our kids."

Date: January 14, 2026

Source: Alaska's News Source — Governor candidate Dave Bronson announces Fairbanks man Josh Church as running mate:
<https://www.webcenterfairbanks.com/2026/01/15/governor-candidate-dave-bronson-announces-fairbanks-man-josh-church-running-mate/?utm>

"Whether you believe there's issues with voting or not, the fact that a large percentage of people have concerns about it means we need to address it."

Date: January 14, 2026

Source: Alaska's News Source:
<https://www.webcenterfairbanks.com/2026/01/15/governor-candidate-dave-bronson-announces-fairbanks-man-josh-church-running-mate/?utm>

"Every reasonable person in Alaska should have complete confidence that our voting is secure and accurate."

Date: January 14, 2026

Source: Alaska's News Source:
<https://www.webcenterfairbanks.com/2026/01/15/governor-candidate-dave-bronson-announces-fairbanks-man-josh-church-running-mate/?utm>

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Direct Quotes on Alaskan's Issues

LAND / POPULATION / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

"Alaska should not be a place where people are leaving. It should be a place people are moving to."

Date: March 14, 2026

Source: Must Read Alaska — Josh Church: It's Time to Open Alaska Again:

<https://mustreadalaska.com/josh-church-its-time-to-open-alaska-again/?utm>

"That opportunity should still exist today."

Source: Must Read Alaska — Josh Church: It's Time to Open Alaska Again:

<https://mustreadalaska.com/josh-church-its-time-to-open-alaska-again/?utm>

"It is time to open Alaska again."

Date: March 14, 2026

Source: Must Read Alaska — Josh Church: It's Time to Open Alaska Again:

<https://mustreadalaska.com/josh-church-its-time-to-open-alaska-again/?utm>

ELECTION DAY / BALLOT COUNTING

"For most of our history, the answer was clear. Election Day meant one day."

"Voting now happens over weeks or even months."

Date: April 14, 2026

Source: Must Read Alaska — Make Election Day Mean Election Day Again:

<https://mustreadalaska.com/make-election-day-mean-election-day-again/?utm>

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT / LAND / HOUSING / ENERGY

"I will push aggressively to develop our resources, expand access to land and housing, strengthen infrastructure, lower energy costs..."

Date: May 28, 2026

Source: Alaska Division of Elections — Josh Church Candidate Statement:

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/election-candidates/?utm>

GOVERNMENT

"government keeps growing while delivering less."

Date: May 28, 2026

Source: Alaska Division of Elections — Josh Church Candidate Statement:

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/election-candidates/?utm> Election Integrity

"I will fight to strengthen election integrity, improve accountability, and ensure Alaska's elections are transparent, secure, timely, and trusted by the public."

Date: May 28, 2026

Source: Alaska Division of Elections — Josh Church Candidate Statement:

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/election-candidates/?utm>

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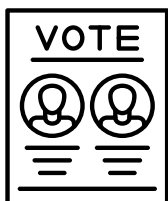
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Office Sought: GOVERNOR / LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

District: Statewide

Party: (Registered Republican) (Certified)

Career Experience: Treg Taylor is a former Alaska Attorney General, and Candi English is the founder and owner of Northern Solutions.



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Publicly Supported Legislation and Policies

Treg Taylor — HB 386, Obstruction of Public Places; Trespassing

- **Bill/Measure:** HB 386
- **Vote/Action:** Presented legislation on behalf of the bill sponsor
- **Taylor's individual action:** Introduced HB 386 on behalf of House Rules, by request of the governor
- **Date:** March 12, 2024
- **Direct Quote:** "Alaskans' right to freely move within the state"
- **Reason Given:** Taylor described the bill as an attempt to balance constitutional rights involving freedom of movement and the right to peacefully assemble or protest.
- **Source:** Alaska State Legislature — House Transportation Committee:
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=HTRA+2024-03-12+13%3A00%3A00&utm>
- **Direct Source / Hearing Record:** [HB 386 — March 12, 2024 Alaska Legislature Hearing](#).
- **Bill Record:** [HB 386 — Alaska Legislature Bill Record](#)

Treg Taylor — SB 255, Obstruction of Public Places; Trespassing

- **Bill/Measure:** SB 255
- **Vote/Action:** Presented legislation on behalf of the administration
- **Taylor's individual action:** Introduced SB 255 on behalf of the administration
- **Date:** April 10, 2024
- **Direct Quote:** "SB 255 is agnostic to cause."
- **Reason Given:** Taylor stated that the proposed changes would apply regardless of the reason for the protest and regardless of the group size or cause.
- **Source:** Alaska State Legislature — Senate Judiciary Committee:
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SJUD+2024-04-10+13%3A30%3A00&utm>
- **Direct Source / Hearing Record:** [SB 255 — April 10, 2024 Alaska Legislature Hearing](#).
- **Bill Record:** [SB 255 — Alaska Legislature Bill Record](#)

Treg Taylor — HB 71, Obstruction of Certain Public Places

- **Bill/Measure:** HB 71
- **Vote/Action:** Presented legislation on behalf of the prime sponsor
- **Taylor's individual action:** Presented the bill on behalf of House Rules
- **Date:** March 6, 2025
- **Direct Quote:** "an attempt to balance individuals' constitutional rights"
- **Reason Given:** Taylor said the legislation would protect both protesters and people who might need to get through an area during an emergency.
- **Source:** Alaska State Legislature — House Transportation Committee
- **Direct Source / Hearing Record:** [HB 71 — March 6, 2025 Alaska Legislature Hearing](#).
- **Bill Record:** [HB 71 — Alaska Legislature Bill Record](#)

Treg Taylor — SJR 13, Constitutional Amendment Relating to Appointment of State Judges

- **Bill/Measure:** SJR 13
- **Vote/Action:** Presented the governor's proposal
- **Taylor's individual action:** Presented SJR 13 before the Senate State Affairs Committee
- **Date:** March 20, 2025

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- **Direct Quote:** "the Governor's proposal aims to restore public trust in Alaska's judicial system"
- **Reason Given:** Taylor said the proposal would shift some authority over judicial selection from the Alaska Judicial Council to the legislature.
- **Source:** Alaska State Legislature – Senate State Affairs Committee
- **Direct Source / Hearing Record:** [SJR 13 – March 20, 2025 Alaska Legislature Hearing](#).
- **Additional Hearing Record:** [SJR 13 – April 15, 2025 Alaska Legislature Hearing](#).

Candi English – Legislative Bills

- **Bill/Measure:** No personally sponsored Alaska legislative bills identified
- **Vote/Action:** No Alaska legislative vote identified as a legislator
- **English's individual action:** No Alaska legislative sponsorship identified
- **Date:** 2022–2026
- **Reason Given:** The Alaska Division of Elections identifies Candi English as the 2026 Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor with Treg Taylor for Governor; the candidate record does not identify her as a state legislator.
- **Source:** Alaska Division of Elections
- **Direct Source:** [Alaska Division of Elections – 2026 Candidate Information](#)

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Direct Quotes on Alaskan's Issues

Homelessness / Housing First

- Source: 2026 candidate questionnaires show the Taylor/English ticket declined to answer several policy questions: <https://www.tananachiefs.org/elections-2026/get-to-know-your-candidates/?utm>

Government / Resource Development / Housing / Energy

- Treg Taylor — Quote: "The effort to protect Alaska's economic interests, management authority and individual liberties against an overzealous and overreaching federal government is a priority for my office."
- Date: April 18, 2022
- Context: Taylor was Alaska Attorney General and was discussing federal energy policies and their effect on Alaska's energy costs and economic interests.
- Direct Source: [Alaska Department of Law — April 18, 2022:](https://law.alaska.gov/press/releases/2022/041822-Keystone.html?utm)
<https://law.alaska.gov/press/releases/2022/041822-Keystone.html?utm>

Subsistence / Fisheries

- Treg Taylor — Quote: "The State of Alaska fervently supports subsistence hunting and fishing rights for Alaskans and will continue to do so."
- Date: October 21, 2023
- Context: Taylor was responding to federal subsistence management and argued for state authority and sustained-yield management.
- Direct Source: [Alaska Department of Law — Subsistence Remains Top Priority:](https://law.alaska.gov/press/releases/2023/102123-AFN.html?utm)
<https://law.alaska.gov/press/releases/2023/102123-AFN.html?utm>

Election Security

- 2026: Taylor declined to answer an election-security questionnaire concerning Dominion voting machines and hand-counting.
- Source: <https://alaskawatchman.com/2026/05/22/candidates-for-alaska-governor-weigh-in-on-dominion-voting-machines-vs-hand-counting/?utm>

Land / Population / Economic Development

- Treg Taylor — Quote: "This unfortunate decision is a blow to the economic and socioeconomic development of Southeast Alaska."
- Date: January 25, 2023
- Context: Taylor was responding to federal restrictions affecting the Tongass National Forest and argued that the restrictions limited development.
- Direct Source: [Alaska Department of Law — Tongass National Forest:](https://law.alaska.gov/press/releases/2023/012523-Tongass.html?utm)
<https://law.alaska.gov/press/releases/2023/012523-Tongass.html?utm>

Election Day / Ballot Counting

- Note: Taylor's 2026 candidate questionnaire response on election-related issues was listed as "Candidate declined to answer."
- Source: <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-governor/?utm>

Resource Development / Land / Housing / Energy

- Treg Taylor — Quote: "We don't think they have the authority to do this period—to shut down 309 square miles to any possible development and any possible mine?"
- Date: March 15, 2024

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- Date: March 15, 2024
- Context: Taylor was discussing federal restrictions affecting development of Alaska lands and the Pebble/Bristol Bay area.
- Direct Source: Alaska Department of Law — Bristol Bay Land Case:
<https://law.alaska.gov/press/releases/2024/031524-BristolBay.html?utm>

Government

- Treg Taylor — Quote: "Alaska should be free to govern Alaska."
- Date: August 21, 2025
- Context: Taylor's statement upon resigning as Attorney General, describing his office's work challenging federal actions and defending state authority.
- Direct Source: Alaska Department of Law — Taylor Resignation Statement:
<https://law.alaska.gov/press/releases/2025/082125-Taylor-Resignation.html?utm>

Election Integrity

- Treg Taylor: In a 2026 questionnaire concerning Dominion machines and hand-counting, Taylor chose not to answer.
- Candi English: No direct answer located on this specific question.
- Important: I would record this as "declined to answer," not as support for or opposition to a particular election policy.
- Source: <https://alaskawatchman.com/2026/05/22/candidates-for-alaska-governor-weigh-in-on-dominion-voting-machines-vs-hand-counting/?utm>

Tribal Sovereignty

- Treg Taylor — Quote: "This challenge isn't about gaming. This is about jurisdiction over lands. We are asking a court to reaffirm what it has already said—the State maintains primary jurisdiction over Alaska Native Allotments."
- Date: February 4, 2025
- Context: Taylor was discussing the State of Alaska's lawsuit concerning federal decisions involving Alaska Native allotments.
- Direct Source: Alaska Department of Law — Native Allotments Case:
<https://law.alaska.gov/press/releases/2025/020425-NativeAllotments.html?utm>

Additional Tribal / ANCSA statement

- Treg Taylor — Quote: "Congress did not grant the Secretary of the Interior the authority to change the compromises it negotiated when Congress passed the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act."
- Date: August 1, 2023
- Context: State lawsuit challenging the federal government's decision to take land in Juneau into trust.
- Direct Source: Alaska Department of Law — ANCSA / Indian Country Case:
<https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/09/01/2026-election-final-candidates-governors-race-still-unclear-after-11th-hour-scrambles-get-ballot/?utm>

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Direct Quotes on Alaskan's Issues

Candi English — additional documented statement

- Quote attributed to Taylor describing English: "Alaska-made is not just a marketing slogan. It can compete anywhere."
- Date: June 1, 2026
- Context: Taylor's announcement selecting English as his lieutenant-governor running mate; it describes her North Slope/oilfield business background. This is Taylor's statement about English, not a statement by English herself.
- Source: <https://www.tananachiefs.org/elections-2026/get-to-know-your-candidates/?utm>

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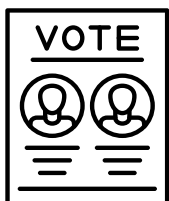
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Office Sought: GOVERNOR / LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

District: Statewide

Party: (Registered Democrat / Nonpartisan) (Certified)

Career Experience: JKT represented Southeast Alaska in the Alaska House of Representatives for 10 years, from 2013 to 2023. Zac Johnson was elected to the Anchorage Assembly in 2023 and re-elected in 2026. His background includes service in the U.S. Marine Corps and as an Alaska State Trooper.



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HB 19 — Limited Teacher Certificates; Languages

- **Bill/Measure:** HB 19
- **Vote/Action:** Prime sponsor. The bill established limited language-immersion teacher certificates and became law.
- **Date:** 2022
- **Reason Given:** Support for expanding the ability to provide instruction in languages other than English through language-immersion teacher certification.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature: <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=HB+19&utm>
- **Direct Source:** [HB 19 — Alaska Legislature](#)

HB 118 — Expanding Prisoner Access to Computers

- **Bill/Measure:** HB 118
- **Vote/Action:** Prime sponsor. Proposed changes involving prisoner access to computers, identification/driver's licenses, and living conditions.
- **Date:** 2022
- **Reason Given:** The bill addressed access to computers and other services for people in Department of Corrections custody.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature: <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=HB+118&utm>
- **Direct Source:** [HB 118 — Alaska Legislature](#)

HB 246 — Access to Marijuana Conviction Records

- **Bill/Measure:** HB 246
- **Vote/Action:** Prime sponsor, with multiple House and Senate cosponsors.
- **Date:** 2022
- **Reason Given:** Restricted release of certain conviction records and addressed marijuana-related offenses involving people ages 18–20.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature: <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=HB+246&utm>
- **Direct Source:** [HB 246 — Alaska Legislature](#)

HB 309 — APOC; Campaign Contributions/Reporting

- **Bill/Measure:** HB 309
- **Vote/Action:** Prime sponsor. Kreiss-Tomkins also offered amendments during committee consideration.
- **Date:** 2022
- **Reason Given:** Addressed campaign-finance reporting and financial/business-interest reporting requirements for certain municipal candidates and officials.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature: <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=HB309&utm>
- **Direct Source:** [HB 309 — Alaska Legislature](#)

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HB 66 – Elections, Voting, Ballots

- **Bill/Measure:** HB 66
- **Vote/Action:** Cosponsor. Kreiss-Tomkins was one of the listed sponsors. The bill addressed voting, voter qualifications, registration, poll watchers, absentee/questioned ballots, and election-worker compensation.
- **Date:** 2021–2022
- **Reason Given:** The legislation addressed Alaska election administration and voting procedures.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature: <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=HB++66&utm>
- **Direct Source:** [HB 66 – Alaska Legislature](#)

HB 365 – Optimum Number of Commercial Fishery Entry Permits

- **Bill/Measure:** HB 365
- **Vote/Action:** Prime sponsor.
- **Date:** 2022
- **Reason Given:** Addressed the optimum number of commercial fishery entry permits.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature: <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Member/Sponsorship/32?code=KRE&utm>
- **Direct Source:** [HB 365 – Alaska Legislature member sponsorship record](#)

Zac Johnson

- **Bill/Measure:** No Alaska legislative bills identified as sponsored or cosponsored by Zac Johnson.
- **Vote/Action:** No Alaska legislative roll-call voting record identified.
- **Individual action:** No Alaska legislative sponsorship or vote identified in the four years reviewed, but has experience in the Anchorage Assembly.
- **Date:** 2022–2026
- **Reason Given:** The Alaska Legislature's member records identify Kreiss-Tomkins as a legislator through 2022; Johnson is not identified as an Alaska legislator in those records.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature / Alaska Division of Elections: <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Member/Detail/32?code=KRE&utm>
- **Direct Source:** [2026 Alaska Candidate List](#): <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/candidates/?election=26genr&utm>

ZAC JOHNSON: ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE RECORD (2023–2026)

1. AO 2025-74(S-2) – Homelessness and Public Camping

- **Bill/Measure:** AO 2025-74(S-2), restrictions on camping and construction on protected public property.
- **Vote/Action:** Amended and approved.

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- Individual action: Johnson co-sponsored the ordinance and publicly supported its passage.
- Date: July 15, 2025.
- Reason Given: Johnson emphasized accountability, public safety, and addressing unauthorized camping while recognizing the need for compassion.
- Direct Quote: "It's time to show that Anchorage has both a backbone and a heart."
- Source: Anchorage Assembly legislative records and Alaska News meeting transcript.
- Direct Source: July 15, 2025, Assembly meeting transcript:
<https://alaskanews.com/transcript/28ed993e-ea7a-4404-becc-ddf1c1ba4d93?>

2. AO 2026-10 — PUBLIC SAFETY IN SHARED SPACES

- Bill/Measure: AO 2026-10, municipal public-space safety regulations.
- Vote/Action: YES — ordinance passed 11–1.
- Individual action: Johnson co-sponsored the ordinance, moved for its approval, and opposed an amendment removing language addressing threatening or menacing conduct.
- Date: February 3, 2026.
- Reason Given: The legislation addressed threatening behavior and public safety. A separate personal explanation from Johnson has not been verified.
- Direct Quote: Official minutes record: "Zac Johnson moved to Approve AO 2026-10." This is a recorded action, not a spoken quotation.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly official meeting minutes.
- Direct Source: February 3, 2026, Assembly minutes (PDF):
https://meetings.muni.org/AgendaOnline/Documents/DownloadFileBytes/Assembly_Regular_-_February_3%2C_2026_6301_Minutes_2_3_2026_5_00_00_PM.pdf?documentType=2&isAttachment=True&meetingId=6301&

3. AO 2025-115(S) — SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS

- Bill/Measure: AO 2025-115 and substitute, addressing short-term rental registration and zoning.
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored; Johnson's final individual vote has not been independently verified.
- Individual action: Johnson joined Mayor Suzanne LaFrance, Erin Baldwin Day, and Daniel Volland as a co-sponsor.
- Date: October–December 2025 deliberations.
- Reason Given: The proposal concerned oversight and regulation of short-term rentals. Johnson's individual reasoning has not been verified.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly ordinance records.
- Direct Source: Municipality of Anchorage Assembly legislative records — search AO 2025-115.:
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx?>

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4. AO 2025-16(S) – CHUGACH STATE PARK ACCESS BONDS

- Bill/Measure: AO 2025-16(S), proposing up to \$1.5 million in bonds for Chugach State Park access improvements, including Basher Trailhead.
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored the bond proposal; individual roll-call vote not verified.
- Individual action: Johnson supported placing the park-access funding proposal before voters through sponsorship.
- Date: 2025; associated with the April 1, 2025 municipal election.
- Reason Given: The proposal sought funding for improved public access to Chugach State Park. No individual explanation from Johnson has been verified.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly bond ordinance and municipal election records.
- Direct Source: [Anchorage Assembly legislative document portal](https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx) – AO 2025-16.:
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx>

5. AO 2023-132 – CHUGACH STATE PARK INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS

- Bill/Measure: AO 2023-132, proposing up to \$5.9 million in bonds for Chugach State Park access improvements.
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored; individual vote not verified.
- Individual action: Johnson was identified as a co-sponsor of the proposal.
- Date: 2023; associated with the April 2, 2024 municipal election.
- Reason Given: To finance improvements to public park access and infrastructure. A personal statement from Johnson has not been verified.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly ordinance and municipal election records.
- Direct Source: [Municipal legislative records](https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx) – AO 2023-132.:
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx>

6. AO 2024-20(S-1) – PUBLIC TRANSIT WORKER PROTECTIONS

- Bill/Measure: AO 2024-20, including substitute versions, concerning protections for public transit employees.
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored; seconded a motion for approval.
- Individual action: Johnson participated in advancing the ordinance with Assembly members George Martinez and Christopher Constant.
- Date: June 11, 2024 meeting record.
- Reason Given: The measure sought expanded protections for public transit workers. Johnson's individual explanation has not been verified.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly meeting minutes and ordinance records.
- Direct Source: [Anchorage Assembly agendas and minutes](https://meetings.muni.org/AgendaOnline/) – June 11, 2024, AO 2024-20:
<https://meetings.muni.org/AgendaOnline/>

7. AO 2024-38 – VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONDER TAX RELIEF

- Bill/Measure: AO 2024-38, tax assessment relief for qualifying volunteer emergency responders.
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored; individual roll-call vote not verified.

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- Individual action: Johnson formally supported the proposal as a co-sponsor.
- Date: 2024; exact action date not verified.
- Reason Given: The proposal concerned tax relief for eligible volunteer emergency responders. No separate statement from Johnson has been verified.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly ordinance records.
- Direct Source: [Anchorage legislative document portal](https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx) – AO 2024-38:
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx>

8. AO 2024-85 – PORT OF ALASKA FINANCING

- Bill/Measure: AO 2024-85, changes to Port of Alaska tariff procedures related to capital-improvement financing.
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored; final individual vote not verified.
- Individual action: Johnson joined in sponsoring the proposed changes.
- Date: 2024; exact action date not verified.
- Reason Given: The ordinance addressed financing procedures for Port of Alaska capital improvements. Johnson's personal explanation has not been verified.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly legislative records.
- Direct Source: [Municipality of Anchorage Assembly documents](https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx) – AO 2024-85:
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx>

9. AO 2024-101(S) – ALCOHOL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Bill/Measure: AO 2024-101 and substitute, mandatory identification checks for alcohol sales and service.
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored; individual final vote not verified.
- Individual action: Johnson co-sponsored the measure with Karen Bronga and Anna Brawley.
- Date: 2024; exact meeting date not verified.
- Reason Given: The ordinance addressed identification verification for alcohol purchases and service. Johnson's individual reasoning has not been verified.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly legislative records.
- Direct Source: [Anchorage Assembly document portal](https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx) – AO 2024-101:
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx>

10. AR 2024-350(S) – 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Bill/Measure: AR 2024-350(S), Municipality of Anchorage 2025 State Legislative Program.
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored; individual vote not verified.
- Individual action: Johnson joined Anna Brawley and Mayor Suzanne LaFrance in sponsoring the municipality's state legislative priorities.
- Date: 2024; exact approval date not verified.

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- Reason Given: The resolution established Anchorage's priorities for consideration by the Alaska State Legislature. Johnson's individual reasoning has not been verified.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly resolution records.
- Direct Source: [Municipal legislative records](https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx) – AR 2024-350: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx>

11. AR 2025-270(S) – TOURISM AND ROOM-TAX REVENUE

- Bill/Measure: AR 2025-270(S), concerning allocation and use of municipal room-tax revenue for tourism promotion.
- Vote/Action: Submitted a substitute resolution; final vote not verified.
- Individual action: Johnson submitted a substitute version addressing tourism-related funding.
- Date: October 7, 2025 agenda.
- Reason Given: The resolution concerned the use of room-tax revenue for tourism promotion. Johnson's personal explanation has not been verified.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly meeting agenda and resolution.
- Direct Source: [Official Anchorage Assembly agenda system](https://meetings.muni.org/AgendaOnline/?) – October 7, 2025, AR 2025-270: <https://meetings.muni.org/AgendaOnline/?>

12. AR 2025-355(S) – 2026 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

- Bill/Measure: AR 2025-355 and substitute, Municipality of Anchorage 2026 State Legislative Program.
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored; individual final vote not verified.
- Individual action: Johnson co-sponsored the legislative program with Mayor Suzanne LaFrance.
- Date: November–December 2025 agenda period.
- Reason Given: To establish municipal legislative priorities for the 2026 Alaska legislative session. No separate statement from Johnson has been verified.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly resolution and agenda records.
- Direct Source: [Anchorage Assembly legislative documents](https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx) – AR 2025-355: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/pages/publicportalassemblydocuments.aspx>

13. AR 2026-32 – TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

- Bill/Measure: AR 2026-32, recognizing February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored; individual roll-call vote not verified.
- Individual action: Johnson formally co-sponsored the recognition resolution.
- Date: February 3, 2026.
- Reason Given: The resolution recognized teen dating violence awareness and prevention. Johnson's personal statement has not been verified.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly resolution and meeting records.
- Direct Source: [February 3, 2026 Assembly minutes \(PDF\)](#):

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- https://meetings.muni.org/AgendaOnline/Documents/DownloadFileBytes/Assembly_Regular_-_February_3%2C_2026_6301_Minutes_2_3_2026_5_00_00_PM.pdf?documentType=2&isAttachment=True&meetingId=6301&

14. AO 2026-88 – AIR RIFLES AND WILDLIFE CONTROL

- Bill/Measure: AO 2026-88, concerning air rifles, air pistols, and nuisance wild-animal control licenses.
- Vote/Action: Sponsored; final action not verified.
- Individual action: Johnson introduced or sponsored the ordinance.
- Date: June 9, 2026 introduction; June 23, 2026 hearing scheduled.
- Reason Given: The proposal addressed municipal regulation of air-powered weapons and nuisance wildlife control. Johnson's individual explanation has not been verified.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly ordinance and meeting agenda.
- Direct Source: [Official Assembly agendas](https://meetings.muni.org/AgendaOnline/?) – AO 2026-88: <https://meetings.muni.org/AgendaOnline/?>

15. AR 2026-158 – WORLD REFUGEE DAY

- Bill/Measure: AR 2026-158, recognizing June 20 as World Refugee Day.
- Vote/Action: Approved unanimously.
- Individual action: Johnson co-sponsored the resolution, read it, and moved for approval.
- Date: June 9, 2026.
- Reason Given: The resolution recognized World Refugee Day. Johnson's separate explanation has not been verified.
- Source: Anchorage Assembly official meeting record.
- Direct Source: [June 9, 2026 Anchorage Assembly meeting records](https://meetings.muni.org/AgendaOnline/?): <https://meetings.muni.org/AgendaOnline/?>

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Direct Quotes on Alaskan's Issues

Homelessness / Housing First

- Direct Quote: Zac Johnson: "When landlords fail to provide safe housing, tenants pay the price."
- Action: Johnson co-sponsored Anchorage AO 2025-93, requiring relocation assistance for tenants displaced from uninhabitable housing.
- Date: August 27, 2025
- Reason Given: Johnson said the ordinance was intended to provide renters a safety net and keep people safe and housed.
- Source: Municipality of Anchorage
- Direct Source: Anchorage – Tenant Protections Ordinance:
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/PressReleases/Pages/Members-Baldwin-Day%2C-Johnson-Propose-Tenant-Protections-and-Enforcement-Ordinance.aspx?utm>

Government / Resource Development / Housing / Energy

- Direct Quote – Kreiss-Tomkins: "Support development of all energy sources – renewables, hydro, natural gas – to lower utility bills for Alaskans."
- Date: 2026
- Source: JKT campaign platform
- Direct Source: JKT Issues & Priorities: <https://www.jktforak.com/platform?utm>

Subsistence / Fisheries

- Direct Quote – Kreiss-Tomkins: "Subsistence is a way of life, and protecting rural Alaskans' access to it is a priority."
- Action: The Kreiss-Tomkins/Johnson ticket stated support for the rural subsistence preference and opposition to litigation undermining Title VIII of ANILCA.
- Date: 2026
- Source: Tanana Chiefs Conference candidate questionnaire
- Direct Source: Tanana Chiefs Conference – Candidate Responses:
<https://www.tananachiefs.org/elections-2026/get-to-know-your-candidates/?utm>

Election Security

- Direct Quote: No verified direct quote specifically addressing election security/voting-machine security located for Kreiss-Tomkins or Johnson during the four-year period.
- Related position: JKT's platform calls for protecting Alaskan voters' personal information from federal intrusion and requiring disclosure of AI-generated political advertising.
- Source: JKT campaign platform: <https://www.jktforak.com/platform?utm>

Land / Population / Economic Development

- Direct Quote – Kreiss-Tomkins: "Tribal governments are the original and continuing stewards of our lands and waters, and they belong at the table early on every major decision."
- Date: 2026
- Context: Kreiss-Tomkins' response to a Northern Alaska Environmental Center questionnaire concerning resource development and land-management decisions.
- Direct Source: Northern Alaska Environmental Center – 2026 Candidate Responses:
<https://northern.org/news/spring-2026-alaska-gubernatorial-candidate-survey-reponses/?utm>

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Direct Quotes on Alaskan's Issues Continued...

Election Day / Ballot Counting

- Related Johnson record: As an Anchorage Assembly member, Johnson voted on municipal election-related matters, including certification of the April 1, 2025 municipal election; the motion passed 12–0, with Johnson voting yes.
- Date: April 22, 2025
- Direct Source: Anchorage Assembly April 22, 2025 Minutes: https://meetings.muni.org/AgendaOnline/Documents/DownloadFileBytes/Assembly-Regular_-_April_22%2C_2025_5885_Minutes_4_22_2025_5_00_00_PM.pdf?documentType=2&isAttachment=True&meetingId=5885&utm

Resource Development / Land / Housing / Energy

- Direct Quote — Kreiss-Tomkins: “Bring down the cost of housing by cutting red tape so we can build affordable homes where Alaskans need them most.”
- Action/Position: Supports opening state land within and near Alaska communities for housing development and using AHFC/AIDEA as financing partners.
- Date: 2026
- Source: JKT campaign platform
- Direct Source: JKT Issues & Priorities: <https://www.jktforak.com/platform?utm>

Government

- Direct Quote — Kreiss-Tomkins: “If you want change, if you want a different approach to government in the state of Alaska, a problem-solving approach, a bipartisan approach, you should consider supporting me and Zac.”
- Date: September 9, 2026
- Context: Alaska gubernatorial candidate forum.
- Source: Alaska Beacon / Alaska Public Media
- Direct Source: Alaska Public Media — September 2026 Governor Forum: <https://alaskapublic.org/news/politics/elections/2026-09-10/alaska-gubernatorial-candidates-participate-in-first-forum-since-a-post-primary-ballot-shuffle?utm>

Election Integrity

- Related JKT position: His platform calls for campaign contribution limits, disclosure of AI-generated political advertising, and protection of voter personal information.
- Source: JKT platform: <https://www.jktforak.com/platform?utm>

Tribal Sovereignty

- Direct Quote — Kreiss-Tomkins: “Tribal governments are the original and continuing stewards of our lands and waters, and they belong at the table early on every major decision.”
- Additional Quote: “We need a governor who will defend subsistence, support Native culture and language, and stand up for rural Alaska.”
- Date: August 2026
- Source: JKT campaign statements / Northern Alaska Environmental Center
- Direct Sources: Northern Alaska Environmental Center questionnaire; JKT — Alaska Native Leaders: <https://www.jktforak.com/press/kreiss-tomkins-announces-51-new-endorsementsnbspfrom-alaska-native-leaders?utm>

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Direct Quotes on Alaskan's Issues Continued...

Zac Johnson – Additional Housing/Homelessness Record

- Bill/Measure: AO 2023-70 – allowed camps and temporary emergency shelters
- Action: Johnson was one of the Assembly members who brought the proposal forward.
- Date: 2023
- Vote: The substitute ordinance ultimately passed 7–4.
- Source: Municipality of Anchorage
- Direct Source: [Anchorage Assembly – Allowed Camps:](https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/PressReleases/Pages/Assembly-Considers-Future-of-Allowed-Camps-in-Anchorage.aspx?utm)
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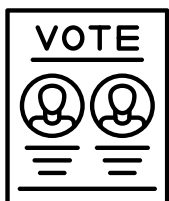
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Office Sought: GOVERNOR / LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

District: Statewide

Party: (Registered Republican) (Certified)

Career Experience: Wilson's professional background includes owning Denali Disposal, conservative advocacy and political work, and hosting a talk-radio program. Shower served as an Alaska state senator and Senate Minority Leader through 2025, while also working as a commercial cargo pilot and serving as a retired U.S. Air Force officer. In 2025, he became Wilson's running mate for lieutenant governor.



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BERNADETTE M. WILSON

2024–2026 — Initiative to repeal ranked-choice voting/open primaries

- **Bill/Measure:** Initiative 24ESEG — repeal Alaska's nonpartisan Top Four primary and ranked-choice general election system and return to partisan primaries/runoffs.
- **Vote/Action:** Primary sponsor of the initiative. This was not a legislative vote; Wilson participated as a sponsor of a citizen initiative.
- **Wilson's individual action:** Listed by the Alaska Division of Elections as one of three primary sponsors, along with Judy Eledge and Ken McCarty.
- **Date:** Petition application filed December 26, 2024. Petition booklets were issued March 11, 2025.
- **Direct Quote:** Wilson said the current system is “convoluted” and said it contributed to delays in knowing election outcomes.
- **Reason Given:** Wilson said she and the other sponsors wanted to repeal the Top Four/ranked-choice system and return to a different primary and general-election structure. The official initiative title specifies the proposed replacement structure.
- **Source:** Alaska Division of Elections: <https://alaskabeacon.com/2025/02/17/new-petition-can-start-signature-gathering-for-repeal-of-ranked-choice-voting-open-primaries-alaska-It-governor-says/?utm>
- **Alaska Division of Elections — Initiative 24ESEG:**
https://www.elections.alaska.gov/petitions-and-ballot-measures/petition-status/?initiative_id=24eseg&utm

2025 — Public statements concerning ranked-choice voting

- **Bill/Measure:** Initiative 24ESEG / repeal of ranked-choice voting.
- **Vote/Action:** Public advocacy for repeal; no legislative vote.
- **Wilson's individual action:** Publicly advocated for repeal and identified herself as a sponsor of the initiative.
- **Date:** February 17, 2025.
- **Direct Quote:** “When you look at that confusion, when you look at the Alaskans who realize, now, ‘Oh my goodness, it was \$15 million of outside money,’ and realized that they were duped...”
- **Reason Given:** Wilson argued that voters were confused by the 2024 ballot question and that the ranked-choice system was difficult for voters to understand.
- **Source:** Alaska Beacon interview/reporting: <https://alaskabeacon.com/2025/02/17/new-petition-can-start-signature-gathering-for-repeal-of-ranked-choice-voting-open-primaries-alaska-It-governor-says/?utm>
- **Alaska Beacon — Petition to repeal ranked-choice voting:**
<https://alaskabeacon.com/2025/02/17/new-petition-can-start-signature-gathering-for-repeal-of-ranked-choice-voting-open-primaries-alaska-It-governor-says/?utm>

2022 — Public work concerning ranked-choice voting

- **Bill/Measure:** Alaska's ranked-choice voting system / Ballot Measure 2.
- **Vote/Action:** Public education/opposition; not an elected-legislator vote.

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- **Wilson's individual action:** Wilson was identified as an election-policy advocate and answered public questions about how ranked-choice voting operates.
- **Date:** August 3, 2022.
- **Direct Quote:** "No, your fourth place vote will never count."
- **Reason Given:** She was explaining how ranked-choice tabulation works to voters.
- **Source:** Must Read Alaska, "Ask Bernadette.": <https://mustreadalaska.com/ask-bernadette-will-my-fourth-vote-ever-count-in-ranked-choice-voting/?utm>
- **Must Read Alaska — Ask Bernadette: Will my fourth vote ever count?**
<https://mustreadalaska.com/ask-bernadette-will-my-fourth-vote-ever-count-in-ranked-choice-voting/?utm>

MICHAEL K. "MIKE" SHOWER

SB 1 — Election security, voting and ballots

- **Bill/Measure:** SB 1 — Elections: Ballot, Voting, Security
- **Vote/Action:** Prime sponsor; introduced and presented the bill in committee. It did not become law.
- **Shower's individual action:** Prime sponsor and personally spoke in Senate State Affairs regarding the legislation.
- **Date:** Introduced January 18, 2023; committee hearings March 7 and March 9, 2023.
- **Direct Quote:** "The intent is [to] make the system as fair as possible, have processes to catch fraud, and restore faith in the elections system."
- **Reason Given:** The bill addressed ballot tracking, ballot curing, election-security procedures, chain of custody, election offenses and other election-system issues.
- **Source:** Alaska State Legislature — Senate State Affairs Committee.
- **SB 1 — Alaska Legislature bill record:** <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/33?Root=SB1&utm>
- **Hearing/video record:** [March 7, 2023 Senate State Affairs hearing — SB 1:](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2023-03-07+15:30:00&utm)
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2023-03-07+15:30:00&utm>
- **Hearing record:** [March 9, 2023 Senate State Affairs hearing — SB 1:](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2023-03-09+15:30:00&utm)
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2023-03-09+15:30:00&utm>

The legislative hearing record also records Shower saying that without a "true forensic audit," nobody could definitively say whether there was or was not fraud in the prior election. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2023-03-07+15%3A30%3A00&utm>

SB 2 — Repeal Ballot Measure 2 voting changes

- **Bill/Measure:** SB 2 — Repeal Ballot Measure 2 Voting Changes
- **Vote/Action:** Prime sponsor.
- **Shower's individual action:** Sponsored the legislation.
- **Date:** January 18, 2023.
- The Alaska Legislature lists Shower as the sponsor; the bill was introduced to repeal changes made by Ballot Measure 2.

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- **Reason Given:** The legislation sought to repeal the election-system changes created by Ballot Measure 2.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature.
- **Mike Shower legislative sponsorship record:**
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Member/Detail/33?code=SHO&utm>

SB 4 – Legislative ethics/binding votes

- **Bill/Measure:** SB 4 – Legislative Ethics: Binding Votes
- **Vote/Action:** Prime sponsor.
- **Shower's individual action:** Sponsored the bill.
- **Date:** January 18, 2023.
- **Reason Given:** The bill concerned binding votes under Alaska's Legislative Ethics Act.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature.
- **Mike Shower legislative sponsorship record:**
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Member/Detail/33?code=SHO&utm>

SB 5 – Voter registration

- **Bill/Measure:** SB 5 – Voter Registration
- **Vote/Action:** Prime sponsor.
- **Shower's individual action:** Sponsored the legislation.
- **Date:** January 18, 2023.
- **Reason Given:** The bill concerned Alaska's voter-registration procedures.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature.
- **Mike Shower legislative sponsorship record:**
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Member/Detail/33?code=SHO&utm>

SB 6 – Voting machines and vote-tally systems

- **Bill/Measure:** SB 6 – Voting Machines and Vote Tally Systems
- **Vote/Action:** Prime sponsor.
- **Shower's individual action:** Sponsored the bill.
- **Date:** January 18, 2023.
- **Reason Given:** The legislation addressed voting machines and vote-tally systems.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature.
- **Mike Shower legislative sponsorship record:**
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Member/Detail/33?code=SHO&utm>

SB 7 – Election interference, fraud and misconduct

- **Bill/Measure:** SB 7 – Election Interference, Fraud, Misconduct
- **Vote/Action:** Prime sponsor.
- **Shower's individual action:** Sponsored the legislation.
- **Date:** January 18, 2023.
- **Reason Given:** The legislation addressed unlawful interference with elections, election

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- fraud and election-official misconduct.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature.
- **Direct Source:** Mike Shower legislative sponsorship record:
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Member/Detail/33?code=SHO&utm>

SB 31 — Selection and review of judges

- **Bill/Measure:** SB 31 — Selection and Review of Judges
- **Vote/Action:** Prime sponsor; presented the bill in committee.
- **Shower's individual action:** Sponsored and personally introduced the legislation.
- **Date:** February 23, 2023.
- **Reason Given:** Shower said the proposal would change the selection process for statutory judges while retaining Judicial Council screening.
- **Source:** Alaska Senate State Affairs Committee.
- **Direct Source:** February 23, 2023 Senate State Affairs hearing — SB 31:
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2023-02-23+15:30:00&utm>

SB 107 — Alaska Sunset Commission

- **Bill/Measure:** SB 107 — Alaska Sunset Commission
- **Vote/Action:** Cosponsor; bill advanced from Senate State Affairs to Finance.
- **Shower's individual action:** Joined Senators Hughes, Yundt, Myers, Kaufman and Cronk as a cosponsor.
- **Date:** March 3, 2025 cosponsorship; moved from State Affairs May 17, 2025.
- The official record identifies Shower as a cosponsor; the hearing record shows the bill was heard and ultimately moved from State Affairs.
- **Reason Given:** The bill proposed an Alaska Sunset Commission to review, audit and recommend discontinuation or changes to state entities.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature.
- **Direct Source:** SB 107 — Alaska Legislature:
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/34?Root=SB+107&utm>
- **Committee record:** SB 107 committee record and documents:
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/detail/34?Root=SB107&utm>

SB 160 — Legislative Council and Legislative Budget & Audit Committee

- **Bill/Measure:** SB 160 — Members Legislative Council; Legislative Budget & Audit
- **Vote/Action:** Prime sponsor; presented the bill in committee.
- **Shower's individual action:** Introduced and personally presented the legislation.
- **Date:** 2025.
- Shower explained that the bill would ensure “the minority's voice is heard” on the Legislative Council and Legislative Budget and Audit Committee.
- **Reason Given:** Shower said the measure would provide minority representation on those legislative bodies and carry no fiscal impact.
- **Source:** Alaska Senate State Affairs Committee.
- **Direct Source:** May 15, 2025 Senate State Affairs hearing — SB 160:
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2025-05-15+15:30:00&utm>

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- **Additional hearing record:** [May 1, 2025 Senate State Affairs hearing – SB 160:](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2025-05-01+15:30:00&utm)
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2025-05-01+15:30:00&utm>
- **Official bill record:** [SB 160 – Alaska Legislature:](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Member/Sponsorship/34?code=SHO&utm)
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Member/Sponsorship/34?code=SHO&utm>

HB 174 – REAA Fund / Mt. Edgecumbe / Teacher Housing

- **Bill/Measure:** HB 174 – REAA Fund: Mt. Edgecumbe, Teacher Housing
- **Vote/Action:** Cosponsor; voted YEA when the Senate passed HB 174, 20–0.
- **Shower's individual action:** Listed as a Senate cross-sponsor and voted YEA.
- **Date:** May 20, 2025.
- **Reason Given:** The bill addressed the REAA/small municipal school district fund, Mt. Edgecumbe High School and teacher housing.
- **Source:** Alaska Legislature.
- **Direct Source:** [HB 174 official Alaska Legislature record:](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/detail/34?Root=HB174&utm)
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/detail/34?Root=HB174&utm>
- **Vote record:** The official journal records “SHOWER” among the Senate cross-sponsors and records the bill passing Y20 N-.
- **Hearing/video records:** [HB 174 hearing and video records:](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/34?Root=HB+174&utm)
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/34?Root=HB+174&utm>

SB 156 – Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank

- **Bill/Measure:** SB 156 – ACFAB / Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank
- **Vote/Action:** YEA, Senate vote 19–1.
- **Shower's individual action:** Voted YEA.
- **Date:** May 20, 2025.
- **Reason Given:** The bill concerned the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank and certain commercial-fishing loans.
- **Source:** Alaska Senate voting record.
- **Direct Source:** [Mike Shower voting record – SB 156:](https://www.myreptracker.com/alaska/legislators/ak-senate-o-mike-shower/voting-record?utm)
<https://www.myreptracker.com/alaska/legislators/ak-senate-o-mike-shower/voting-record?utm>

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Direct Quotes on Alaskan's Issues

BERNADETTE M. WILSON

Homelessness / Housing First

- Direct Quote: "Anchorage doesn't have a homeless problem... We have a drug and psychiatric problem."
- Date: August 3, 2026
- Context: Wilson was discussing homelessness in Anchorage and argued that the state and municipality should address substance-use and psychiatric issues rather than treating the issue solely as homelessness.
- Reason Given: She argued that identifying the underlying problem is necessary to determine how state funding should be used.
- Source: Alaska's News Source, On the record: Q&A with Bernadette Wilson
- Direct Source: [Alaska's News Source — Q&A with Bernadette Wilson](https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/08/03/record-qa-with-bernadette-wilson/?utm)
<https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/08/03/record-qa-with-bernadette-wilson/?utm>

Government / Resource Development / Housing / Energy

- Direct Quote: "Resource development, development infrastructure in general."
- Date: July 21, 2026 interview; published August 3, 2026
- Context: Wilson identified resource development and infrastructure as among her principal policy priorities.
- Source: Alaska's News Source
- Direct Source: [Alaska's News Source — Q&A with Bernadette Wilson:](https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/08/03/record-qa-with-bernadette-wilson/?utm)
<https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/08/03/record-qa-with-bernadette-wilson/?utm>
- She specifically referenced Ambler Road, King Cove, ANWR, NPR-A, West Susitna and Juneau Access as projects she wanted to see developed.
<https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/08/03/record-qa-with-bernadette-wilson/?utm>

Resource Development / Land / Housing / Energy

- Direct Quote: "We need to develop and we need to build."
- Date: 2025–2026 campaign period
- Context: Wilson's campaign platform calls for development of AKLNG, NPR-A, ANWR, Willow, Ambler Road, West Susitna and King Cove.
- Reason Given: Her stated rationale is increased economic activity, infrastructure development and opportunities for Alaskans.
- Source: Wilson campaign platform
- Direct Source: [Bernadette Wilson — Vision for Alaska:](https://bernadetteforgovernor.com/vision-for-alaska/?utm)
<https://bernadetteforgovernor.com/vision-for-alaska/?utm>

In a 2025 interview about energy development, Wilson also said:

"My very strong belief is the government needs to help get roads built."

She specifically connected roads to mining districts and oil-development opportunities, including ANWR and NPR-A. <https://redstate.com/wardclark/2025/07/03/interview-bernadette-wilson-republican-candidate-for-governor-of-alaska-n2191213?utm>

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Energy

- Direct Quote: "One of the greatest threats to our national defense is our dependence on foreign oil and minerals."
- Date: July 21, 2026 interview
- Context: Wilson was discussing Alaska's strategic location and domestic energy/mineral development.
- Reason Given: She argued that Alaska has the resources to supply energy and minerals to the United States.
- Source: Alaska's News Source
- Direct Source: [Alaska's News Source — Q&A with Bernadette Wilson:](https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/08/03/record-qa-with-bernadette-wilson/?utm)
<https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/08/03/record-qa-with-bernadette-wilson/?utm>

Housing / Cost of Living / Population

- Direct Quote: "When you look at the cost of energy, the cost of housing, the lack of good jobs, I think all of that kind of comes together."
- Date: July 21, 2026
- Context: Wilson was asked why young people are leaving Alaska.
- Reason Given: She identified housing costs, energy costs and the availability of good-paying jobs as interconnected factors.
- Source: Alaska's News Source
- Direct Source: [Alaska's News Source — Q&A with Bernadette Wilson:](https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/08/03/record-qa-with-bernadette-wilson/?utm)
<https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/08/03/record-qa-with-bernadette-wilson/?utm>

Subsistence / Fisheries

Direct Quote: "We need to get everybody to the table."

- Date: September 2026
- Context: Fisheries debate concerning salmon management and Alaska's seafood industry.
- Reason Given: Wilson said Alaska needs greater coordination among state agencies and the congressional delegation concerning fisheries.
- Source: KMXT, 2026 gubernatorial fisheries debate
- Direct Source: [KMXT — 2026 gubernatorial candidates fisheries debate:](https://www.kmxt.org/news/2026-09-14/recap-of-2026-gubernatorial-candidates-fisheries-debate?utm)
<https://www.kmxt.org/news/2026-09-14/recap-of-2026-gubernatorial-candidates-fisheries-debate?utm>

Direct Quote: "It's time to quit apologizing for the industry in which we work. We do it better, safer, and cleaner than anywhere in the world. We need good jobs and affordable energy. The caribou aren't going to pay your mortgage."

- Source: <https://bernadetteforgovernor.com/>
- Context: Campaign message.

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Election Security / Election Integrity

- Direct Quote: "The current system is 'convoluted' and contributed to delays in the public knowing the outcomes of some elections."
- Date: February 17, 2025
- Context: Wilson was one of the primary sponsors of the initiative to repeal Alaska's open-primary/ranked-choice voting system.
- Reason Given: Wilson argued that voters were confused about the 2024 repeal ballot question and that the current election system contributed to delays.
- Source: Alaska Beacon
- Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon — Repeal of ranked-choice voting initiative: https://alaskabeacon.com/2025/02/17/new-petition-can-start-signature-gathering-for-repeal-of-ranked-choice-voting-open-primaries-alaska-It-governor-says/?utm](https://alaskabeacon.com/2025/02/17/new-petition-can-start-signature-gathering-for-repeal-of-ranked-choice-voting-open-primaries-alaska-It-governor-says/?utm)
- The Alaska Division of Elections confirms that Bernadette Wilson, Judy Eledge and Ken McCarty are the three primary sponsors of Initiative 24ESEG.

Election Day / Ballot Counting

- Direct Quote: "Your fourth-place round in rank choice voting never comes into play."
- Date: July 2026
- Context: Wilson was explaining her opposition to ranked-choice voting.
- Source: Alaska's News Source
- Direct Source: [Alaska's News Source — 2026 ballot measure interview: https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/09/19/ballot-measure-asks-voters-whether-keep-ranked-choice-voting-it-does-more-than-just-that/?utm](https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/09/19/ballot-measure-asks-voters-whether-keep-ranked-choice-voting-it-does-more-than-just-that/?utm)

She also said:

"It really has been heartbreaking to see how many people still can't wrap their heads around ranked choice voting because it's so convoluted."

Land / Population / Economic Development

- Direct Quote: "It's been 40 years since this state has built a major road."
- Date: July 21, 2026
- Context: Wilson was discussing infrastructure and economic development.
- Reason Given: She connected transportation infrastructure to economic development, resource development and the ability to move goods more efficiently.
- Source: Alaska's News Source
- Direct Source: [Alaska's News Source — Q&A with Bernadette Wilson: https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/08/03/record-qa-with-bernadette-wilson/?utm](https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/08/03/record-qa-with-bernadette-wilson/?utm)

Government

- Direct Quote: "The governor needs to work directly with Alaskans, and the Legislature needs to remember you work for Alaska."
- Date: August 2026
- Context: Wilson was discussing the relationship between the governor, Legislature and Alaskans.

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- Source: Alaska Public Media
- Direct Source: [Alaska Public Media — Bernadette Wilson says Alaska is 'stagnant'](https://alaskapublic.org/news/politics/elections/2026-08-14/republican-governor-candidate-bernadette-wilson-says-shes-frustrated-alaska-is-stagnant?utm)
<https://alaskapublic.org/news/politics/elections/2026-08-14/republican-governor-candidate-bernadette-wilson-says-shes-frustrated-alaska-is-stagnant?utm>

Tribal Sovereignty

- Direct Quote: No verified direct quote located specifically addressing tribal sovereignty.
- Documented connection: Wilson has identified herself as a member of the Naknek Native Village Council.
- Source: Alaska Public Media
- Direct Source: [Alaska Public Media — Bernadette Wilson joins governor's race:](https://alaskapublic.org/news/politics/2025-05-13/conservative-activist-bernadette-wilson-joins-2026-alaska-governors-race?utm)
<https://alaskapublic.org/news/politics/2025-05-13/conservative-activist-bernadette-wilson-joins-2026-alaska-governors-race?utm>

MICHAEL K. SHOWER

Election Security

- Direct Quote: "People on both sides of the aisle are unhappy with election security and integrity."
- Date: January 18, 2022
- Context: Senate State Affairs Committee discussion of election legislation.
- Reason Given: Shower said his work on election issues was intended to increase voter confidence rather than being political.
- Source: Alaska Legislature — Senate State Affairs Committee
- Direct Source: [Alaska Legislature — January 18, 2022 hearing:](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2022-01-18+15:30:00&utm)
<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2022-01-18+15:30:00&utm>

Shower also stated:

"My work on this topic has never been political. Rather, it is about doing what needs to be done so voters trust the system and results."

Election Integrity

- Direct Quote: "I have never taken the position that election fraud was so prevalent that a single election result in Alaska was changed."
- Date: August 15, 2024
- Context: Shower's published discussion of election reform.
- Reason Given: He argued that election-system vulnerabilities nevertheless warranted legislative changes.
- Source: Mike Shower, Must Read Alaska
- Direct Source: [Mike Shower — It's time to repeal automatic voter registration and fix election loopholes:](https://mustreadalaska.com/mike-shower-its-time-to-repeal-automatic-voter-registration-and-fix-election-loopholes/?utm) <https://mustreadalaska.com/mike-shower-its-time-to-repeal-automatic-voter-registration-and-fix-election-loopholes/?utm>

He continued:

"We discovered a number of vulnerabilities in our Alaska election system that we need to address."

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Election Day / Ballot Counting

- Direct Quote: "It essentially did nothing on the security side."
- Date: May 15, 2025
- Context: Shower discussed election legislation concerning ballot curing, ballot tracking and election-security provisions.
- Reason Given: He said provisions he wanted—including same-day registration restrictions, electronic signatures and ballot-tracking/contingency provisions—were not included in the form of legislation under discussion.
- Source: Alaska Legislature — House Finance Committee
- Direct Source: [Alaska Legislature — May 15, 2025 hearing: https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=HFIN+2025-05-15+13:30:00&utm](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=HFIN+2025-05-15+13:30:00&utm)

He also said:

"The bill was a watered down version, which essentially did nothing on the security side."

Subsistence / Fisheries

- Direct Quote: Shower said he was concerned that residency requirements could "violate the Alaska Constitution's guarantee of equal access to fish and game resources."
- Date: April 23, 2024
- Context: Senate consideration of legislation connecting hunting/fishing residency requirements with PFD eligibility.
- Vote/Action: Shower voted No on the bill.
- Reason Given: He was concerned about impacts on long-term Alaska residents who leave the state for portions of the year and constitutional equal-access implications.
- Source: Alaska Public Media
- Direct Source: [Alaska Public Media — Alaska Senate passes hunting/fishing residency bill: https://alaskapublic.org/news/2024-04-23/alaska-senate-passes-bill-that-ties-hunting-and-fishing-residency-requirements-to-pfd-eligibility?utm](https://alaskapublic.org/news/2024-04-23/alaska-senate-passes-bill-that-ties-hunting-and-fishing-residency-requirements-to-pfd-eligibility?utm)

Tribal Sovereignty

- Direct Quote: "We did not understand — some of us — how important this was to members of the Native communities of Alaska."
- Date: July 28, 2022
- Context: Legislation formally recognizing federally recognized tribes in Alaska.
- Vote/Action: Shower helped advance the legislation through the Senate and ultimately voted for it.
- Reason Given: Shower said the legislative process provided an opportunity to expand what Alaska could do regarding tribal recognition and relationships.
- Source: Alaska Public Media/Alaska Beacon reporting on the legislation.
- Direct Source: [Alaska Public Media — Alaska formally recognizes Native tribes: https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2022-07-28/a-historic-milestone-alaska-formally-recognizes-native-tribes?utm](https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2022-07-28/a-historic-milestone-alaska-formally-recognizes-native-tribes?utm)

There is also an official Senate State Affairs hearing record where Shower said:

"We can do better than where we are today."

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The statement was made during discussion of the relationship between the State of Alaska and sovereign tribes. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2022-02-10+15%3A30%3A00&utm>

Government

- Direct Quote: "We can do better than where we are today."
- Date: February 10, 2022
- Context: Senate State Affairs discussion concerning the relationship between Alaska and sovereign tribes.
- Source: Alaska Legislature
- Direct Source: [Alaska Legislature – February 10, 2022 Senate State Affairs hearing: https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2022-02-10+15:30:00&utm](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SSTA+2022-02-10+15:30:00&utm)

Resource Development / Energy

- Direct Quote: Shower said that "increased extraction of minerals and oil would be required" to support future technological and sustainable-fuel advances.
- Date: January 23, 2025
- Context: Senate Transportation Standing Committee discussion concerning energy/fuels.
- Reason Given: Shower was discussing Alaska's need for additional in-state oil refining and the limitations of relying on biofuels.
- Source: Alaska Legislature
- Direct Source: [Alaska Legislature – January 23, 2025 Senate Transportation hearing: https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=STRA+2025-01-23+13:30:00&utm](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=STRA+2025-01-23+13:30:00&utm)
- The same hearing record says Shower "advocated for increased in-state oil refinement."

Land / Economic Development / Infrastructure

- Direct Quote: Shower described increased military construction as a "positive development."
- Date: February 4, 2025
- Context: Senate Transportation Committee discussion of Alaska's 2025 construction outlook and economic impact.
- Reason Given: Shower was discussing the economic impact of increased military construction projects.
- Source: Alaska Legislature
- Direct Source: [Alaska Legislature – February 4, 2025 Construction Outlook hearing: https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=STRA+2025-02-04+13:30:00&utm](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=STRA+2025-02-04+13:30:00&utm)

Housing

- Bill: HB 174 – REAA Fund: Mt. Edgecumbe, Teacher Housing
- Action: Shower was a Senate cosponsor.
- Date: 2025
- Source: Alaska Legislature
- Direct Source: [Mike Shower – Alaska Legislature member record: https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Member/Detail/34?code=SHO&utm](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Member/Detail/34?code=SHO&utm)
- I would not turn that cosponsorship into a Housing First position, because the legislation concerned teacher housing rather than Housing First.