



# Alaska State Legislature

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## October 2022 Community Council Update

**Absentee Ballot Applications** — The Division of Elections expects to begin sending out absentee by-mail ballots on October 14 to ensure that voters have adequate time to complete and return their ballots.

### Absentee Ballot and Voter Registration Dates & Deadlines:

- 10/9/22 - Deadline for voters to register to vote or update their registration
- 10/24/22 - In-Person, Special Needs and by Electronic Transmission Voting Begins
- 10/29/22 - Regional Offices open 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM for Absentee and Early Voting
- 10/29/22 - Absentee By-Mail Request Deadline
- 11/7/22 - Deadline for Division of Elections to receive absentee by electronic transmission ballot applications (at 5:00 PM)
- 11/8/22 - \*Election Day—Absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day

For information on absentee ballots, visit: <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/votingbymail.php>.

You can track the status of your absentee application at: [myvoterinformation.alaska.gov](http://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov).

You can find early and absentee in-person voting locations here: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/avo/>.

**Alaska Board of Governors Distinguished Service Award** — Later this month, I will be honored to receive the 2022 Alaska Bar Association Board of Governors Distinguished Service Award. The award honors an attorney for outstanding service to the membership of the Alaska Bar Association.

During my service in the legislature, in my private life, and in my professional life, I have worked with colleagues and community members to bolster our criminal justice system and support our attorneys and judges. In 2021, I sponsored and passed legislation extending the termination date of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association until June 30, 2029, in accordance with the recommendation of the Legislative Auditor. The Board of Governors serves an important public service by regulating the practice of law, promoting reform in the law and in judicial procedure, facilitating the administration of justice, investigating complaints, requiring continuing legal education (CLE) for membership, and increasing the public service and efficiency of the Bar. I am honored to receive this award and will continue my work to improve public safety and make wise use of our public safety resources.

**Tracking Issues in West Anchorage** — This fall, our office has heard from constituents about a variety of topics including the Fish Creek Trail Connection Project, Anchorage's emergency homeless sheltering plan, and the Anchorage School District budget shortfall. Our office will continue to track these items and we encourage you to contact us with any questions or concerns.