



Alaska State Legislature

Senator Matt Claman

Senator.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov

(907) 269-0130

Serving West Anchorage

October 2024 Community Council Update

Voter Registration Deadline — The General Election is November 5th, and you must be registered to vote by October 6th! Unlike Anchorage Municipal elections, the general election is *not* conducted by mail - if you would like your ballot mailed to you, you'll need to fill out a vote-by-mail application. Those who can register to vote in Alaska must meet these qualifications:

- A U.S. Citizen
- An Alaskan resident
- Anyone who is 18 years of age or will be 18 on or before election day
- You cannot be convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, unless your voting rights have been restored.
- You cannot be registered to vote in another state unless you are willing to cancel your registration in that state.

To register to vote online, please visit: voterregistration.alaska.gov/

To check your voter registration status, please visit: myvoterportal.alaska.gov/

Ranked-Choice Voting — *Ballot Measure 2* will be on our ballots in the 2024 General Election. Ballot Measure 2 is a proposal to repeal ranked-choice voting (RCV) and return Alaska to closed party primaries.

- “Yes” on Ballot Measure 2 = repeals ranked-choice voting and returns to closed party primary elections in Alaska.
- “No” on Ballot Measure 2 = keeps ranked-choice voting in Alaska.

In the 2020 General Election, voters approved of a one-vote Nonpartisan Top Four Primary Election and a RCV General Election. Under RCV, voters to rank candidates on the General Election ballot in order of preference: first, second, third, and fourth. If one candidate receives a majority (50% plus one) of the first-choice votes, they win. If there is no outright winner, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and voters that ranked that candidate 1st have their vote counted for their next choice. This process continues until one candidate receives a majority of voters’ choices.

To review more information about Ballot Measure 2, please visit the Division of Elections website: elections.alaska.gov/petitions-and-ballot-measures/

2024 Permanent Fund dividend — The Alaska Department of Revenue announced the 2024 dividend amount of \$1,702—which includes a \$1,403.83 dividend and a one-time energy relief payment of \$298.17. Applicants with a “Eligible-Not Paid” status as of October 18 will have payments disbursed starting on **October 26, 2024**. This payment includes 2024 paper and electronic applications, direct deposit, and check payments.

To check your application status, please visit: myinfo.pfd.dor.alaska.gov/