

SCENIC FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MARCH NEWSLETTER

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Candidates for Municipal Assembly and the Anchorage School Board are invited to our March 3 Council meeting to make a short presentation.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY to ask questions of the candidates and learn where they stand on the issues most important to you.

The candidates are:

Municipal Assembly

Paul Bauer

Brian Whittle

School Board Seat C

Mary Marks

Thomas Lamb

School Board Seat D

John Steiner

Rod McCoy

Russell Mjolsnes

Other community issues

Other issues regarding a community development plan or other land issues that may require our response to the Assembly or the Planning and Zoning Commission will be introduced at the Council meeting.

2005 MUNICIPAL BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1 – Property Tax Exemption

We have talked about this property tax exemption at a past Council meeting, but we will once again try to describe who the effects of the exemption. Will it help you or could there be any adverse consequences?

Proposition 2 – Convention Center

Should the voters of Anchorage approve a 4% increase in the hotel/motel room tax for purposes of constructing a new Convention Center?

A representative of the Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau or of the Center advocacy group will be at our Council meeting to describe the project and how the taxation works.

Proposition 3 – Museum Expansion

The proposed museum expansion will be described at the March Council meeting by a representative of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. The new facility will also house the Imaginarium, a children's science discovery center.

\$50 million has been received through Anchorage Museum Foundation and another \$25 million of State and federal grants will be added. Anchorage taxpayers are being asked to raise the tax cap to allow an additional \$1.25 million yearly for operational costs not covered by other sources.

Propositions 4, 5 and 6

Other ballot propositions for approval by the taxpayers are: (4) \$44.5 million for roadway and drainage improvements; (5) \$1,930,000 of public transportation bonds to secure an additional \$7,720,000 from the Federal government for transportation improvements; and (6) \$480,000 for ambulances and related capital improvements.

LEGISLATORS' CONSTITUENT MEETING

State Senator Bettye Davis and Representatives Harry Crawford and Sharon Cissna will be available to the public from noon to 3pm on **Saturday, February 26** at the King Career Center, meeting room 1, 2650 E. Northern Lights Blvd. They genuinely want to hear from you.

Next Community Council Meeting March 3, 2005
7:00 PM Scenic Park Elementary

AGENDA

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Minutes
APD Report
Assembly Report
Legislative Report
School Report
Board Officers Reports

Presentations
Convention Center
Museum expansion
Property tax exemption

Old Business/Updates
New Business
Other Reports

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