

2008 CANDIDATE QUESTIONS FOR MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY

1. Please give a short introduction and describe your political philosophy.
2. How long have you lived in the area?
3. To what civic organizations do you belong, and why?
4. What is the purpose of government, in your opinion?
5. What is your motivation for public service?
6. Do you feel our government should flow from the bottom up or the top down?
7. If you became aware that government officials were doing something illegal, would you report it?
8. If borough employees or elected officials are convicted of breaking the law, should they be allowed to keep their job?
9. Should there be term limits imposed on the borough mayor, assembly and school board? Would you uphold the term limits established by the voters in 2007 beyond 2009 (when the citizen's initiative could be lawfully amended) ?
10. If elected, would you continue the attempt to overturn the term limits decision despite voter approval of the initiative?
11. If the voters pass a citizen-initiated ordinance (i.e. an initiative) would you comply with that ordinance even if you didn't like it?
12. Would you support an efficiency audit of the Kenai Peninsula School district? Of the Kenai Peninsula Borough? Why?
13. Who best decides how the sales tax and property tax revenues of the borough should be spent: The voters, the assembly or the mayor? How should these three entities be balanced?
14. If people vote to impose a revenue cap similar to those in Anchorage, Fairbanks and the Mat-Su Borough – Would you comply with that vote? Would you vote to implement it at the assembly level as a borough ordinance?
15. Should Service Area representatives be paid a salary?
16. Should the Assembly salary be increased or decreased?

17. Are the Borough and Service areas paying high enough salaries to their staff members or not high enough?
18. Should the budget be cut? If yes, where?
19. The Mayor has the staff to crunch budget figures, whereas the Assembly has very little time to digest the budget once they receive it.
20. The assembly could dictate a target mill rate or specific items to include or exclude at the beginning of the budget cycle. Would you support implementation of such directions?
21. If voters re-impose a capital projects cap that requires a simple majority and includes grant money in the cap calculations, would you comply with that vote?
22. Do you favor the tri-borough coalition currently in place with Mayor Williams, Mayor Begich and Mayor Menard? If so, what things should they be working on?
23. This is Act's Mission statement. Would you endorse this mission statement and the projects ACT has proposed to promote this mission? If not, Please explain why.
 - I. Promote the financially efficient operation of all necessary Kenai Peninsula Borough functions mandated under Ak Statutes Title 29.
 - II. Promote citizen awareness and participation in the formulation of sustainable fiscal policy.
 - III. Work to implement a plan that requires the Kenai Peninsula Borough to seek voter approval for the funding of major capital projects or changes in the type or rate of all taxes