

2008 CANDIDATE QUESTIONS FOR SERVICE AREA

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?
10. 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?
11. In your opinion, Who best decides how the sales tax and/or property tax revenues of the borough should be spent: The voters, the assembly or the mayor? How should these three entities be balanced?
12. 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?
13. Should Service Area representatives be paid a salary?
14. Are the Borough and Service areas paying high enough salaries to their staff members or not high enough?
15. Should the service area budget be cut? If yes, where?

16. The service area has the staff to crunch budget figures, whereas the board has very little time to digest the budget once they receive it. The service area board 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?
17. 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?
18. Who would you primarily represent: the user of your service area; the voters who elected you; or the property taxpayers that fund the service area? Since they are not necessarily the same people, how will you balance these three entities?
19. This is Act's Mission statement. Would you endorse this mission statement and the projects ACT has proposed to promote this mission?
20. 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