

CPG

1. Do you believe in the written Rule of Law as expressed in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights by the founding fathers and reject the idea of a living Constitution? Please explain.

Yes, I believe in the written rule of law as expressed in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. These founding documents have no meaning if they are living and breathing and changing every time we have people come and go from office. Our constitution is concrete and there is a process in place to make amendments to it if our society so desires. No court has the power to change the meaning of the constitution, only try to interpret it.

2. Do you believe that government is best when it governs least? Please explain.

Yes. All government no matter how well intentioned thrives and seeks power by consent. It is human nature to trust others, but we must have a healthy skepticism of government and its intent. Government only derives its power and authority from that which we as individuals consent to give it. As we increase the amount of consent we give to government we decrease our individual liberties.

3. Do you believe in the individual's right to life, liberty, and property? Please explain.

Yes. Life liberty and the pursuit of happiness is at the core, but private property ownership is also a paramount element to personal liberty. I also believe that property is also critical to a person's ability to be free from the dependence on others or government. All property should be private except for that consented to the government to conduct only constitutionally limited functions.

4. Do you believe in the sanctity of the individual from conception (Pro-Life)? Please explain.

Yes. I hold a high personal respect for life from conception through all end of life. I also believe that the sanctity of life in America is an underlying cornerstone and the foundation, we as a society cherish and respect, which gives us the moral clarity we have. I believe that we are losing the moral respect and the sanctity for the very fabric that life should hold within each one of us as individuals.

5. Do you believe our freedoms and rights are God-given natural rights, not given by the government? Please explain.

Yes. Our rights are granted by a higher power than governmental bureaucrats and politicians. Our rights are given to us by God.

6. Do you have compassion for the poor but oppose policies, such as socialism, that encourage people to remain on public assistance? Please explain.

Yes, I am compassionate for the poor. Compassion can only come from individuals and can never come from an inanimate entity like the government. Individuals within government can personally express compassion on a human level, but the entity itself is not compassionate. I believe that giving must be done through civil means like churches or other non-profit organizations. Government programs and social welfare, especially those being used today, do nothing to prevent the very situations they are trying to suppress. I do believe that as a society we have a responsibility toward helping our citizens.

7. Do you believe in a strong military and have a great respect for those who have put their lives in peril to protect freedom? Please explain.

Yes. I believe in our strong military and the sacrifice of those that serve. We must maintain a strong military in order to preserve our freedom and continue to be a beacon for others around the world that seek to be free as we are. We must be able to protect what we have before we are able to reach out to help others. I do not believe this is an endorsement to send our troops all over the globe as the policemen of the world to nation build or insert ourselves in conflicts that do not directly threaten our national security or the preservation of our society, freedoms and our liberty.

8. Do you support HJR 1? Please explain.

Yes. Parents should have the final say and control over the education of their child. This also means that parents should have the full freedom to choose the best educational opportunity that meets the needs of their family and their child. Money that is designated for the learning benefit of a learner should follow that learner around regardless if that learner is in a "public" school or non-public school. The problem with the education argument as a whole today is that it centers around saving schools, preserving existing public institutions built on mediocrity, and on the cost of contracts to the state rather than being focused on improving learning and producing the highest achievable learning performance possible for each and every child.

9. What infrastructure development would you support and why (projects such as Knik Arm bridge, coal, hydro, road etc.)? Please include project(s) of your choice.

I support projects that deliver cheaper more efficient energy for both rural and urban Alaska such as a gas line spur that connects to hubs like Barrow Kotzebue, Nome, Dillingham, Bethel, etc.. None of the current "energy projects" being proposed deliver anything off the road system leaving the 1/3 of Alaskans that are already suffering an energy crisis with no solution at all. However I am less inclined to support any development projects until Alaska gets its fiscal house in order and reigns in our massive deficit spending which threatens all long-term future state budgets and development.

10. Do you support SB 90? Please explain.

No. It is language that seems to only grow government by covering even more people under the current system.

11. Please describe your top three legislative priorities.

Improving Learning performance of all children in our K-12 Education System. We must also increase our educational expectations and standards.

Reduce the high rates of sexual assaults, violent crime, suicides and substance abuse related crime through proactive public safety strategies combined with identification and analysis of the root causes of these problems rather than just chasing symptoms and proposing hasty feel good solutions.

Lower the cost of energy statewide for everyone in both urban and rural Alaska.

Resolve the ongoing issues between the State of Alaska and Alaska Natives beginning with the State of Alaska taking a position of respect through recognition of Alaska Native Tribal status.

Completely reconstruct the framework of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and bring in a healthy new perspective on how to grow Alaska's Fish and Game populations to the once abundant

levels seen in early statehood. It is time to free the ADFG from politics and influences from special interest organizations and money influenced user groups like commercial fishermen vs subsistence, for the benefit of a few. Alaska's resources are for everyone and the ADFG must be free to focus on just growing healthy populations of fish and wildlife for all.

12. Do you support SB 21 as originally voted by our elected officials? Please explain.

I think that ACES was flawed. SB21 only repeals certain aspects of ACES, but it too is flawed and does not fix the overall issue of reducing the size of government, increasing productivity, putting more money in the hands of Alaskan's and our economy, increasing the amount of money being placed in the Permanent Fund, etc... I don't support SB21 specifically, but I also did not support ACES. We keep going round and round arguing about who gets what slice of the pie when we need to be talking about making more pie. Not enough time has passed to test whether or not SB21 will even work. There isn't enough data to make the decision yet. As a principle though I support a much smaller government take of any private sector effort even when it involves a resource commodity like oil or gas.

13. Have you or will you take funds from public employee unions to help finance your campaign? Do you see any conflict of interest if you accept such funds? Please explain.

I am a candidate that represents ALL constituents within my district. Public employee unions are not the enemy and neither are their members. I do not pander to unions and will not seek them out for contributions. If a union agrees with my principled positions and they in fact want to help my campaign because they believe in what I stand for with no strings attached I welcome that constituent support. For example, the Public Safety Employees Association (PSEA) represents law enforcement officers from the Alaska State Troopers as well as dozens of municipal police departments across the state. Many of the PSEA members contribute money into a voluntary PSEA PAC that is specifically for contributing to campaigns. Many of these PSEA members are also very conservative minded voters with only liberty and small government principles on their agenda. In this case I do not think it is a conflict and would not alienate such a large constituency of voters that align with my values and for the most part the values of CPG just because they work for the State of Alaska and are forced to be a part of a public employee union that collects dues and voluntary contributions that can be used to support candidates with values they agree with.

14. Would you support legislation that prohibited the state from withholding public employee union dues from an employee's paycheck? Please explain.

Yes. An employee should be able to opt in to representation, or opt in to dues collection and not be forced into servitude to a union as a condition of state or public employment. People should be free to assemble, but their consent should be voluntary not forced. Union participation has pros and cons for different individuals, but as an individual, no person should have money they earned deducted from their pay without their consent.

15. Do you support the legalization of marijuana? Please explain.

No. The legalization of it means that the government can then regulate it thus leading to tax collection that then means government can grow even larger. The discussion is complex and we ultimately have three options. Prohibition, decriminalization or legalization. We do not know enough to either decriminalize or to legalize it at this time, but I would prefer to see it eventually decriminalized. There are far too many unknowns about the negative impacts of how marijuana influences our society right now.

16. Will you assist in reducing the budget, even if this means less money to your district for non-essential projects? Please explain.

Yes. We must fix Alaska's deficit problems and it means that across the board Alaska is in very bad economic shape. We are burning \$7,000,000 (million) in debt every day under the current administration and legislature. This MUST stop immediately which means steep cuts must begin immediately!

17. Why do you think you best represent your constituents?

I am free from the influences of party politics and focus on ideas and solutions across all spectrums. I have my core beliefs and values, but I am also the only candidate uniting all of my districts constituents on shared values and beliefs.

I am the most active and involved candidate that understands that my campaign does not begin and end with just an election. It began with constituent outreach, morphed into an election campaign and then will transition into a more comprehensive constituent outreach effort for winning legislation after my election.

I have a much better understanding of how the right relationships are forged and how to remain principles yet build coalitions. I will not compromise my values to reach an end.

My understanding of managing projects coupled with the sophistication of a chemical engineering background and being the former Director of the State of Alaska Technology Enterprise system is the perfect mix of talents. It results in quick thinking under pressure, understanding how to apply root cause problem solving, and utilizing technology to create efficiencies within all aspects of government.

I am also very liberty focused and will not tolerate government intrusion on our privacy.

18. Do you think Alaska has a sustainable budget? Please explain.

No. We are spending 2 to 2.5 times what we bringing in. Alaska will begin burning through its PFD soon (within 5 years) if this current legislature has its way. This reckless spending being presented by the legislature and signed in by the governor is what is stalling the Alaskan economy and threatening our future prosperity.

19. Do you support an increase in the minimum wage for Alaska? Please explain.

No. I am 100% against wage controls of any kind. The government needs to get out of the artificial manipulation of wages through "fairness" or "livable wage" excuses.

20. If you lose in a primary election, will you support the party nominee? Please explain.

I am running as a Republican, but I am not a Republican because of the Alaska Republican Party. I am a republican because of the ideals that I believe republicanism represents. If the candidate has similar conservative and liberty minded solutions to the problems we face then I will support them. I would need to know a lot more about my opponents before I could just say that I would support them just because they are the same party as me.