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Candidate Questionnaire

Please answer each question, on a separate piece of paper, and provide a brief explanation following the questionnaire.

- 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.**

I do believe the Constitution is the Rule of law and will follow the Constitution as Governor

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

Yes, I do agree with that concept.

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

Yes, I do believe in that.

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

Yes, I am pro-life.

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

Yes, I do believe that our freedoms and guaranteed by our Constitution and some are God given.

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

I do have compassion for the poor. However, I am most interested in providing a hand up and not just a hand out.

- 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 certainly do believe in a strong military. My father served our country in WWII as a member of the Alaska Scouts in the Aleutians. I am very supportive of the military.

- 8. Do you support HJR 1? Please explain.**

I am concerned with the public funding of private schools for a number of reasons. Given the major fiscal crisis Alaska is presently in and is projected for the next 10 years because of deficit spending each of those years under the present governor, I don't see how we could ever fund such a concept. However, I am committed in fixing the problems in the public school system.

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 am very supportive of infrastructure projects, but they must have a return to Alaska. I will support infrastructure projects that generate revenue to Alaska, reduce energy costs, open up access to resource development, and create jobs. I have been the leading champion in Alaska for the large volume gasline. This infrastructure project can return over \$400 billion to Alaska in revenues over just the first 30 years of the Project, reduce the cost of energy in some areas by as much as 80% and finally allow value-added manufacturing here in Alaska.

10. Do you support SB 90? Please explain.

My concern with SB 90 is the numerous objections I heard from many school districts around the state that as a result of SB 90, their insurance premiums would go up. I prefer the local government/school boards making those decisions rather than the State government.

11. Please describe your top three legislative priorities.

We must address the present fiscal free fall we are in. ISER economist Scott Goldsmith estimates the deficit at \$7 million/day. This is the largest fiscal deficit in Alaska's history. The forecast given by Governor Parnell's office this year to the legislature reflects a constant deficit spending for at least the next 10 years. Second is the high cost of energy. Many areas of Alaska won't survive if we just continue to study the problem rather than build the solution. A large volume gasline built on Alaska's terms, on Alaska's timeline can resolve the fiscal crisis as well as fix the energy crisis. Education is a significant concern to me. I am convinced we can do much better with what we have, but I don't believe our education menu has the appropriate items available. Our curriculum assumes all students will be continuing on to college. That is not the case. For that reason, I am very supportive of Career and Technical Education (CTE) in mainstream education. Schools with a strong CTE programs generally have the highest graduation percentages. Let's learn from those successes.

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

SB 21 is the law and I will follow the law. While I was not in favor of SB21 due to a lack of any commitments from the oil companies to explore for new oil, I said repeatedly prior to the primary, I will follow the will of the people on this issue. However, I will track the progress of activity under SB 21 to ensure the statements made by Exxon, ConocoPhillips and BP during their media campaign leading up to the vote are complied with.

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 have accepted funds from public employee unions but don't see that as a conflict of interest. Like other citizens, public employees want a change in leadership. I'm proud of the diverse support I have received from individuals and organizations around Alaska. They contribute because they believe in my message. I will not be beholden to any interest group.

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

I have declined to make promises about any specific legislation or funding. As governor, I will be expected to evaluate each proposal on the merits when presented to me.

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

I will be voting no on the issue, but if the legislation passes, I will execute the law as directed by the people.

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

As you can see from my answers to the above questions, this is my number one priority. The political process seems to reward those who bring home the bacon and now we are borrowing at the daily rate of \$7 million/day in order to cover this administration's deficit spending. It is truly amazing that given the largest deficit in our state's history, Governor Parnell could not find one single item to veto in this year's budget.

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

I will not be representing a party, but the people of Alaska. Every decision I make will not be Party related but what is best for Alaskans. I will be putting people over party. Also, I have no interest in starting or advancing a political career. I believe those that are professional politicians are a large part of the problem. I don't believe the founders of our Constitution envisioned there would be career politicians.

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

Our current budget is absolutely not sustainable. As I have said, we are in the largest deficit in our State's history.

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

Yes, I do support the increase in the minimum wage.

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

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Signed: Bill Walker 9/23/14

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