



APDC 2022 Candidate Questionnaire

The Alaska Professional Design Council issued a candidate questionnaire to the Alaska State Senator & House of Representative Candidates, ahead of the November 8th Election. APDC received responses from 6 candidates for the State Senate race, and 9 candidates for the State House of Representatives Race. Below you'll see the three questions we put forward to the candidates, and a list of representatives who responded either in favor, in opposition, or requested more information.

Note that candidates for the State Senate are highlighted in **green text**, and candidates for the State House of Representatives are highlighted in **blue text**.

Capital Budget

In recent past, the State Capital Budget has been primarily a vehicle to match Federal capital money for roads, ports, and airports. This has created a backlog in State maintenance projects. APDC has held the position that an annual \$2 billion Capital Budget is necessary to start to work on that backlog. Will you, if elected, work to pass a Capital Budget that is sufficient to reduce this backlog?

Yes: Cathy Giessel, Elvi Gray-Jackson, Loki Tobin, John Bennett, Jim Cooper, Michael Shower, Laddie Shaw, Caroline Storm, Walter Featherly, Zack Fields, Van Lawrence, Grier Hopkins, Jesse Sumner, and Doyle Holmes

No: none

Candidate Requested More Information: none

Qualifications-Based Selection

It has long been known that the best method for acquiring design services is by qualifications-based selection (QBS), as opposed to a fee-based selection system. That is why the Federal government passed the Brooks Act in the early 1970's and the State of Alaska soon followed suit for their projects. The State Department of Education and Early Development requires their grantees to use QBS on their projects. Other State agencies do not have that requirement and some localities and non-profits use a fee-based system on projects funded by the State. This can result in cost overruns due to minimal Request For Proposal documents, misunderstandings of the design scope, and resulting construction change orders. Would you be amenable to passing a bill to require QBS on all projects using state funding?

Yes: Cathy Giessel, Elvi Gray-Jackson, John Bennett, Jim Cooper, Michael Shower, Laddie Shaw, Caroline Storm, Walter Featherly, Zack Fields, Van Lawrence, Grier Hopkins, Jesse Sumner, and Doyle Holmes

No: none

Candidate Requested More Information: Loki Tobin



Interior Designer Licensure

APDC supports the licensure of interior designers who are working on commercial projects, like the current requirements for architects, engineers, land surveyors, and landscape architects. This will ensure that the people who are doing these projects have the necessary education, experience, and examination to protect the public safety. Would you support passage of a bill requiring the licensure of interior designers under the auspices of the Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors?

Yes: [Cathy Giessel](#), [Elvi Gray-Jackson](#), [John Bennett](#), [Jim Cooper](#), [Michael Shower](#), [Laddie Shaw](#), [Caroline Storm](#), [Walter Featherly](#), [Zack Fields](#), [Van Lawrence](#), [Jesse Sumner](#), and [Doyle Holmes](#)

No: *none*

Candidate Requested More Information: [Loki Tobin](#), [Grier Hopkins](#)
