

# Matanuska-Susitna Borough Regular Election Brochure November 4, 2025



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**Election Day is**  
**Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

VOTE! LET YOUR  
VOICE BE HEARD!

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# Letter to Voters

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE**

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Dear Voter:

The Borough Clerk's Office is pleased to provide you with the Election Brochure for the November 4, 2025, Regular Borough Election. Inside you will find information on candidates running for office, the propositions, polling places, voting options, frequently asked questions, and other information concerning the election.

If you are unable to vote at your precinct on Election Day, you may vote at an early or absentee location. An absentee by-mail ballot application and information on early and absentee in-person voting are included in this brochure.

I hope you find this publication useful as you prepare to vote in the upcoming election. If you have any questions, please visit us online at [www.matsu.gov/elections](http://www.matsu.gov/elections) or call 907-861-8683.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lonnie R. McKechnie".

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC  
Borough Clerk

*(An absentee by-mail ballot application is provided in the center to make it easier to detach from the brochure. It can also be downloaded from [www.matsu.gov/elections](http://www.matsu.gov/elections), or call the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-861-8683 to request an application.)*

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### Who may vote in this election?

Qualified voters of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

### How old must I be to register to vote?

You must be 18 years of age to vote. You may register any time within 90 days immediately preceding your 18th birthday.

### When are elections held?

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough will hold a regular election yearly on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November. Special elections may be held in accordance with code.

### How do I register to vote or update my voter registration record?

To register to vote or update your voter registration record, you must complete a voter registration application. You may complete an application online at [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov) or you may print an application and return it to a voter registrar.

Voter registration applications are also available at any Alaska State Division of Elections Office; Alaska State Division of Motor Vehicles; through a voter registration agency to include the Borough Clerk's Office, the City Clerk's Office in Houston, Palmer, and Wasilla; or your local library.

### Do I have to register for each election?

No. If you are registered to vote in State elections, you are automatically registered to vote in local (Borough) elections, provided your voter registration with the State was completed at least 30 days before the election and you listed a Mat-Su Borough address as your main residence.

### What happens if I am in line to vote when the polls close at 8 p.m.?

You will be allowed to vote if you are in line to vote when the polls close.

### Where do I vote?

If you do not know where to vote, please see page 8, or call the Alaska State Division of Elections at 907-373-8952, or the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-861-8683, or visit <https://myvoterportal.alaska.gov>.

### Is there an early/absentee voting site open on Election Day?

No, there will not be an early/absentee voting site open on Election Day for the Mat-Su Borough.



# Voting Information

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## POLLING PLACES

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. To locate your polling place, please refer to the information on page 8.


## BRING IDENTIFICATION TO THE POLLS

You must be prepared to show one form of acceptable identification, which includes:

- Voter ID Card
- State ID Card
- Passport
- Birth Certificate
- Driver's License
- Valid Photo ID Card
- Military ID Card
- Hunting or Fishing License

***If you do NOT have identification when voting, you will be asked to vote a questioned ballot.*** (See page 5 for more information.)

## MARKING THE BALLOT

When voting the ballot, completely fill in the oval next to the candidate or issue you wish to vote for with a black or blue ink pen. Completely fill in the oval like this: 

You only have to mark the races or issues you choose to vote for. If you mark more than one choice in a race or issue, that section of the ballot will NOT be counted. The sections of the ballot that are properly marked will be counted.

If you make a mistake marking your ballot, do NOT erase or correct the ballot. Return the spoiled ballot to an election worker and request a new ballot. You may only receive a replacement for a spoiled ballot two times for a total of three ballots issued.

## CAMPAIGNING PROHIBITED IN OR NEAR THE POLLS (ELECTIONEERING)

Electioneering is an act that is meant to persuade voters to vote in a particular way. During the hours the polls are open, no person who is in the polling place or within 200 feet of any entrance of the polling place may attempt to persuade a person to vote for or against a candidate, proposition, or question. Examples of electioneering include: discussion of candidates or issues, displaying campaign signs, bumper stickers, buttons, hats, and other like items.

# **Voting Information**

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## **QUESTIONED BALLOT VOTING**

You will be asked to vote a questioned ballot:

- If your name is NOT listed on the precinct register
- If you do not have identification
- If you choose to vote outside of your precinct on Election Day
- If your qualifications to vote have been challenged

Before receiving a ballot, you must complete a questioned ballot envelope. Your voted ballot will be placed in a secrecy sleeve and sealed inside your completed ballot envelope. The information you provide on the outside of the ballot envelope will be used to determine your voting eligibility and to update your voter registration record with the Alaska State Division of Elections. If for any reason your questioned ballot is not counted, you will be notified in writing.

## **ASSISTANCE TO VOTERS**

Non-English speaking voters, voters who are blind, physically impaired, or otherwise incapable of marking a ballot, may bring a person, or if necessary two persons, of their choice with them to the poll to assist them in casting their ballot. The persons assisting the voter may not be a candidate for office in that election, a family member of a candidate for office in that election, the voter's employer, agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union. The person providing assistance must take an oath before an election official not to divulge how the voter cast their ballot. Voters may also request an election official to assist them.

Polling locations within the Borough do not have language assistance for voters who have limited English proficiency. If you or someone you know needs language assistance, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-861-8683.

Magnifying ballot viewers for the visually impaired are available at all voting locations. If you have difficulty gaining access to your polling place, or if you have accessibility questions about your polling place, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-861-8683.

# Voting Information

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## VOTING ASSISTANCE

A Touch Screen Voting unit will be available at the Mat-Su Borough DSJ Administration Building and the Mat-Su State Division of Elections October 20, 2025, through November 3, 2025. Touch screen voting is intended for the blind, the disabled, and voters with reading difficulties. The touch screen unit allows disabled voters to vote unassisted with a magnified, high contrast, and audio ballot.

## VOTING BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

A voter with a disability, who because of that disability is unable to go to a polling location, may appoint a personal representative to obtain all voting information and a ballot from an election official. Special Needs voting is available during the voting period from any early/absentee voting location or at any polling location on Election Day.

You may also vote from the convenience of your home by applying for an absentee by-mail ballot. See page 23 for more information.



# What Is On My Ballot

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**All precincts in the Mat-Su Borough are open on Election Day. Find your precinct below to know what is on your ballot.**

## **Areawide Propositions 1 & 2** (pg. 24)

26-350 Fairview No. 1  
26-355 Fairview No. 2  
26-365 Knik Goose Bay No. 2  
26-380 Snowshoe  
28-450 Lakes No. 1  
28-460 Seldon No. 1  
28-465 Seldon No. 2  
28-470 Seward Meridian  
28-475 Trunk  
29-515 Kings Lake  
29-520 Lakes No. 3

## **Assembly District 1, Areawide Propositions 1 & 2** (pg. 25)

25-305 Butte  
25-315 Lazy Mountain  
29-505 Farm Loop  
29-510 Fishhook  
29-530 Sutton

## **Assembly District 2, School Board District 2, Areawide Propositions 1 & 2** (pg. 26)

25-310 Greater Palmer  
25-320 Palmer City No. 1  
25-325 Palmer City No. 2  
25-330 Springer Loop  
25-335 Walby  
26-375 Mat-Su Campus

## **Assembly District 4, Areawide Propositions 1 & 2** (pg. 27)

27-405 Foothills  
27-420 Wasilla No. 1  
27-425 Wasilla No. 2  
28-455 Lakes No. 2  
28-480 Wasilla Lake

## **Assembly District 4, Areawide Propositions 1 & 2, Non-Areawide Proposition 3** (pg. 28-29)

27-405 Foothills

## **School Board District 5, Areawide Propositions 1 & 2** (pg. 30)

26-360 Knik Goose Bay No. 1  
26-370 Knik Goose Bay No. 3  
30-555 Big Lake  
30-585 Knik Goose Bay No. 4

## **School Board District 5, Areawide Propositions 1 & 2, Non-Areawide Proposition 3** (pg. 32-33)

26-360 Knik Goose Bay No. 1

## **School Board District 7, Areawide Propositions 1 & 2** (pg. 34)

27-410 Meadow Lakes No. 1  
27-415 Meadow Lakes No. 2  
29-525 Sheep Mountain  
30-570 East Schrock  
30-580 Houston  
30-590 Trapper Creek  
30-595 Susitna  
30-600 Talkeetna  
30-605 Willow

## **School Board District 7, Areawide Propositions 1 & 2, Non-Areawide Proposition 3** (pg. 36-37)

27-410 Meadow Lakes No. 1  
27-415 Meadow Lakes No. 2

## **School Board District 7, Areawide Propositions 1 & 2, Non-Areawide Proposition 4** (pg. 38-39)

27-410 Meadow Lakes No. 1

Precincts 26-360, 27-405, 27-410, and 27-415 have multiple ballot styles. The ballot style received will depend upon where you live within the precinct.

**Borough polling places and their locations are printed on the next page.**

# Precincts and Locations for the November 4, 2025, Regular Election

<b>25-305 Butte</b> Butte Elementary School 4006 S. Butte Road	<b>27-410 Meadow Lakes No. 1</b> Meadow Lakes Elementary School 1741 N. Pittman Road	<b>29-525 Sheep Mountain</b> Glacier View School 65975 S. Wolverine Circle
<b>25-310 Greater Palmer</b> Palmer Community Center 610 S. Valley Way	<b>27-415 Meadow Lakes No. 2</b> West Lakes Fire Station 7-3 10073 W. Parks Highway	<b>29-530 Sutton</b> Sutton Library 11301 N. Chickaloon Way
<b>25-315 Lazy Mountain</b> Lazy Mountain Bible Church 16005 E. Shawn Drive	<b>27-420 Wasilla No. 1</b> Wasilla City Hall 290 E. Herning Avenue	<b>30-555 Big Lake</b> Faith Bible Fellowship Church 14225 W. Klwane Road
<b>25-320 Palmer City No. 1</b> Mat-Su Borough Building 350 E. Dahlia Avenue	<b>27-425 Wasilla No. 2</b> Menard Sports Center 1001 S. Clapp Street	<b>30-570 East Schrock</b> Pittman Fire Station 7-1 1685 N. Pittman Road
<b>25-325 Palmer City No. 2</b> Mat-Su School District Admin. Bldg. 501 N. Gulkana Street	<b>28-450 Lakes No. 1</b> Finger Lake Elementary School 5981 E. Eek Street	<b>30-580 Houston</b> Houston City Hall 13878 W. Armstrong Road
<b>25-330 Springer Loop</b> Palmer 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church 2238 S. Inner Springer Loop	<b>28-455 Lakes No. 2</b> Pioneer Peak Elementary School 1959 N. Stringfield Road (joint w/28-475)	<b>30-585 Knik Goose Bay No. 4</b> Redington Senior Jr/Sr High School 10015 W. Redington Drive
<b>25-335 Walby</b> Colony High School 9550 E. Bogard Road	<b>28-460 Seldon No. 1</b> Tanaina Elementary School 2550 N. Lucille Street	<b>30-590 Trapper Creek</b> Trapper Creek Elementary School 6742 E. Petersville Road
<b>26-350 Fairview No. 1</b> Machetanz Elementary School 4961 E. Nelson Road	<b>28-465 Seldon No. 2</b> Alcantra National Guard Armory 3401 E. Bogard Road	<b>30-595 Susitna</b> Susitna Valley High School 42728 S. Parks Highway
<b>26-355 Fairview No. 2</b> Public Safety Building (Station 5-1) 1911 S. Terrace Court	<b>28-470 Seward Meridian</b> White Fields Church 4800 E. Palmer-Wasilla Highway	<b>30-600 Talkeetna</b> Talkeetna Public Library 24645 S. Talkeetna Spur
<b>26-360 Knik Goose Bay No. 1</b> Knik Elementary School (joint w/26-370) 6350 W. Hollywood Road	<b>28-475 Trunk</b> Pioneer Peak Elementary School 1959 N. Stringfield Road (joint w/28-455)	<b>30-605 Willow</b> Willow Community Center 23557 W. Willow Community Center Circle
<b>26-365 Knik Goose Bay No. 2</b> Settlers Bay Community Church 6865 W. Dewlap Circle	<b>28-480 Wasilla Lake</b> Cottonwood Creek Elem. School 800 N. Seward Meridian Parkway	<div><b>ATTENTION VOTERS IN PRECINCT 26-365</b>  Please be aware that your polling location has moved from Public Safety Building (Station 5-1)  4568 S. Knik Goose Bay Road  To  <b>Settlers Bay Community Church</b>  <b>6865 W. Dewlap Circle</b></div>
<b>26-370 Knik Goose Bay No. 3</b> Knik Elementary School (joint w/26-360) 6350 W. Hollywood Road	<b>29-505 Farm Loop</b> Church On The Rock, Palmer 619 E. Scott Road	
<b>26-375 Mat-Su Campus</b> Matanuska-Susitna College 8295 E. College Drive	<b>29-510 Fishhook</b> Government Peak Chalet 10690 N. Mountain Trails Drive	
<b>26-380 Snowshoe</b> Fairview Loop Baptist Church 3118 W. Fairview Loop	<b>29-515 Kings Lake</b> Larson Elementary School 2722 E. Seldon Road	
<b>27-405 Foothills</b> American Legion Post 35 4180 W. Tweed Court	<b>29-520 Lakes No. 3</b> Mat-Su Career Tech High School 2472 N. Seward Meridian Parkway	

If you do not know where to vote, please call the Alaska State Division of Elections at 907-373-8952, or the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-861-8683, or visit <https://myvoterportal.alaska.gov>.

# Candidates for Elected Office:

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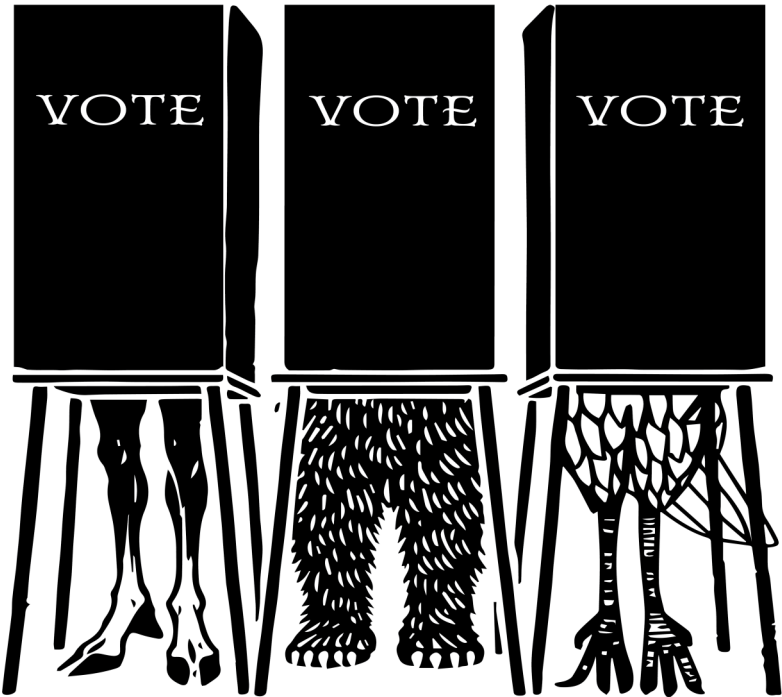
# MEET THE CANDIDATES

The position statement was published as written by each candidate. The Borough Clerk’s Office did not edit content, grammar, spelling, or punctuation; however, formatting may have been changed for spacing issues.

Per MSB 25.15.015(B)(2) Candidates may designate a political affiliation.

**For more information on the candidates for office, please contact the candidates directly.**

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# Assembly District 1 Candidates:

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**BOWLES, Michael — Republican  
Candidate for Assembly District 1**

Year of Birth: 1978

Years of Residency in Alaska: 17

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Palmer, AK 99645

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Website: [electmichaelbowles.com](http://electmichaelbowles.com)

**Statement:** My name is Michael Bowles, and I am your Conservative candidate for Mat-Su Borough Assembly District 1. Often in the evenings, I sit on my back porch and think about how great it is to live where we have the freedom to do with our property what we want without government infringement. Unfortunately, there is a shift starting out here in the Mat-Su with the Borough Assembly being influenced by Anchorage policies and politics. I decided to run for office to fight that shift towards government infringement on our property rights and personal liberty.

My focus will be:

1. Conservative approach to government. This means ensuring fiscal responsibility rather than new taxes and debt as well as ensuring ethical conduct, transparency, and accountability is the culture throughout all Borough entities.
2. Protect personal liberty and fight infringing property code. I will guide the Borough to utilize or reform existing code as needed to ensure personal liberty is protected for all residents and stop infringement on property owners.
3. Support industry growth and robust infrastructure by guiding the growth of a healthy economy through private investors, not more government. A healthy economy, not taxes, builds strong infrastructure.

# Assembly District 1 Candidates:

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**HEUN, Michelle — Undeclared  
Candidate for Assembly District 1**

Year of Birth: 1961

Years of Residency in Alaska: 43

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Palmer, AK 99645

Contact Number: 907-355-7099

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Website: [MichelleHeunForAssembly.com](http://MichelleHeunForAssembly.com)

**Statement:** For 33 years I've called District 1 home. I've raised my family here. Our family has a deep connection to community and military service.

I retired from public service in police and emergency management. I own and operate a lodge as a licensed big game transporter and the off season provide in-home certified nurse aide care. I have decades of volunteer time with youth and adult local and state non-profits, prior board member involvement, and am a strong supporter of local farmers and businesses. I support wildlife conservation, and am a member of hunting, fishing, trapping, and shooting organizations.

I'm running for borough assembly to ensure decisions reflect values and needs of people who live here. I believe in listening first, standing up for taxpayers, and finding responsible financial solutions that benefit everyone. Sometimes those discussions necessitate deliberations that come with hard decisions. I won't back down on what will be the best plan for our borough's future.

I know our challenges. I live them alongside you; committed to keep our borough safe for families and a place we're proud to call home. I ask for your vote to help keep our community on the right path.

## Assembly District 2 Candidates:

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**NOWERS, Stephanie — Nonpartisan  
Candidate for Assembly District 2**

Year of Birth: 1970

Years of Residency in Alaska: 32 years

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**Statement:** I'm a fiscal conservative, pro-growth, and proud Valley resident since 1995. As a business owner, community volunteer, and working mom of two, I know how to balance budgets, juggle priorities, and, most importantly, listen.

The Valley is growing fast. That brings opportunity, but also challenges like congested roads, crowded classrooms, rising crime, and a lack of high-paying jobs. We need leaders who dig into the details and fight for your interests.

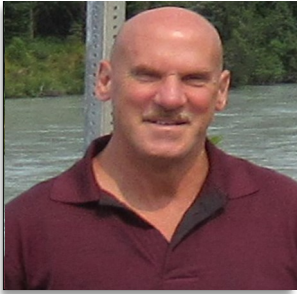
As your Assemblymember for the greater Palmer area, I believe leadership starts at the top. I've consistently voted to lower the property tax rate, opposed large gravel pits next to homes, and stood against efforts to cut you out of the process. Public service is about accountability—which is why I have opposed pay raises for Assembly and mayor, and supported transparency including an online checkbook and more public testimony.

My focus is to keep government lean, taxes low, and investments strategic, looking for smart ways to grow our economy without sacrificing the beauty, space, and freedom we love about the Valley.

With your support, I'll keep fighting for what makes the Valley special. **Together, let's keep the Valley growing!**

## Assembly District 2 Candidates:

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**RAFFANIELLO, Dana — Undeclared  
Candidate for Assembly District 2**

Year of Birth: 1962

Years of Residency in Alaska: 24 years

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Palmer, AK 99645

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**Statement:** Unlock the Valley—Build the Next Alaska in District 2

The Mat-Su Valley isn't just a bedroom community anymore—we're the future of Alaska's economy. While Anchorage faces rising crime and crumbling infrastructure, District 2 offers what businesses need: land, safety, and a workforce ready to build.

I'm proposing a bold initiative to make our district the corporate capital of Alaska. We'll attract headquarters, logistics hubs, and innovation centers—growing our tax base without raising taxes on working families. That means better schools, stronger public safety, and smarter land use.

Key priorities include fast-track permitting zones, modern office development near Palmer, workforce housing tied to transit and broadband, and infrastructure upgrades that support growth. We'll launch a "Move to Mat-Su" campaign to bring Anchorage-based firms to a community built for success.

This isn't about politics—it's about practical solutions. We can grow without losing who we are. We can fund what works, protect what matters, and build a future that reflects the strength of our Valley.

Why not Mat-Su? Why not now?

## Assembly District 4 Candidates:

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**SUMNER, Maxwell H. — Republican  
Candidate for Assembly District 4**

Year of Birth: 1986

Years of Residency in Alaska: 39

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Wasilla, AK 99623

Contact Number: 907-232-6797

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**Statement:** As a lifelong Mat-Su resident, I am deeply committed to preserving the values and opportunities that make our community a great place to live, work, and raise family. I am running because I believe we need leadership focused on fiscal responsibility, sustainable growth, and a small government that serves the people.

I bring a background of community involvement, small business management and education in Economics. During my short year as the current District 4 Assemblyman, I've worked to keep spending in check and introduced and passed legislation to cap property taxes, and budget amendments to reduce the budget and mill rate. With the rest of the assembly, I passed a budget with the second lowest property tax rate in the history of the Mat-Su Borough, while still keeping essential services funded and new schools and roads being built.

- **Fiscal Responsibility:** I will work to ensure your tax dollars are spent wisely, prioritizing essential services and infrastructure while keeping spending in check.
- **Property Rights:** Government is meant to serve the citizens, not regulate them.
- **Economic Growth:** We have immense potential for growth, but we need smart policies that foster job creation, support local businesses, and attract industry.

## School Board District 2 Candidates:

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**KRUSE, Kendal W. — Republican  
Candidate for School Board District 2**

Year of Birth: 1989

Years of Residency in Alaska: 11

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Palmer, AK 99645

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**Statement:** As a current school board member and candidate for the Matanuska-Susitna School Board, my mission is to ensure every student receives a high-quality education tailored to their unique needs and potential. I am committed to promoting fiscal responsibility and efficient use of resources to maximize educational outcomes. I will advocate for the expansion of popular school choice programs and career and technical opportunities to empower students with diverse pathways to success. Additionally, I will champion parental rights, fostering a collaborative environment where families are active partners in their children's education. Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive, and forward-thinking school district that prepares all students for a bright future.

## School Board District 2 Candidates:

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**SAXTON, Gage D. — Nonpartisan  
Candidate for School Board District 2**

Year of Birth: 1981

Years of Residency in Alaska: 37

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Palmer, AK 99645

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**Statement:** My name is Gage Saxton, I am running for the Mat-Su School Board District 2 seat in Palmer. The Mat-Su is full of people with different views all living together, and my goal in representing you is to be a voice for our shared principles and goals as a community, and to be a voice of understanding where views differ. My goals: prioritize meeting the basic needs of students and teachers, and ensure the public has fair access to comment and receive information from the board.

About me: I was raised in Utqiagvik, I met and married my wife there and in 2010 we moved to the Mat-Su. We have 2 children both in public schools. I have been an artist and musician throughout my life and I started a production company Necessity Inventions LLC in 2024 in Palmer to support my creative work full-time. Previously I spent 15 years working for non-profit telecom provider supporting their customer support team in Anchorage and across the North Slope, which helped me gain skills for organization and communication to find solutions for a very diverse group of people.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

## School Board District 5 Candidates:

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**PITCHER, Brooks — Republican  
Candidate for School Board District 5**

Year of Birth: 1982

Years of Residency in Alaska: 23

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Wasilla, AK 99687

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**Statement:** As a father I know firsthand the hopes and worries parents carry when it comes to their children's future. I have a personal investment in the education of our children. The students of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough deserve an education that prepares them for successful and meaningful lives after the years of effort and resources we dedicate to their growth. The quality of education received will, for better or worse, shape the future of our community and nation.

I've worked to expand Career and Technical Education, giving students real-world skills that open doors to good jobs and self-reliance. I support school choice and parental rights, ensuring families have the ultimate say in their children's education.

I believe in traditional education that emphasizes fundamentals, strong academics, and values that sustain American exceptionalism. As a conservative, I will defend policies that preserve these ideals while being fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars. I will continue working to strengthen school safety, so parents can have peace of mind knowing their children are protected while they learn.

At the end of the day, I'm a parent, laboring to ensure all the students of our district are safe, well taught, and ready to succeed.

## School Board District 7 Candidates:

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**COLEE, Lorie A. — Republican  
Candidate for School Board District 7**

Year of Birth: 1969

Years of Residency in Alaska: 22

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Wasilla, Alaska 99623

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**Statement:** I am running as a candidate for the Matanuska-Susitna School Board to help ensure our schools reflect Alaska's values of hard work, responsibility, and respect for one another. My priority is to put students first by keeping the focus on strong academics, teamwork, and fostering both personal and social growth.

I believe in responsible budgeting that directs taxpayer dollars to classrooms. I will support safe schools where parents can trust their children are protected, and I will work for transparency and accountability, so families know their voices are heard. I also believe in school choice, because families deserve the freedom to decide what educational path best fits their children's needs.

Strong leadership means working together. I will advocate for parents to have a strong voice in curriculum decisions, school policies, and the values taught in our classrooms. By collaborating with parents, teachers, and our community, I will keep our schools focused on excellence, accountability, and preparing students for success in both life and career.

Together, we can strengthen the future of education, while protecting the values that make Alaska strong.

## School Board District 7 Candidates:

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**MCCHARGUE, Dena M. — Undeclared  
Candidate for School Board District 7**

Year of Birth: 1985

Years of Residency in Alaska: 40

Mailing Address: PO Box 337

Talkeetna, AK 99676

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**Statement:** I'm a lifelong Alaskan, parent of two MSBSD high school students, and wife of a Local 302 mechanic.

As a Mom and UAA Culinary Arts Instructor, I'm directly invested in the success of our school district and student outcomes.

I'm a small business owner and a heavily involved volunteer in my local community, including as PTSA Secretary and Upper Susitna Food Pantry Vice President.

It's evident the sustainability of our district relies on attracting families to the district with tailored educational resources rather than driving them away with recent inane actions.

MSBSD must support its members by offering superior opportunities and giving credence to your voices rather than imposing authoritarian contracts and policies such as idealistic graduation requirements and removing the School Board Student Representative.

If elected, I will advocate for the excellence of our schools, especially small and rural; promote rural programs, activities, and athletics; emphasize the necessity of CTE, arts, and "elective" education; highlight staff, parent, and student representation in ALL decision making; and focus on growing the school district with sensible policies, fiscal security, and innovative leadership.

MSBSD needs a directional change, not a rubber stamp of approval on failing administrative priorities.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
CLERK'S OFFICE

350 E Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, AK 99645  
907-861-8683 Phone • 907-861-7845 fax

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REGULAR BOROUGH ELECTION:  
NOVEMBER 4, 2025

ABSENTEE BY MAIL VOTING

- Any registered Borough voter may apply for a ballot by-mail by submitting this application no later than 7 days prior to Election Day.
- Complete **ALL** sections of the application and sign. Blank fields, omissions, or errors may cause a delay in ballot mailing.
- You must sign the application.** No one may sign on your behalf.
- You cannot request and sign for an absentee ballot for anyone else, but yourself.
- Completed applications may be mailed, hand-delivered, or faxed to the Borough Clerk's Office (address & fax # above).

2025 ABSENTEE BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

Carefully complete **ALL** sections of this application and **SIGN**. Omissions or errors may cause a delay in ballot mailing. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the Borough Clerk's Office with any changes to the application after submission.

SECTION 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Send ballot for: ☐ Regular Election on November 4, 2025  
(Select one) ☐ All 2025 Borough Elections

Applicant's Full Name:

First & Last Name:

First: MI: Last: Suffix (e.g. Jr, Sr, I, II):

Identifiers (you MUST provide at least ONE)

AK Voter No.:

DOB:

SSN or last 4:

Borough Residence Address (where you claim residency—MUST be provided)

Address:

City/Zip:

Legal Description or Tax ID No.: (only if other than a street address)

Permanent Mailing Address: (where you receive your mail on a daily basis)

Address:

City/Zip:

After you have reviewed your brochure you  
you choose to vote absentee by-mail.

- The application deadline for the November 4, 2025, regular election is October 28, 2025.
- Once ballots are ready for distribution and upon timely receipt of a by-mail application, an official ballot and voting material will be mailed to the ballot mailing address provided on the application. Ballots will be mailed around October 15, 2025.
- Once you receive your ballot, carefully follow **ALL** instructions to ensure your ballot is properly cast.
- The returned by-mail ballot envelope **MUST** contain: Voter's signature, voter's identifier, and a witness or notary's signature.
- In order for your ballot to be counted, absentee by-mail ballots must be **postmarked by Election Day and received by the Clerk's Office no later than November 7, 2025.**
- Hand-delivered ballots **MUST** be returned to a Borough election official **by 8 p.m. on Election Day.**

Contact Information: (used in case there is an issue with your application)

Contact Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 2. BALLOT MAILING ADDRESS (MUST be provided)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Country (if outside USA): \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 3. APPLICANT OATH

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that: the information on this form is true and accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and I am eligible to vote in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for at least 30 days prior to the election, I am not requesting a ballot from any other state, and I am not voting in any other manner in this (these) election(s). I further certify that I have not been convicted of a felony, or having been so convicted, have been unconditionally discharged from incarceration probation and/or parole. I am not registered to vote in another state or I have taken the necessary steps to cancel that

Signature:		Date:	
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
VREMS check: _____	Initial and date _____	Voter No.: _____	_____
Registered Precinct: _____	_____	ASB/SB District: _____	_____
Database Entry: _____	Initial and date _____	2nd Check: _____	Initial and date _____

# Ballot Propositions—Areawide

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## **PROPOSITION NO. 1 PRORATED SENIOR AND DISABLED VETERAN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION**

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough provides a residential real property tax exemption to qualifying seniors, disabled veterans, and surviving spouses of each. A qualifying individual must own the property on January 1 to receive the tax exemption allowed under Borough code.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough proposes to enact MSB 3.15.037(E) to allow for a prorated exemption. Under this prorated exemption, a qualifying individual who owns and occupies new property after January 1 and qualifies for the exemption will be able to receive a prorated tax exemption for the remainder of that year.

Should this ordinance become law?

YES ☐ NO ☐

For a copy of Ordinance Serial No. 25-084 placing Proposition No. 1 on the ballot, please visit the Borough's website at [www.matsu.gov/elections](http://www.matsu.gov/elections)

Or call the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-861-8683. A copy of the ordinance will be available at all voting locations.

## **PROPOSITION NO. 2 ADVISORY VOTE ON MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX**

Currently in Mat-Su, almost all of the money to pay for local road improvements comes from property taxes paid by property owners. To broaden this tax base, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough could adopt a 7-cent-per-gallon motor fuel tax for a 1.5-year trial period as shown in Ordinance Serial No. 25-076. The tax would generate an estimated \$5 million annually which, with direction from the Assembly, could be spent to offset property taxes and fund road construction and maintenance.

Should the Matanuska-Susitna Borough enact a 7-cent-per-gallon motor fuel tax for a period of 1.5 years, automatically ending after that period and direct the Borough Manager to prepare future budgets allocating 50 percent of the revenue raised from the tax to be spent to

# Ballot Propositions — Areawide

reduce property taxes and 50 percent to be spent on voter-approved road projects?

NOTE: This vote is advisory only, and any legislation would still need to be adopted by the Assembly.

YES ☐ NO ☐

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## **Borough Informational Statement Ballot Proposition No. 2**

This advisory vote asks if the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly should adopt a 7¢-per-gallon fuel tax for a 1.5-year trial period as proposed in Ordinance No. 25-076 with the intent to help fund road maintenance and construction and offer property tax relief

- The fuel tax would be charged to wholesale distributors of gasoline and diesel.
- Heating, aviation and marine fuel would be exempt
- The tax would automatically expire after 1.5 years unless renewed by the Assembly
- State law does not allow legally dedicating the revenue, but the Assembly can direct its use and that a separate report be made to track revenues and expenses for transparency.
- This vote is advisory only - results guide the Assembly's decision.

**Yes = Advise moving forward with the tax**  
**No = Advise against the tax**

### **Potential Reasons to Vote "Yes"**

- Could provide a new source of revenue for road projects, reducing reliance on property taxes, and the need to take on debt
- Some of the cost could be paid by tourists and other non-residents who purchase fuel locally.
- The Assembly can direct a separate report be made to track revenues and spending for transparency.
- Shares road funding responsibility more broadly.

### **Potential Reasons to Vote "No"**

- Adds to the cost of fuel for residents, businesses, and visitors.
- Distributors may pass the cost on to consumers, increasing prices at the pump.
- State law does not allow legally dedicating the revenue to road work, so future Assemblies could spend it differently.
- May have a greater impact on people who drive more or have longer commutes.

For a copy of Resolution Serial No. 25-082 placing Proposition No. 2 on the ballot or Ordinance Serial No. 25-076 please visit the Borough's website at [www.matsu.gov/elections](http://www.matsu.gov/elections)

Or call the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-861-8683. A copy of the ordinance will be available at all voting locations.

**Ballot Propositions - Non-Areawide**

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**PROPOSITION NO. 3  
PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF PARCELS INTO THE MEADOW  
LAKES ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 27**

(This proposition is for the existing properties of the service area)

Shall parcels located on N. Mana Naen Street, W. Elvas Lane, and a portion of N. Utopia View Circle, as shown on the map in the polling location and attached to IM No. 25-165, be annexed into the Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27?

This ballot proposition is not expected to add an additional cost to the existing properties of the service area for the first year.

Services shall commence on July 1, 2026.

YES ☐ NO ☐

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**PROPOSITION NO. 4  
PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF PARCELS INTO THE MEADOW  
LAKES ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 27**

(This proposition is for the property to be annexed into the service area)

Shall parcels located on N. Mana Naen Street, W. Elvas Lane, and a portion of N. Utopia View Circle, as shown on the map in the polling location and attached to IM No. 25-165, be annexed into the Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27?

The anticipated cost of the services for the property to be annexed the first year is not expected to exceed 2.714 mills or \$271.40 per \$100,000 of the assessed valuation.

Services shall commence July 1, 2026.

YES ☐ NO ☐

For a copy of Ordinance Serial No. 25-087 and Resolution Serial No. 25-075 placing Proposition No. 3 and Proposition No. 4 on the ballot, please visit the Borough's website at [www.matsu.gov/elections](http://www.matsu.gov/elections)

Or call the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-861-8683. A copy of the ordinance will be available at voting locations that these proposition pertains to.

## Absentee By-Mail

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### Absentee By-Mail Voting

To vote from the convenience of your home, you may apply for a ballot to be mailed to you by filing an absentee by-mail ballot application beginning January 1 of the year in which the election is to be held.

The deadline for absentee by-mail ballot requests to be received by the Borough Clerk's Office for this Regular Election is **Tuesday, October 28, 2025.**

Absentee by-mail ballot applications may be mailed to the address on the application or submitted via fax to 907-861-7845. Each person requesting an absentee by-mail ballot must personally sign the application. No one can sign the application for you.

Complete your ballot request carefully and immediately return it to the Borough Clerk's Office to allow sufficient time for processing. **An incomplete application or mail delay could prevent you from receiving your ballot on time.** If after you submit your application, your residence or mailing address changes, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office.

To be counted, your ballot must be postmarked and mailed by Election Day, **November 4, 2025**, and received by **Friday, November 7, 2025**. If you want to hand deliver your ballot, please deliver to an election official no later than 8 p.m. Election Day.

Absentee By-Mail applications for Borough elections must be submitted annually and are **separate** from the Alaska State Division of Elections and the Cities of Houston, Palmer and Wasilla.



Sample Ballot - Areawide Proposition 1 & 2

Precincts receiving this ballot are 26-350, 26-355, 26-365, 26-380, 28-450, 28-460, 28-465, 28-470, 28-475, 29-515, 29-520



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
SAMPLE BALLOT  
REGULAR ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2025

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BALLOT 1

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Should this ordinance become law?

☐ YES

☐ NO

PROPOSITION NO. 2  
ADVISORY VOTE ON MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX

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Should the Matanuska-Susitna Borough enact a 7-cent-per-gallon motor fuel tax for a period of 1.5 years, automatically ending after that period and direct the Borough Manager to prepare future budgets allocating 50 percent of the revenue raised from the tax to be spent to reduce property taxes and 50 percent to be spent on voter-approved road projects?

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☐ YES

☐ NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

Sample Ballot - Assembly District 1, Areawide Proposition 1 & 2

Precincts receiving this ballot are 25-305, 25-315, 29-505, 29-510, 29-530



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

SAMPLE BALLOT

REGULAR ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2025

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BALLOT 2

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 1

One Year Term Ending November 2026  
(Vote for One)

- ☐ BOWLES, Michael Republican
- ☐ HEUN, Michelle Undeclared
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
Write-in

PROPOSITION NO. 1

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- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

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- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

Sample Ballot - Assembly District 2, School Board District 2, Areawide Proposition 1 & 2

Precincts receiving this ballot are 25-310, 25-320, 25-325, 25-330, 25-335, 26-375



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
SAMPLE BALLOT  
REGULAR ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2025

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BALLOT 3

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 2

One Year Term Ending November 2026  
(Vote for One)



NOWERS, Stephanie

Nonpartisan



RAFFANIELLO, Dana

Undeclared



Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 2

Three Year Term Ending November 2028  
(Vote for One)



KRUSE, Kendal W.

Republican



SAXTON, Gage D.

Nonpartisan



Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ YES

☐ NO

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☐ YES

☐ NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

Sample Ballot - Assembly District 4, Arcawide Proposition 1 & 2

Precincts receiving this ballot are 27-405, 27-420, 27-425, 28-455, 28-480



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

SAMPLE BALLOT

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BALLOT 4

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 4

One Year Term Ending November 2026

(Vote for One)



SUMNER, Maxwell H.

Republican



Write-in

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Should this ordinance become law?



YES



NO

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YES




NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

Sample Ballot Front - Assembly District 4, Areawide Proposition 1 & 2, Non-Areawide Proposition 3

Precincts receiving this ballot are 27-405



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

SAMPLE BALLOT

REGULAR ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2025

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BALLOT 5

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 4

One Year Term Ending November 2026  
(Vote for One)

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SUMNER, Maxwell H.

Republican

☐

Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

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Should this ordinance become law?

☐ YES

☐ NO

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☐ YES

☐ NO

VOTE ON BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

**Sample Ballot Back - Assembly District 4, Areawide Proposition 1 & 2, Non-Areawide Proposition 3**

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**PROPOSITION NO. 3**

PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF PARCELS INTO THE MEADOW LAKES ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 27

(This proposition is for the existing properties of the service area)

Shall parcels located on N. Mana Naen Street, W. Elvas Lane, and a portion of N. Utopia View Circle, as shown on the map in the polling location and attached to IM No. 25-165, be annexed into the Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27?

This ballot proposition is not expected to add an additional cost to the existing properties of the service area for the first year.

Services shall commence on July 1, 2026.

☐ YES

☐ NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

VOTE ON BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

Sample Ballot - School Board District 5, Areawide Proposition 1 & 2

Precincts receiving this ballot are 26-360, 26-370, 30-555, 30-585



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

SAMPLE BALLOT

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BALLOT 6

SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 5

Three Year Term Ending November 2028  
(Vote for One)

☐ PITCHER, Brooks Republican

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
Write-in

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Should this ordinance become law?

☐ YES

☐ NO

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☐ YES

☐ NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

# Early/Absentee In-Person Voting Information

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## Early/Absentee In-Person Voting

Voters may choose to vote prior to Election Day at one of the following early/absentee voting locations. Please note, the hours of operation vary at each location.

### Mat-Su State Division of Election

1700 E. Bogard Road, Suite B102, Wasilla

This location is open as follows:

Monday through Friday:

- October 20 through November 3, 2025, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Saturdays:

- October 25 and November 1, 2025, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Closed Sunday

\*All ballot types are available at this location.

### Mat-Su Borough Administration Building (Dorothy Swanda Jones Building)

350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer (Assembly Chambers)

This location is open as follows:

Monday through Friday:

- October 20 through November 3, 2025, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

\*All ballot types are available at this location.

**Absentee In-Person Voting** will also take place October 20 through November 3, 2025, at **Talkeetna Library, Trapper Creek Library, and Houston City Hall** during normal business hours. The ballots at these locations are limited and specific to the voters who reside in that precinct.

## Voting Assistance

A Touch Screen Voting unit will be available at the Mat-Su Borough DSJ Administrative Building and the Mat-Su State Division of Elections October 20 through November 3, 2025, during the hours stated above. Touch screen voting is intended for the blind, the disabled, and voters with reading difficulties. The touch screen unit allows disabled voters to vote unassisted with a magnified, high contrast, and audio ballot.

Sample Ballot Front - School Board District 5, Areawide Proposition 1 & 2, Non-Areawide Proposition 3

Precincts receiving this ballot are 26-360



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

SAMPLE BALLOT

REGULAR ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2025

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BALLOT 7

SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 5  
Three Year Term Ending November 2028  
(Vote for One)

- ☐ PITCHER, Brooks Republican
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
Write-in

PROPOSITION NO. 1  
PRORATED SENIOR AND DISABLED VETERAN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

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Should this ordinance become law?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

PROPOSITION NO. 2  
ADVISORY VOTE ON MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX

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Should the Matanuska-Susitna Borough enact a 7-cent-per-gallon motor fuel tax for a period of 1.5 years, automatically ending after that period and direct the Borough Manager to prepare future budgets allocating 50 percent of the revenue raised from the tax to be spent to reduce property taxes and 50 percent to be spent on voter-approved road projects?

NOTE: This vote is advisory only, and any legislation would still need to be adopted by the Assembly.

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

VOTE ON BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

**Sample Ballot Back - School Board District 5, Areawide Proposition 1 & 2, Non-Areawide Proposition 3**

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**PROPOSITION NO. 3**

PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF PARCELS INTO THE MEADOW LAKES ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 27

(This proposition is for the existing properties of the service area)

Shall parcels located on N. Mana Naen Street, W. Elvas Lane, and a portion of N. Utopia View Circle, as shown on the map in the polling location and attached to IM No. 25-165, be annexed into the Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27?

This ballot proposition is not expected to add an additional cost to the existing properties of the service area for the first year.

Services shall commence on July 1, 2026.

☐ YES

☐ NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

VOTE ON BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

Sample Ballot - School Board District 7, Areawide Proposition 1 & 2

Precincts receiving this ballot are 27-410, 27-415, 29-525, 30-570, 30-580, 30-590, 30-595, 30-600, 30-605



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

SAMPLE BALLOT

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BALLOT 8

SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 7

Three Year Term Ending November 2028  
(Vote for One)

- ☐ COLEE, Lorie A. Republican
- ☐ MCCHARGUE, Dena M. Undeclared
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
Write-in

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☐ YES

☐ NO

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☐ YES

☐ NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

## **Why It's Important to Vote In the Precinct You Are Registered to Vote In**

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### **IS IT IMPORTANT THAT I VOTE IN MY REGISTERED PRECINCT, WHEN VOTING THE DAY OF ELECTION?**

YES, it is important. The precinct you are registered to vote in has the ballot you are qualified to vote. Your registered precinct is based off of your residence address.

If you go to another precinct that you are not registered to vote in:

- you will be required to vote a questioned ballot;
- you may get a ballot that you are not qualified to vote, based on your voter registration address; and
- you may get a ballot that does not have all the races/propositions you are qualified to vote.



For more information on your voter registration you can contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-861-8683 or the Alaska State Division of Elections at 907-373-8952.

Contact the Alaska State Division of Elections or the Borough Clerk's Office to update your voter registration record when making changes to your name, residence or mailing address, or other information contained in your registration record. You can see if you are registered to vote and check your registration information online with the Alaska State Division of Elections at: **[www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)**



Sample Ballot - School Board District 7, Areawide Proposition 1 & 2, Non-Areawide Proposition 3

Precincts receiving this ballot are 27-410, 27-415



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
SAMPLE BALLOT  
REGULAR ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2025

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BALLOT 9

SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 7  
Three Year Term Ending November 2028  
(Vote for One)

- ☐ COLEE, Lorie A. Republican
- ☐ MCCHARGUE, Dena M. Undeclared
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- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

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- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

VOTE ONE SIDE OF BALLOT  
SAMPLE BALLOT

**Sample Ballot Back - School Board District 7, Areawide Proposition 1 & 2, Non-Areawide Proposition 3**

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<p><b>PROPOSITION NO. 3</b></p> <p>PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF PARCELS INTO THE MEADOW LAKES ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 27</p> <p>(This proposition is for the existing properties of the service area)</p>
<p>Shall parcels located on N. Mana Naen Street, W. Elvas Lane, and a portion of N. Utopia View Circle, as shown on the map in the polling location and attached to IM No. 25-165, be annexed into the Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27?</p> <p>This ballot proposition is not expected to add an additional cost to the existing properties of the service area for the first year.</p> <p>Services shall commence on July 1, 2026.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES                      <input type="radio"/> NO</p>

SAMPLE BALLOT

VOTE ON BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

Sample Ballot Front - School Board District 7, Areawide Proposition 1 & 2, Non-Areawide Proposition 4

Precincts receiving this ballot are 27-410



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
SAMPLE BALLOT  
REGULAR ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2025

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BALLOT 10

SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 7

Three Year Term Ending November 2028  
(Vote for One)

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|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | COLEE, Lorie A.    | Republican |
| <input type="radio"/> | MCCHARGUE, Dena M. | Undeclared |
| <input type="radio"/> | <hr/> Write-in     |            |

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Should this ordinance become law?

☐ YES ☐ NO

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☐ YES ☐ NO

VOTE ON BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

**Sample Ballot Back - School Board District 7, Areawide Proposition 1 & 2, Non-Areawide Proposition 4**

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**PROPOSITION NO. 4**

PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF PARCELS INTO THE MEADOW LAKES ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 27

(This proposition is for the property to be annexed into the service area)

Shall parcels located on N. Mana Naen Street, W. Elvas Lane, and a portion of N. Utopia View Circle, as shown on the map in the polling location and attached to IM No. 25-165, be annexed into the Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27?

The anticipated cost of the services for the property to be annexed the first year is not expected to exceed 2.714 mills or \$271.40 per \$100,000 of the assessed valuation.

Services shall commence July 1, 2026.

☐ YES

☐ NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

VOTE ON BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

Borough Clerk's Office  
Matanuska-Susitna Borough  
350 E. Dahlia Avenue  
Palmer, Alaska 99645

## **VOTER INFORMATION ENCLOSED**

### **POLLING HOURS**

**7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**