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Complaint and Exhibits 1-22

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COMPLAINANT'S SWORN STATEMENT: To the best of my knowledge and belief, these statements are true

Signature: *[Signature]* Title: Member / Director Date: 10/06/23

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed by me at _____ on _____

Signature: *[Signature]* Title: Notary Public



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BEFORE THE ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION

Phillip Izon,)	
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Complainant,)	
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vs.)	Case No. _____
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Alaskans for Better Elections; Alaskans for)	
Etter Elections, Inc.; and Alaskans for Better)	
Elections Foundation, Inc.,)	
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_____ Respondents.)	

COMPLAINT

Complainant, Phillip Izon, sets forth below his complaint against Respondents, Alaskans for Better Elections; Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc.; and Alaskans for Better Elections Foundation, Inc. While leveling complaints with APOC against the people and the group who are pursuing the initiative to repeal the flawed ranked choice voting and open primary election system, Respondents have been violating many of the same Alaska campaign finance laws that they tout in their complaints. By failing to register ABE as an opposition group and failing to register ABEL and ABEF at all either as groups or as entities, and passing money from unidentified donors to ABE, by filtering it through and in the name of ABEF, a charitable tax-exempt foundation—one that donors can give to and then claim tax deductions, Respondents cavalierly flout the very campaign finance laws that they have wielded as swords against those supporting 22AKHE. ABE, ABEL, ABEF and those controlling the organizations apparently believe campaign laws only apply to others and not to them.

PARTIES

1. Complainant, Phillip Izon (“Izon”), is an adult over the age of eighteen, a resident of Alaska, and is in all ways qualified to bring this complaint.

2. Respondent, Alaskans for Better Elections (“ABE”), appears to be an unincorporated combination of individuals, some of whom are affiliated with both ABEI and ABEF, that has registered only as of April 12, 2023, with APOC as an Initiative Group to campaign in favor of an unidentified initiative.¹ ABE has not registered as an initiative opposition group and specifically not as an opposition group regarding 22AKHE.² See AS 15.13.050(c). ABE was formed and registered with APOC under AS 15.13.050 and AS 15.13.400(9) and (16) as a group, but as a group that would work to promote an unidentified initiative.³ Nothing in ABE’s registration states that it is an initiative “opposition” group.⁴ ABE’s registration form states that it had not been previously registered prior to April 12, 2023.⁵

3. Respondent, Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc. (“ABEI”) is an Alaska non-profit corporation that was formed on July 23, 2019,⁶ and that was granted IRC §501(c)(4) tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service on June 13, 2020.⁷ ABEI has not registered with the Alaska Public Offices Commission (“APOC) as either a group or entity.⁸

4. Respondent, Alaskans for Better Elections Foundation, Inc. (“ABEF”) is an Alaska non-profit corporation that was formed on January 20, 2021,⁹ and that was granted IRC §501(c)(3) tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service on July 20, 2022.¹⁰ ABEF has not registered with APOC as either a group or entity.¹¹ Because ABEF is an IRC §501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity,

¹ Ex. 7.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Ex. 1.

⁷ Ex. 2.

⁸ Ex. 3.

⁹ Ex. 4.

¹⁰ Ex. 5.

¹¹ Ex. 6.

its donors may claim tax deductions for their contributions to the foundation.¹² ABEF and those who formed and operate it apparently believe that tax deductions for donors to groups working related to rank choice voting and open primaries are only problematic if the organizations and donors oppose the ranked choice voting and open primary election system.

5. ABE, ABEI and ABEF share a common or joint internet website located at www.alaskansforbetterelections.com under the banner of Alaskans for Better Elections. The three also share a common physical address at 721 Depot Dr., Anchorage, Alaska 99501, as well as several common leaders, including Bruce Botelho, David Monson, and Paula DeLaiarro, and common legal counsel, Scott Kendall.¹³ The joint website describes, and has described for months, ABEI, ABEF and ABE and their relationships as follows:

Alaskans for Better Elections is a nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to providing public education and research about how Alaska-style elections work. The 501(c)(3) foundation and 501(c)(4) corporation are governed by directors that include Alaskans with diverse political views from every corner of the state. Contact us at info@alaskansforbetterelections.com or 721 Depot Drive, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Paid for by Alaskans for Better Elections, 721 Depot Drive, Anchorage, AK 99501. Bruce Botelho, Chair, approved this message. The top three contributors are Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc, Anchorage, AK; Article 4, Arlington, VA; and Alaskans for Better Elections Foundation, Anchorage, AK.

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¹² Ex. 5 (“Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170”). Izon takes no position regarding ABEF’s tax exempt status or its political involvement related to 22AKHE despite the limitations placed on IRC §501(c)(3) entities by federal tax laws and does not ask APOC to investigate this because it is outside APOC’s jurisdiction. Izon, however, highlights the tax-exempt status and tax deduction opportunity for ABEF donors, to point out ABE’s brazen hypocrisy in previously leveling accusations at AHE and Rank Choice Education Association, Inc. (“RCEA”) related to RCEA’s tax-exempt status.

¹³ Exs. 1, 4, 7.

¹⁴ Ex. 21, p. 1 (current 2023 version).

Although the description of ABE, ABEI, and ABEF's relationship has changed slightly over time from October 2022 to present, the message of the description has remained the same.¹⁵ Neither ABEI nor ABEF have an internet presence via any other website besides the joint website they share with ABE. It is clear from their joint website that ABE, ABEI, and ABEF are decidedly in favor of ranked choice voting and open primaries in Alaska, and correspondingly against the repeal of the same via the ballot initiative 22AKHE.

**THE INITIATIVE TO REPEAL RANKED CHOICE VOTING AND OPEN
PRIMARIES--22AKHE**

6. On November 23, 2022, Izon and others proposed an initiative by filing an application with the Lieutenant Governor for an initiative entitled "An Act Restoring Political Party Primaries and Single-Choice General Elections." APOC staff has determined that this is the date on which those involved with supporting or opposing a repeal of ranked choice voting and open primaries in Alaska were on notice that registration and reporting obligations related to the proposed initiative were triggered. As APOC has determined, when communications are disseminated contemporaneously with a ballot proposition involving the same or similar subject, those communications come under greater scrutiny and can trigger registration and reporting obligations under Alaska's campaign finance laws. On January 20, 2023, the Lieutenant Governor certified the sponsors' petition application, and identified the initiative as 22AKHE. On February 8, 2023, the Division of Elections issued petition booklets to the sponsors of 22AKHE.¹⁶

¹⁵ Ex. 21, pp. 2-3 (p. 2 is the version stated on the website from January 7, 2023, and p. 3 is the version stated on the website from October 4, 2022).

¹⁶ Exs. 8, 9, 10.

7. The ballot group supporting 22AKHE, Alaskans for Honest Elections (“AHE”), held a petition signing event on February 16, 2023, and the event was reported to the public by the press, including Alaska Public Media.¹⁷

ABEL, ABEF, AND ABE’S EXPENDITURES AND EXPRESS COMMUNICATIONS AGAINST THE REPEAL OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING AND OPEN PRIMARIES THROUGH THEIR JOINT WEBSITE BEGAN IN NOVEMBER 2022

8. Alaska law requires each person, other than an individual, to register with APOC before making an expenditure in support of or in opposition to, a ballot proposition or an initiative application filed with the Lieutenant Governor. AS 15.13.050(a).

9. An expenditure is defined under Alaska law as “a purchase or a transfer of money or anything of value or promise or agreement to purchase or transfer money or anything of value, incurred or made for the purpose of...influencing the outcome of a ballot proposition or question.” AS 15.13.400(7)(a)(iv). The definition of expenditure also includes “an express communication and an electioneering communication. AS 15.13.400(8).

10. Under AS 15.13.400(8) an express communication is a communication that, when read as a whole, and with limited reference to outside events, is susceptible of no other reasonable interpretation but as an exhortation to vote for or against a particular candidate. Although the communication definition is specifically addressed to candidates, APOC has interpreted the definition to apply to ballot propositions as well.

11. Where a communication that would ordinarily be an issues communication is disseminated contemporaneously with a ballot proposition involving the same or similar subject, APOC has engaged in analysis to determine whether, under all the circumstances, a communication is an express communication that triggers APOC registration and reporting

¹⁷ Ex. 11.

requirements. APOC looks to whether the communications advocate for a position on a ballot initiative; make mention of an initiative, election, or voting; are susceptible to interpretations other than an exhortation to vote for or against an initiative; and/or provide neutral information concerning a proposition. AO 08.02-CD, *Renewable Resources Coalition*; AO 14-04-CD, *Renewable Resources Foundation*; AO 19-04-CD, *Bags for Change*.

12. On November 23, 2022, the very day that Izon and others filed an initiative petition application with the Lieutenant Governor to pursue an initiative designed to repeal ranked choice voting and open primaries, ABE issued a press release that was posted to ABE, ABEI, and ABEF's joint website.¹⁸ The press release proclaimed the alleged benefits of ranked choice voting and open primary elections, plainly advocating against a repeal of the election system and necessarily 22AKHE:

A near consensus of general election voters (79%) found the new election system simple to use and most voters took advantage of the opportunity to rank 2nd and 3rd choice candidates....

Alaska voters also saw greater competition under the new rules among the 59 legislative races on the ballot....

Truly, this new system favors no party—it simply empowers voters and ensures that winning candidates have a mandate to govern and a better understanding of voter preferences.

The combination of the open, non-partisan primary and ranked choice voting general reorients the incentives of candidates and elected leaders to campaign to and represent the broadest electorate. Candidates must earn the support of a true majority of their district's electorate to win, making it more likely that they are more representative of the people they represent and that they enter office with a stronger mandate to govern.¹⁹

¹⁸ Ex. 12.

¹⁹ *Id.*

This press release, posted to the joint website, was an express communication—it advocated for a position on the 22AKHE ballot initiative, albeit without mentioning it by name; it is not susceptible to interpretations other than an exhortation to oppose or vote against 22AKHE; and it most certainly does not provide neutral information concerning the 22AKHE initiative proposition.

Although the joint website had existed prior to November 2022, explaining, and encouraging Alaskans to use and appreciate the new election system of ranked choice voting and open primaries, on November 23, 2022, the website took on a distinctly anti-repeal and anti-initiative proposition tenor. And throughout the time frame following November 23, 2023, ABE, ABEI, and ABEF continued to make expenditures to maintain, develop, and update their website and to maintain their joint physical offices.²⁰

13. Between November 2022 and January 2023, ABE, ABEI, and ABEF ran a television advertisement that touted how ranked choice voting was so simple that children could understand it and carry it out.²¹

14. By March 3, 2023, ABE, ABEI, and ABEF began to use their joint website more pointedly to oppose a repeal of ranked choice voting and open primaries. They used their website to urge people to “SIGN THE PETITION TO PROTECT OUR ELECTION SYSTEM”—specifically the ranked choice voting and open primary election system that 22AKHE seeks to repeal. When clicked, the link for signing the petition brought up a page decrying efforts to repeal the ranked choice voting system and open primaries:

²⁰ Ex. 13 (ABE’s second quarterly report for 2023 contains entries indicating that the cost of the website and monthly administrative costs are being shared by the entities).

²¹ Ex. 22. Ex. 22 is a recording of the television advertisement that Mr. Izon captured. Due to technical difficulties, the electronic version of the recording is being provided to APOC under separate cover. The television advertisement does not appear to have any paid for identifiers.

We Alaskans believe election reform is working to restore power to the people and strengthen democracy. Efforts to repeal the election system put into place by voters in 2020 are contrary to the express will of the Alaskan people and will reinstate the dysfunction of a closed primary system. We are signing our names to this petition to ask that you publicly oppose efforts to repeal Alaska’s election system.²²

The link then followed with additional statements touting the alleged benefits of the ranked choice voting and open primary election system: “The open primary resulted in more competitive races,”²³ “Elected officials are already working more collaboratively,”²⁴ “Alaskans overwhelmingly found the new system simple to use.”²⁵ More pointedly, the link took aim at Former Governor Sarah Palin regarding her efforts “trying to overturn these reforms, arguing that Alaskans are easily confused and unable to use the new system.”²⁶

Although in March 2023 the Alaska Legislature was in session and considering repeals of ranked choice voting and open primaries, the post on ABE, ABEI, and ABEF’s website makes no distinction between which efforts to repeal the new election system it was referencing. The website specifically made the following statement:

Despite these successes [alleged successes of ranked choice voting, and open primaries set forth in the post], former Governor Sarah Palin and a small group of legislators are trying to overturn these reforms, arguing that Alaskans are easily confused and unable to use the new system.²⁷

At that time, former Governor Palin was publicly involved in the campaign in favor of 22AKHE, and so the reference to her ties the statements and the petition to opposition to 22AKHE. The statement references generally a “minority” “who want to overturn the new system” and who

²² Ex. 14, p. 1.

²³ Ex. 14, p. 2.

²⁴ Ex. 14, p. 3.

²⁵ *Id.*

²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ *Id.*

“are loud.”²⁸ The statement proclaims that those who are seeking to repeal ranked choice voting and open primaries are “[t]he political elite” who “want to limit voters’ choices” and who want to “revert to a system that allows candidates to win with less than a majority.”²⁹

When read in the context of the 22AKHE initiative and the signature gathering efforts underway at the time, the statement was a clear express communication opposing 22AKHE. The statements advocated for a position opposed to the 22AKHE ballot initiative; made implicit mention of the 22AKHE initiative, election, and/or voting; was not susceptible to interpretations other than as an exhortation to oppose or vote against the 22AKHE initiative—opposing a legislative repeal translated precisely into opposition to an initiative repeal; and it did not provide neutral information concerning the 22AKHE initiative.

15. By at least March 27, 2023, the joint ABE, ABEI, ABEF website contained links for popups purportedly explaining how ranked choice voting and open primaries work, but in truth plainly advocating for the election system and against a repeal via 22AKHE:

What’s the problem? The statement explained how the previous system was a problem because it allowed candidates to win elections with support from less than a majority of their constituents. The statement explained that ranked choice voting, by contrast was a solution because it gave Alaskans more choices, eliminated the spoiler effect, encouraged campaigns to engage voters on issues, and ensured that winners were elected with support of a true majority.

What are the benefits of ranked choice voting? The statement explained that ranked choice voting requires candidates to win with a true majority. The statement explained that ranked choice voting, and open primaries make elected officials more responsive.

Does Alaska have a majority winner problem? The statement explained that under the old system candidates could win with a plurality of votes, and thus not have the support of most voters—making it clear that this was a bad thing that people should oppose.

²⁸ *Id.*

²⁹ *Id.*

Are you sure this is still one person, one vote? The statement argued untruthfully that ranked choice voting does not give anyone more than one vote, even though in truth voters can vote for multiple losing candidates and yet still have another vote to count at the end for their second or third choice.

It's all about competition. The statement explained that competition makes everything better. The statement argued that ranked choice voting encourages greater participation thus making politicians more accountable—once again advocating that ranked choice voting and open primaries were good things for people to support.

Who does ranked choice voting benefit? The statement argued that ranked choice voting is good for voters, leaders, political parties, and candidates “that want to serve their community” *i.e.*, implying that those that oppose ranked choice voting—like those supporting 22AKHE—do not want to serve their communities. Once again, the statements advocated for people to support ranked choice voting and obviously correspondingly to oppose 22AKHE.

How would ranked choice voting make elections more representative? The statement argued that the ranked choice voting system gave voters more opportunities and encouraged positive campaigning. Once again, the statement advocated for people to support ranked choice voting and correspondingly to oppose 22AKHE.³⁰

16. By at least March 30, 2023, ABEI, ABEF, and ABE continued to advocate on their joint website in favor of ranked choice voting and correspondingly against a repeal via 22AKHE. They touted that ranked choice voting and open primaries were “Alaska-style elections.”³¹ They argued that ranked choice voting made elected leaders represent the will of the people and helped to avoid dysfunctional government. They argued that the new system created greater transparency by requiring additional financial reporting. They argued that open primaries made primary elections about voters not parties.³² Again the statements advocated for people to support ranked choice voting—an alleged good thing—and to correspondingly oppose a repeal via 22AKHE—an alleged bad thing.

³⁰ Ex. 15.

³¹ Ex. 16.

³² *Id.*

17. As time progressed through the summer of 2023, and after the Alaska legislative session had adjourned ABE, ABEL, and ABELF's joint website became more and more pointed in opposition to 22AKHE. By at least August 16, 2023, the website contained an initial banner with the following statement:

In 2020, Alaskans chose to unrig the system and pass pro-voter reforms that give us more choices in every election. Now, with open primaries, we have freedom to vote for the best candidate, regardless of party. Despite these successes, extreme politicians and political parties are immediately trying to get rid of election reform. These special interests want to take power back from the voters, forcing us to vote in closed primaries and limiting our choices to the lesser of two evils. Help protect our hard-won freedoms, the nonpartisan open primary, and Alaska-style elections today.³³

These statements advocated in favor of ranked choice voting and open primaries and against any repeal—repeals, the statement argued, would only be supported by “extreme politicians and political parties,” and “special interests” that “want to take power back from the voters.” Thus, in addition to opposing 22AKHE by opposing everything that 22AKHE would accomplish if passed into law, the statement also attempted to demonize those who would support 22AKHE.

At this same time the joint webpage also began publishing “Media” that was pointedly against anyone or any group adverse to ranked choice voting and open primaries and in favor of 22AKHE. The websites links went to press releases about:

APOC staff investigating Kelly Tshibaka and Preserve Democracy—who had publicly opposed ranked choice voting and open primaries, and who had expressed support for 22AKHE,

ABE's false claim that audio evidence revealed that Mr. Art Matthias spoke at a Tshibaka and Preserve Democracy event, with Matthias allegedly announcing the location of a 22AKHE petition signing event,

³³ Ex. 17.

APOC investigating Alaskans for Honest Elections, the ballot group pursuing 22AKHE,

Falsely claiming that Ranked Choice Education Association—which it falsely called “a church”—was running the 22AKHE “ballot measure.”³⁴

18. As a non-profit, ABEF receives donations from donors, including in 2022 from: Unite America in Denver, CO. giving \$1,035,000; Bessemer Trust in New York, NY giving \$250,000; Institute for Political Innovation in Chicago, IL giving \$30,000; New Venture Fund in Washington DC giving \$100,000; Unite and Renew Educational Fdn. in Washington DC giving \$225,000; and ABEI giving \$70,000.³⁵ As an IRC §501(c)(3) organization, ABEF’s donors can claim tax deductions for their contributions to ABEF.³⁶ ABEF then repurposed the donations it received from its donors, in part, to make at least one reported donation to ABE of \$20,000 on June 26, 2023.³⁷

ABE, ABEI, AND ABEF’s VIOLATIONS OF AS 15.13.050 BY FAILING TO REGISTER AS BALLOT GROUPS AND/OR ENTITIES

19. **ABE:** ABE appears to not have registered as either a group or entity in opposition to 22AKHE despite making express communications and expenditures in opposition to 22AKHE and in favor of ranked choice voting and open primaries through its join website with ABEI and ABEF. Although ABE filed a registration form as a group on April 12, 2023, the registration expressly stated it had not previously registered prior to April 12, 2023, and that the April 12, 2023, registration was for ABE to be an “Initiative Proposal Group” that planned to act as an “Initiative Proposal Group: Active before the initiative is certified or (sic) the ballot in an

³⁴ Ex. 17, p. 2; Ex. 18.

³⁵ Ex. 19, p. 17.

³⁶ Ex. 5.

³⁷ Ex. 20; Ex. 13, p. 6.

election.”³⁸ ABE has never registered as a group or entity in opposition to 22AKHE (*See, e.g.*, AS 15.13.050(c)) and had never registered in any form prior to April 12, 2023, despite making expenditures and express communications in opposition to 22AKHE and in favor of ranked choice voting and open primaries through its joint website with ABEI and ABEF dating back to November 23, 2022. ABE should have registered as an initiative opposition group as of November 23, 2022. ABE has never been registered as an entity. ABE’s failure to register is a violation of AS 15.13.050 that continues to this day.

20. **ABEI:** ABEI has not registered as a group or entity³⁹ despite making expenditures and express communications from November 23, 2022, forward, in opposition to 22AKHE and in favor of ranked choice voting and open primaries through its joint website with ABEF and ABE. ABEI’s failure to register is a violation of AS 15.13.050 that continues to this day.

21. **ABEF:** ABEF has not registered as a group or entity⁴⁰ despite making expenditures and express communications from November 23, 2022, forward, in opposition to 22AKHE and in favor of ranked choice voting and open primaries through its joint website with ABEI and ABE. ABEF’s failure to register is a violation of AS 15.13.050 that continues to this day.

ABE, ABEI, AND ABEF’S VIOLATIONS OF AS 15.13.040 AND AS 15.13.110 BY FAILING TO FILE REPORTS AS GROUPS AND/OR ENTITIES

22. **ABE:** ABE did not file a fourth quarter report as a ballot opposition group for 2022, despite its activity detailed above between November 23, 2022, and December 31, 2022.

³⁸ Ex. 7.

³⁹ Ex. 3.

⁴⁰ Ex. 6.

ABE did not file a first quarter report as a ballot opposition group for 2023, despite its activity detailed above between January 1, 2022, and present. ABE did file a second quarter report for 2023, indicating its acknowledgement that it was acting as a ballot opposition group as of at least April 2023. In that report ABE reported contributions only beginning April 8, 2023, and reported the June 26, 2023, \$20,000 donation from ABEF. ABE's failure to file reports quarterly and otherwise violated AS 15.13.040 and/or AS 15.13.110. The last quarterly report for 2022 and the first quarterly report for 2023 remain unfiled as of this date.

23. **ABEI:** ABEI has not filed reports, quarterly or otherwise for 2022 or 2023, with APOC under either AS 15.13.040 or AS 15.13.110, as either a group or entity in opposition to 22AKHE or in favor of maintaining ranked choice voting and open primaries. ABEI's failure to report despite its activities described above violates AS 15.13.040 and AS 15.13.110 and continues to this day.

24. **ABEF:** ABEF has not filed reports, quarterly or otherwise for 2022 or 2023, with APOC under either AS 15.13.040 or AS 15.13.110, as either a group or entity in opposition to 22AKHE or in favor of maintaining ranked choice voting and open primaries. ABEF's failure to report despite its activities described above violates AS 15.13.040 and AS 15.13.110 and continues to this day. The only report that ABEF has filed is a Statement of Contributions Form 15-5 dated July 20, 2023, regarding its \$20,000 donation to ABE.⁴¹ ABEF's filing of the Form 15-5 regarding its \$20,000 donation to ABE is a concession that those involved with ABEF—the same people involved with ABE—believe that ABE is and has been operating as a ballot opposition group.

⁴¹ Ex. 20.

**ABE, ABEI, ABEF’S FAILURE TO PLACE A PAID FOR IDENTIFIER ON THE
TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENT THAT RAN FROM NOVEMBER 2022 THROUGH
JANUARY 2023**

25. ABE, ABEI, and ABEF violated AS 15.13.090(a) by running the television add in favor of ranked choice voting and detrimental to positions taken by the supporters of 22AKHE,⁴² without required paid-for-by identifiers.

**ABEF’S AND ABE’S VIOLATIONS OF AS 15.13.074(b) BY GIVING AND RECEIVING
DONATIONS IN THE NAMES OF OTHERS, BY FALSELY REPORTING
DONATIONS, AND BY NOT REVEALING THE “TRUE SOURCE” OF DONATIONS**

26. **ABEF:** Izon does not agree with APOC’s interpretation and application of the “giving in the name of another” statute, AS 15.13.074(b), and has argued against that interpretation and application in a separate case. However, by APOC staff’s logic in interpreting and applying the statutes and regulations, ABEF has violated the “giving in the name of another” prohibition of AS 15.13.074(b) by receiving funds donated by others, then repurposing those funds into a donation to ABE in the name of ABEF—thus, giving its donor’s funds to ABE in the name of another, namely its own name. Furthermore, under APOC staff’s logic, interpretation and application of the statutes and regulations, one or more of ABEF’s donors have violated the same prohibition found in AS 15.13.074(b) by donating to ABEF knowing that their donations would be repurposed by ABEF to its chosen activities, including, in part, donating to the ballot opposition group ABE. Finally, under APOC staff’s logic, interpretation and application of pertinent statutes and regulations, ABEF also violated laws prohibiting the filing of false reports when it filed its Form 15-5 (Ex. 20) claiming that it donated \$20,000 to ABE, which in truth was simply donated, and repurposed funds received from ABEF’s donors.

⁴² Ex. 22.

27. **ABE:** Izon does not agree with APOC's interpretation and application of the prohibition found in AS 15.13.074(b) and has argued against that interpretation and application in a separate case. However, by APOC staff's logic, ABE violated AS 15.13.074(b) by receiving funds donated by ABEF, even though those funds had been repurposed from donations by separate donors to ABEF. Furthermore, under APOC staff's logic, ABE also violated laws prohibiting the filing of false reports when it filed its 2023 second quarter report (Ex. 13) claiming that it had received a \$20,000 donation from ABEF.

28. Both ABEF and ABE failed to identify the "true source" of the \$20,000 that ABEF transferred to ABE in violation of statutes that APOC staff has interpreted to apply to ballot proposition campaigns. By APOC staff's logic these failures violate the requirements of AS 15.13.040(d), (e), (j) and (q) and/or the requirements of AS 15.13.110.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Izon asks that APOC Staff undertake a full investigation of ABEI, ABEF, and ABE for their violations of the Alaska campaign finance laws as detailed above or as further discovered by APOC Staff via a full investigation.

Dated this 6th day of October 2023.

Law Offices of Kevin G. Clarkson

Kevin G. Clarkson

By _____
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ENTITY DETAILS

Name(s)

Type	Name
Legal Name	Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc.

Entity Type: Nonprofit Corporation

Entity #: 10110064

Status: Good Standing

AK Formed Date: 7/23/2019

Duration/Expiration: Perpetual

Home State: ALASKA

Next Biennial Report Due: 7/2/2025

Entity Mailing Address: 721 DEPOT DR, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

Entity Physical Address: 721 DEPOT DR, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

Registered Agent

Agent Name: SCOTT KENDALL

Registered Mailing Address: 510 L ST STE 601, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

Registered Physical Address: 510 L ST STE 601, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

Officials

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AK Entity #

Name

Titles

Owned

Bruce Botelho

Director

DAVID MONSON

Director, Secretary

KATHERINE JERNSTROM

Director, Treasurer

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AK Entity #	Name	Titles	Owned
	LESIL MCGUIRE	Director, Vice President	
	PATRICK RACE	Director, President	
	ROBERT DILLON	Director	

Filed Documents

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5 - Entity Addresses

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 210295, Anchorage, AK 99521
Physical Address: 721 Depot Drive, Anchorage, AK 99501

6 - Officials

Name	Address	% Owned	Titles
HOLMES, WEDDLE & BARCOTT, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION	701 West 8th Avenue, Suite 700, Anchorage, AK 99501	N/A	Director
Chantal Trinka		N/A	Incorporator
Tina Hardwick		N/A	Incorporator
Paula DiLaiarro		N/A	Incorporator
Jenny-Marie Stryker		N/A	Incorporator
Paula DiLaiarro	P.O. Box 210295, Anchorage, AK 99521	N/A	Director
Jenny-Marie Stryker	P.O. Box 210295, Anchorage, AK 99521	N/A	Director

Name of person completing this online application

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Name: Chantal Trinka



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For the period ending June 30, 2023

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Entity Number: 10110064

Home Country: UNITED STATES

Home State/Prov.: ALASKA

Physical Address: 721 DEPOT DR, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

Mailing Address: 721 DEPOT DR, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

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Name: SCOTT KENDALL

Physical Address: 510 L ST STE 601, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

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Full Legal Name	Complete Mailing Address	% Owned	Assistant Secretary	Assistant Treasurer	Director	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Vice President
KATHERINE JERNSTROM	510 L ST STE 601, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	N/A			X			X	
DAVID MONSON	510 L ST STE 601, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	N/A			X		X		
ROBERT DILLON	510 L ST STE 601, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	N/A			X				
PATRICK RACE	510 L ST STE 601, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	N/A			X	X			
LESIL MCGUIRE	510 L ST STE 601, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	N/A			X				X
Bruce Botelho	510 L St., Ste. 601, Anchorage, AK 99501	N/A			X				

If necessary, attach a list of additional officers on a separate 8.5 X 11 sheet of paper.

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Purpose: a. Operate exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes. Operational activities shall include, but not limited to receiving, holding, and using contributions for the purposes of said corporation. b. Have and exercise general powers specified in Alaska Statute 10.20.011, as now in force or afterwards amended. c. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a charitable organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. d. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles. Includes any lawful purpose.

NAICS Code: 813940 - POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

New NAICS Code (optional):

Mandatory Property Value: Estimated value of all real or personal property of the corporation:

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Name: Juli Lucky

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

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ALASKANS FOR BETTER ELECTIONS
C/O PAULA DELAIARRO
PO BOX 210295
ANCHORAGE, AK 99521

Employer Identification Number:
84-2283567

DLN:
29053319316049

Contact Person:
ZENIA LUK ID# 31522

Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:
December 31

Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:
July 23, 2019

Contribution Deductibility:
No

Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(4). This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Donors cannot deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170(c)(2).

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-NC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-NC, Compliance Guide for Tax-Exempt Organizations (Other than 501(c)(3) Public Charities and Private Foundations), which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

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ALASKANS FOR BETTER ELECTIONS

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Group Registration: Forms

Report Year: Any **Status:** Complete, Not Amended **Filed After:** **Filed Before:** **Any Name:** **Group Type:** Alaskans for Better Electi

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Entity #: 10154877

Status: Good Standing

AK Formed Date: 1/20/2021

Duration/Expiration: Perpetual

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Next Biennial Report Due: 7/2/2025

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	ELIZABETH BAKALAR	Director, Secretary
	Kristi Williams	Director
	Marna Sanford	Director, Treasurer
	Tyler Fisher	Director

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ALASKANS FOR BETTER ELECTIONS FOUNDATION**

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of nineteen (19) or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Alaska Nonprofit Corporation Act (AS 10.20), adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is **Alaskans for Better Elections Foundation.**

ARTICLE II

The duration of this corporation is to be perpetual unless dissolved by operation of law or otherwise.

ARTICLE III

This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The purposes for which this nonprofit corporation are formed are:

- A. To operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including but not limited to receiving, holding, and using contributions for the purposes of said corporation;
- B. To educate Alaskans about a new open primary and ranked choice voting system; and
- C. To have and to exercise general powers specified in AS 10.20.011, as now in force or afterwards amended.

ARTICLE IV

The corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE V

Upon dissolution of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund,



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foundation or corporation that is organized and operated exclusively for purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

ARTICLE VI

The name of the initial registered agent of this corporation is Scott Kendall, and the address of the initial registered agent is 701 West 8th Avenue, Ste. 700, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

ARTICLE VII

The number of directors shall be determined by the bylaws, except the number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is three (3); and the names and addresses of such persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting are as follows:

Shea Siegert
721 Depot Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Jason Grenn
P.O. Box 210295
Anchorage, Alaska 99521

Bruce Botelho
401 F Street
Douglas, Alaska 99824

ARTICLE VIII

The names and addresses of the incorporators of the corporation are:

Shea Siegert
721 Depot Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Jason Grenn
P.O. Box 210295
Anchorage, Alaska 99521

Bruce Botelho
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Douglas, Alaska 99824

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ARTICLE IX

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any of its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

The corporation is further prohibited from:

A. Engaging in any act of self-dealing, as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, which would give rise to liability for the tax imposed by Section 4941(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;

B. Retaining excess business holdings, as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, which would give rise to liability for the tax imposed by Section 4943(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;

C. Making an investment which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes, within the meaning of Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, so as to give rise to liability for the tax imposed by Section 4944(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; and

D. Making taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, which would give rise to liability for the tax imposed by Section 4945(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE X

The corporation is required to distribute during each taxable year, for the purposes specified in these Articles of Incorporation, amounts at least sufficient to avoid liability for the tax imposed by Section 4942(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

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To the fullest extent permitted by AS 10.20.151(d), as now in effect or as may be amended, no director of the corporation shall be personally liable to the corporation for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director; provided, however, such relief from liability shall not apply in any instances where such relief is inconsistent with any provision applicable to corporations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XII

All references herein to the requirements of specific provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or 1986 shall include all successor provisions of the Internal Revenue Code which contain similar or additional requirements for an organization to qualify as a private operating foundation to which contributions will result in the maximum allowable deduction from the adjusted gross income of the contributor.

DATED this 17th day of January, 2021.



Shea Siegent
INCORPORATOR

DATED this 19 day of January, 2021.



Jason Green
INCORPORATOR

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Bruce Botelho
INCORPORATOR

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DATED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Shea Siegert
INCORPORATOR

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Jason Grenn
INCORPORATOR

DATED this 15th day of January, 2021.

Bruce Botelho
Bruce Botelho
INCORPORATOR

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Home State/Prov.: ALASKA

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Bruce Botelho	510 L ST STE 601, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	N/A			X				X
Marna Sanford	510 L ST STE 601, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	N/A			X			X	
CATHERINE GIESSEL	510 L ST STE 601, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	N/A			X	X			
ELIZABETH BAKALAR	510 L ST STE 601, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	N/A			X		X		
Kristi Williams	510 L St., Ste. 601, Anchorage, AK 99501	N/A			X				
Tyler Fisher	510 L St., Ste. 601, Anchorage, AK 99501	N/A			X				

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NAICS Code: 813410 - CIVIC AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

New NAICS Code (optional):

Mandatory Property Value: Estimated value of all real or personal property of the corporation:

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Name: Juli Lucky



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

ALASKANS FOR BETTER ELECTIONS
FOUNDATION
PO BOX 210295
ANCHORAGE, AK 99517

Date:
07/20/2022
Employer ID number:
86-2058982
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
December 31
Form 990-PF required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
January 20, 2021
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053459005142

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a).

You're required to file Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation, annually, whether or not you have income or activity during the year. If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PF" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PF, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Private Foundations, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Group Registration: Forms

Report Year: Any **Status:** Complete, Not Amended **Filed After:** **Filed Before:** **Any Name:** Alaskans for Better Electi **Group Type:** Any

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GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

AMENDED

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Submission Date: **04/12/2023**
Filer First Name: **Paula**
Filer Middle Name (Optional): **R**
Filer Last Name: **DeLaiarro**
Filer's Title with Group: **Treasurer**

GROUP INFORMATION

Previously Registered: **No**
Election Year: **2023**
Group Name: **Alaskans for Better Elections**
Abbreviation: **ABE**
Purpose: **Encourage Alaskans to uphold election reforms that give voters more choice and power**
Group Type: **Initiative Proposal**
Group Mailing Address: **721 Depot Dr**
City, State Zip: **Anchorage, Alaska 99501**
Additional Email Addresses to Notify: **p.delaiarro@shipcreekgroup.com**

CHAIR

Name: **Bruce Botelho**
Address: **401 F Street**
City, State Zip: **Douglas, Alaska 99824**
Phone: **(907) 723-9999**
E-mail: **brucembotelho@gmail.com**
Fax (Optional): Did Not Report

TREASURER

Name: **Paula DeLaiarro**
Address: **8401 Pioneer Dr**
City, State Zip: **Anchorage, Alaska 99504**
Phone: **(907) 441-1935**
E-mail: **p.delaiarro@shipcreekgroup.com**
Fax (Optional): Did Not Report

DEPUTY TREASURERS / CO-CHAIRS

Name	Address	Title
No Deputy Treasurers / Co-chairs / Nothing to Report		

TYPE OF GROUP

INITIATIVE PROPOSAL APPLICATION GROUP

Title: Alaskans for Better Elections

Subject: Encourage Alaskans to uphold election reforms that give voters more choice and power

CAMPAIGN PLANS

Initiative Proposal Group: Active before the initiative is certified or the ballot in an election.

BANK ACCOUNT / CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY

Name of Bank: Wells Fargo Bank

Bank Address: 301 W Northern Lights Blvd, Ste 100

City, State Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99503

GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

AMENDMENT

Amendment Description: **Delete a Deputy Treasurer**

COMPLETED

Submission Date: **06/09/2023**
Filer First Name: **Paula**
Filer Middle Name (Optional): **R**
Filer Last Name: **DeLaiarro**
Filer's Title with Group: **Treasurer**

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TYPE OF GROUP

INITIATIVE PROPOSAL APPLICATION GROUP

Title: Alaskans for Better Elections

Subject: Encourage Alaskans to uphold election reforms that give voters more choice and power

CAMPAIGN PLANS

Initiative Proposal Group: Active before the initiative is certified or the ballot in an election.

BANK ACCOUNT / CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY

Name of Bank: Wells Fargo Bank

Bank Address: 301 W Northern Lights Blvd, Ste 100

City, State Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99503

STATE OF ALASKA
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

CERTIFICATE

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, under the provisions of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Alaska and under the provisions of AS 15.45, the initiative application for *"An Act Restoring Political Party Primaries and Single-Choice General Elections."* which was received on November 23, 2022 and known as 22AKHE.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the proposed bill to be initiated is in the required form, that the application is substantially in the required form, and that there is a sufficient number of qualified sponsors.

In accordance with AS 15.45.090, I shall prepare a sufficient number of sequentially numbered petitions to allow full circulation throughout the state.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
hereto the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, the Capital,
This 20th day of January
2023
A. D.

Ex. 8, p. 1 of 1
Nancy Dahlstrom



Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom
STATE OF ALASKA

January 20, 2023

Phillip Izon II
4201 E Dimond Way, Unit B
Wasilla, AK 99654

Mr. Izon:

On November 23, 2022, I received your application for the following initiative that you entitled:

"An Act Restoring Political Party Primaries and Single-Choice General Elections"

I forwarded the application to the Division of Elections for verification of signatures and to the Department of Law for legal review.

The Division of Elections determined that 181 of the 183 signatures submitted were those of qualified voters. Therefore, the application has a sufficient number of sponsors to qualify for circulation of a petition under AS 15.45.030. The petition statistics report prepared by the Division of Elections is enclosed.

The Department of Law concluded that the proposed bill is in the proper form and therefore recommend that I certify this initiative application. A copy of the Department of Law opinion regarding the application is enclosed.

Consequently, I hereby certify your initiative application under Article XI of the Alaska Constitution and under the provisions of AS 15.45. I further certify that the proposed bill to be initiated is in the required form, that the application is substantially in the required form, and that there are a sufficient number of qualified sponsors. Your official certificate is enclosed.

The Division of Elections will prepare and print sequentially numbered petition booklets to allow full circulation throughout the state. Each petition will contain (1) a copy of the proposed bill; (2) an impartial summary of the subject matter of the bill; (3) a statement of minimum costs to the state associated with certification of the initiative application and review of the initiative petition; (4) an estimate of the cost to the state of implementing the proposed law; (5) the statement of warning prescribed in AS 15.45.100; (6) sufficient space for the personal information and signatures of each person signing the petition; and (7) other specifications that I decide would ensure proper handling and control. As soon as the booklets are available, they will be delivered to the Division of Elections office of your choice. You will also be provided with instructions and training for booklet distribution and accounting. These instructions must be followed.

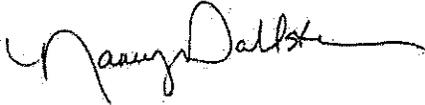
The initiative petition must be filed within one year from the date notice is given that the petition booklets are ready for delivery. The petition must be signed by qualified voters (1) equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the preceding general election; (2) resident in at least three-fourths of the house

Phillip Izon II
January 20, 2023
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districts of the state; and (3) who, in each of those house districts, are equal in number to at least seven percent of those who voted in the preceding general election in the house district. Based on the 2022 General Election, you will need to gather a total of 26,705 signatures from qualified voters consistent with the foregoing requirements.

If you have questions or comments about the ongoing initiative process, please contact April Simpson in my office at (907) 465-4081.

Sincerely,

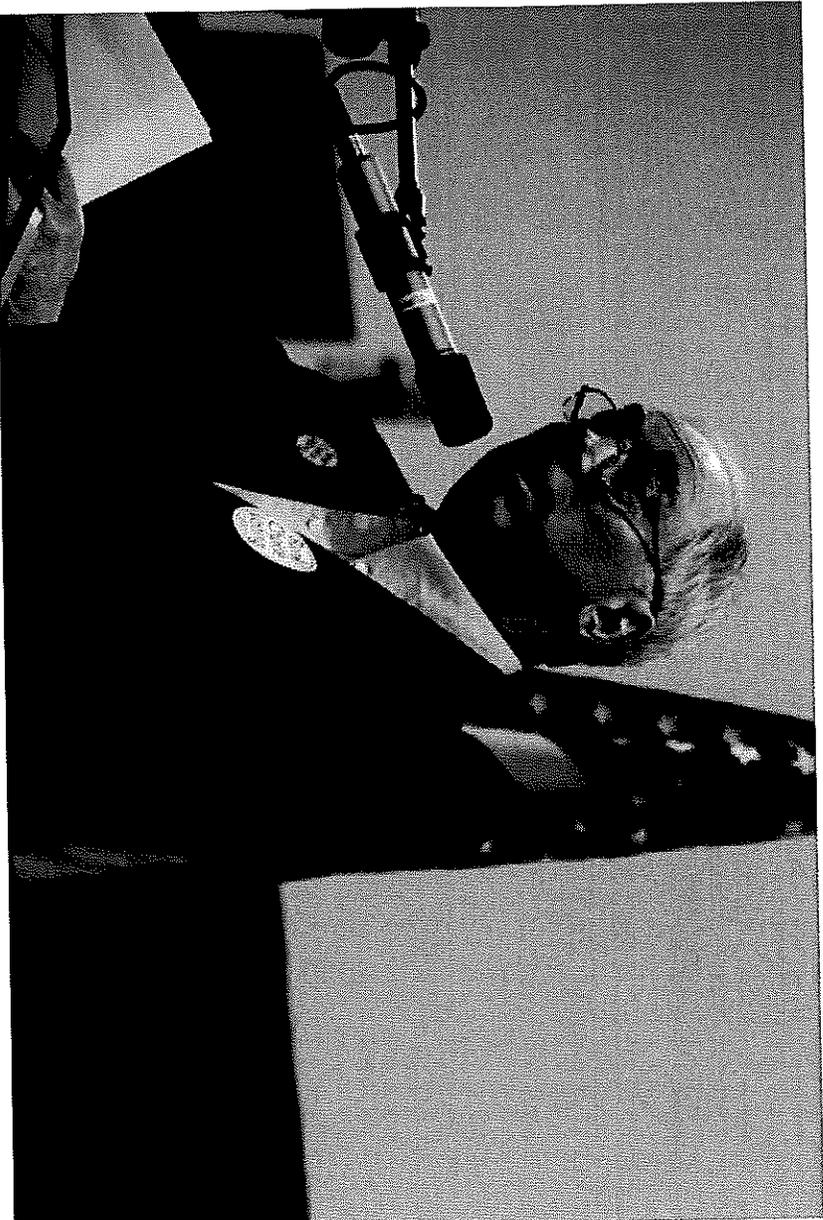


Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor

Petition ID:	22AKHE
Petition Status:	Petition Booklets Issued
Petition Application Title:	"An Act to get rid of the Open Primary System and Ranked-Choice General Election."
Primary Sponsors:	Phillip Izon II, Jamie R Donley, and Arthur C Mathias
Contact Sponsor:	Phillip Izon II – 4201 E Diamond Way Unit B, Wasilla AK 99654
Petition Application Filed:	November 23, 2022
Sponsors Proposed Bill Language:	"An Act to get rid of the Open Primary System and Ranked-Choice General Election."
Petition Application Review Deadline:	January 22, 2023
Petition Application:	Application Certified - January 20, 2023 Application Certification Letter Application Signature Review Attorney General Opinion: AGO No. 2023100126 Statement of Costs
Petition Booklets Issued:	February 8, 2023
Petition Booklets Filing Deadline:	February 7, 2024

Launch of campaign to repeal ranked choice voting draws a crowd in Anchorage

By Liz Ruskin, Alaska Public Media - February 17, 2023



Art Mathias speaks to voters at an Alaskans for Honest Elections event on Feb. 16, 2023. (Elyssa Loughlin/Alaska Public Media)

A few hundred people met at a south Anchorage church Thursday night to kick off a signature drive aiming to get rid of ranked choice voting and go back to the way Alaska used to elect candidates.

The new system, which Alaskans used for the first time last year, pairs an open primary with a general election that allows voters to rank up to four candidates.

ponsor of the repeal effort. He told supporters that ranked choice puts the entire country at risk.

literally, seriously at risk," he said. "If we don't replace ranked choice voting, we will never elect another conservative, and we will only have Outside corporations coming up and buying our candidates and buying our elections."

athias said he's donated \$100,000 to the effort, and the campaign has raised \$400,000 from out of state.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 23, 2022

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Ranked Choice Voting Produces Winners With Strong Mandates And Outcomes As Diverse As Alaska

Juneau, Alaska – Today, Alaska became the first state in the country to elect its state and federal officials using ranked choice voting, an election system that rewards candidates who build deep and broad voter coalitions.

Alaskan voters have twice now used the open, non-partisan primary and ranked choice voting general election system they adopted by ballot measure in 2020. A near consensus of general election voters (79%) found the new election system simple to use, and most voters took advantage of the opportunity to rank a 2nd and 3rd choice candidate.

“First and foremost, we must thank the Division of Elections for their tireless efforts to educate Alaskans, as well as for running a transparent and secure election. Democracy wouldn’t be possible without the dedication of our election workers and volunteers,” said Bruce Botelho, former Alaska Attorney General and current Chair of Alaskans for Better Elections.

The Alaska Division of Elections (DOE) completed its tabulation of the November 8 general election ballots live on public television station KTOO.org. The results reflected the full spectrum of Alaska voters’ political ideologies, from conservative to moderate Republican and moderate Democrat.

Alaska’s largest voter bloc are neither Republican or Democrat – but unaffiliated. Voter registration numbers show that Republicans make up 24% of the electorate, Democrats total 13%, while unaffiliated voters far outnumber both at 58%. Several candidates succeeded by broadening their campaign to appeal to voters outside of their traditional party base, which helped them earn a majority, often with the support of voters who picked them as their 2nd choice candidates.

Incumbent Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy won re-election with a majority (50.28%) of the statewide vote in the first round of tabulation. Republican Senator Lisa Murkowski won her race against Republican challenger Kelly Tshibaka with 53.7% of the vote including 2nd and 3rd choice votes.

Democrat Mary Peltola, who eschewed negative campaign tactics and actively asked her opponents’ supporters for their 2nd and 3rd choice votes, won Alaska’s lone seat in the U.S.

House of Representatives for the second time this year with 54.9% of the vote, having previously won the August special election to fill the remainder of the late Rep. Don Young's term.

Alaska voters also saw greater competition under the new rules among the 59 legislative races on the ballot. 22 legislative contests had three or more candidates. Roughly 200 candidates competed for legislative offices this year, giving voters more opportunities to support candidates that best shared their values and priorities.

"The diversity of these results is noteworthy. Alaskans elected candidates across a broad ideological spectrum," said Jason Grenn, Executive Director of Alaskans for Better Elections. "Both Democratic and Republican candidates benefited from RCV tabulation while prevailing in different races. Truly, this new system favors no party – it simply empowers voters and ensures that winning candidates have a mandate to govern and a better understanding of voter preferences."

Under the new system, candidates who built broad coalitions were rewarded by voters. The combination of the open, non-partisan primary and ranked choice voting general reorients the incentives of candidates and elected leaders to campaign to and represent the broadest possible electorate. Candidates must earn the support of a true majority of their district's electorate to win, making it more likely that they are more representative of the people they represent and that they enter office with a stronger mandate to govern.

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CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORM

AMENDMENT

Amendment Description: **Replace estimates with actuals**

COMPLETED

Submission Date: **08/09/2023**
 Filer First Name: **Paula**
 Filer Middle Name: **R**
 Filer Last Name: **DeLaiarro**
 Filer's Title: **Treasurer**
 Report Type: **Second Quarterly Report**

GROUP INFORMATION

Group Name: **2023 - Alaskans for Better Elections**
 Group Abbreviation: **ABE**
 Group Address: **721 Depot Dr**
 City, State Zip: **Anchorage, Alaska 99501**

REPORT INFORMATION

Election Year: **0**
 Election: **N/A**
 Report Type: **Second Quarterly Report**
 Reporting Period: From **04/08/2023** Through **07/07/2023**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

THIS PERIOD		ENTIRE CAMPAIGN			
Beginning Cash On Hand:	\$0.00	Year To Date Income Total: (From Box A of previous report)		Total Income To Date: (Box A)	
[+] ↓		[+] ⇒	\$0.00	[=] ⇒	\$140,433.93
Total Income Reported:	\$140,433.93	Year to Date Expense Total: (From Box B of previous report)		Total Expense To Date: (Box B)	
[-] ↓		[+] ⇒	\$0.00	[=] ⇒	\$123,825.07
Total Expenditures Reported:	\$123,825.07				
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Closing Cash On Hand:	\$16,608.86				
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Total Debts:	\$95,400.00				
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Surplus/Deficit:	-\$78,791.14				

INCOME

Date Received	Payment Method	Contributor	Details	Amount
04/12/2023	Non-Monetary Website & Administrative costs and office expenses	Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Occupation: n/a Employer: n/a Description: Campaign share of website creation cost (Prosper Group, \$288). Campaign share of monthly administrative costs and office expenses: Office rent (The Board Room, \$140); Adobe acrobat software (\$15.99); Payroll processing (ADP, \$54.36); Materials storage (Midtown Storage, \$29.60); Newspaper subscriptions (ADN, \$6.80; Frontiersman, \$2.78; FDNM, \$6.40; Juneau Empire, \$6.75); Zoom (\$23.19); Email distribution software (Mailchimp, \$88); Google G-Suite, \$24; Squarespace (website fee, \$11.60). Monthly total = \$409.47. In-kind monthly total thru 5/31/23 = 1.5 x monthly amount = \$614.20.	\$902.20
04/12/2023	Non-Monetary Campaign management	Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Occupation: n/a Employer: n/a Description: Campaign management including project management, fundraising, vendor interface, communications. Monthly amount = \$6125 (In-kind amount through 5/31/23 = 1.5 x monthly amount = \$9187.50).	\$9,187.50
04/12/2023	Non-Monetary Qual Boards & Focus Groups	Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Occupation: n/a Employer: n/a Description: Qual Boards & Focus Groups	\$60,000.00
04/12/2023	Cash	DeLaiarro, Paula 8401 Pioneer Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99504	Occupation: Senior Compliance Director Employer: Ship Creek Group, LLC Description:	\$20.00
04/12/2023	Cash	Lucky, Juli 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Occupation: Executive Director Employer: Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc Description:	\$5.00

Date Received	Payment Method	Contributor	Details	Amount
05/02/2023	Credit Card	DeLaiarro, Paula 8401 Pioneer Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99504	Occupation: Senior Compliance Director Employer: Ship Creek Group, LLC Description:	\$5.00
05/04/2023	Credit Card	DeLaiarro, Paula 8401 Pioneer Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99504	Occupation: Senior Compliance Director Employer: Ship Creek Group, LLC Description:	\$1.00
05/05/2023	Credit Card	Curtis, Joel PO Box 2093 Soldotna, Alaska 99669	Occupation: Meteorologist Employer: US Gov't Description:	\$100.00
05/06/2023	Credit Card	Blanchet, Jeremy 6602 Lakeway Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99502	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$100.00
05/06/2023	Credit Card	Rozen, Celia 2900 Aspen Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99517	Occupation: Librarian Employer: UAA Description:	\$20.00
05/07/2023	Credit Card	Farris, Martha 2241 Foxhall Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99504	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$100.00

Date Received	Payment Method	Contributor	Details	Amount
05/08/2023	Non-Monetary Campaign-related legal counsel (provided by Cashion Gilmore & Lindemuth)	Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Occupation: n/a Employer: n/a Description: Campaign-related legal counsel (provided by Cashion Gilmore & Lindemuth). Reduces previously reported debt owed to Cashion Gilmore & Lindemuth for services from 4/12/23 through 5/31/23.	\$1,200.00
05/08/2023	Credit Card Last	Evans, Diana 2518 Galewood Street Anchorage, Alaska 99508	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$400.00
05/09/2023	Non-Monetary Polling and research analysis (provided by Dittman)	Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Occupation: n/a Employer: n/a Description: Polling and research analysis (provided by Dittman). Reduces previously reported debt owed to Dittman for services from 4/12/23 through 5/31/23.	\$5,000.00
05/10/2023	Non-Monetary Checks	DeLaiarro, Paula 8401 Pioneer Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99504	Occupation: Senior Compliance Director Employer: Ship Creek Group, LLC Description: Checks	\$17.93
05/18/2023	Non-Monetary Research (Tappan Research, LLC)	Article Four 1501 Wilson Blvd, Suite 1050 Arlington, Virginia 22209	Occupation: n/a Employer: n/a Description: Research (Tappan Research LLC, 315 Flatbush Ave #517, Brooklyn, NY 11217)	\$3,500.00
05/18/2023	Non-Monetary Campaign planning and organization (Six - 7 Strategies, LLC)	Article Four 1501 Wilson Blvd, Suite 1050 Arlington, Virginia 22209	Occupation: n/a Employer: n/a Description: Campaign planning and organization (Six - 7 Strategies LLC, PO BOX 1445. Girdwood, AK 99587)	\$22,500.00

Date Received	Payment Method	Contributor	Details	Amount
05/27/2023	Credit Card	Absher, Theresa PO Box 192 Copper Center, Alaska 99573	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$50.00
06/01/2023	Non-Monetary Administrative costs and office expenses	Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Occupation: n/a Employer: n/a Description: Campaign share of monthly administrative costs and office expenses: Office rent, Adobe acrobat software, Payroll processing (ADP), Materials storage (Midtown Storage), Newspaper subscriptions (ADN, Frontiersman, FDNM), Zoom, Email distribution software (Mailchimp), Google G-Suite, Squarespace (website fee). Amount through 7/31/23	\$765.60
06/01/2023	Non-Monetary Campaign management / staff support	Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Occupation: n/a Employer: n/a Description: Campaign management including project management, fundraising, vendor interface, communications and staff support (amount through 7/31/23)	\$14,984.60
06/05/2023	Credit Card	Troyer, Eric 2051 Pine Cone Road Fairbanks, Alaska 99709	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$50.00
06/15/2023	Credit Card	Reagan, Robert PO Box 671194 Chugiak, Alaska 99567	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$200.00
06/20/2023	Credit Card	Muse, Ben 4036 Ridge Way Juneau, Alaska 99801	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$50.00

Date Received	Payment Method	Contributor	Details	Amount
06/21/2023	Check 7986	Billman, Daniel 9700 Prospect Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Occupation: Engineer / Comm Fisherman Employer: HDR, Inc / Self Description:	\$100.00
06/26/2023	Check 1101	Alaskans for Better Elections Foundation 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Occupation: n/a Employer: n/a Description:	\$20,000.00
06/27/2023	Non-Monetary Campaign-related legal counsel (provided by Cashion Gilmore & Lindemuth)	Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Occupation: n/a Employer: n/a Description: Campaign-related legal counsel (provided by Cashion Gilmore & Lindemuth). Eliminates previously reported debt owed to Cashion Gilmore & Lindemuth for services from 4/12/23 through 5/31/23.	\$675.00
06/29/2023	Bank Interest	Wells Fargo Bank 301 W Northern Lights Blvd #100 Anchorage, Alaska 99503	Occupation: n/a Employer: n/a Description:	\$0.10
07/01/2023	Credit Card	Muse, Ben 4036 Ridge Way Juneau, Alaska 99801	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$50.00
07/07/2023	Credit Card	Billman, Anne 9700 Prospect Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$200.00

Date Received	Payment Method	Contributor	Details	Amount
07/07/2023	Credit Card	Haley, Sharman 10239 Valley Park Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$250.00
			Number of Contributions under \$100:	0
			Sum of Contributions under \$100:	\$0.00
			Income Total:	\$140,433.93

EXPENDITURES

Date	Payment Method	Vendor	Purpose	Amount
04/12/2023	Non-Monetary Website & Administrative costs and office expenses	Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Campaign share of website creation cost (Prosper Group, \$288). Campaign share of monthly administrative costs and office expenses: Office rent (The Board Room, \$140); Adobe acrobat software (\$15.99); Payroll processing (ADP, \$54.36); Materials storage (Midtown Storage, \$29.60); Newspaper subscriptions (ADN, \$6.80; Frontiersman, \$2.78; FDNM, \$6.40; Juneau Empire, \$6.75); Zoom (\$23.19); Email distribution software (Mailchimp, \$88); Google G-Suite, \$24; Squarespace (website fee, \$11.60). Monthly total = \$409.47. In-kind monthly total thru 5/31/23 = 1.5 x monthly amount = \$614.20.	\$902.20
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04/12/2023	Non-Monetary Qual Boards & Focus Groups	Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Qual Boards & Focus Groups	\$60,000.00

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05/09/2023	Check 99	Alaska Public Offices Commission 2221 E Northern Lights Blvd, Room 128 Anchorage, Alaska 99508	Civil penalty for late IE report; paid 5/12/23	\$25.00
05/09/2023	Non-Monetary Polling and research analysis (provided by Dittman)	Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Polling and research analysis (provided by Dittman). Reduces previously reported debt owed to Dittman for services from 4/12/23 through 5/31/23.	\$5,000.00
05/10/2023	Non-Monetary Checks	DeLaiarro, Paula 8401 Pioneer Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99504	Checks	\$17.93
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06/27/2023	Non-Monetary Campaign-related legal counsel (provided by Cashion Gilmore & Lindemuth)	Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc 721 Depot Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Campaign-related legal counsel (provided by Cashion Gilmore & Lindemuth). Eliminates previously reported debt owed to Cashion Gilmore & Lindemuth for services from 4/12/23 through 5/31/23.	\$675.00
07/07/2023	Electronic Funds Transfer	Anedot 1340 Poydras St #1770 New Orleans, Louisiana 70112	Credit card processing fees this report	\$67.24
07/07/2023	Electronic Funds Transfer	Dittman Research PO Box 110073 Anchorage, Alaska 99511	Polling and research analysis (reduces amount through 7/31/23; balance is \$5000)	\$5,000.00
Expenditure Total:				\$123,825.07

Debits

Date Incurred	Name	Description or Purpose	Original Amount	Balance Remaining
04/12/2023	Ship Creek Group, LLC 721 Depot Dr, Suite 100 Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Treasurer duties / compliance reporting (reported cost through 5/31/23)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

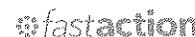
Date Incurred	Name	Description or Purpose	Original Amount	Balance Remaining
04/12/2023	Ship Creek Group, LLC 721 Depot Dr, Suite 100 Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Strategic support, coalition development, paid communications. Monthly fee = \$5000 (reported cost through 5/31/23: \$7500)	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
04/12/2023	Grace Jang Solutions, LLC 1506 Elcadore dR Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Grasstops engagement estimated cost was \$10,000 / month. However no campaign-related work was done during the timeframe. Debt is \$0.	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
04/12/2023	Dittman Research and Communications PO Box 110073 Anchorage, Alaska 99511	Polling and research analysis. Estimated fee was \$7500 through 5/31/23. Actual campaign-related work was \$5000 and was reported as an in-kind by Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc.	\$7,500.00	\$0.00
04/12/2023	Porcaro Communications, Inc 12221 Lilac Circle Anchorage, Alaska 99516	Media monitoring and placement. Monthly fee was estimated at \$2500 but no campaign-related work was done during this time period (4/12 - 5/31)	\$3,750.00	\$0.00
04/12/2023	Patinkin Research Strategies PO Box 1310 Gig Harbor, Washington 98335	Research / polling (cost for entire campaign)	\$52,400.00	\$52,400.00
06/01/2023	Ship Creek Group, LLC 721 Depot Dr, Suite 100 Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Treasurer duties / compliance reporting (amount through 7/31/23)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
06/01/2023	Ship Creek Group, LLC 721 Depot Dr, Suite 100 Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Strategic support, coalition development, paid communications. (amount through 6/30/23)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
06/01/2023	Cashion Gilmore & Lindemuth 510 L Street, Suite 600 Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Campaign-related legal counsel (amount through 7/31/23)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

Date Incurred	Name	Description or Purpose	Original Amount	Balance Remaining
06/01/2023	Grace Jang Solutions, LLC 1506 Elcadore dR Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Grasstops engagement (Original amount was estimated at \$20,000. Actual for June was \$3000. Estimated amount for July is \$5000.	\$20,000.00	\$8,000.00
06/01/2023	Dittman Research and Communications PO Box 110073 Anchorage, Alaska 99511	Polling and research analysis. June amount paid in full; amount for July is \$5000.	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
06/01/2023	Porcaro Communications, Inc 12221 Lilac Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99516	Media monitoring and placement. No campaign-related work was done during this time period (6/1 - 7/31)	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
07/01/2023	Ship Creek Group, LLC 721 Depot Dr, Suite 100 Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Strategic support, coalition development, paid communications. (amount through 7/31/23)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
			Remaining Debt Total:	\$95,400.00

Sign the petition!

"We Alaskans believe election reform is working to restore power to the people and strengthen democracy. Efforts to repeal the election system put into place by voters in 2020 are contrary to the express will of the Alaskan people and will reinstate the dysfunction of a closed primary system. We are signing our names to this petition to ask that you publicly oppose efforts to repeal Alaska's election system."

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Signer Information

First Name (this will be made public)

Last Name (this will be made public)

Postal Code

Email

Mobile Phone (Optional)

email@email.com

- Sign me up for SMS messages.
By submitting your cell phone number you are agreeing to receive periodic text messages from this organization. Message and data rates may apply. Text HELP for more information. Text STOP to stop receiving messages.
- Yes, sign me up for email updates.
- Remember me so that I can use **FastAction** next time. 

I am a current registered voter in Alaska

Yes

No

For statistical purposes only

Answers to these questions will only be used to characterize responders as a group.

Age (Optional)

- 18 - 28
- 29 - 38
- 39 - 48
- 49 - 58
- 59 - 68
- 69+

Gender identity (Optional)

- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to answer

Race (Optional)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino or Spanish Origin of any race
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

Occupation (Optional)

Submit

Background

The system was successfully used in 2022 and the reform is already showing multiple benefits:

The open primary resulted in more competitive races.

- In 2022, every statewide Alaska primary provided voters with more choice.
- Voters polled said elections were more competitive than in the past.

- Winners were the 1st or 2nd choice of a majority of voters.

Elected officials are already working more collaboratively.

- The Alaska State Senate organized as a 17 member coalition focused on consensus policymaking.
- The Alaska State House, which has the largest freshman class since 2003, organized an informal freshman bipartisan caucus to collaborate across party and formal caucus lines to do the business of the people.

Despite these successes, former Governor Sarah Palin and a small group of legislators are trying to overturn these reforms, arguing that Alaskans are easily confused and unable to use the new system.

The data tells a different story. **Alaskans overwhelmingly found the new system simple to use.**

- In the first RCV election in August 2022, 85% of voters polled stated that filling out their ballots was "simple."
- 99.8% of ballots were correctly filled out.

Alaskans voted in favor of election reform in 2020, and successfully used the new system in 2022. But minority who want to overturn the new system are loud. We need your help.

The political elite that want to limit voters' choices are pushing legislators to close the primary and revert to a system that allows candidates to win with less than a majority. We need your help to let legislators know what we know –

The open primary created a more diverse candidate pool.

- In 2022 statewide primaries, political diversity increased, meaning more candidates had the freedom to run without ties to a political party.
- Women entered Alaska's 2022 statewide primaries at unprecedented numbers.
- The new system yielded a larger, more diverse candidate pool that mirrored Alaska demographics.

In statewide races, winners earned broad support.

- No political ideology had an advantage. The same pool of voters elected a conservative Republican, a moderate Republican, and a Democrat.

that a majority of Alaskans want to see elected officials work together and approve of the reforms that resulted in better outcomes in the last election.

I hope you'll join me in showing your support for better elections by signing this petition asking legislators to oppose all attempts to repeal the electoral reforms approved by voters in 2020. Thank you for your support in honoring the voices of Alaska voters.

Juli Lucky
Executive Director

How Ranked Choice Voting Works

Ranked Choice Voting allows voters to rank candidates on the ballot in order of preference: first, second, third, and fourth. If one candidate receives a majority (more than 50%) of the first-choice votes, they win! If not, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and voters that ranked that candidate 1st have their vote counted for their next choice. This process continues until one candidate receives a majority of voters' choices.

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▼ What's The Problem?

Previously, candidates often won elections in Alaska with support from less than a majority of their constituents. In a state with a long history of viable third-party and independent candidates, it's not always clear that winning candidates had the support of most Alaska voters.

Ranked choice voting allows voters to rank candidates in the general election in order of preference. This gives Alaskans more choices, eliminates the spoiler effect, encourages campaigns to engage voters on issues and helps ensure that

winners are elected with the support of a true majority of voters.

▼ What Are The Benefits Of Ranked Choice Voting?

Using ranked choice voting in general elections requires candidates to win with majority support (more than 50%). Ranked choice voting promotes fuller representation and greater accountability, as candidates know they must win the support of a majority of voters in their community, not just a narrow base.

▼ What Does Majority Winner Mean? Does Alaska Have a Majority Winner Problem?

In a majority winner system, candidates have to gain the support of more than half of the voters to win. That's in comparison to a "plurality" system in which the candidate receiving the highest number of votes is declared the winner, even if that's only a minority of the vote. In the case of a three-way race, a candidate can win

with as little as 34% of the vote. Alaska has a history of electing candidates without the support of most voters—in U.S. Senate races, no winning candidate has received more than 50 percent of the vote in the general election since 2002.

▼ Are You Sure This is Still One Person, One Vote?

Ranked choice voting is definitely “one person, one vote.” First of all, this is a tried and true method for military voters that are deployed overseas and might otherwise not have the opportunity to vote in every election. It is also used statewide in Maine, and in more than a dozen U.S. cities, and by other democracies around the world to make sure they are electing leaders that have the support of a majority of voters.

You don't get to vote twice, your second choice (or third choice) only matters if your first choice fails to get enough votes to continue in the race. If you selected the winner as your first choice, your vote is only ever counted once.

▼ It's All About Competition.

Competition makes everything better. Ranked choice voting creates a free-market election system in Alaska that encourages greater participation and that creates more competition.

Without competition in elections, politicians are not accountable to the voters. We like competition in every other aspect of life, why not among the people we elect to represent us?

▼ Who Does Ranked Choice Voting Benefit?

The ability to rank candidates is good for voters, it is good for leaders, it is good for political parties and candidates that want to serve their community. We know this sounds like we're listing everybody in the election process, and it's true.

Ranking candidates gives voters more choice, letting us support our favorite candidate without worrying about voting against someone else.

Ranked choice voting is good for

leaders because it changes campaigning from a negative focus on how they're not "the other guy" and instead means that candidates can talk about the issues voters care about.

It's good for parties because it helps them understand what voters actually care about. When you can list your first and second choice, that sends a message to the party to get on board with the issues that your first and second choice campaigned on. Without ranked choice voting, they would never know your secondary priorities.

Finally, ranked choice voting lowers the barriers to entry for candidates because the voters have the power, not party elites. This means candidates that better reflect their communities have a real chance at winning, so more run, and then the leadership can look less like the folks chasing special interests and not getting any work done, and instead look more like real Alaskans ready to find solutions

How Would Ranked Choice
▼ Voting Make Elections More
Representative?

Ranked choice voting gives voters more opportunity to express their true preferences without fear of accidentally helping elect candidates they don't support.

Ranked choice voting also encourages positive campaigning since candidates have to go beyond their base and build broader coalitions to win a majority of the electorate.

Ranked choice voting also allows for more voices in our elections because candidates no longer have to worry about the "spoiler effect"—when two ideologically similar candidates split the vote.

▼ Is Ranked Choice Voting
Confusing?

Ranking items by preference is something we do all the time. Any voter who has completed a ballot with more than one candidate has had to weigh their choices. And voters in jurisdictions that have adopted ranked choice voting consistently

report higher levels of comfort with, and understanding of, the system.

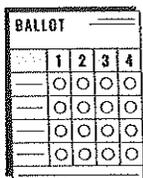
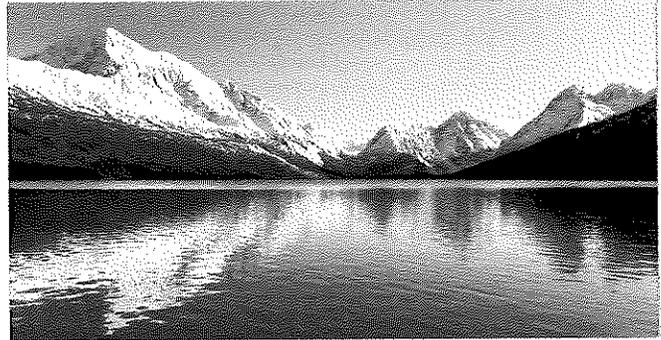
- FairVote, Socioeconomic and Demographic Perspectives on Ranked Choice Voting in the Bay Area, presenting results from a November 2014 Rutgers-Eagleton Institute of Politics poll, pgs. 5-6.
- In Maine, more than 74 percent of respondents in an exit poll after the 2018 general election found ranking their choices to be very or somewhat easy.

In a 2014 study, 84 percent of surveyed voters in four California cities using ranked choice voting said they understood the system somewhat or very well. Voters in those cities also reported a sense that political campaigns were more civil and used less negative advertising and messaging.

- ▶ Where Else is Ranked Choice Voting Used?

Alaska-Style Elections

Ballot Measure 2 was passed in November 2020 and included three commonsense election reforms to reduce partisanship and elect leadership committed to moving Alaska forward. It ends the secret influence of dark money, creates a single unified primary open to all voters, and empowers voters in the general election to rank candidates in order of preference. These simple, nonpartisan updates to how we choose our leaders will return the power of elections to its rightful place — with the voters.



Ranked Choice Voting

Our elected leaders should represent the will of the people. Too often, though, partisan gridlock, low turnout, and increased polarization result in a dysfunctional government incapable of — or unwilling to — address the issues that matter most to voters. Empowering voters to rank candidates in the general election ensures more candidates win office with the support of a majority of Alaskans. It gives voters more voice in their representation and more choice in the voting booth. Ranked choice voting is a simple change with a big impact.

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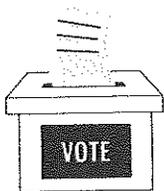
Greater Transparency



Alaska now requires additional campaign finance reporting for groups and individuals who raise and spend unlimited amounts of “Dark Money” in Alaska’s campaigns. Under the new reforms, these groups will have to disclose the true sources behind those donations in real-time. Politicians can no longer receive unlimited secret money from wealthy special interests who wish to hide their identities and motives. Candidates can still accept donations, but they’ll have to tell voters where the funds came from so voters can judge for themselves where the candidates’ loyalties lie.

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Open Primaries



For 50 years, Primary Day in Alaska was about voters, not parties. Voters could choose any candidate for any office under Alaska’s original primary system. It worked. But it was taken away by party insiders who wanted to restrict who could vote for particular candidates. Now, all eligible voters will use a single unified primary ballot in which they can select whichever candidate they prefer best in each race — regardless of party — and the top four vote-getters will advance to the general election. State-funded elections will be open to all voters. It’s that simple. That small change to our primary system will boost turnout and provide all Alaskan voters with more choices.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Other frequently asked questions.

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Take Action Today to Protect Alaska's Open Primaries

In 2020, Alaskans chose to bring the system and pass pro-
voter reforms that give us more choices in every election.
Now, with open primaries, we have the freedom to vote for
the best candidate, regardless of party. But our voter
successes are being threatened by a new effort to
immediately bring to get rid of our voter reform. It's
critical that we stand up to this effort now. We need
your help to ensure our open primaries stay open and
we can continue to elect the best candidates for our state.

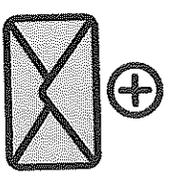
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Sign the Petition

Join us in protecting our open primaries
and rank choice voting system.

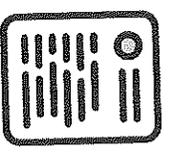
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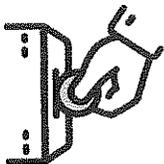
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Alaska's Election System has Broad, Bipartisan Support

Open primaries and ranked-choice voting are widely supported by Alaska's citizens and politicians. It has been found to be a simple and effective way to vote.

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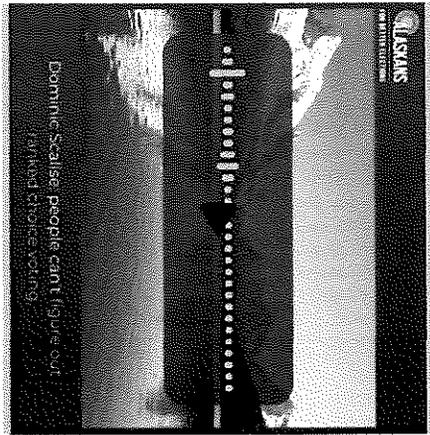
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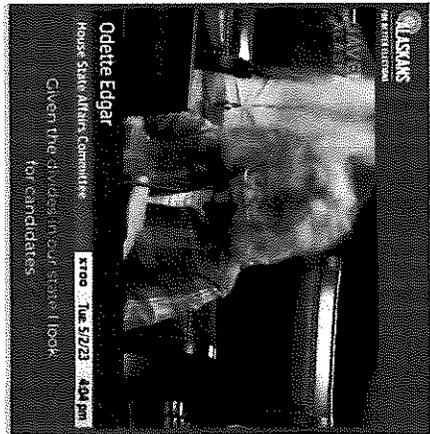
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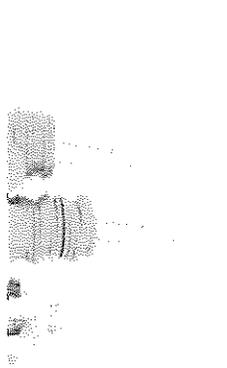
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2022

Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2022, or tax year beginning 01-01-2022, and ending 12-31-2022

Name of the organization: **ALASKANS FOR BETTER ELECTIONS FOUNDATION**
 8a. If U.S. location: **721 DEPOT DRIVE Ste 100 Anchorage, AK 99501**
 8b. If U.S. location: **Room 502**
 8c. If foreign location: **Room 502**
 8d. Telephone number (see instructions): **(907) 441-1935**
 8e. Employer identification number: **86-2058982**

G Check all that apply: Initial return Amended return
 Final return Name change
 Address change

H Check type of organization: Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (C), line 16) **\$ 178,512**
 J Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)

	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. received (attach schedule)	1,880,834			
2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
4 Dividends and interest from securities				
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss)				
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	0			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)				
8 Net short-term capital gain				
9 Income modifications				
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less: Cost of goods sold				
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)	0			
11 Other income (attach schedule)	0			
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	1,980,834	0	0	
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	180,150			180,150
14 Other employee salaries and wages				
15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a Legal fees (attach schedule)	158,796			158,796
b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	4,339			4,339
c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	372,500			372,500
17 Interest				
18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	18,417			18,417
19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion	0			
20 Occupancy	9,110			9,110
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	27,890			27,890

		Operatin	
22	Printing and publications	19,446	19,446
23	Other expenses (attach schedule)	711,269	711,269
24	Total operating and administrative expenses.		
	Add lines 13 through 23	1,499,927	1,499,927
25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	302,850	302,850
26	Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	1,802,777	1,802,777
27	Subtract line 26 from line 12:		
a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	172,107	
b	Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)	0	
c	Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)		

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Part II Balance Sheets Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only. (See instructions.)

	Beginning of year (a) Book Value	End of year (b) Book Value	End of year (c) Fair Market Value
1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	505	178,612	178,612
2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
3 Accounts receivable ▶			
4 Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
5 Grants receivable			
6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶			
8 Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
9 Inventories for sale or use			
10a Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
10b Investments—U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
10c Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
11 Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
12 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment (attach schedule) ▶			
13 Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
14 Investments—mortgage loans			
15 Investments—other (attach schedule)			
16 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
17 Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
18 Other assets (describe ▶)	0	0	0
19 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item 1)	505	178,612	178,612
20 Liabilities			
21 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
22 Grants payable			
23 Deferred revenue			
24 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
25 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
26 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
27 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)		0	
28 Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24, 25, 29 and 30.			
29 Net assets without donor restrictions	505	178,612	
30 Net assets with donor restrictions			
31 Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 26 through 30.			
32 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
33 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
34 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	505	178,612	
35 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	505	178,612	
36 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)		178,612	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 29 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	505					
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	178,107					
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	0					
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	178,612					
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	0					
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 29	178,612					

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Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 Shs. MLC CO.)

(b) How acquired
P—Purchase
D—Donation

(c) Date acquired
(mo., day, yr.)

(d) Date sold
(mo., day, yr.)

1a	(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69				
	(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { if gain, also enter in Part I, line 7
if (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7

3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1221(5) and (6):
if gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions). If (loss), enter -0-
in Part I, line 8

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Part V Exempt Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(c), or 4948—see instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2). Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)	1	
b	All other domestic foundations enter 1.39% (0.0139) of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter -4% (0.04) of Part I, line 12, col. (b).	2	0
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	3	0
3	Add lines 1 and 2.	4	
4	Subtract A (income tax (domestic section 4947(b)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	5	
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-.	6a	
6	Credits/Payments:	6b	
a	2022 estimated tax payments and 2021 overpayment credited to 2022	6c	
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6d	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 9398)		
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld		
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.	7	
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2221 is attached	8	
9	Tax due, if the total of lines 5 and 6 is more than line 7, enter amount owed.	9	
10	Overpayment, if line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid.	10	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be credited to 2023 estimated tax	11	

Part VI-A Statements Regarding Activities

1a	During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	1a	Yes	No
b	Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the instructions for the definition.	1b	Yes	No
c	If the answer is "yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.	1c	Yes	No
d	Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?			
e	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4953) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation: \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers: \$ _____			
f	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers: \$ _____			
2	Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS?	2	Yes	No
3	If "yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.			
4a	Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.	4a	Yes	No
4b	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4b	Yes	No
5	If "yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	5	Yes	No
6	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?			
7	If "yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.			
8a	Are the requirements of section 5081(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: (a) found bullet; or (b) language in the governing instrument, or (c) found bullet. By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	8a	Yes	No
9	Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XIV.	9	Yes	No
10	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions)	10	Yes	No
11	If the answer is "yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designee) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation.	11	Yes	No
12	Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(i)(5) for calendar year 2022 or the taxable year beginning in 2022? See the instructions for Part XIII.	12	Yes	No
13	If "yes," complete Part XIII.			
14	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.	14	Yes	No

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Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (Continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "yes," attach schedule. See instructions.	11	No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "yes," attach statement. See instructions	12	No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address: _____	13	Yes
14	The books are in care of: <u>Julie Lucky</u> Telephone no. <u>(907) 441-1935</u>		

Located at 721 DEFORT DRIVE STE 100 Anchorage AK ZIP+4 99501

15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041—check here. <input type="checkbox"/> 15	Yes	No
16	At any time during calendar year 2022, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____	16	No

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.			
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	1a(1)	No
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	1a(2)	No
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	1a(3)	No
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	1a(4)	No
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	1a(5)	No
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception: Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)	1a(6)	No
b	If any answer is "yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4947(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions. <input type="checkbox"/>	1b	No
c	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. <input type="checkbox"/>		
d	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2022?	1d	No
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a	At the end of tax year 2022, did the foundation have any undistributed income (Part XII, lines 5d and 5e) for tax year(s) beginning before 2022?	2a	No
	If "yes," list the years: <u>20</u> <u>20</u> <u>20</u>		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions.)	2b	No
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here: <u>20</u> <u>20</u> <u>20</u>		
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	3a	No
b	If "yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2022 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2022.)	3b	No
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2022?	4b	No

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Part VII Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? 5a(1) Yes No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4953) or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? 5a(2) No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? 5a(3) No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions. 5a(4) No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? 5a(5) No

5b If any answer is "yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945-1(f), did any of the transactions regarding disaster assistance? See instructions. 5b No

5c Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions. 5c

5d If the answer is "yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? 5d No

5e If "yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d). 5e

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? 6a No

6b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? 6b No

if "yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? 7a No

7b If "yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? 7b No

8 Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payments of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment during the year? 8 No

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1	(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
	CAROL GIESSEL 721 DEPOT DRIVE STE 100 ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	Director/President 1,000	0		
	AMANDA MOSER 721 DEPOT DRIVE STE 100 ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	Chief Strategy Officer 15,000	57,190		
	BRUCE BOTELHO 721 DEPOT DRIVE STE 100 ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	Director/VP 1,000	0		
	DANIEL VOLLAND 721 DEPOT DRIVE ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	Director/Secretary 1,000	0		
	MARINA SANFORD 721 DEPOT DRIVE ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	Director/Treasurer 1,000	0		
	JASON GREEN 721 DEPOT DRIVE STE 100 ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	Executive Director 15,000	59,165		
	JOE LUCKY 721 DEPOT DRIVE STE 100 ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	Chief of Staff 16,000	53,802		

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances

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Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000. Form 990-PF (2022)

Part VII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3	Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE"	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
	Blueprint Alaska	Communications strategy	105,003
	600 Barrow St Ste 400 Anchorage, AK 99501	Legal services	151,705
	Cashlan Gilmore & Lindemur 510 L St Ste 601 Anchorage, AK 99501	Strategy and policy	110,000
	Kalander & Associates 911 W 9th Ave Ste 101 Anchorage, AK 99501	Public opinion research	101,600
	Padrikin Research Strategi PO Box 1310 Ship Harbor WA 98335	Media	559,168
	721 Depot Dr Ste 100 Anchorage, AK 99501		
	Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services.		1

Part VIII A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

1 1 educating voters on the new election system passed by voter initiative in 2020 nonpartisan primaries and ranked choice voting and 2 assisting the Alaska Division of Elections with successful implementation of the

2 new election system Through grants to other 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations partnerships with civic groups direct contact with voters and paid media campaigns ABEF ensured that Alaskan voters were informed on

3 how to rank their ballots when election results could be expected and the benefits of the voter-passed reforms Post election exit polling showed that 92 of Alaskans received instruction on how to fill out their

4 before voting

Part VIII B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

1	Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.	Amount
1		
2		
3	All other program-related investments. See instructions.	0
	Total. Add lines 1 through 3	0

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Part IX Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1 Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:

a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	267,223
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	267,223
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	267,223
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1.5% (0.015) of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	4,008
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3	5	263,215
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% (0.05) of line 5	6	13,161

Part X Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(b)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations)

1	Minimum investment return from Part IX, line 6	1	13,161
2a	Tax on investment income for 2022 from Part V, line 5	2a	
2b	Income tax for 2022. (This does not include the tax from Part V.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	13,161
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	13,161
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XII, line 1	7	13,161

Part XI Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:	1a	1,802,777
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 25	1a	1,802,777
b	Program-related investments—total from Part VIII-B	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	0
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part XII, line 4	4	1,802,777

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2021	(c) 2021	(d) 2022 13,151
1 Distributable amount for 2022 from Part X, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2022:				
a Enter amount for 2021 only				
b Total for prior years: 20 20 20				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2022:				
a From 2017				
b From 2018				
c From 2019				
d From 2020				
e From 2021				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2022 from Part XI, line 4: 5 <u>1,802,777</u>				
a Applied to 2021, but not more than line 2a (Election required—see instructions)				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions)				
d Applied to 2022 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2022 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus: Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e; Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income: Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 5c from line 5b; Taxable amount—see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2021: Subtract line 4a from line 2a; Taxable amount—see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2022: Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2023				13,151
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required—see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2017 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2023. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 5a				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2018				
b Excess from 2019				
c Excess from 2020				
d Excess from 2021				
e Excess from 2022				
				1,802,777

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1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2022, enter the date of the ruling. 4942(j)(5) or 4942(i)(5)

2a Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(5) or 4942(i)(5) 4942(j)(5) or 4942(i)(5)

b Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part IX for each year listed.

Tax year	(a) 2022	(b) 2021	(c) 2020	(d) 2019	(e) Total
	0				

c Qualifying distributions from Part XI, line 4 for each year listed.

d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities.

e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c.

3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:

a "Assets" alternative test—enter:

(1) Value of all assets. 0

(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i) "Endowment" alternative test—enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part IX, line 6 for each year listed. 0

c "Support" alternative test—enter:

(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans, section 512(a)(5)), or royalties. 0

(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii). 0

(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization. 0

(4) Gross investment income. 0

Part XIV Supplementary information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds; if the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d. See instructions.

a The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:

c Any submission deadlines:

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

Part XIV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

a Paid during the year	Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
	Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness 3427 E Tudor Rd A Anchorage, AK 99507		PC	General support	10,000
	Alaska Institute for Justice 431 W 7th Ave Ste 208 Anchorage, AK 99501		PC	General support	30,000
	Alaska Municipal League One Sealska Plaza Ste 302 Juneau, AK 99801		PC	General support	25,000
	Alaska Rural Health & Education PO Box 4111 Ketchikan, AK 99901		PC	General support	16,850
	Get Out The Native Vote 11500 C Street Ste 15 Anchorage, AK 99515		PC	General support	1,000
	Kids Voting North Alaska PO Box 31615 Fairbanks, AK 99709		PC	General support	130,000
	NEO Philanthropy 1001 6th Ave Ste 12th Floor New York, NY 10018		PC	General support	15,000
	Polynesian Association of Alaska 3060 Country Woods Dr Anchorage, AK 99502		PC	General support	70,000
	Proteus Fund 15 Research Drive Ste B Amherst, MA 01002		PC	General support	
	Total				302,850

b Approved for future payment

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Schedule of Contributors

OMB No. 1545-0047

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

2022

Name of the organization
ALASKANS FOR BETTER ELECTIONS FOUNDATION

Employer identification number
86-2058982

Organization type (check one):

Filers of: Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ 501(c) () (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or other property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 3³/₈% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(v), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year 5

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part I			
Contributors (see instructions. Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.)			
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Unite America 1580 Lincoln Street Denver, CO 80203	\$ 1,035,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	Bessemer Trust 1271 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020	\$ 250,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	Institute for Political Innovation 303 E Wacker Dr Ste 1100 Chicago, IL 60601	\$ 30,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	New Venture Fund 1201 Connecticut Ave NW Ste 300 Washington, DC 20036	\$ 100,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	Unite & Renew Educational Fdn 925 15th St NW Ste 5th Floor Washington, DC 20005	\$ 225,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	Alaskans for Better Elections Inc 721 DEPOT DRIVE Ste 100 Anchorage, AK 99501	\$ 70,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
Total contributions			

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86-2058962

Part II		Noncash Property	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given <small>(see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.</small>	(c) FMV (or estimate) <small>(see instructions)</small>	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) <small>(see instructions)</small>	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) <small>(see instructions)</small>	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) <small>(see instructions)</small>	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) <small>(see instructions)</small>	(d) Date received
		\$	

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Part III

Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) **\$** 5

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4 Relationship of transferor to transferee		
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Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Accounting and tax	4,339			4,339

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Person Name	Explanation
Blueprint Alaska	Education strategy
Cashon Gilmore Lindemut	Legal services
Kallander Associates	Strategy and policy
Pathkin Research Strategi	Public opinion research
Ship Creek Group	Media

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Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Legal support mission	150,114			150,114
Legal compliance	8,682			8,682

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Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Advertising	607,244			607,244
Opinion research	101,500			101,500
Office expenses	2,425			2,425

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Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
CommunicationsOutreach	372,500			372,500

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Bessemer Trust	1271 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020
Institute for Political	303 E Wacker Dr Ste 1100 Chicago, IL 60601
New Venture Fund	1201 Connecticut Ave NW Ste 300 Washington, DC 20036
Write & Renew Educational	925 15th St NW Ste 5th Floor Washington, DC 20005
Unite America	1580 Lincoln Street Ste 520 Denver, CO 80202
Alaskans for Better Elect	721 DEPOT DRIVE Ste 100 Anchorage, AK 99501

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Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Payroll taxes	16,417			16,417

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COMPLETED

Submission Date: **07/20/2023**

REPORT TYPE

Filing Reason: **Contributions of \$500 or more**

Report Year: **2023**

Filed As: **Other**

FILER

Filer First Name: **Juli**

Filer Middle Name:

Filer Last Name: **Lucky**

Filer Phone: **(907) 351-5108**

Filer Email: **juli@alaskansforbetterelections.com**

Filer's Title with Other Entity: **Executive Director**

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Entity Name: **Alaskans for Better Elections Foundation**

Business Type: **Nonprofit**

Address: **721 Depot Drive**

City: **Anchorage**

State: **Alaska**

99501

Country: **United States**

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Contribution Date	Recipient	Form of Contribution	Amount	Total Annual Contribution
06/26/2023	2023 - Alaskans for Better Elections	Check Check Number: 1101	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

REPORT SUMMARY

Number of Contributions Reported with this Report: 1

Total of Contributions Reported with this Report:

\$20,000.00

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From: [Hebdon, Heather R \(DOA\)](#)
To: [Stormont, Charles R \(DOA\)](#)
Subject: FW: Complaint and Exhibits Served on B. Botelho
Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 4:26:27 PM
Attachments: [Complaint and Exhibits.pdf](#)

From: Kevin Clarkson <kclarkson@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 12:21 PM
To: Lucas, Tom R (DOA) <tom.lucas@alaska.gov>; Hebdon, Heather R (DOA) <heather.hebdon@alaska.gov>
Subject: FW: Complaint and Exhibits Served on B. Botelho

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Sincerely,

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From: [Kevin Clarkson](#)
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 1:19 PM
To: brucebotelho@gmail.com
Subject: Complaint and Exhibits

Mr. Botelho,

Attached are the Complaint and Exhibits that were filed with APOC. These are served upon you as the Chair of Alaskans or Better Elections.

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From: [Kevin Clarkson](#)
Sent: Saturday, October 7, 2023 6:54 AM
To: scott@cashiongilmore.com
Subject: Complaint by Izon against ABE, ABEI, and ABEF
Importance: Low

Scott,

Attached you will find:

1. The Complaint filed today by Phillip Izon against Alaskans for Better Elections; Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc.; and Alaskans for Better Elections Foundation, Inc., together with Exhibit 1-22.

2. The APOC Complaint Form, signed by Mr. Izon and notarized.

Service copies were mailed certified to:

- Bruce Botelho and Paula DeLaiarro for Alaskans for Better Elections;
- You as registered agent for Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc. and Alaskans for Better Elections Foundation, Inc.

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