



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- ✓ Improve Transparency and Accountability
- ✓ Commit to a Meaningful Conversation with Alaskans About Fiscal Priorities
- ✓ Control Budget Growth to Ensure Budget Sustainability
- ✓ Develop New “Alaskan” Budgeting Process
- ✓ Live Within Our Means & Plan for the Future

Step #1:

- **Budget Reform to Control Government Growth**
 - Improve transparency and insist on accountability
 - Focus on priorities and eliminate waste, inefficiency, and redundancy
 - Scrutinize Alaska's budget process and retool it to combat unsustainable growth
 - Utilize private sector for delivery of services where it is appropriate
 - Encourage local responsibility for local priorities
- Develop controls to curb future growth

Step #2:

- **Long Term Fiscal Planning**
 - Begin meaningful planning now while the state is still strong
 - Engage Alaskans in a conversation on budget priorities and tradeoffs
 - Review past expansions of state services to ensure these are still consistent with Alaskans' priorities
 - Explore options and develop contingencies for future needs

Tools & Actions:

- **Investigate Options to Reform Our Budget Process**
 - Regularly sunset departments
 - Consider 20% annual sunset; or mandatory 5-10 year sunset review
 - Implement zero-based budgeting on rolling basis
 - "Take it to Zero - and take a look"
 - Does not require legislation
 - Allows the public to be a part of the process
 - Line by line analysis - transparent and open
- **Conduct More Interim Finance Meetings**
 - Allows more time for in-depth review
- **Fiscal Note Vigilance**
 - Continue to work improve budget systems so the fiscal impact of proposed legislation is clear and accessible

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RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Develop Alaska's Resources to Benefit Alaskans
- ✓ Create Jobs for Alaskans
- ✓ Improve Alaska's Business Climate
- ✓ Stand Up for the Right to Control Our Own Destiny
- ✓ Provide Meaningful Stakeholder Involvement

Tools & Actions:

- **Work Hand in Hand with the Governor and Fund the Attorney General to Fight for State’s Rights and Prevent Federal Takeover**
 - Proactive involvement will prevent costly and legal battles late in development processes

- **Improve Alaska’s Business Climate to Attract New Investment and New Jobs**
 - Review, restructure and dismantle regulatory barriers
 - Regulatory and permitting review
 - Coordinate efforts with Administration
 - Review tax structure to ensure investment
 - Improve tracking methods for measuring effectiveness of state tax and exploration incentives
 - Are we getting the “bang” for our buck?
 - Initiate judicial process review to stop endless lawsuits that block development and fund outside special interests through court “settlements”
 - “Dead last” is not getting it done

- **Modernize and Improve Infrastructure and Schools to Entice Businesses to Locate in Alaska**
 - Make sure Alaskans are trained to get those jobs
 - Build infrastructure to support new industry and access to resources
 - Focus on workforce development

- **Value-Added Focus: Change Alaska from a Resource “Extraction” State to a Resource Development State**

- **Look for Opportunities to Use Alaska’s Resources to Benefit Alaskans**
 - Alternative energy; natural gas

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ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE ENERGY

- ✓ Immediate Action and Long-term Solutions
- ✓ Build on Past Successes and Planning
- ✓ Provide Relief to Consumers
- ✓ Recognize Diversity of Opportunity and Diversity of Need
- ✓ Use Alaska's Resources to Help Alaska's Families

Tools & Actions:

Provide Immediate Assistance to Alaskan Families

- Continue investment in weatherization and energy efficiency programs
 - Expand availability to more Alaskans
- Permitting and regulatory reform
 - Facilitate new exploration and projects for near-term production
 - Eliminate unnecessary bureaucratic obstacles
 - Increase coordination between legislature, state and federal regulators
- Support Funding for Power Cost Equalization
- Support restructuring of Alaska Energy Authority to enhance its efforts and programs

Improve Energy Affordability, Source Stability and Delivery Efficiency

- Enhance energy distribution and modernize power grids
 - Undertake utility consolidation
 - Modernize grids
 - Improve distribution, reliability and efficiency
 - Ensure accountability
 - Examine debt restructuring for small utilities
- Support Renewable Energy Fund and Alaska Energy Authority long-term planning efforts
 - Utilize and increase funding for the “market basket” of options for rural/smaller communities, including wind, biomass, geothermal, hydro and others
 - “One size does not fit all”
- Move gas pipeline projects forward
 - Continue work on AGIA/Denali (large diameter)
 - Consider options for In-State Gas line
- Invest in large-scale projects to meet the state’s major energy needs
 - Continue Susitna Hydro planning
 - Investigate other major alternative energy projects such as Mt. Spurr

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EXCELLENT SCHOOLS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Prepare Every Child to Succeed
- ✓ Ensure Accountability, Innovation and Student-Focused Funding
- ✓ Develop Statewide Consistency on Curriculum and Standards
- ✓ “Foundation Up” — Revisit Standards, Start Early, and Establish Benchmarks for Advancement (3rd Grade)
- ✓ Put Greater Emphasis on Workforce Development to Ensure Educational Relevance and the Opportunity for Alaskans to Get Alaska’s Jobs

Tools & Actions:

- **Study Successes at Home and Abroad**
 - Spotlight successful schools, programs and approaches
 - Identify best practices and encourage their adoption across Alaska's schools
- **Drive Educational Outcomes and Encourage Innovation with Student-Focused Funding**
 - Get the money where it will do the most good (classroom/student)
 - Improve accountability to ensure increased funding leads to increased student achievement (“bang for the buck”)
 - Establish statewide standards and measurable benchmarks
 - Raise the exit exam standard
 - Give 11th and 12th grade students achievement standards beyond the exit exam
 - Hold teachers, students and districts accountable for meeting them
 - Allow teachers to teach and districts to innovate from their own strengths
- **Ensure Best Teachers for Alaskan Students**
 - Consider relocation assistance, debt forgiveness, merit pay to aid with teacher retention
 - Address teacher housing needs in rural communities
 - Measure teacher performance
- **Focus on Early Education and End “Social Promotion”**
 - K-3 assessment to ensure excellent foundation for learning
 - Establish 3rd grade proficiency standards in core subjects
 - Require students to meet standards before advancing
- **Put Greater Emphasis on Workforce Development/Relevant Education**
 - Prepare Alaska's students for Alaska's jobs
 - Encourage students to pursue successful careers in their areas of strength
- **Begin Serious Conversation on Alternatives to Failing Schools**
 - Regional boarding schools or other options

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SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- ✓ Success Begins with Security at Home
- ✓ Engender Personal and Community Responsibility
- ✓ Promote Local Solutions
- ✓ Ensure Accessible Public Safety Presence in All Alaskan Communities
- ✓ Tackle Abuse at Its Root Causes
- ✓ Align with the Governor to Promote the “Choose Respect” Campaign

Tools & Actions:

- **Support Successful Programs to Combat Family Violence and Addiction**
- **Expand Public Safety Presence in Rural Communities**
 - Increase funding for VPSOs and other public safety personnel
- **Improve Accountability and Effectiveness in Delivery of Funds and Services**
 - Scrutinize capital budget requests closely to ensure organizations are ready to receive funding and use it successfully
 - Work with non-profit service providers to ensure efficiency and accountability
- **Stress Personal and Community Responsibility**
 - Engage and empower parents, communities and local social service providers
 - Recognize the approach of past twenty years has not worked
 - Don't try to solve problems with state government when a local solution is a stronger approach
- **Support Governor's Efforts and "Choose Respect Campaign"**
 - Publicly identify with and support Governor's efforts to combat abuse and addiction, and his "Choose Respect Campaign"
 - Communicate and coordinate legislative efforts with appropriate state agencies and departments
 - Fund ongoing public education messages designed to reach kids at an early age (to warn about dangers of drugs, alcohol and abuse)
- **Improve Coordination of Delivery of Services Between State and Federal**
 - Utilize federal funding sources where available (Medicaid costs)

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