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**VOTE
November 3**

**Runoff
Election
For
The Office of
FNS
Borough Mayor**

**Early Voting begins October 23 at the
Borough Building**



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To Whom Does He Listen?

It's always useful to 'follow the money' when evaluating candidates seeking elective office, because campaign contributions are based on past performance and future expectations.

Perhaps the most significant distinction between the candidates is that labor union PACs contributed \$8700 to Mr. Hopkins (including \$3200 from public employee union PACs), while Ms. Wilson apparently didn't receive any contributions from political action committees. One cannot help but think this would make it difficult for Mr. Hopkins to negotiate the next borough labor contract from a neutral position.

The following table seems to dispel the assumption that local elections are "non-partisan" at least from the perspective of financial support:

Affiliation	Hopkins	Wilson
PACs	14%	0
Democrat	54%	2%
Republican	2%	64%
Undclrd / Non Prtsn / othr	27%	34%

Note: The amounts contributed by the candidates to their own campaigns (Hopkins \$829 and Wilson \$6200) have been discounted to calculate the percentages.

Partisan influence might even be greater than the table indicates in the case of Mr. Hopkins. His campaign expenditure record indicates that he purchased a "mailing list" from the "AK Democrat Party" last February and many prominent Democrats are among his contributors:

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Representatives David Guttenberg and Scott Kawasaki from Fairbanks, Ethan Berkowitz (Anchorage), Beth Kerttula (Anchorage); state senators Joe Thomas (Fairbanks), Johnny Ellis (Anchorage), and Hollis French (Anchorage); former Democratic legislators: Georgiana Lincoln (Rampart), John Davies (Fairbanks), Tom Moyer (Fairbanks), Chancy Croft (Anchorage), and Vic Fisher (Anchorage). In fact, about 30% of his total financial support appears to have come from PACs or outside of the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

Partisan involvement in Ms. Wilson's campaign appears to be more coincidental. A contribution from former Republican Representative Gabriel LeDoux (Kodiak) is the only one that stands out on her contributor's list. About 4% of her contributions came from outside of the FNSB.

Financial contributions are only one indication of the predisposition of a candidate, but they're an important indication. The pattern of contributions to Mr. Hopkins' campaign indicates significant influence from organized special interests and Democrat Party operatives, which could lead one to conclude that his interests extend beyond local planning and zoning issues. The pattern of Ms. Wilson's campaign contributions indicate a more 'grass roots' base of support and less influence from special interests outside of the borough.

This should be an important consideration as we make our decision on November 3rd.

VOTE NOVEMBER 3

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Election Recap IACC Editorial

The two candidates who ran for borough assembly seat and school board seat (Josh Lott and Lynette Bergh) lost by a margin of 214 and 302 votes respectively. With so many borough residents voicing their concerns about needed changes in the borough, it makes one wonder why these two were not summarily elected. A brief analysis reveals that:

- The number of voters (once again) was considerably low
- The electorate was not fully educated about the issues or the candidates
- The conservative support base was fractured

Although many conservatives vocalized their disdain for current government, they did not demonstrate the organizational skills to be deliberate in their actions...especially in getting folks informed and to the polls.

It is critical that we (the IACC and conservatives) enlighten the borough residents about the issues (past, present, and future) and highlight how our conservative candidates credibly fill the qualifications and demonstrate the abilities needed to affect positive change in our local government.

Once a society is fully informed, going to the polls and checking the ballot boxes is the logical consequence of this reasoned process.

We must plan for the 2010 elections- starting right now. Educate, energize, activate, and engage. The IACC is ready and willing to lead this charge- are you ready to change politics as usual?

Political Miracles

Our consent is the ultimate well of all political power. Most politicians believe that barring any obvious scandals, the more money they spend, the more votes they win. However, if citizens get involved at the grass-roots level miracles can occur.

In the recent race for Borough Mayor, Luke Hopkins had the support of conventional politicians and spent 3 times more than Tammie Wilson. Nevertheless, Tammie won 24 out of 41 precincts outright and ended up in a virtual tie after all the votes were counted.

What caused this? Tammie reached out to all of us. Her unwavering attendance at civic meetings throughout the borough, her record of representing our individual interests on the assembly and meeting us personally on our own doorsteps set the stage. But it was our political courage that caused this turnaround. Through voting our consciences and encouraging our neighbors to do the same we helped Tammie to outdistance several other well qualified candidates.

Effective limited government exists in direct proportion to the amount of organized civic participation by well-informed citizens. When we actively support and vote for a sincere candidate we can overcome special interest money and propaganda to elect officials who will work with us to create truly representative government.

"Watch List"

TVRPC Gun Show Saturday, October 17 10am-5pm and Sunday, October 18 10am-3pm at the UAF Patty Center. **Parental Notification Petitions** will be available to sign at the IACC booth. Let us know if you would like to cover a shift at the table.

FNSB School Board meeting October 20; second reading to increase administrative salaries to a grand total of \$446,969.

2nd Amendment Task Force Meeting on *Friday, October 23 at 6:30pm* at Door of Hope Church. Schaeffer Cox will be introducing the **Liberty Bell System**, a great way for honest, freedom loving people to help each other defend their liberty.

Early Voting for the Runoff Election begins October 23 at the Borough Building. Please remember to vote in the runoff! **The Election is Tuesday November 3.**

Borough is proposing changes to Title 18 Property Rights see Ordinance 2009-26. Grandfather rights are being revised. There will be opportunities for public comment at 6 different meetings throughout the borough taking place during November. Meetings to be announced in Salcha, North Pole, Two rivers, Ester and downtown.

Public Hearing by Local Boundary Commission for Annexation of Fred Meyer West and Park Drive Enclave is being taken November 9 beginning at noon at the School District office.

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IACC CALENDAR OF RELATED EVENTS

October / November 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
12	13 7 pm Book club <u>End the Fed</u>	14	15 3 pm IACC Newsletter meeting	16 12-1pm Republican Lunch @ Westmark Hotel Deadline for School Board Committees	17/18 10-5 pm IACC @ TVRPC Gun Show @UAF Patty Center
19	20 10:30 am IACC weekly meeting 7 pm School Board Mtg.	21	22 3 pm IACC Newsletter Meeting. 7 pm Borough Assembly Meeting	23 Early Voting Begins Today 6:30 pm 2nd Amendment Task Force Mtg. @ Door of Hope Church	24/25
26 7 pm City Council Meeting	27 10:30 am IACC weekly meeting	28	29 3 pm IACC Newsletter meeting	30 12-1pm Republican Lunch @ Westmark Hotel	31/1 HAPPY HALLOWEEN Daylight Saving Time/Change Your Clocks
2	3 Vote! Runoff Election Today	4	5 3pm IACC Newsletter meeting	6 12-1pm Republican Lunch @ Westmark Hotel	7/8
9 Fred Meyer Annexation 7pm City Council Mtg.	10 10:30am IACC weekly meeting	11 VETERANS DAY	12 3pm IACC Newsletter meeting 7 PM Borough Assembly Meeting	13 12-1 Republican Lunch @ Westmark Hotel	14/15

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