



Anchorage Municipal Mayoral Runoff Election

May 11th, 2021

Candidate Comparison - Key Issues Info Sheet

Issue	Forrest Dunbar	David Bronson
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Invest in projects to make downtown Anchorage safer, cleaner, and more walkable with cooperation from downtown merchants -Partner with airlines on domestic tourism to generate \$100M+ in visitor revenue -Recruit 10 companies to establish remote offices in Anchorage and hire local talent -Support local coworking spaces and encourage entrepreneurial communities -Provide training programs for local small business development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stimulate private sector growth and innovative business development. -Establish an Anchorage Economic Advisory Taskforce for economic recovery recommendations - Tax incentive program to attract businesses - Remote work initiative to connect job seekers with opportunities -Continue to implement recommendations from the existing Roadmap to a Vital and Safe Anchorage
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provide tutoring and after school programs to help kids get back on track after COVID interruptions -Invest in early childhood education and affordable childcare -Build the relationship between the municipality, UAA, and APU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Will work with Anchorage School District to increase graduation rates
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Enact policies that lower energy costs for residents and create more transportation options - expand solar panel installation opportunities and financing for business owners to finance energy efficiency 	

	<p>projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Continue to work on implementing the Anchorage Climate Action Plan by retrofitting old facilities and cleaning Anchorage’s green spaces -Work with the Office of Equity and Justice, community councils, and individuals to make sure efforts are equitably distributed -Support the creation of Indigenous knowledge networks and the idea of “remembering forward” and include those in municipal decision making -Expand the accessibility of Electric Vehicle charging stations 	
<p>COVID-19 Response</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provide free and convenient vaccination and testing with appropriate language translations to reach goal of 70% of Anchorage Adults vaccinated -Align with CDC guidelines and regularly share COVID data with public -Keep schools open safely -Distribute \$25M of federal COVID relief funds by July 1st while prioritizing small businesses and restaurants, mortgage relief and cash-card programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rollback “overreaching” COVID restrictions -Encourage personal hygiene and hand sanitizers -Eliminate the mandate to wear masks in public spaces
<p>Public Safety and Policing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensure that APD has the funding to address theft and violent crimes -Seek Federal, private, and Mental Health Trust dollars to build sustainable mental health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increase the number of APD officers and intensify police presence in crime areas -Against defunding the police to fund social programs -Prioritize illegal drug use and

	<p>treatment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Create a “23-Hour Crisis” short-term stabilization center -Restructure the Health Department and use the \$15M allocated for health treatment by the AK Regulatory Commission 	<p>possession arrests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Enforce anti-panhandling law -Expand police public outreach
<p>Transportation and Infrastructure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use \$40M in Federal infrastructure funding for transportation and utility projects that will regrow 5,000 jobs in 2021 -New cargo terminal at Port of Alaska and continue with new construction projects -Addition of bike lanes and pedestrian corridors downtown to increase foot-traffic -Build downtown housing to increase safety and vibrancy that is also linked to public transit options -Expand public transportation options and programs such as Employer-Sponsored Pass programs and youth ride-free initiatives -Partner with local artists to revitalize downtown -Complete trail links to revitalize Anchorage’s spot as #1 outdoor recreation city 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sell unused city lands not planned for government activities to increase revenue for the city -Combine economic and community development, planning, project management and engineering, and inspections into one single agency to streamline building processes -Eliminate Title 21 regulating standards that prevent cost-effective building
<p>Housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Build three new mixed and affordable housing projects with community input to find good locations that support underserved neighborhoods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Against the opening of “scattered” housing facilities -Work with Brother Francis Shelter and other service centers to increase capacity, including faith-based community partners -Close Sullivan Arena shelter and restore the Ben Boeke Arena to a sports facility -Work to supply counseling and treatment for mental illness

<p>Tribal Recognition and Indigenous Placemaking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Change signage around Anchorage to acknowledge Indigenous Placemakers -Teach shared history by integrating information about Alaska Native Culture into trails and neighborhoods, for visitors and Alaska residents. 	
<p>Taxing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stabilize property taxes and secure financial independence from the state. Continue community conversation on Stormwater Utility -Streamline Municipal departments and pass a balanced budget -Revise Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance in consultation with community to increase housing stock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Balance budget without raising taxes by consolidating municipality administrative functions/personnel -Will not introduce a sales tax -Maintain property tax exemptions for seniors -Maintain the Municipal tax cap

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