Forum on Alaska’s Fiscal Future
Wilda Marston Theater, Anchorage Loussac Library
October 4, 2014 - 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
TENTATIVE AGENDA/ Sept. 21, 2014

Welcome and overview
9:00 - 9:10 [10 minutes]
- Cliff Groh, Chair, Alaska Common Ground

An introduction to Alaska’s fiscal system
9:10 - 9:25 [15 minutes]
- Gunnar Knapp, Director and Professor of Economics, Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER)

Alaska state revenues: overview, history, and projections
9:25 - 10:00 [35 minutes]
- John Tichotsky, Chief Economist, Alaska Department of Revenue) [20 minutes]
- Discussant: Scott Goldsmith, former Director of ISER and University of Alaska Anchorage Professor of Economics emeritus
- Moderator: Gunnar Knapp

Alaska state expenditures and savings accounts: overview, history, and projections
9:55 -10:55 [60 minutes]
- Amanda Ryder, Senior Fiscal Analyst/Operating Budget, Alaska Legislative Finance Division [35 minutes]
- Discussants: Dan Dickinson, CPA and former Director of Tax, Alaska Department of Revenue; Mark Foster, Chief Financial Officer, Anchorage School District
- Moderator: Gunnar Knapp

Alaska’s Fiscal Options Menu
10:55 -11:15 [20 minutes]
- Gunnar Knapp [15 minutes]
- Discussant: Scott Goldsmith
- Moderator: Cliff Groh

Alaska Fiscal Choices Exercise
11:15 -11:30 [15 minutes]

Lunch / Alaska Fiscal Choices Exercise Discussions
11:30-12:15 [45 minutes]

Alaska Fiscal Choices Exercise Presentations
12:15-12:30 [15 minutes]
Perspectives on Alaska’s operating budget drivers, obligations, needs and wants  
12:30-1:30 [60 minutes]  
- Panelists: Mark Foster, Brad Keithley, budget activist; Jim Duncan, Executive Director, Alaska State Employees Association; Sandra Heffern, former owner/operator of Ready Care; Becca Bernard, public schools activist  
- Moderator: Steve Mac Donald

Fiscal implications of the gasline/LNG export project  
1:30-2:00 [30 minutes]  
- Mike Pawlowski, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue for Strategic Finance [15 minutes]  
- Discussant: Dan Dickinson  
- Moderator: Larry Persily, Federal Coordinator for an Alaska North Slope Natural Gas Pipeline and former Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Department of Revenue

Fiscal implications of other major capital projects  
2:00-2:30 [30 minutes]  
- Panelists: Lois Epstein, Engineer and Arctic Program Director, Wilderness Society; others invited  
- Moderator: Gunnar Knapp

The Permanent Fund and Alaska’s fiscal future  
2:30-3:00 [30 minutes]  
- Panelists: Scott Goldsmith; Gregg Erickson, Editor-at-Large, Alaska Budget Report; John Havelock; former Alaska Attorney General  
- Moderator: Steve Mac Donald

Implications of state fiscal choices for Alaska local governments and Alaska’s economy  
3:00-3:45 [45 minutes]  
- Panelists: Steve Colt, Professor of Economics, ISER; Scott Goldsmith, Mark Foster; another invited  
- Moderator: Gunnar Knapp

Alaska fiscal solutions panel  
3:45-4:50 [65 minutes]  
- Panelists: Brad Keithley; Dan Dickinson; Pat Galvin, former Commissioner, Alaska Department of Revenue; Larry Persily; Gregg Erickson  
- Moderator: Steve Mac Donald

The politics of Alaska’s fiscal future  
4:50-5:30 [50 minutes]  
- Panelists: Eric Wohlforth, former Alaska Commissioner of Revenue and former Chair, Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Board of Trustees; Larry Persily  
- Moderator: Cliff Groh