YES ON 2
FOR BETTER ELECTIONS

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ALASKA COMMON GROUND DEBATE
October 14th, 2020
TODAY’S PRESENTATION

PROBLEMS
Broken Primaries
Winners without Majorities
Dark Money

SOLUTION
YES on Measure 2: Commonsense Reform

QUESTIONS
PROBLEM #1
ROKEN PRIMARIE
Alaskans have to choose a party ballot instead of the best candidates.
...including the 60% of Alaskan voters who are nonpartisan/undeclared

Party primaries incentivize extreme campaigns instead of solutions.
SOLUTION
1. All candidates for state and US Congressional office compete on the SAME BALLOT used by all Alaskan voters.

1. The TOP 4 vote-getters, regardless of party, advance to the general election.

RESULT:

More choice for Alaskans, from the 4 best candidates
PROBLEM #2
WINNERS WITHOUT MAJORITIES
Alaskans aren’t governed by majority winners.

Example: No candidate has won a majority of the vote in the general election for a U.S. Senate seat since 2002.

Candidates run negative campaigns instead of building consensus solutions.
SOLUTION
1. Majority Winners every time.

1. More choices, not “spoiler” candidates.

RESULT:

Positive campaigns, bridge building, and competition.
PROBLEM #3
DARK MONEY
PROBLEM

TRUE SOURCE  →  INTERMEDIARY  →  INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE GROUP
SOLUTION
Alaskans deserve transparency in election spending.

81% of Alaskans agree.
1. Require campaigns to disclose the **TRUE SOURCE** of contributions.

1. Both donors and recipients are required to disclose contributions **GREATER THAN $2,000** within 24 hours.

1. Any group receiving more than 50% of its funding from **OUTSIDE ALASKA** must include that information on a disclaimer in all communications.
CONSTITUTIONALITY AND OTHER ?’s

Open Primaries

RCV
- Dudum v. Arntz (2011)

Dark Money
- Citizens United v. FEC (2010)

Single Subject

Questions about length/complexity
- (25 pages and 72 sections = transparent legislative drafting style).
RECAP

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