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YES ON 2

FOR BETTER ELECTIONS

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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

PROBLEM

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

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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**

PROBLEM

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

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BALLOT _____				
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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

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Alaskans deserve transparency in election spending.

**81% of
Alaskans agree.**



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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

- Washington State Republican Party v. Washington State Grange (2012)

RCV

- Dudum v. Arntz (2011)

Dark Money

- Citizens United v. FEC (2010)

Single Subject

- Kevin Meyer, et al v. Alaskans for Better Elections (2020)

Questions about length/complexity

- (25 pages and 72 sections = transparent legislative drafting style).

RECAP

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