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ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE Q&A

Anchorage's population is shrinking. If elected, what would you do to attract new residents and keep existing ones?

The Anchorage Daily News collaborated with Alaska Public Media on a candidate comparison guide for the 2023 municipal election for Anchorage Assembly and school board seats. The questions were developed with input from Anchorage voters. We edited candidates' responses lightly for things like punctuation and spelling, but otherwise let their answers stand. We think it's important for voters to see the full responses in order to make their own judgments on how to cast their ballots. Feedback? Email editor David Hulen at dhulen@adn.com.

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Seat B

NORTH ANCHORAGE

John Trueblood

Less regulations for building and not promote homelessness as the current Assembly has.

Nick Danger

End panhandling and deal with the violent street people.

Christopher Constant

Anchorage's population has been shrinking since 2015 with a rapidly increasing curve. This follows from an ongoing statewide recession and loss of jobs in high-income industries. Anchorage has suffered through an ongoing boom and bust cycle. Thankfully, the landing from the current recession was softer than what happened in the 1980s. Our city is maturing and able to weather erratic economic tides much stronger than in the past. The challenges we must tackle include increasing available housing and properly funding and supporting our schools so students can learn and parents can work. We have to triage the homeless crisis. And this year has proven we need to do a better job at basic services like snow plowing because when the plows aren't running, school gets canceled and parents have to stay home instead of working. This vicious cycle needs to be disrupted by funding essential city services and promoting a healthy growth environment. I support AEDC's "Choose Anchorage" framework.

Seat C

CHUGIAK, EAGLE RIVER, JBER

Scott Myers

Anchorage property taxes are extremely high. Many of our Anchorage workers live in the Valley and commute to work every day because they cannot afford to live where they work. The Mat-Su has become a competitive neighbor and if we do not become fiscally responsible, an affordable place to live, with high-quality schools for our kids, we will continue to lose our workers to neighboring communities.

Jim Arlington

What all families are looking for are good schools, safe communities and enriching quality of life activities where they can raise their families. If elected, I will advocate for municipal services that maintain and increase those standards.

Seat E

WEST ANCHORAGE

Brian Flynn

According to the AEDC, "Anchorage saw a fifth consecutive year of population loss in 2021, including a loss of working-age people as fewer move in and out-migration continues. The city's population loss has significantly impacted the number of residents available to work, and labor force availability has been the primary constraint on growth in Anchorage so far this year. Housing costs and other costs of living continue to rise sharply, perhaps limiting opportunities to entice new residents."

Loss of population directly impacts loss of taxes, which fund our city's operations, projects and capital budget. It is up to the Assembly and administration to demonstrate good value and proper oversight on those funds. As our population declines, it is important to right-size government. New owners and residents are drawn to lower taxes, and we need to find ways to decrease spending and lower those taxes. There are tough decisions ahead for the Assembly, and I am drawn to assist in this process.

Dustin Thomas House Darden

Stop poisoning the people through chemicals in air, water, food and intravenously stop "smart city" operations that currently target selected citizens with DEWs.

Stop "5G" towers, have all towers taken down immediately. Stop internet routers on unregulated frequencies to be installed in people's homes so they are not subject to militarized technology inside their houses thinking it's just for fast internet. Get rid of the 5G light poles. Stop APD, AST, FBI and CIA from flying drones and airplanes over people equipped with direct energy weapons under the cover of surveillance. Stop AST and APD from making warrantless arrests, Tasing, and smashing windows. Stop allowing state troopers and Anchorage policy nerds from taking people out of their homes and forcefully injecting them with unknown substances. Investigate all Alaskan state judges for involvement in human trafficking. Hold Nuremberg-style trials for all involved in the bioweapon injections, directed energy weapons in Anchorage, Alaska.

Anna Brawley

What's good for people is good for business: our economy cannot recover when people struggle with finding quality housing, getting to and from work on dangerous roads, accessing good schools and child care for their kids, and worrying about the future. We compete with cities across the country, and we continue to be a less attractive prospect, not only for keeping people who live here, but also attracting new talent and business investment. That means we must have affordable housing, a great public school system and reliable city services. We have to invest in ourselves to get people excited about living in Anchorage, so they can find opportunities to thrive in our community.

Seat G

MIDTOWN ANCHORAGE

Travis Szanto

The Anchorage Assembly needs to get back to the basics, rebuild some of our failing infrastructure, educate our youth for the role they will play in our society in the future, and keep our streets and neighborhoods safe. These are all things that I take very seriously and will work hard to fix, so that our population begins to grow again, rather than its currently shrinking trajectory.

Felix Rivera

First and foremost, we need a functioning city that can meet basic needs, like plowing our roads. Beyond that, we need to develop a quality of life that allows us to compete with other cities in the Lower 48. That means a thriving arts and culture sector, a quality and well-funded public education system, housing options that meet the needs of young families and individuals, and a world-class park system. We as a city can make wise investments in these areas or advocate to the state to meet their obligations, like with public education. That's why I voted to put a more robust parks and rec bond on the ballot. Because we know that our quality of life depends on the investments we decide to make in ourselves.

Seat H

EAST ANCHORAGE

Leigh Sloan

Making sure that we don't further increase property taxes (and reducing them if possible) would go a long way to reducing the cost of housing, which is one main reason people are not staying or coming to Anchorage. Becoming business friendly by reducing red tape and offering tax breaks to local small businesses would encourage entrepreneurs to add life to our economy and better job opportunities. Some of the necessary infrastructure development will also help to attract people to the area. Effectively addressing our issues with homelessness would be good for tourism, business development and quality of life for families. I believe that most business owners truly care about solving this problem and can even offer solutions to the problems we face together. We also desperately need to increase the quality of our schools to encourage families to choose Anchorage as a desired location to live and raise their children.

Karen Bronga

I believe Anchorage can be a city that young people come to and those who are here choose to stay. That means making sure that Anchorage has affordable housing for our families, robust career opportunities and abundant recreational opportunities. Affordable housing doesn't necessarily mean new buildings — we have many aging structures that need weatherization and revitalization. I also support the work of organizations such as Cook Inlet Housing Authority, doing work to provide more housing options for our community members. Anchorage has amazing outdoor opportunities and that is a big part of what keeps many of us here. I support investment in recreation infrastructure such as the Moose Loop, the Long Trail and better parking infrastructure for Chugach State Park.

Seat I

EAST ANCHORAGE

Spencer Moore

To keep existing residents in our city, I would research why our property taxes are so high. A serious concern that residents have shared as I have knocked on doors is their ever-increasing property taxes. Many of those on a fixed income cannot afford property tax increases, especially with inflation raging and the prices of goods and services significantly higher today than they were just a few years ago. To attract new residents, we must have a business-friendly environment, excellent educational options for families and reasonable property tax rates.

George Martinez

I believe in the "field of dreams" model of growth. If we build a connected, safe and thriving Anchorage for the people of Anchorage, others will come and stay too! We can achieve this with a sustained focus on 1) intergenerational, multi-modal, and public transportation infrastructure so everyone, including our aging population, retirees, limited mobility individuals and visitors can safely enjoy the city year-round; 2) a world-class life-long learning infrastructure including pre-K, apprentice, and adult training programs; 3) affordable housing and mixed-use developments; 4) a pro-small business, entrepreneurial environment; 5) local fiscal accountability and transparency; 6) national news stories about our innovative solutions and safe streets rather than scandals and embarrassingly broken policies.

Seat K

SOUTH ANCHORAGE, GIRDWOOD, TURNAGAIN ARM

Rachel Ries

Focus on tackling the underlying problems causing residents to leave, such as lack of job opportunities, high cost of living, inadequate schools, unbalanced taxation policies, failing infrastructure and insufficient city services. Proactively address anticipated issues to minimize costs to residents over time. This involves maximizing public testimony to hear firsthand about experiences and needs in the community. Do a full third-party review of tax funds related to the tax cap. Review current policies to determine their effectiveness and any unintended consequences that may have arisen. Prioritize the school budget ensures a focus on students and teachers in the classroom. For infrastructure, implement long-term plans to right-size city services. Engage major stakeholders in Anchorage's success and develop proactive services such as a port authority to maximize multiple port opportunities.

Zac Johnson

We need to double down on the things that make us love Anchorage and want to live here, and address the challenges that are pushing people away. Our parks and trails, access to the backcountry, diverse and close knit communities are huge assets. But folks are leaving because they see more opportunity elsewhere, because housing and child care are unaffordable, our schools are facing really difficult decisions, and people don't feel safe. We need to incentivize more housing development, and act to make child care more accessible. Proposition 14 gives us an immediate opportunity to do so. We need excellent public schools, from K-12 through the university. I will use my platform on the Assembly to be a strong advocate for them. And I will work to make sure our first responders have the resources they need to rapidly respond and keep our communities safe.

Mikel Insalaco

To attract new residents and keep existing ones, I would focus on creating and securing a strong sense of place for Anchorage. This includes investing in our public spaces, improving access to cultural and recreational amenities, and supporting local businesses. Additionally, we must prioritize public safety and work to reduce crime rates in our city. Addressing the lack of affordable housing is also crucial, as it is a significant barrier for many potential residents. By taking these steps, we can make Anchorage a more attractive and welcoming place for both current and future residents.

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE Q&A

How much say should parents have in what their children learn in school?

School Seat C

Dave Donley

I agree with recent federal court decisions that parents have a fundamental right to determine what is in the best interest of their children as to education.

Irene Boll

Issues related to public education have become quite polarized in recent years. Parents have broadly different views on what children should learn, but recent data show that a majority of parents nationwide are very satisfied with the quality of the education their children are receiving. Still, board policy says parents are a student's first teacher, and we should respect that statement.

School Seat D

Andy Holleman

Parents should have full access to curriculum and materials that will be used in instruction, and have a key role in their child's schedule. But a few parents can't be allowed to control what all other students are learning. For parents that truly don't like a significant portion of what is being taught, ASD offers assistance with homeschooling and distance education, so options are there.

Mark Anthony Cox

The Anchorage School District is a governmental entity tasked with the education of students to the community's standard. As Anchorage School Board members, we are elected by the community at large to set policy and standards that the Anchorage School District must adhere to or it will lose community support through participation and financially. Who elects us school board members? Parents. Those same civically engaged parents are the ultimate authority of their children and not the Anchorage School Board or District. I would encourage all parents to be more involved in the political process of voting for Anchorage School Board members who want to advocate for your right to your children's education and well-being. Vote Mark Anthony Cox Anchorage School Board-Seat D.

LEGISLATURE

Budget items, policy changes recommended to help protect Indigenous women and girls

Yereth Rosen
Alaska Beacon

At a legislative hearing that reviewed grim statistics about the dangers facing Alaska Native women and girls, Indigenous activists presented recommendations for better state responses.

Those dangers can be addressed through the state budget and through other practical actions, activists said Wednesday in testimony to the House Tribal Affairs Special Committee.

Before detailing their policy recommendations, members of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit Alaska Working Group presented the statistics about deaths and violence.

"We do this work for the thousands of Alaska Native women and girls and their family members who have gone missing or have been murdered," said Emily Edenshaw, president of the Alaska Native Heritage Center, one of the organizations that helped create the working group in 2018.

She is among the affected family members.

"One of our Yup'ik values is to show up as our true selves, to be our whole selves in every space alongside our community, to live in truth. And my truth is that my mother was murdered in 2020 and her killer is still out there today, walking free. Unfortunately, her story and mine are not unique," she said.

The working group, which was formed in 2018, is trying to fill in some incomplete statistics, but those gathered up to now are distressing, said Debra Dzijúksuk O'Gara, an attorney, professor and tribal judge.

Among the statistics O'Gara presented: 80% of Alaska Native women will experience violence at some point in their lives, nearly 56% of Alaska's sexual assault victims are Native and Alaska Native people are victims of homicide at twice the rate of the state average.

Members of the working group presented several recommendations, some concerning state budgeting for enhanced safety and some concerning new policies or approaches that might not cost much money but could help communities and agencies better respond to problems.

Recommended budget items included funding for more people in state law-enforcement agencies devoted to working on the missing and murdered Indigenous cases. The two investigators assigned to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People cases are "doing some really great work, but we need to have a partner with them in the Department of Law specific to MMIP," said Kendra Kloster, co-director for law and policy at the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center, another organization that is part of the working group. Cases being resolved by the investigators face a risk of being "stuck in a backlog of cases," she said. Additionally, the investigative team could use more members. She lauded the work of the two investigators.

Also on the list of recommended budget items was funding for some practical tools to be used at the local level — including grants for tribal governments, more support for the Village Public Safety Officer program and funding to update an outdated 911 emergency calling system.

As for policy changes, recommendations include required training from Indigenous-led organizations for public safety officials; better reviews of deaths, law enforcement investigations and ensuing prosecutions; better interagency cooperation; and establishment of an annual grant program to tribes that is noncompetitive.

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ENTERTAINMENT

New Alaska music in 2023 from Emma Hill, Casey Smith Project, Paul Jacks, Saint Deon and much more

Chris Bieri
Anchorage Daily News

Even though 2023 is just over three months old, Alaska musicians have already released music impressive in both its quality and volume. The headline album of the year so far is Medium Build's EP "Health." Songs from the album have garnered over 2.5 million plays on Spotify for Nick Carpenter and company.

But there has also been plenty of music released by other Alaska artists, from singles and EPs to full-length albums and videos. Here's a sampling of some of the releases from the first quarter of 2023:

Photo by CHARLES EARNSHAW

Alaska musician Paul Jacks.

Paul Jacks, 'Amphibious'

Anchorage artist Paul Jacks released "Amphibious" last month, a nine-song follow-up to his 2020 album "Black Jackal." For his most recent release, Jacks worked with L.A.-based Brit producer Alex Newport, well known for his work with The Mars Volta and At the Drive-In. The album's second single, "Brand New Shame," is a slow, dreamy delight, but there's plenty more on the album with a more pressing pace.

Glaves, 'Emotional'

James Glaves, the Anchorage musician/production and engineering guru who releases music under the name Glaves, has dropped three singles this year. With bluesy riffs and a smoldering vocal, "Emotional" hits cruising altitude on the chorus in the middle of the track. Check out his other two releases of 2023, "I'm So Alone" and "Givin My Baby Up."

Emma Hill, 'When Will We Sing Again?'

A year after releasing the full-length album "Park Songs," Emma Hill has a new single in 2023 called "When Will We Sing Again?" Written in December 2020, the song reflects the longing for a return to sharing music, even if it's in a return to "a dark and dingy bar," as she sings in the final verse.

Casey Smith Project, 'Red Lights and Whiskey'

Fairbanks trio Casey Smith Project was one of the state's busiest bands of the last year, both from a perspective of playing live and developing its sound. Smith's vocal range is on full display on new album "Red Lights and Whiskey," which features slow burns like "Cruel" and "Never Gonna Let It Go" while the rhythm section takes the lead in the moody "In December."

Chad Reynvaan, 'Generator'

Chad Reynvaan wears plenty of hats in the Anchorage music scene. The Jangle Bees drummer also hosts top bands to record at his Wattage Studio. But with a second solo album in three years, Reynvaan continues to hone reliable rock songs with arresting hooks. "Generator" delivers plenty of them, but "Zoe" is a standout.

Valley Below, 'Time To Let Go'

The Fairbanks band's debut album, "Time To Let Go," invites some boot steppin' right off the bat with the opening track "Step Right In." The album alternates between honky tonkers, waltzes and country prototypes. "Let's Get Drunk At Home," with hot fiddle and guitar picking, argues that the convenience of the kitchen floor sometimes outweighs the dance floor.

Estate Sale, 'Room For Cream'

Estate Sale has been releasing new music at a breakneck pace, starting with a five-song EP called "Room For Cream" last month. Then on April 1, the Anchorage band released the "Sauce" EP and has a third EP awaiting release in the near future. The first two EPs cover plenty of ground, from the forthright ballad "After You" to the funky jam "Aperitif."

Morning Patrol, 'islands'

The Anchorage two-piece group released its first music to streaming late last month. Musically, the single "islands" offers a guitar-driven ebb and flow while thematically, the song illustrates an unfulfilled search. It opens with the lyrics "I can't relate or find my place," later admitting it's all futile "like a fish chasing a line."

Bethlehem Shalom, 'Chains'

Bethlehem Shalom released "Chains" in January, providing a ruinous pop song with a steady, danceable pulse to kick off the year. The song's verses kick off with the lyrics "Send another bottle / Send it to them bottom," as the Anchorage musician/designer details demons that cause sleepless nights.

Album covers of music released by Alaska artists so far in 2023.

Husse, 'tens of them'

Released in February, "tens of them" features lush acoustics and opens with Husse declaring "When I'm older I know I'll be wrong / Whether it's real or not I can be strong." The track comes as a follow-up to the single "Strawberry Blonde," which was released last summer by the Anchorage artist and has garnered almost 60,000 Spotify plays.

Saint Deon, 'Pink'

Anchorage's Saint Deon released "Pink," a four-song EP last month that he says revolves "around my more transparent self." The album's third song, "Sunrise," is a highlight. It works as a split track, opening with pensive, layered vocals over a bare instrumental track before flipping into a sparse, repeating vocal line.

SunDog, 'Valley of the Moon'

Fresh off a return trip to Boise's Treefort Music Festival, the rock trio continues its string of relentless records with "Valley of the Moon." Featuring searing guitar, driving vocals and an airtight rhythm section, the track continues to showcase the Anchorage band's evolution. SunDog has some April shows in Alaska before departing for the Pacific Northwest for a May tour.

Double time

• Annie Bartholomew has a new album set for release this spring. But in the meantime, the Juneau songwriter had a tune — the American folk classic "The Blackest Crow" — featured on the popular YouTube video channel for Western AF, a site that curates independent country-western music.

• It was released in December 2022, but Anchorage band Lilac's debut album, "Bloom," is packed with 13 songs.

• Coming off a few releases late in 2022, Alaska hip-hop artist Tayy Tarantino is gearing up to drop new singles and is planning to release a new EP by the end of the summer.

• On Friday, hip-hop duo Brother Buffalo released its video for "Still Cold Out." Brothers Garrett and Jake Swenson of Brother Buffalo appear at a number of Alaska locales, from the stage to the ski slopes.

• Anchorage band Wiley Post recorded with James Glaves over the winter and is set to release a single "Devil's Club" later this month.

If you know an Alaska band or artist that has released new music in 2023, send the details to cbieri@adn.com.

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CLINICS

federal judge reached the opposite conclusion Friday evening, determining that mifepristone is safe and effective and should remain available in 17 states and D.C.

That has left abortion providers like Grant's network scrambling on multiple fronts: To assure patients and staff that nothing is changing for at least the next seven days and to attempt to determine what the conflicting rulings may mean for the future.

"We felt prepared to receive a ruling that was difficult and potentially challenging to understand," Grant, the chief operations officer of Carafem, a group of abortion clinics and telehealth services, said. "Right now, [staff] were relieved to hear that they can go to work tomorrow and provide care just as they have the rest of this week, just as they will do the rest of next week."

But what abortion services look like beyond next week could vary from clinic to clinic if Kacsmaryk's ruling isn't put on pause pending the outcome of the case, as Attorney General Merrick Garland will ask the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit to do. Some clinics are vowing to continue prescribing mifepristone even if Kacsmaryk's ruling remains in place, saying they won't stop until the Food and Drug Administration directs them to. Meanwhile, others said they may switch to a different medication abortion protocol or focus instead on surgical abortions.

"The bottom line is that Judge Kacsmaryk does not give our physicians orders," said Tammi Kromenaker, the director of Red River Women's Clinic in Minnesota, where physicians do not expect to change protocols until getting FDA guidance.

The potentially complicated landscape comes just over nine months after the Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to an abortion, fundamentally shifting where abortions are legal in the United States. Even before the June decision, medication abortion accounted for more than 50% of legal abortions in the country.

In a standard two-step medication abortion, a patient first takes one mifepristone pill, which terminates the pregnancy. About 24 hours later, the patient typically takes a four-pill dose of misoprostol — a drug introduced in 1973 to treat stomach ulcers — to soften the cervix and prompt contractions that expel the embryo or fetus.

"The big picture, FDA's in a huge mess," said Greer Donley, an associate professor of law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. "At this point, the FDA is going to have to try to figure out what to do with these two different orders."

For months, some abortion providers have been bracing — and preparing — to potentially adjust the standard protocol for medication abortion. That includes switching to a misoprostol-only regimen if Kacsmaryk's ruling takes effect. The method is used widely around the world to perform medication abortions and is considered slightly less effective than the two-step regimen and can cause more cramping and bleeding.

Since 2020, Carafem has been offering misoprostol-only as one option for ending pregnancies and has recently had providers across the nation reach out to ask questions about the process and experience for patients. The network of clinics will be seeking an opinion from its attorneys on what to do after the next seven days. The National Abortion Federation's clinical guidelines include a line allowing for other regimens to be used if mifepristone isn't legally available, such as prescribing only the drug misoprostol, and is planning to host a call this week for its 450 members to discuss the ruling and its implications.

"We know rulings like this can be jarring and upsetting even if we expect them," said Melissa Fowler, NAF's chief program officer. "But it's not something that will deter us or our members."

For some clinics, Kacsmaryk's ruling could mean stopping prescribing medication abortion altogether and instead relying on surgical abortions for the time being.

Choices, an abortion clinic in southern Illinois, will immediately switch to providing only surgical abortions if the Texas ruling stands, said chief executive Jennifer Pepper. While she is hoping to offer misoprostol-only abortions to patients eventually, she said, that new protocol will take months to implement.

"The miso-only protocol is new to us," Pepper said. "We want to make sure everyone feels they can best support patients to do that."

Because misoprostol can cause more bleeding and cramping, Pepper said, "patients may need additional support to know those symptoms are normal so they don't seek emergency care unnecessarily, especially in a hostile state."

She said she fears patients could be criminalized if they present at an emergency room in a state where abortion is outlawed or highly restricted after undergoing a medication abortion. Choices plans to increase staffing after hours, so patients can call the clinic with questions while they are experiencing a misoprostol-only abortion at home.

The quick assurances that some form of abortion will continue if the ruling goes into effect came as antiabortion groups cheered the opinion. Kacsmaryk — a devout Christian with a history of antiabortion views — released his 67-page opinion on Good Friday and sided with conservative groups seeking to reverse the FDA's approval of mifepristone as safe and effective. Kacsmaryk wrote that "FDA acquiesced on its legitimate safety concerns" and had faced "significant political pressure" to increase "'access' to chemical abortion."

"The ruling reaffirms that pregnancy is not an illness and abortion is not health care," Katie Glenn, the state policy director at Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, a prominent antiabortion group, said in a statement.

But in a twist, U.S. District Judge Thomas Rice in Spokane ruled on Friday night to order the FDA to preserve the "status quo" and retain access to the medication in the 17 states, along with D.C., that are behind a separate lawsuit arguing the FDA had imposed too many restrictions on mifepristone. Major medical providers — such as the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists — say there is "robust evidence" showing the drug is safe and effective.

Friday's dueling decisions set off a tangle of legal questions, and put the FDA into an unprecedented legal bind, legal scholars said. And it appears inevitable that the issue will move to the conservative Supreme Court, and the contradictory opinions could expedite the process.

In a statement Friday evening, the agency said it "stands behind its determination that mifepristone is safe and effective under its approved conditions of use for medical termination of early pregnancy, and believes patients should have access to FDA-approved medications that FDA has determined to be safe and effective for their intended uses."

The rulings left activists scratching their heads and abortion providers turning to their legal teams. Groups like the American Civil Liberties Union are gearing up to work with abortion clinics "to make sure people understand as much as they possibly can in this unprecedented situation," said Lorie Chaiten, a senior staff attorney at ACLU.

"Given how unprecedented these conflicting rulings are, I really don't know what we're doing in the moment because I have no idea actually what kind of landscape we're dealing with," said Kirsten Moore, director of Expanding Medication Abortion Access Project. If only Kacsmaryk's ruling had come down and the drug was pulled from the market, Moore's advocacy group was planning to quickly determine how mifepristone could get re-approved as soon as possible and what data needed to be generated to do so.

Amy Hagstrom Miller, chief executive at the abortion clinic network Whole Woman's Health, has stated for weeks that if Kacsmaryk did attempt to revoke FDA approval of mifepristone, her clinics would continue to prescribe the drug until they receive a directive from the agency telling them to change their protocols.

"This is an FDA under Becerra, under Biden," said Hagstrom Miller in an interview Friday night, referring to the Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and the president, both part of a Democratic administration.

On Friday evening, Sarah Wallett was driving to a family Easter gathering when a colleague texted that the Texas ruling was out. The chief medical operating officer of Planned Parenthood of Michigan had spent her day doing what she normally does: Providing both medication and surgical abortion. She'll be back at work next week providing abortions the same way, at least for now. Michigan is one of the 17 states the Washington judge ruled should maintain access to the pill.

"We'll continue to see how this case plays out," Wallett said. "But the thing I know for sure is I'm going to show up again on Monday for my patients and keep providing care, no matter what."

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A model wears Mary Ann Lomack's design at the Far North Fashion Show at the Anchorage Museum on Thursday.

Indigenous inspirations rock the runway at Far North Fashion Show

The Far North Fashion Show drew a crowd to the Anchorage Museum atrium on Thursday night. The fashion show, in its fourth year, featured the work of Indigenous designers and Indigenous models for looks ranging from traditional to modern to experimental.

The Anchorage Museum partnered with the Arctic Encounter Symposium, going on this week at the Dena'ina Center, for the event.

Designers Corrine Danner, Alannah Jones, Diana Martin, Clara Qaulluq McConnell, Jackie Qataliña Schaeffer and Merna Lomack Wharton exhibited their creations.

"This year, it's a little bit bigger of a crowd, but it's always exciting," said McConnell, who said she combines contemporary designs with traditional Inupiaq elements using materials such as fox, suede, beadwork and fish leather.

Tanam An'ii Collective, an Anchorage-based dance group with Unangax roots, danced at the conclusion of the runway show.

— Marc Lester, Anchorage Daily News

A model shows designs by Alannah Jones at the Far North Fashion Show at the Anchorage Museum on Thursday.

ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE Q&A

Why do you live in Anchorage?

The Anchorage Daily News collaborated with Alaska Public Media on a candidate comparison guide for the 2023 municipal election for Anchorage Assembly and school board seats. The questions were developed with input from Anchorage voters. We edited candidates' responses lightly for things like punctuation and spelling, but otherwise let their answers stand. We think it's important for voters to see the full responses in order to make their own judgments on how to cast their ballots. Feedback? Email editor David Hulen at dhulen@adn.com.

Seat B

NORTH ANCHORAGE

John Trueblood

Was born here, it's my home.

Nick Danger

Love this city.

Christopher Constant

I live in Anchorage because the first time I set foot here, I knew I was home. I first lived in Eagle River and then East Anchorage, but quickly found my way to South Addition, Fairview, and Government Hill. I can't imagine calling another place home. The northern lights show we experienced in late February demonstrated a quality in our community that makes living here a foregone conclusion to me. Despite the political differences and the intense disagreements that characterize our civic debate these days, when that astounding aurora showed up, across every part of this municipality, street corner to street corner, people came outside to celebrate the beauty of our shared home joyfully and vigorously. There were no partisan divides, but rather unity. It is sometimes said, when your car breaks down in winter in Alaska, nobody stops to ask if you are a Democrat or a Republican. They just help you out. I love that aspect of our community and I am here to sustain it.

Seat C

CHUGIAK, EAGLE RIVER, JBER

Scott Myers

When I moved to Alaska in 2010, I immediately fell in love with Chugiak-Eagle River. This community is an incredible place to live, work and play. Our hometown feel and conservative values makes us the envy of Anchorage. I will always do what it takes to defend our way of life and ensure Chugiak-Eagle River maintains our local control.

Jim Arlington

My employer transferred me here 40 years ago and though I was offered several opportunities to relocate to other cities with other employers, no other city provided the quality of life and community diversity I enjoy here. I also enjoy living next to my three grandchildren who live here.

Seat E

WEST ANCHORAGE

Brian Flynn

Anchorage has been my home for over 21 years. I, like other residents, came here and instantly fell in love with the beauty, people and culture. I continue to live here because no matter where I travel outside of Alaska, I always enjoy coming home. I want to contribute to an Anchorage that retains our residents, encourages new residents to move here and is attractive to commercial growth. Our community deserves safe neighborhoods, strong schools and a sense of optimism, like I saw when I first moved here.

Dustin Thomas House Darden

To help.

Anna Brawley

When I moved to Anchorage 12 years ago, I fell in love with the city and the many opportunities it offers. Anchorage is in one of the most beautiful places in the world, and I love getting out to ski, walk and ride my bike. I've made so many wonderful friends of all ages in this city, and had the opportunity to build a career doing meaningful work that's had a positive impact on residents and businesses across the state. I believe in Anchorage, and see so much potential in this diverse community: we are the state's economic and service hub, and a place where we can continue to build great things. I'm passionate about this city, and I'm dedicated to getting it back on the right track.

Seat G

MIDTOWN ANCHORAGE

Travis Szanto

My wife and I had an opportunity to come to Anchorage, and fell in love with the beauty of the city we now call home. Our neighbors have become family, and we feel blessed to have a great community around us. As your Assembly member for District 4, I will work hard to build our community to be one where all people feel respected, and honored to call Anchorage home.

Felix Rivera

I'm going to interpret this question as "Why do you love Anchorage?" That, for me, is simple: people and place. It was this community, which welcomed me with open arms, that led me to make the decision to stay in Anchorage after I graduated from Alaska Pacific University in 2011. There were numerous opportunities for me to get involved in my community and give back. People didn't care about my family name or the fact that I didn't grow up in Alaska. The only thing that mattered was that you showed up and you wanted to be a part of the solution. And of course, the place we live in continues to amaze me year after year and affirms my decision to call this place home.

Seat H

EAST ANCHORAGE

Leigh Sloan

Anchorage is unique in that it is the largest city in Alaska, but it has an almost small-town quality to it. There are people here from around the world, but they are welcoming and inclusive of almost anyone, regardless of one's background. In Anchorage you can meet people from all over the world and we share our experiences together, whether you are just passing through because of business or military, or whether you are a lifelong Alaskan. While you are here, you can be family. I love that my kids get to experience so much cultural and even ideological diversity which will prepare them for a diverse world. I want to help make the Assembly reflect the real goodwill that I see among my fellow Anchorage residents.

Karen Bronga

Anchorage has been my home since I was 2 years old — I left for college and a brief stint in Valdez, and I couldn't stay away from Anchorage for long. We have unbeatable trails and mountains, unique cultural opportunities and a strong sense of community. It's amazing to see how our neighborhoods have evolved with hard work and community investment.

Seat I

EAST ANCHORAGE

Spencer Moore

I live in Anchorage because we have family and great friends in this city, and it's a great hub for enjoying the state of Alaska.

George Martinez

I live in Anchorage to give my children a chance for a better life than I had growing up. I have been fortunate to travel extensively across the United States and internationally, and out of all the places I've been, Anchorage is my city of hope and possibility. Built on faith, hard work and a welcoming spirit so no matter who you are or where you come from, families and individuals from every background have come to build a better life for themselves, and East Anchorage is where many of us, including my family, have chosen to call home. With our rich diversity of people and businesses, parks, trails, schools and beautiful neighborhoods, East Anchorage is a unique and vital part of our great northern city.

Seat K

SOUTH ANCHORAGE, GIRDWOOD, TURNAGAIN ARM

Rachel Ries

Anchorage is not just a city to me, it is my chosen home. When I first arrived, many years before I retired and moved here, this city was so vibrant and alive, full of people from every corner of the world. The city was friendly and lovely beyond compare. From the moose in my front yard, to watching my children be able to play outside in the front yard, to the rich diversity of available experiences and natural beauty all year. Anchorage is the only place I have ever lived in all my travels where I don't wish I was somewhere else.

Zac Johnson

Anchorage is my home by birth and by choice. I live minutes away from a 500,000-acre state park, world-class cross-country ski trails, the ocean, the mountains and some amazing restaurants and breweries. Folks in Anchorage are people who care more about character than superficial traits. People who embrace our shared identity as Alaskans. People who will stop to help a fellow motorist in trouble. People who are more resilient and freethinking than anyone I've encountered elsewhere in the world. I feel grateful to live here, to be one of them, and I am committed to making this a city we can all feel proud of.

Mikel Insalaco

I live in Anchorage because it's my hometown and I couldn't imagine living anywhere else. Despite trying to leave a couple of times for work and school, I always found myself back here. This city has it all — breathtaking natural beauty, endless opportunities for outdoor recreation, easy access to nature, and a great range of amenities. Having traveled extensively across the continental U.S., I can confidently say that there's no other place like Anchorage. Sure, the winters can be a bit chilly and the cost of living can be high, but it's all worth it to be able to call this incredible city my home.

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