

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1997  
**Regular Election**

**Votes Cast:** 2679

| <b>Candidates:</b>                       | <b>Votes Received:</b> |
|--|------------------------|
| <b>1. Mayor, Stan Filler</b>             | <b>1584 Elected</b>    |
| 2. Mayor, Pete Hallgren                  | 941                    |
| 3. Assembly Member, Richard Smith        | 876                    |
| <b>4. Assembly Member, Rob Allen</b>     | <b>1735 Elected</b>    |
| <b>5. Assembly Member, Dennis Rogers</b> | <b>1166 Elected</b>    |
| 6. Assembly Member, Mike Svensen         | 893                    |
| <b>7. School Board, Bruce Bachen</b>     | <b>1507 Elected</b>    |
| 8. School Board, Jesse R Jones           | 1176                   |
| <b>9. School Board, Fred Reeder</b>      | <b>1705 Elected</b>    |

| <b>Proposition 1:</b>  | <b>Results:</b> | <b>Yes</b>  | <b>No</b>  |
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| Tidelands Sale:  | <b>Passed</b>   | <b>1667</b> | <b>678</b> |
| Shall the City & Borough of Sitka sell the 6 tidelands Parcels Seaward of 495 Katlian Street to Seafood Producers Cooperative for 1.2 million dollars? |                 |             |            |

**Proposition 1:**  
Shall the Charter be amended as follows:      **Passed**      **1851**      **511**  
Section 2.02 amended to add the following sentence: Municipal policy shall be set and stated upon a majority vote of the assembly. No elected or appointed municipal official shall advocate, as municipal policy, any position not authorized by the assembly.  
Section 2.07 amended to add the following: Mayors and assembly members elected or appointed for the first time after November 1, 1997 shall not accrue or receive municipal retirement or health benefits as a result of their service as mayor or assembly members.  
Section 11.16 repealed and re-enacted as Section 2.14 which shall read as follows:  
2.14 Auditor. The assembly shall provide for an annual independent audit of the accounts and other evidence of financial transactions of the municipality and may provide for more frequent audits as it deems necessary.  
The audit shall be made by a Certified Public Accountant who has no personal interest, direct or indirect, in the fiscal affairs of the municipality or any of its departments.  
The audit is the primary responsibility of the assembly, and this responsibility may not be delegated to the administrator/staff.

**Proposition 2:**  
Shall the second sentence of Section 6.01      **Passed**      **1708**      **597**  
relating to initiative or referendum be amended to read:  
The assembly, by ordinance shall regulate the procedure for their exercise but such regulations shall require that a petition to initiate or repeal an action be signed by qualified voters of the municipality equal in number to at least twenty percent of the total number of electors voting at the last regular annual election and regulations shall require that a petition to initiate or repeal an action be signed by qualified voters of the

municipality equal in number to at least twenty percent of the total number of electors voting at the last regular annual election and the subject of the petition shall be submitted to the voters at the next previously scheduled municipal special or regular election that will be held at least 40 days after certification of the petition. However, a special election must be scheduled not less than 40 days or more than 90 days after filing of a petition containing the signatures of not less than 1/3 of the total number of electors voting at the last regular annual election.

**Proposition 3:**

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| Shall subsections 11.03 and 11.04<br>be amended as follows: | <b>Passed</b> | <b>1912</b> | <b>475</b> |
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Subsection 11.03(b)(1)

(b) Form. The budget shall contain at least the following:

(1) A comparative statement of actual expenditures and actual revenues for the preceding fiscal year shall contain at least the following: (1) A comparative statement of actual expenditures and actual revenues for the preceding fiscal year for each fund excluding capital project funds.

Subsection 11.03(b)(2)

(b) Form. The budget shall contain at least the following:

(2) Estimated expenditures and estimated revenues for the current fiscal year for each fund excluding capital project funds.

Add to Subsection 11.03(b)

(4) An analysis of working capital, excluding capital project funds.

Subsection 11.04(2)

(2) A simple, clear summary of the detailed contents of the program, separating all proposed acquisitions of new fixed assets from repairs, maintenance, upgrades, and replacements of existing assets.

Add to Section 11.04

(4) A summary of needed capital improvements which are deferred.

**Proposition 4:**

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| Shall Subsection 11.13(g) is to<br>be amended to read: | <b>Passed</b> | <b>1733</b> | <b>673</b> |
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(g) Centralized Accounting. Except for the school accounting system and the Community Hospital accounting system, the assembly shall provide for centralized accounting for the municipality. However, at the request of the school board, the assembly shall incorporate the school accounts in the centralized system. The assembly may choose, upon request of the hospital board or upon its own motion to incorporate hospital accounts in the centralized system.

**Proposition 5:**

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| Shall Section 13.03 of the Charter be<br>Repealed and reenacted to read: | <b>Passed</b> | <b>1571</b> | <b>879</b> |
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13.03 Property Tax Limit. The property tax levy shall not exceed six tenths (0.006) of one per cent (6 mill) of the assessed valuation of the property to be taxed. The voters may raise this limit by affirmative vote of the majority of the voters participating in a special or regular election. This section shall not in any way limit the ability of the municipality to meet its bonded obligations and in no event shall the property tax levy

during a year exceed three percent (30 mills) of the assessed value of the property in the municipality.

**Proposition 6:**

Shall Subsection 5.01(g) and 2.03

**Passed**

**1812**

**587**

be amended as follows:

Amend 5.01(g) to read:

(g) Determination of Election Results. The candidates for assembly receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to vacancies. In case of a tie, the election shall be determined by lot from among the candidates tying, at a meeting of the assembly and under its direction. However, starting in the year 2000, if no candidate for mayor receives more than forty percent (40%) of the votes cast for mayor, there shall be a runoff election between the top two vote getters at the state/national general election for that year; and

Amend Subsection 2.03(a) to add the following: Beginning in the year 2000, mayor terms will begin and end in even-numbered years. Consequently, the mayor elected in 1999 will be elected for a one-year term.

**Proposition 7:**

Shall Subsection 11.11(b) be

**Passed**

**1333**

**115**

amended to read:

(b) Transfer of Appropriations. The administrator may transfer part or all of any unencumbered balance between classification of expenditures within a department, subdepartment, internal service fund, or enterprise fund except for:

1. Transfer of appropriations for debt service, support payments, fixed assets, or transfers to other funds.

2. Transfer of appropriations to or from personnel costs and travel/training costs.

All transfers of appropriations will be documented and submitted to the Assembly by the next regular Assembly meeting. The Assembly by ordinance may transfer part or all of any unencumbered balance from one division, department, or subdepartment to another. No transfer may be made from appropriations for debt service.

**Proposition 8:**

Shall Subsection 11.03(a)

**Passed**

**1869**

**514**

be amended to read:

(a) Budget Authority. The administrator shall be responsible for execution of the budget, with oversight by the assembly. No monies shall be spent other than as authorized by the budget or in excess of budget amounts unless specifically authorized by the assembly. The administrator shall provide the assembly with detailed information on budget execution and the assembly shall have the power to change or revoke any authorization.

# SAMPLE BALLOTS

City and Borough of Sitka Election  
October 7, 1997 • Two Ballots

Ballot A



## OFFICIAL BALLOT

City and Borough  
of Sitka  
General Election  
October 7, 1997

I HAVE VOTED -- HAVE YOU?

INSTRUCTIONS: To vote in favor of the candidates and issues listed, punch out the (+) in the box to the right of the word "YES"; to vote against the candidates and issues listed, punch out the (+) at the right of the word "NO."

### FOR MAYOR

One to be elected - Vote for no more than one

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Stan Filler   | + |
| Pete Hallgren | + |

### FOR ASSEMBLY

Two to be elected - Vote for no more than two

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Richard Smith | + |
| Rob Allen     | + |
| Dennis Rogers | + |
| Mike Svenson  | + |

### FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Two to be elected - Vote for no more than two

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Bruce Bachan   | + |
| Jesse R. Jones | + |
| Fred Reeder    | + |

### TIDELANDS SALE PROPOSITION NO. 1

This question is in accordance with Ordinance 87-1447, which is available for review at each polling precinct.  
Shall the City & Borough of Sitka sell the 6 tidelands parcels seaward of 495 Kaitian Street to Sealfood Producers Cooperative for 1.2 million dollars?

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| YES | + |
| NO  | + |

VOTE BOTH SIDES



## OFFICIAL BALLOT

City and Borough  
of Sitka  
General Election  
October 7, 1997

I HAVE VOTED -- HAVE YOU?

The following questions are in accordance with Ordinance 97-1451, available for review at each polling precinct.

### CHARTER REVISION PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the Charter be amended as follows:  
Section 2.02 amended to add the following sentence:  
Municipal policy shall be set and stated upon a majority vote of the Assembly. No elected or appointed municipal official shall advocate, as municipal policy, any position not authorized by the Assembly.

Section 2.07 amended to add the following:  
Mayors and Assembly members elected or appointed for the first time after November 1, 1997, shall not accrue or receive municipal retirement or health benefits as a result of their service as mayor or Assembly members.

Section 11.16 repeated and re-enacted as Section 2.14 which shall read as follows:

2.14 Auditor: The Assembly shall provide for an annual independent audit of the accounts and other evidences of financial transactions of the municipality and may provide for more frequent audits as it deems necessary.  
The audit shall be made by a certified public accountant who has no personal interest, direct or indirect, in the fiscal affairs of the municipality or any of its departments.

The audit is the primary responsibility of the Assembly, and this responsibility may not be delegated to the administrator/staff.

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| YES | + |
| NO  | + |

### CHARTER REVISION PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the second sentence of Section 6.01 relating to initiative or referendum be amended to read:

The Assembly, by ordinance, shall regulate the procedure for their exercise but such regulations shall require that a petition to initiate or repeal an action be signed by qualified voters of the municipality equal in number to at least twenty percent of the total number of electors voting at the last regular annual election and the subject of the petition shall be submitted to the voters at the next previously scheduled municipal special or regular election that will be held at least 40 days after certification of the petition. However, a special election must be scheduled not less than 40 days or more than 90 days after filing of a petition containing the signatures of not less than 1/3 of the total number of electors voting at the last regular annual election.

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| YES | + |
| NO  | + |

VOTE BOTH SIDES

Ballot B



## OFFICIAL BALLOT

City and Borough  
of Sitka  
General Election  
October 7, 1997

I HAVE VOTED -- HAVE YOU?

### CHARTER REVISION PROPOSITION NO. 3

Shall subsections 11.03 and 11.04 be amended as follows:  
Subsection 11.03(b)(1)

(b) Form. The budget shall contain at least the following:  
(1) A comparative statement of actual expenditures and actual revenues for the preceding fiscal year for each fund excluding capital project funds.

Subsection 11.03(b)(2)  
(b) Form. The budget shall contain at least the following:  
(2) Estimated expenditures and estimated revenues for the current fiscal year for each fund excluding capital project funds.

Add to Subsection 11.03(b)

(4) An analysis of working capital, excluding capital project funds.

Subsection 11.04(c)

(2) A simple, clear summary of the detailed contents of the program, separating all proposed acquisitions of new fixed assets from repairs, maintenance, upgrades and replacements of existing assets.

Add to Section 11.04

(4) A summary of needed capital improvements which are deferred.

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| YES | + |
| NO  | + |

### CHARTER REVISION PROPOSITION NO. 4

Shall Subsection 11.13(g) be amended to read:

(g) Centralized Accounting. Except for the school accounting system and the Community Hospital accounting system, the Assembly shall provide for centralized accounting for the municipality. However, at the request of the school board, the Assembly shall incorporate the school accounts in the centralized system. The Assembly may choose, upon request of the hospital board or upon its own motion, to incorporate hospital accounts in the centralized system.

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| YES | + |
| NO  | + |

### CHARTER REVISION PROPOSITION NO. 5

Shall section 13.03 of the Charter be repeated and re-enacted to read:

13.03 Property Tax Limit.  
The property tax levy shall not exceed six-tenths (0.0006) of one percent (6 mill) of the assessed valuation of the property to be taxed. The voters may raise this limit by an affirmative vote of the majority of the voters participating in a special or regular election. This section shall not in any way limit the ability of the municipality to meet its bonded obligations and in no event shall the property tax levy during a year exceed three percent (three mills) of the assessed value of the property in the municipality.

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| YES | + |
| NO  | + |

VOTE BOTH SIDES



## OFFICIAL BALLOT

City and Borough  
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I HAVE VOTED -- HAVE YOU?

### CHARTER REVISION PROPOSITION NO. 6

Shall Subsections 5.01 (g) and 2.03 be amended as follows:  
Amend 5.01 (g) to read:

(g) Determination of Election Results. The candidates for Assembly receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to vacancies. In case of a tie, the election shall be determined by lot from among the candidates lying, at a meeting of the Assembly and under its direction. However, starting in the year 2000, if no candidate for mayor receives more than forty percent (40%) of the votes cast for mayor, there shall be a runoff election between the top two vote getters at the state/national general election for that year; and  
Amend Subsection 2.03 (a) to add the following:  
Beginning in the year 2000, mayoral terms will begin and end in even-numbered years. Consequently, the mayor elected in 1999 will be elected for a one-year term.

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| YES | + |
| NO  | + |

### CHARTER REVISION PROPOSITION NO. 7

Shall Subsection 11.11 (b) be amended to read:  
(b) Transfer of Appropriations. The administrator may transfer part or all of any unencumbered balance between classification of expenditures within a department, subdepartment, internal service fund, or enterprise fund except for:

1. Transfer of appropriations for debt service, support payments, fixed assets, or transfers to other funds.

2. Transfer of appropriations to or from personnel costs and travel/training costs.

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| YES | + |
| NO  | + |

### CHARTER REVISION PROPOSITION NO. 8

Shall Subsection 11.13 (a) be amended to read:

(a) Budget Authority. The administrator shall be responsible for execution of the budget, with oversight by the Assembly. No monies shall be spent other than as authorized by the budget or in excess of budgeted amounts unless specifically authorized by the Assembly.

The administrator shall provide the Assembly with detailed information on budget execution and the Assembly shall have the power to change or revoke any authorization.

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| YES | + |
| NO  | + |

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