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To: Alaska Public Offices Commission

From: Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc., Complainant

Re: Complaint Against Alaskans for Honest Elections, Alaskans for Honest Government, the Ranked Choice Education Association, Wellspring Ministries, Phillip Izon, and Art Mathias for Numerous Violations of Campaign Finance Laws (AS 15.13)

# Respondents:1

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# I. Summary of Complaint

In November 2020, Alaskans voted to enact an initiative designated as "19AKBE"

(colloquially known as "Ballot Measure 2"), which established a top-four open nonpartisan

This information is intended to satisfy the required contact information for this APOC Complaint. It has also been relied upon for service of the complaint, with additional documentation to follow. Additional information about the Respondents is included below.

primary, ranked-choice voting ("RCV") for general elections, and new "dark money" disclosure requirements. And in 2022, Alaskans cast their ballots under these new statutes in special primary and special general elections for US House, as well as in the regular primary and general elections for all races for state and federal offices.

After the November 2022 election, Alaskans for Honest Elections ("AHE") filed an initiative (designated "22AKHE") with the Lieutenant Governor's office. That initiative — which would repeal Ballot Measure 2 — was approved, and AHE is currently collecting petition signatures to qualify for placement on the 2024 ballot.<sup>2</sup> AHE has registered with the APOC as a ballot group as required by law.

Meanwhile, other groups and individuals are also working in support of 22AKHE. The groups include Alaskans for Honest Government ("AHG") and the Ranked Choice Education Association ("RCEA"). But neither of these groups have properly registered with APOC as is required before undertaking such activities, and neither of them have reported their donors or expenditures.

Additionally, a local Anchorage religious organization — a church called Wellspring Ministries ("Wellspring")<sup>3</sup> — appears to be subsidizing or housing the RCEA<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Exhibit A, Liz Ruskin, "Launch of campaign to repeal ranked choice voting draws a crowd in Anchorage," Alaska Public Media, at 7 (Feb. 17, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> See <a href="https://akwellspring.com">https://akwellspring.com</a>.

Compare Exhibit B, RCEA Articles of Incorporation (Dec. 16, 2022) (showing that Art Mathias, Phillip Izon, and Patricia Mathias comprise the Board of Directors for the RCEA, located at 2511 Sentry Drive, Suite 200, in Anchorage, Alaska), with <a href="https://akwellspring.com/ministry-staff3">https://akwellspring.com/ministry-staff3</a> (listing Mr. Mathias and Ms. Mathias as Wellspring staff), and <a href="https://akwellspring.com/location">https://akwellspring.com/location</a> (listing 2511 Sentry Drive, Suite 200, as the location for Wellspring).

(which itself was somehow formed as a "church"),<sup>5</sup> while the RCEA engages in unreported campaign activities and what appears to be the laundering of contributions to AHE. The RCEA also appears to have been formed as an "auxiliary" of Wellspring for the purpose of using Wellspring's IRS status to provide donors with potentially unlawful tax deductions for political donations.<sup>6</sup> Wellspring's support of this overt political activity is not only contrary to the federal and local tax benefits that Wellspring benefits from;<sup>7</sup> this behavior also amounts to, at a minimum, unreported and undisclosed "in kind" contributions from Wellspring to RCEA.

Phillip Izon serves numerous roles for the above-listed entities. He is the Chair and "records keeper" for AHE.<sup>8</sup> He is also the "records keeper/agent" for AHG which, bizarrely, is registered with both the Federal Elections Committee *and* APOC.<sup>9</sup> Moreover, Mr. Izon is a member of the founding Board of Directors of the RCEA, the recently-formed "church." Finally, Mr. Izon has concocted false and deceptive "in kind" contributions,

See Exhibit B, RCEA Articles of Incorporation. This filing acknowledges that the RCEA was formed as a "Nonprofit Religious Organization" in Washington State. It also states that the RCEA is "an Integrated Auxiliary of" Wellspring Ministry. See id. at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See id. at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See infra Section II.E and accompanying text.

<sup>8</sup> See Exhibit C, AHE Group Registration Form.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Exhibit D, AHG APOC Registration Form; Exhibit E, FEC Form 1, Statement of Organization.

See Exhibit B, RCEA Articles of Incorporation, at 2. Showing a formation date of December 15, 2022. To be clear, Complainant does not concede that this obviously partisan political entity actually functions as a church. However, the organization's Articles of Incorporation falsely indicate that it will serve purely religious functions.

and has also participated in numerous violations relating to the failure of his entities to register and file accurate reports with APOC.

Like Mr. Izon, Art Mathias serves numerous roles with these entities. Mr. Mathias is a Director for AHE. He is on the RCEA's Board of Directors. And Mr. Mathias is also the President/Treasurer for Wellspring, as well as its founder and pastor. Mr. Mathias appears to have used the RCEA as a passthrough entity to obscure his contribution of personal funds to AHE and may be using the RCEA to hide the identities of other unknown donors. It is also possible that Mr. Mathias used the RCEA (a religious organization) as a vehicle to falsely obtain tax deductions for these political contributions. He, along with Mr. Izon, has also participated in numerous violations relating to the failure of his entities to register and file accurate reports with APOC.

Whether by design or through sheer incompetence, the scope and scale of Respondents' violations are staggering, and has kept the public from knowing who is financing this confederation of opponents of Ballot Measure 2. Complainants respectfully request that APOC Staff thoroughly investigate these violations, along with any others that come to light during an investigation.

Respondents' unrepentantly chaotic and noncompliant activities mean that APOC (and the public) have no idea who is funding the effort to repeal Ballot Measure 2 via ballot

See Exhibit C, AHE Group Registration Form.

See Exhibit B, RCEA Articles of Incorporation, at 2.

See Exhibit F, Wellspring Biennial Report.

See https://akwellspring.com/ministry-staff3.

measure, or even what the true size and scope of that effort is. Alaska law does not allow such deception, and there is good cause shown that multiple violations have occurred. Complainant therefore respectfully requests that APOC investigate Respondents' numerous reporting violations, sanction Respondents financially, and order Respondents to comply with the applicable registration and reporting requirements.

Because any possible election on 22AKHE is not until next year, Complainant does not request to expedite this matter at this time. Rather, Complainant believes a thorough investigation is more important than a rapid (but perhaps incomplete) outcome. Accordingly, Complainant asks only that APOC Staff investigate these troubling allegations vigorously under the normal statutory deadlines.

# II. Parties and Allegations

# A. Alaskans for Honest Elections

Alaskans for Honest Elections ("AHE") is the official ballot group supporting 22AKHE, the ballot initiative intended to repeal Ballot Measure 2.<sup>15</sup> Currently, that activity involves events, communications with the public, and support for its petition signature drive.

As of the date of this complaint, AHE has filed a single amended APOC report (as a group) on April 21, 2023.<sup>16</sup> AHE first (incorrectly) registered as an "entity" with APOC

See Exhibit G.

See Exhibit H.

on January 23, 2023,<sup>17</sup> and then (correctly) registered as a "group" on March 20, 2023.<sup>18</sup> AHE also became an Alaskan nonprofit corporation on January 23, 2023.<sup>19</sup> And because AHE has only filed a single quarterly report with APOC, AHE has been fined by the Commission at least twice for failing to also file required Independent Expenditure ("IE") reports.<sup>20</sup>

# i. Alleged violations by AHE.

a. False contribution intended to inflate AHE's finances, violating AS 15.13.040(b)-(c): AHE reported a fabricated "in kind" contribution from Phillip Izon. AHE was formed on January 8, 2023, and two weeks later, on January 23, Mr. Izon reported that he had already contributed \$200,000.00 worth of "management costs/time."21 The fantastical assertion that Mr. Izon's time is worth \$100,000 per week is absurd on its face. Alternatively, if Mr. Izon's position was that he was reporting his management time for the entire first quarter of 2023 (which is unsupported by the filing), that too would be an impossibly high There is nothing in Mr. Izon's background or expertise indicating that his management time would be worth anywhere near \$70,000 per month.<sup>22</sup> In short, Mr. Izon's "contribution" (which accounts for two-thirds of all reported support for AHE) appears to have been concocted for the purpose of falsely inflating the public's perceptions regarding support for AHE. Contributions must be accurately reported. Just as *under* reporting the value of contributions is prohibited by APOC, so too is intentionally overreporting such values.

<sup>17</sup> See Exhibit C.

See Exhibit H.

<sup>19</sup> See Exhibit I.

See Exhibit J.

Mr. Izon also reported an "in kind" contribution of \$350.00 for AHE's website and domain. This amount seems reasonable and is not part of the allegations in this complaint.

Mr. Izon runs or is employed by a company called "Swarm Intel USA". That company appears to specialize in drones and robotics, *not* campaign management. *See* Exhibit K; *see also* <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/in/swarm-intel-usa-87443163/">https://www.linkedin.com/in/swarm-intel-usa-87443163/</a>. (Note: Swarm Intel USA's own website — <a href="https://swarmintel.ai/">https://swarmintel.ai/</a> — was not operational at the time of this complaint).

- b. Failure to accurately report the source of contributions laundered through the RCEA, violating AS 15.13.040(b), (q), AS 15.13.074(b), and AS 15.13.110(k): As discussed below,<sup>23</sup> the RCEA is not a bona fide source of contributions. Rather, the RCEA appears to have been specifically created as a passthrough entity for the dual purposes of: (1) unlawfully obtaining a tax deduction for donors, and (2) obscuring the actual source of those donations.<sup>24</sup>
- c. Failure to accurately report three largest contributors, violating AS 15.13.090(a): AHE's current three largest contributors disclaimer (appearing in print materials, in videos, and on its website) includes both Mr. Izon and the RCEA. This cannot be correct. As explained above, Mr. Izon's contribution is a complete fabrication. And the RCEA has improperly acted as nothing more than a pass-through entity. AHE's disclaimer was, and remains, false.
- d. Failure to include three largest contributors onscreen throughout the advertisement, violating AS 15.13.090(c): Although AHE's three largest contributor disclaimer is incorrect as described above, its video ads are also defective because they include the disclaimer in only a transient fashion.<sup>25</sup> Because the law requires such disclaimers to remain onscreen throughout the entirety of the advertisement, this too is a violation.
- e. Failure to timely register as a ballot group, violating AS 15.13.050: AHE did not register as a ballot group with APOC prior to undertaking activities in support of 22AKHE. AHE registered as a ballot group on March 20, 2023. The earliest *known* expenditure undertaken by AHE was

See infra Section II.D and accompanying text.

See id.

<sup>25</sup> screenshots: video also AHE see See Exhibit L. https://www.youtube.com/@907honest/videos. The two videos that these screenshots were taken from — "Alaskans Rank Choice Voting Is Bad for Alaska, Watch This Video To Learn Why," and "Petition Gathering Video" - have collectively been viewed over 150,000 times. See https://www.youtube.com/@907honest/videos. Additionally, AHE did not list any of its three largest contributors as of April 10, 2023. See Exhibit L-1, AHE's website (Apr. 10, 2023). Some exhibits, including Exhibits L and L-1, are supported by the Affidavit of Samuel G. Gottstein, dated July 5, 2023. This Affidavit has been included as part of this Complaint, and has become necessary because Respondents have begun changing the content on their webpages.

on November 11, 2022 when it purchased its domain.<sup>26</sup> However, even by AHE's own disclosures, it was accepting donations and making expenditures as early as January 23, 2023. Therefore, AHE was operating for months as an unregistered ballot group.

- f. Failure to file 10-day reports, violating AS 15.13.110: A ballot group is required to report any expenditures within ten days of undertaking them. Although AHE (eventually) filed a first quarter report, it has failed to timely file required 10-day reports regarding expenditures. APOC staff has already fined AHE for some of these prior omissions.<sup>27</sup> However, AHE is still not in compliance and has not filed 10-day reports that even match its reported activities.<sup>28</sup> Additionally, it is evident that AHE is engaging in continued unreported spending because it has created videos in support of 22AKHE and promoted them on platforms such as YouTube,<sup>29</sup> but none of that spending appears to have been disclosed to APOC, and in fact *no* spending has been reported for over two months prior to the filing of this complaint.
- g. Unlawful cash contribution, violating AS 15.13.072(b) and .074(e): The RCEA purports to have donated \$2,358 in cash, well in excess of the \$100 limit. AHE is liable for soliciting and accepting this contribution.
- h. Failure to advise donors of requirement to file Form 15-5 for donations of \$500 or more, violating AS 15.13.040(j)-(k): Any person or entity donating a cumulative \$500 or more to a ballot group must independently

See Exhibit M, Whois alaskansforhonestelections.com (showing that AHE's domain was registered on November 11, 2022).

See Exhibit J, Assessment Letters (Apr. 24, 2023). Although admonished and fined by APOC staff, AHE does not appear to have ever filed these IE reports. Further, AHE has not filed any expense or report in the over two months indicating that their failures to file 10-day reports continues unabated. <u>It appears these fines have not yet been paid</u>.

AHE's first quarter report shows \$268,732 in expenditures, including \$67,000 to "Leading Light Advisors" alone. But AHE's filed 10-day reports account for a grand total of \$21,600 only to Leading Light Advisors. Furthermore, the dates are all after the first quarter and the amounts of the reported expenditures do not match those on AHE's report, leading to the conclusion that AHE has *never* filed 10-day reports for those prior expenditures.

See Exhibit N, AHE Screenshots from YouTube, @907honest, videos (June 30, 2023).

report that contribution to APOC on a Form 15-5 within 30 days. AHE received the following donations on the following dates:

- Mary Suter: \$500, February 16, 2023
- Carolyn Overstreet: \$2,000, February 22, 2023
- Colleen Sherman: \$500, February 27 & \$500, March 9, 2023
- Rebecca Washburn: \$100, February 22 & \$500, March 4, 2023

However, it appears that AHE failed to timely advise their donors of the requirement to report because all of these donations were reported late, potentially subjecting these donors to \$50 per day fines under AS 15.13.390(a)(4).<sup>30</sup>

i. Any other violations of AS 15.13. et seq. that are discovered during this proceeding.

# B. Phillip Izon

Phillip Izon ("Izon") is an individual who appears to serve many roles for several of the Respondent entities.<sup>31</sup> He also purports to be AHE's single largest donor. But in reality, Mr. Izon's status as a large donor is due to reporting a false and fantastical "in kind" contribution from himself.

AHE was formed on January 8, 2023, and two weeks later, on January 23, Mr. Izon reported that he had already contributed \$200,000.00 worth of "management costs/time". The fantastical assertion that Mr. Izon's time is worth \$100,000.00 per week is absurd on its face. Alternatively, if Mr. Izon's position was that he was reporting his management time for the entire first quarter of 2023 in advance, (which is not supported by the filing)

These donations were all reported late, past the statutory deadline, between April 12 and April 17, 2023.

See Exhibits B-E; see also supra page 3.

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that too would be laughable. There is nothing in Mr. Izon's background or expertise indicating that his management time would be worth anywhere near \$70,000 per month.<sup>33</sup> This "contribution," which accounts for two-thirds of <u>all</u> support for AHE, appears to have been concocted for the purpose of falsely inflating the public's perceptions of the financial support for AHE.

The fact that Mr. Izon's "contribution" is fabricated is made even more apparent by evidence that he appears to be self-dealing in order to benefit from the small amount of genuine financial support AHE *has* received. In short, *every dollar* that AHE has *actually* spent has gone to an entity called "Leading Light Advisors." Leading Light Advisors is owned by Diamond Metzner. In addition to being the "Treasurer" for AHE (while Mr. Izon serves as "Chair"), Ms. Metzner appears to be Mr. Izon's business partner. Their businesses share an office, and they have additional legal and business entanglements with one another.

As noted above, Mr. Izon runs or is employed by a company called "Swarm Intel USA". That company appears to specialize in drones and robotics, *not* campaign management. *See* Exhibit K; *see also* <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/in/swarm-intel-usa-87443163/">https://www.linkedin.com/in/swarm-intel-usa-87443163/</a>. (Note: Swarm Intel USA's own website — <a href="https://swarmintel.ai/">https://swarmintel.ai/</a> — was not operational at the time of this complaint).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> See Exhibit G, AHE's first quarter report; Exhibit O, listing of all other AHE independent expenditures.

<sup>35</sup> See Exhibit P, business license for Leading Light Advisors.

See Exhibit K, business license for Leading Light Advisors; see also Exhibit P, business license for Swarm Intel, LLC.

For example, as discussed below, Ms. Metzner and Mr. Izon are also officers for Respondent AHG, see infra Section II.C and accompanying text; see also Exhibit E, AHG's FEC registration (listing Ms. Metzner as AHG's "Treasurer," and Mr. Izon as AHG's "Custodian of Records" and "Agent").

In short, AHE's entire operation appears to have been set up by Mr. Izon and Ms. Metzner as a grift — and a clumsy one at that — to funnel every dime AHE raises back to them, and them alone. The clear financial benefits received by Izon and Metzner makes his claim to have provided \$200,000.00 of "in kind" services even more unbelievable.

# i. Alleged violations by Mr. Izon.

- a. False contribution intended to inflate AHE's finances, violating AS 15.13.040(b)-(c): Mr. Izon created and caused AHE to report his false and fantastical "in kind" contribution of \$200,000.00 on January 23, 2023 for "management costs/time."
- b. Miscellaneous violations by other entities made under Mr. Izon's direction: To the extent Mr. Izon is: (1) the Chair and "records keeper" for AHE; (2) the "records keeper/agent" for AHG; and (3) a member of the founding Board of Directors of the RCEA, he is also implicated in the myriad violations by those entities.
- c. Any other violations of AS 15.13. et seq. that are discovered during this proceeding.

#### C. Alaskans for Honest Government

Alaskans for Honest Government ("AHG") registered as an entity with APOC on November 1, 2022.<sup>38</sup> When doing so, AHG specifically reported that it would have "No Involvement" either supporting or opposing any State initiative.<sup>39</sup> Yet today, AHG's website includes clear links and language specifically promoting AHE's website. Additionally, AHG's website expressly promotes signature-gathering efforts for the

See Exhibit D, Entity Registration Form for AHG.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> *Id*.

22AKHE initiative to repeal Ballot Measure 2.<sup>40</sup> A review of AHG's website through the internet archive shows that it was active with materials against Ballot Measure 2 at least as early November 2, 2022.<sup>41</sup> Mr. Izon and Ms. Metzner also run AHG.<sup>42</sup> AHG has not registered as a ballot group, and it has not filed any APOC reports.

Even more bizarrely, AHG has an active registration with the *Federal* Elections Commission ("FEC"),<sup>43</sup> and federal reports indicate conflicting information regarding how much AHG has raised and spent. For example, one report seemingly indicates that AHG has only raised \$100,<sup>44</sup> while an online database indicates that it had raised over \$16,000,<sup>45</sup> and yet that database (along with FEC filings) shows that AHG had raised and spent \$22,500 with Leading Light Advisors on media in 2022.<sup>46</sup> Regardless of which of these reports are accurate, given that AHG has an extensive website and presence, AHG has

See Exhibit Q, AHG's various web pages (Apr. 26, 2023); see also https://alaskansforhonestgovernment.org.

See Exhibit R, web.archive.org report on AHG's website (Nov. 2, 2022). Further review of the internet archive shows that AHG previously had a scrolling banner urging viewers to "Rank Red On November 8th," see Exhibit R-1, web.archive.org report on AHG's website (Nov. 9, 2022). Given the context and timing, this communication could also be an unlawful independent expenditure; since it appears to promote only Republican candidates. Later in November the site also contained additional materials referencing the "Alaskans for Honest Elections Ballot Initiative," in November 2022. See Exhibit R-2, web.archive.org report on AHG's website (Nov. 18, 2022).

See Exhibit D, Entity Registration Form for AHG.

See Exhibit E, AHG's FEC registration.

See Exhibit S, AHG's FEC End of Year Report (Jan. 31, 2023).

See Exhibit T, AHG's Open Secrets data on donations for calendar year 2022.

See Exhibit U, AHG's Open Secrets data for calendar year 2022.

certainly raised and spent *some* substantial amount in support of 22AKHE, without filing a single report with APOC regarding its donations or expenditures.

# i. Alleged violations by AHG.

- a. Failure to register as a ballot group prior to undertaking campaign activity, violating AS 15.13.050: Despite currently promoting signature gathering for 22AKHE, AHG still has not registered as a ballot group. Its website has been active since at least November of last year, meaning its violation began no later than when the petition for 22AKHE was approved by the Lieutenant Governor on January 20, 2023.
- b. Failure to file any quarterly reports, violating AS 15.13.110(g): Because AHG has *never* filed *any* report with APOC, its finances are completely opaque to the public.
- c. Failure to file any 10-day independent expenditure reports, violating AS 15.13.110: A ballot group is required to report any expenditures within ten days of undertaking them. AHG has failed to report any expenditures, including those for its campaign website, resulting in an unknown number of 10-day violations.
- d. Failure to report three largest contributors, violating AS 15.13.090(a): Although AHG's website includes a "paid for by" disclaimer, that disclaimer does not actually include a listing of its three largest contributors as is required by law.
- e. Any other violations of AS 15.13. et seq. that are discovered during this proceeding.

# D. Ranked Choice Education Association

From AHE's reports, the Ranked Choice Education Association ("RCEA") seems to be AHE's largest monetary contributor to date; it reportedly contributed the vast majority of actual funds received.<sup>47</sup> However, in reality, it appears that the RCEA was recently

Exhibit G, AHE first quarter report; Exhibit V, RCEA Statement of Contribution Form 15-5 (May 9, 2023).

created by Respondents to serve as nothing more than a passthrough entity, allowing donors to unlawfully conceal their identities behind the RCEA's name while also potentially providing those donors with an unwarranted tax deduction.

The RCEA's formation documents show that it was nominally created as a religious nonprofit, or "church," that was founded in the State of Washington on December 15, 2022.<sup>48</sup> The RCEA's articles of incorporation state that it "is an Integrated Auxiliary of the Founding Church," Wellspring Fellowship of Alaska, another Respondent in this Complaint.<sup>49</sup> Embedding the RCEA within Wellspring seems to have been done to take advantage of Wellspring's existing IRS status as a 501(c)(3), which allows it to provide tax deductions to contributors.<sup>50</sup> The RCEA also appears to share offices with, or be physically housed within, Wellspring in Anchorage.<sup>51</sup> Two of RCEA's founding board members — Mr. Mathias and Mr. Izon — are also Respondents in this Complaint.<sup>52</sup> Even though all of its activities are blatantly political, the RCEA's stated "purpose and mission . . . is; 1) to promote Christian doctrines; 2) to establish and oversee places of worship; 3) to evangelize worldwide; 4) support missionary activities, license and ordain ministers of the gospel; 5) the preservation of the truth; 6) [t]rain, develop, and support leaders in our community and nation as called for in our beliefs; and 7) to engage in activities necessary

Exhibit B, RCEA Articles of Incorporation, at 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>50</sup> See infra Section II.E and accompanying text.

See Exhibit B at 6; Exhibit W, Wellspring Ministries corporate registration.

<sup>52</sup> See Exhibit B at 2.

for the accomplishment of the purpose."<sup>53</sup> Nowhere in RCEA's organizational documents does it mention political activities (generally), or ballot measures (specifically).

Although the RCEA was founded as a church on paper, it is clearly acting primarily as a partisan political entity. Furthermore, the RCEA appears to be acting as an unregistered and un-sanctioned ballot group supporting 22AKHE. While the RCEA's website does not actually reference 22AKHE by name, even a cursory review reveals information that — in the context of 22AKHE's existence and RCEA's control by other Respondents — can be interpreted in no other way than as a call to support the repeal of Ballot Measure 2.54 For example, their website55 does not include impartial or educational information; it includes information *solely* about why Ballot Measure 2 should be repealed. The RCEA's website includes pages titled:

- "Why RCV Does Not Work" which includes inaccurate claims against RCV as used by Ballot Measure 2.
- "Why Should We Ban Ranked Choice Voting?" which contains additional misinformation and partisan arguments, while explicitly calling for a repeal of the Ballot Measure 2 system.
- "Who Pushed Ranked Choice Voting on Alaska?" is a page that lists —
  and purports to give opposition research regarding many of the backers of
  Ballot Measure 2, including both educational organizations and individual
  donors who supported the prior initiative.

<sup>53</sup> *Id.* at 1.

See Exhibit X, RCEA's main web page (Apr. 26, 2023); see also Exhibit X-1, RCEA's web page from its "RCV 101" tab (June 20, 2023).

https://rankedchoiceedu.org.

Additionally, the RCEA's website hosts many of the same or related videos as those created and/or hosted by AHE and AHG. In the context of 22AKHE's signature drive—and the fact that 22AKHE supporters created and are on the board of the RCEA<sup>56</sup>—it is evident that the contents of the RCEA's website are capable of no other interpretation than an exhortation to support the repeal of Ballot Measure 2 by passage of 22AKHE.<sup>57</sup>

A further admission of guilt by Respondents has arisen while the Complainant was investigating these allegations. Specifically, Respondents have very recently begun attempting to "sanitize" the RCEA's website in a belated attempt to avoid being regulated by APOC:

• The RCEA's current website has a tab titled, "Who Pushes Rank[sic] Choice Voting On America?" Previously, the RCEA's website had a tab titled "Who Pushed Ranked Choice Voting On Alaska?" 9

Exhibit B, RCEA Articles of Incorporation, at 2.

See AS 15.13.400(8) (defining an "express communications" as a communication that "when read as a whole and with limited reference to outside events, is susceptible to no other reasonable interpretation than as an exhortation to vote" in a particular way); see also Final Order on Reconsideration, APOC Complaint No. 20-05-CD, at 6, 8-9 (July 12, 2021) (concluding that an entity was required to register before making expenditures, report independent expenditures, and identify who paid for communications, because "there [was] no other reasonable interpretation of [the entities'] communications but as an exhortation to vote against implementing ranked-choice voting, a key component of the initiative").

See Exhibit Y, RCEA's various web pages (July 3, 2023) (emphasis added); see also https://rankedchoiceedu.org.

See Exhibit X, RCEA's main web page (Apr. 26, 2023) (emphasis added). This tab was changed in the interim as well; as of June 20, 2023, the tab was titled "Who Pushes **Rank[sic]** Choice Voting On Alaska?" See Exhibit X-1, RCEA's web page from its "RCV 101" tab (June 20, 2023) (emphasis added).

- The RCEA's current website has a web page from its "RCV 101" tab titled, "Why RCV Does Not Work[?]" Previously, the RCEA's website had a web page from that same tab titled "Why Should We Ban Ranked Choice Voting?" 1
- The RCEA's current website does not appear to have any explicit references to either AHE or AHG.<sup>62</sup> Previously, the RCEA's website referenced *both* entities, including: (1) a number of AHE infographics; (2) AHG's paid for by disclaimer; and (3) a QR code that directs people to AHE's website.<sup>63</sup>

Presumably, given the RCEA's purported status as a non-profit religious organization housed within Wellspring, it has been accepting tax-deductible contributions.<sup>64</sup> Overt political activities by religious organizations are forbidden, as is using tax-deductible donations for ballot measure activities.<sup>65</sup> It is entirely possible that *both* the RCEA *and* its donors are in violation of the U.S. Tax Code. However, potential IRS violations are beyond the purview of APOC.

What *is* within APOC's purview is the fact that the RCEA's contributions to AHE are fabricated contributions made to obscure the source of the funds. Donations in the

<sup>60</sup> See Exhibit Y, RCEA's various web pages (July 3, 2023); see also https://rankedchoiceedu.org.

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The RCEA was so recently formed (on December 15, 2022) that it does not yet appear on the IRS' website of such entities. This, plus its status as an "integrated auxiliary" of Wellspring, indicate that it is using Wellspring's tax status for this purpose.

It is worth noting, however, that some minority percentage (not to exceed 20%) of a tax-exempt entity's expenditures may be used on lobbying. *See* 26 U.S.C. § 4911(c)(2).

name of another are prohibited.<sup>66</sup> The RCEA claims to have donated a total of \$90,000.00 to AHE. Somewhat incredibly, the RCEA reportedly donated \$2,358 in *cash*, which is an unlawful contribution on its face.<sup>67</sup> However, the primary problem with the RCEA's activities is that it has been acting as an illegal "pass through" for donations.

Recent disclosures filed by Mr. Izon appear to have inadvertently revealed that RCEA is *not* the actual source of donations to AHE, *and* that the donations actually happened nearly six months before they were reported. Specifically, AHE's prior reports showed contributions received from the RCEA as follows:<sup>68</sup>

- February 6, 2023, \$1000.00 (Check Number 101)
- February 8, 2023, \$75,000.00 (Check Number 102)
- February 22, 2023, \$2,358.00 (*Cash*)
- February 23, 2023, \$1,382.00 (Check Number 103)

However, a recent report shows those dates, and the RCEA as the source, are false. This report includes a new donation from RCEA on June 11, 2023 (Check number 2010) for \$10,260.00, and that report also claims that the "true source" of *all* the funds previously donated to AHE by the RCEA is Mr. Mathias.<sup>69</sup> Furthermore, this report reveals that the grand total of \$90,000.00 donated to AHE was *actually* received on December 20, 2022,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> AS 15.13.074(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> See AS 15.13.074(e) prohibiting a group or individual from making cash contributions in excess of \$100.

See Exhibit V, RCEA's Statement of Contributions Form 15-5 (May 9, 2023); see also Exhibit G, AHE's first quarter report at 3 and 9.

<sup>69</sup> See Exhibit Z, RCEA's Statement of Contributions Form 15-5 (June 11, 2023).

just five days after the RCEA was formed (apparently for the explicit purpose of laundering these funds), and *not* on the dates previously disclosed.<sup>70</sup> Finally, the report indicates that the funds were received *directly* from Mr. Mathias from the very start, stating "Received Directly from True Source" and "No Intermediaries."<sup>71</sup> This further confirms that these donations were falsely reported in the name of the RCEA from the very beginning.

Given the rampant errors, obfuscations, and inconsistencies throughout the disclosures for the RCEA, AHE, and other Respondents, it is evident that APOC staff will have to be provided with original bank statements and financial documents in order to untangle the true dates and sources of the myriad transactions at issue in this case. Particularly in light of the large (and illegal) cash contribution, it appears quite possible that organizations and individuals other than Mr. Mathias donated funds through the RCEA in order to obscure their own identities and receive unwarranted tax benefits.

# i. Alleged violations by the RCEA.

- a. <u>Unlawful cash contribution</u>, <u>violating AS 15.13.072(b) and .074(e)</u>: The RCEA purports to have donated \$2,358 in cash to AHE, well in excess of the \$100 limit.
- b. <u>Donations made in the name of another, violating AS 15.13.074(b)</u>: The RCEA's creation in December 2022 appears to have been entirely for the purpose of laundering donations to AHE, both to obscure the actual source and, potentially, to obtain unlawful tax benefits for donors. Regardless, because the RCEA is solely under the control of other Respondents, and not a bona fide entity, these donations have been fictitiously made in the name of another.

<sup>71</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> *Id*.

- c. Failure to register as a ballot group prior to undertaking campaign activity, violating AS 15.13.050: Despite previously and currently hosting messages and videos that can be interpreted no other way than as support for 22AKHE, the RCEA has still not registered as a ballot group. This violation dates back to the date the RCEA's website was first published.
- d. <u>Failure to file any quarterly reports, violating AS 15.13.110(g):</u> Because the RCEA has never filed any report, its finances are completely opaque to the public.
- e. <u>Failure to file any 10-day independent expenditure reports, violating AS 15.13.110</u>: A ballot group is required to report any expenditures within ten days of undertaking them. The RCEA has failed to report *any* expenditures, including those for its campaign website, resulting in an unknown number of 10-day violations.
- f. Failure to report Top Three donors, violating AS 15.13.090(a): The RCEA's website and videos do not include its three largest contributors as is required by law.
- g. Any other violations of AS 15.13. et seq. that are discovered during this proceeding.

# E. Wellspring Ministries

Wellspring Ministries ("Wellspring") shares common officers with AHE, AHG, and the RCEA. Additionally, the RCEA's records and public-facing communications indicate that Wellspring provides the RCEA with material support in the form of office space and an address.<sup>72</sup> Given that Wellspring shares officers with the RCEA (as well as with AHE and AHG), *and* that the RCEA was created as "an Integrated Auxiliary of" Wellspring,<sup>73</sup>

See Exhibit B, RCEA Articles of Incorporation; see also Exhibit W, Wellspring Ministries corporate registration.

Exhibit B, RCEA Articles of Incorporation, at 1.

there are strong indications that it provides additional in-kind value in the form of staff and other support.

Accordingly, even if Wellspring has not donated actual funds to support the RCEA's ballot measure activities, the church's subsidizing of the RCEA in the form of office space — and possibly staff time/administrative support — must be reported to APOC as an inkind contribution. Because the RCEA has never registered with APOC or filed campaign disclosures, Wellspring has not appeared in such reports. However, Wellspring also has an additional obligation to independently report its support of the RCEA to APOC via a Form 15-5 within 30 days of providing (or agreeing to provide) such support. It has not done so.<sup>74</sup>

Wellspring was formed in Alaska as a religious nonprofit corporation.<sup>75</sup> Further, it is registered as such under IRS code, allowing it to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions.<sup>76</sup> Typically, such charitable and religious organizations are not permitted to participate in partisan activities in a substantial manner.<sup>77</sup> In addition to its beneficial IRS tax-exempt status, Wellspring is registered with the Municipality of Anchorage as an exempt religious organization, allowing them to avoid paying property taxes of over

See <a href="https://aws.state.ak.us/ApocReports/StatementContributions/SCForms.aspx">https://aws.state.ak.us/ApocReports/StatementContributions/SCForms.aspx</a> (showing no reported statement of contributions when searching for "Wellspring").

Exhibit W, Wellspring Ministries corporate registration, at 1.

Exhibit AA, Wellspring Ministries, Inc. IRS form (confirming Tax Exempt Organization status).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> See 26 U.S.C. § 4911(c)(2).

\$70,000 per year<sup>78</sup> on buildings and land it owns valued at \$5.24 million.<sup>79</sup> Whether Wellspring's activities violate IRS code or the conditions of its Municipality of Anchorage property tax exemptions are questions beyond the scope of APOC's authority. However, Wellspring's many failures to disclose and report its activities in support of the RCEA are well within APOC's purview.

# i. Alleged violations by Wellspring.

a. Failure to report in-kind contributions to the RCEA in violation of AS 15.13.040(k): By providing the RCEA with office space, a physical address, as well as unknown staff and administrative support, Wellspring has made in-kind donations to the RCEA's ballot measure activities. The scope and value of these in-kind activities must be investigated and reported.

b. Any other violations of AS 15.13. et seq. that are discovered during this proceeding.

#### F. Art Mathias

Like Mr. Izon, Art Mathias serves myriad roles for other Respondents. He is a Director for AHE.<sup>80</sup> He is on the founding Board of Directors of the RCEA.<sup>81</sup> He is also the President/Treasurer for Wellspring,<sup>82</sup> as well as its Founder and minister.<sup>83</sup> As described above, Mr. Mathias appears to have used the RCEA as a passthrough entity to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> See <a href="https://smartasset.com/taxes/alaska-property-tax-calculator#sLkQGzB7L9">https://smartasset.com/taxes/alaska-property-tax-calculator#sLkQGzB7L9</a> (showing that assets valued at \$5.24 million would require approximately \$73,884 in annual property taxes).

See Exhibit BB, Property Tax Exemption Record.

See Exhibit H, AHE Group Registration Form.

See Exhibit B, RCEA Articles of Incorporation, at 2.

See Exhibit F, Wellspring Biennial Report.

<sup>83</sup> See <a href="https://akwellspring.com/ministry-staff3">https://akwellspring.com/ministry-staff3</a>.

obscure his contribution of personal funds to AHE and/or as a vehicle to falsely obtain tax deductions for these political contributions.

Mr. Mathias' misreporting of his financial support for AHE appears to have been intentional. On February 17, 2023, Mr. Mathias publicly stated that he "donated \$100,000" to AHE. He are Mr. Mathias does not appear as a donor in AHE's reports, and he has never filed a Form 15-5 with APOC as is required of anyone who donates \$500 or more to a ballot group. However, Mr. Mathias' public statements should be viewed with an appropriate level of skepticism given that he also publicly claimed that AHE had "already raised \$500,000 and that the Heritage Foundation, a conservative policy group, ha[s] pledged additional support." Four months after Mr. Mathias' claims, AHE has only reported actual contributions amounting to 20% of that total and has not reported receiving any donations from the Heritage Foundation.

Additionally, given the incestuous intermingling of the Respondents' officers and finances, Mr. Mathias' many false public statements — and the suspicious use of large cash contributions — it is not immediately clear that these contributions are derived solely from Mr. Mathias' personal funds. APOC will need to obtain actual source documents and

Exhibit A, at 2. This claim seems at least somewhat consistent with the RCEA's inadvertent admission that Mr. Mathias was the "true source" of its funds and that those funds were actually donated on December 20, 2022.

Exhibit CC, Iris Samuels, "Ranked choice voting opponents begin gather signatures for ballot initiative," Anchorage Daily News, at 7 (Feb. 18, 2023). This claim of \$500,000 raised could be evidence that Mr. Mathias and Mr. Izon conspired to report the fabricated estimate of \$200,000 for Mr. Izon's "in-kind" services.

bank statements for all transactions to ensure that these funds did not derive from Wellspring itself or other unknown donors.

# i. Alleged violations by Mr. Mathias.

- a. Donations made in the name of another, violating AS 15.13.074(b): Mr. Mathias claims to have personally donated \$100,000.00 to AHE, and AHE's own report shows that he has donated \$90,000.00. However, those contributions have been reported as coming from the RCEA, and not Mr. Mathias. Accordingly, these donations were unlawfully made in the name of another.
- b. Failure to file Forms 15-5 for donations of \$500 or more, violating AS 15.13.040(k): AHE's reports are a mess. They variously show that Mr. Mathias donated \$90,000.00 on December 20, 2022, and that he donated several smaller amounts through the RCEA in February and May 2023. Regardless of when the transactions occurred, Mr. Mathias has never filed any of the required Form 15-5s.
- c. Any other violations of AS 15.13. et seq. that are discovered during this proceeding.

# III. CONCLUSION

The Respondents in this proceeding — Art Mathias, Phillip Izon, as well as their entities Alaskans for Honest Elections, Alaskans for Honest Government, the Ranked Choice Education Association, and Wellspring Ministries — clearly do not embrace the improvements to Alaska's election system enacted by Ballot Measure 2. It is certainly their right to oppose those improvements and to advocate for a return to closed party primary elections and plurality winners. *However*, it is *not* their right to deceive Alaskans by running roughshod over our campaign finance laws. Yet that is precisely what they have done.

In promoting 22AKHE, Respondents have concealed donations from the public.

They have fabricated other donations. And they have falsely reported the source of funds

and appear to have misused religious organizations to falsely obtain tax deductions for their

donors. At this point, without reviewing their original financial documents, the sheer scope

of their violations is unknowable.

The debate around Alaska's election system is an important one. But the public is

entitled to know whether those who would rewrite our election laws are also intentionally

violating Alaska's campaign finance laws. Given the rampant errors, omissions, and

intentional misrepresentations by the Respondents, a full investigation of these allegations

and resolution of this matter is of the highest importance.

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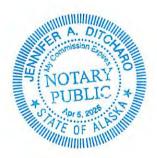
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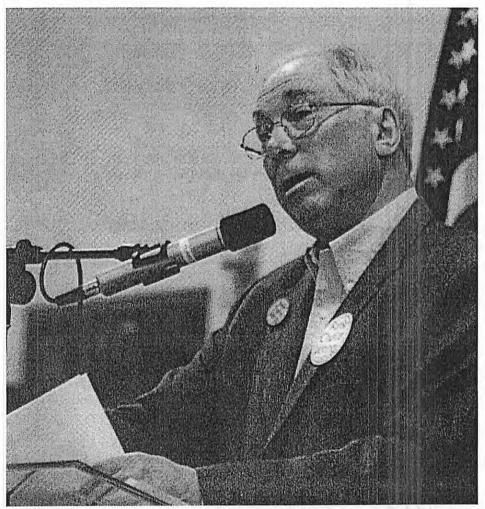


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# Launch of campaign to repeal ranked a crowd in Anchorage

By Liz Ruskin, Alaska Public Media - February 17, 2023



Art Matthias speaks to voters at an Alaskans for Honest Elections event on Feb. 16, 2023. (Elyssa Loughlin/Alaska Pub

A few hundred people met at a south Anchorage church Thursday night to kick off a signand go back to the way Alaska used to elect candidates.

The new system, which Alaskans used for the first time last year, pairs an open primary  $\iota$  to four candidates.

Art Mathias, a longtime Anchorage resident and founder of Wellspring Ministries, is a sporanked choice puts the entire country at risk.

"Literally, seriously at risk," he said. "If we don't replace rank choice voting, we will never Outside corporations coming up and buying our candidates and buying our elections."

Mathias said he's donated \$100,000 to the effort, and the campaign has raised \$400,000

Fans of ranked choice say it empowers citizens to vote their conscience, without worrying

The system tends to favor consensus candidates and lessen the power of political parties conservatives at a disadvantage to liberals. Last year, Alaşka re-elected its Republican go Legislature.

Ranked choice changed the outcome in only three Alaska races. In two of those, the table candidate who got the most first-choice votes kept the lead, even after the votes that we to the voter's choices.

Mathias and other speakers at the kickoff event put the repeal campaign in culture-war to transgender people.

"They keep preaching that a man can get pregnant until we believe it. You believe it?" Macan this be? And we can't let it go. We got to stay engaged. We got to get engaged, or it yourself?"

Other speakers included Republican fundraiser Michael Alfaro, a North Carolinian who fou presidential runs. Alfaro had said former Gov. Sarah Palin was to be the keynote speaker advisor, Jerry Ward, said she was on a flight and couldn't arrive in time.

Organizers will need 27,000 signatures to get the initiative on the 2024 ballot.

A poli by Alaska Survey Research last month found a majority of Alaska voters would rep future election.

https://twitter.com/IvanMoore1/status/1618437311188078593?s=20



## Liz Ruskin, Alaska Public Media

Liz Ruskin is the Washington, D.C., correspondent for Alaska Public Mi Anchorage. Reach her at Iruskin@alaskapublic.org.

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Secretary of State
State of Washington
Date Filed: 12/16/2022
Effective Date: 12/16/2022

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION UBI No: 605 003 865 RANKED CHOICE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

#### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the Nonprofit Religious Corporation is <u>RANKED CHOICE EDUCATION</u>
<u>ASSOCIATION</u>. Its existence shall be perpetual.

# ARTICLE II EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of incorporation shall be: upon filing by the Secretary of State.

# ARTICLE III TYPE OF NONPROFIT CORPORATION

The corporation is a Church Integrated Auxiliary, a Nonprofit Religious Corporation. The Nonprofit Corporation is a Charitable Nonprofit as defined by RCW 24.03A.010(5). The Nonprofit Corporation's Gross Revenue did not exceed \$500,000 in the most recent fiscal year, RCW 24.03A.960(2)(a)(b).

#### ARTICLE IV MEMBERS

The nonprofit will not have members or members with voting rights.

# ARTICLE V PURPOSE AND MISSION

RANKED CHOICE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION is an Integrated Auxiliary of the Founding Church, WELLSPRING FELLOWSHIP OF ALASKA. The purpose and mission of this ministry is; 1) to promote Christian doctrines; 2) to establish and oversee places of worship; 3) to evangelize worldwide; 4) support missionary activities, license and ordain ministers of the gospel; 5) the preservation of the truth; 6) Train, develop, and support leaders in our community and nation as called for in our beliefs, and 7) to engage in activities necessary for the accomplishment of the purpose.

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#### ARTICLE VI GENERAL POWERS

Section 1. All property held by the above named Religious Corporation, shall be held in trust for the use, purpose, benefit, and behoove of the incorporated Faith Based Organization herein named.

Section 2. The above-named Religious Corporation, shall, for the purpose of the organization, have the power to contract in the same manner and to the same extent as natural men and women, and may sue and be sued, and may defend in all courts and places. In all matters and proceedings whatever, the organization herein named shall have authority to borrow money and to give promissory notes therefore, and to secure the payment of the same by mortgage or other lien upon property, real and personal; to buy, sell, lease, mortgage and in every way deal in real and personal property in the same manner as a natural person may, and to appoint legal counsel, licensed and/or unlicensed, to the extent that any legal counsel employed shall be utilized in a capacity to protect the rights of the Religious Corporation and to address all courts in any and all litigious matters whether National or International.

Section 3. The Corporation shall have all authority granted in the Washington State Constitution Article One, Section 7 and 11 and the Washington State Nonprofit Corporation Act including, but not limited to RCW 24.03A as well as all rights guaranteed in Federal Law through the First Amendment, 26 U.S.C. (Internal Revenue Code) § 508(c)(1)(a), § 6033(a) (3), and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act 42 U.S.C Chapter 21B § 2000.

Section 4. The Board of Directors of the Founding Church, WELLSPRING FELLOWSHIP OF ALASKA, shall have authority and right to appoint or remove one director of the board of RANKED CHOICE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION consistent with the Bylaws of said ministry.

#### ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The management of the corporation shall be vested in a board of no fewer than two (2) directors. The number, qualifications, terms of office, manner of election, time and place of meeting, and powers and duties of the directors shall be fixed by the Bylaws of this corporation.

Section 2. The names and addresses of the Board of Directors who will manage the affairs of the corporation until their successors are selected as provided in the Bylaws are:

Dr. Arthur Mathias, President 2511 Sentry Dr., Ste.200, Anchorage, Alaska, 99507

Philip Izon, Director 2511 Sentry Dr., Ste.200, Anchorage, Alaska, 99507

Patricia Mathias, Director 2511 Sentry Dr., Ste.200, Anchorage, Alaska, 99507

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## ARTICLE VIII INSTRUCTIONS FOR VACANCY

Section 1. The provisions of the Bylaws of the Corporation shall govern the manner in which the Directors of the Corporation shall be elected or appointed.

Section 2. Changes may be made to election or appointment of Directors through amendment to the Articles of Incorporation or stipulation in the Bylaws.

# ARTICLE IX LIMITATION OF DIRECTORS' LIABILITY

Section 1. A director shall have no liability to the corporation for monetary damages for conduct as a director, except for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct by the director, or a knowing violation of law by the director, or for any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property or services to which the director is not legally entitled.

Section 2. If the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act is hereafter amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director shall be eliminated or limited to the full extent permitted by the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act, as so amended.

Section 3. Any repeal or modification of this Article shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification for or with respect to an act or omission of such director occurring prior to such repeal or modification.

# ARTICLE X INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Right to Indemnification of Directors and Officers. Each person who was, or is threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved (including, without limitation, as a witness) in any actual or threatened action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the corporation or, while a director or officer, he or she is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent or in any other capacity while serving as a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the corporation, to

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the full extent permitted by applicable law as then in effect, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts to be

paid in settlement) actually and reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection therewith, and such indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and administrators. The right to indemnification conferred in this Section 1 shall be a contract right and shall include the right to be paid by the corporation the expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition.

Section 2. Non-exclusivity of Rights. The right to indemnification and the payment of expenses incurred in defending a proceeding in advance of its final disposition conferred in this Article shall not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, agreement, or vote of disinterested directors or otherwise.

Section 3. Insurance, Contracts and Funding. The corporation may maintain insurance at its expense, to protect itself and any director, trustee, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under RCW 24.03A.540 of the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act, or any successor provisions, and RCW 23B.08.510 of the Washington Business Corporation Act, or any successor provisions. The corporation may enter into contracts with any director or officer of the corporation in furtherance of the provisions of this Article and may create a trust fund, grant a security interest or use other means (including, without limitation, a letter of credit) to ensure the payment of such amounts as may be necessary to effect indemnification as provided in this Article.

Section 4. Indemnification of Employees and Agents of the Corporation. The corporation may, by action of its Board of Directors from time to time, provide indemnification and pay expenses in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding to employees and agents of the corporation with the same scope and effect as the provisions of this Article with respect to the indemnification and advancement of expenses of directors and officers of the corporation or pursuant to rights granted pursuant to, or provided by, the Washington Business Corporation Act, as applied to nonprofit corporations, or otherwise.

#### ARTICLE XI BYLAWS

The authority to make, alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws of this corporation is vested in the Board of Directors, and may be exercised in a manner set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation.

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# ARTICLE XII DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the legal liabilities of the corporation, all assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. § 508 (c)(1)(a) or § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

The authority to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation is vested solely in the Board of Directors, and may be exercised at any regular or special meeting of the board.

# ARTICLE XIV PUBLIC INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

The Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation shall be kept at the principal place of business or registered agent address. All other records of accounts and finances, minutes of the proceedings of its Boards and any minutes which may be maintained by committees of the Board; records of the names and post office addresses of its officers and Directors, and such other records as may be necessary or advisable are protected under The First Amendment, 26 U.S.C. § 508, 26 U.S.C. § 6033(a)(3), and 42 U.S.C Chapter 21B § 2000. All such records shall not be open for public inspection.

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# ARTICLE XV REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE AND CONSENT

NORTHWEST CORPORATE SERVICES does hereby consent to serve as the initial Registered Agent in the State of Washington for RANKED CHOICE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

The name and street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

NORTHWEST CORPORATE SERVICES 3501 South 38th Street #109 Tacoma, WA 98409

I consent to serve as registered agent in the State of Washington for the above named corporation. I understand it will be my responsibility to accept Service of Process on behalf of the corporation; to forward mail to the corporation; and to immediately notify the Office of the Secretary of State if I resign or change the Registered Office Address.

Difference (Agent for NWCS ) Dan Peterson 12-15-2022
Signature of Registered Agent Printed Name Date

# ARTICLE XVI PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business is: 2511 Sentry Dr., Ste.200, Anchorage, Alaska, 99507

# ARTICLE XVII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Dan Peterson, Incorporator agent for NWCS

Northwest Corporate Services 3501 S. 38th St. #109 Tacoma, WA 98409

Date 12-15-2022

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## ENTITY REGISTRATION FORM

## COMPLETED

Submission Date: **01/23/2023** Filer First Name: **Phillip** 

Filer Middle Name (Optional): A

Filer Last Name: Izon

Filer's Title with Entity: Alaskans For Honest Elections

#### ENTITY INFORMATION

Election Year: 2023

**Entity Name: Alaskans For Honest Elections** 

Abbreviation: AFHE AKHE22

Purpose: Any Lawful Election Matters

State Initiative Support/Oppose: Yes (Involvement)
Entity Mailing Address: 2521 E. Mtn Village Dr #904

City, State Zip: Wasilla, Alaska 99654

#### CONTACT

Name: Phillip Izon

Address: 2521 E. Mtn Village Dr #904 City, State Zip: Wasilla, Alaska 99654

Phone: 9078028116

E-mail: admin@alaskansforhonestelections.com

Fax (Optional): Did Not Report

#### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Name	Address	Title
Diamond Metzner	4201 Dimond Way Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Director
Phillip Izon	2521 E. Mtn Village Dr. #904 Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Director
← t Mathias	2511 Sentry Dr STE 200 Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Director

BANK ACCOUNT / POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT

Name of Bank: Alaska USA FCU Bank Address: **851** E Usa Cir

City, State Zip: Wasilla, Alaska 99654

#### ENTITY REGISTRATION FORM

#### AMENDMENT

Amendment Description: Update Email

#### COMPLETED

Submission Date: 11/01/2022 Filer First Name: Phillip

Filer Middle Name (Optional): A

Filer Last Name: Izon

Filer's Title with Entity: Alaskans For Honest Government

#### ENTITY INFORMATION

Election Year: 2022

**Entity Name: Alaskans For Honest Government Alaskans For Honest Govt** 

Alaskans For Honest Government PAC

Abbreviation: AHGPAC

Purpose: Help Alaskans with Data, Information, and Research. Provide polling

and other election resources to voters.

State Initiative Support/Oppose: No (No Involvement)

Entity Mailing Address: 4201 Dimond Way, B

City, State Zip: Wasilla, Alaska 99654

#### CONTACT

Name: Phillip Izon

Address: 4201 Dimond Way, B

City, State Zip: Wasilla, Alaska 99654

Phone: 2068259527

E-mail: nevesiltstudio@gmail.com

Fax (Optional): Did Not Report

#### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Name	Address	Title
Phillip Izon	4201 Dimond Way Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Records Keeper / Agent

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Diamond Metzner

4201 Dimond Way, B Wasilla, Alaska 99654

Treasurer

## BANK ACCOUNT / POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT

Name of Bank: **Alaska USA** Bank Address: **851 E Usa Cir** 

City, State Zip: Wasilla, Alaska 99654

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For further information contact:

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#### **Domestic Nonprofit Corporation**

2021 Biennial Report
For the period ending June 30, 2021

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Due Date: This report along with its fees are due by July 2, 2021

Fees: If postmarked before August 2, 2021, the fee is \$25.00.

If postmarked on or after August 2, 2021 then this report is delinquent and the fee is \$30.00.

Entity Name: WELLSPRING MINISTRIES OF ALASKA

Entity Number: 67174D

**Home Country: UNITED STATES** 

Home State/Prov.: ALASKA

Physical Address: 2511 SENTRY DRIVE, SUITE 200.

ANCHORAGE, AK 99507

Mailing Address: 2511 SENTRY DRIVE, SUITE 200.

ANCHORAGE, AK 99507

Registered Agent information cannot be changed on this form. Per Alaska Statutes, to update or change the Registered Agent information this entity must submit the Statement of Change form

for this entity type along with its filing fee.

Name: Art Mathias

Physical Address: 2511 Sentry Drive, Anchorage, AK 99507

Mailing Address: 2511 Sentry Drive, Anchorage, AK 99507

Officials: The following is a complete list of officials who will be on record as a result of this filing.

- · Provide all officials and required information. Use only the titles provided.
- Four (4) Mandatory Officers, who must be individuals: this entity must have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Two or more offices may be held by the same individual, except the offices of President and Secretary cannot be the same individual.
- Three (3) Mandatory Directors, who must be individuals. The number of directors must be at least three (3).

Full Legal Name	Complete Mailing Address	% Owned	Assistant Secretary	Assistant Treasurer	Director	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Vice President
Janice Coulter	4201 S. SANTANA DR., WASILLA, AK 99654	N/A			х				
Monica Mosier	3501 SPINNAKER DRIVE, ANCHORAGE, AK 99516	N/A			х		х		
ART MATHIAS	11781 BARR RD, ANCHORAGE, AK 99516	N/A				х		х	
PATRICIA MATHIAS	11781 BARR RD, ANCHORAGE, AK 99516	N/A							х
Patrick Hadley	3706 COVENTRY DRIVE, ANCHORAGE, AK 99507	N/A			х				

If necessary, attach a list of additional officers on a separate 8.5 X 11 sheet of paper.

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Mandatory Property Value: Estimated value	of all real or personal property of the corporation:	5000000.00
New NAICS Code (optional):		
NAICS Code:	813110 - RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS	
Purpose:	RELIGIOUS	

This form is for use by the named entity only. Only persons who are authorized by the above Official(s) of the named entity may make changes to it. If you proceed to make changes to this form or any information on it, you will be certifying under penalty of perjury that you are authorized to make those changes, and that everything on the form is true and correct. In addition, persons who file documents with the commissioner that are known to the person to be false in material respects are guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Continuation means you have read this and understand it.

Name: Monica Mosier

Entity #: 67174D

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#### CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORM

#### AMENDMENT

Amendment Description: Fixing two dates to January 23rd

#### COMPLETED

Submission Date: 04/21/2023 Filer First Name: Phillip Filer Middle Name: A Filer Last Name: Izon

Filer's Title: Records Keeper Report Type: First Quarterly

#### GROUP INFORMATION

Group Name: 2023 - Alaskans For Honest Elections

Group Abbreviation: AKHE

Group Address: 2521 E Mtn Village Dr City, State Zip: Wasilla, Alaska 99654

#### REPORT INFORMATION

Election Year: o
Election: N/A

Report Type: First Quarterly

Reporting Period: From 01/08/2023 Through 04/07/2023

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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Beginning Cash On Hand:	\$0.00				
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#### INCOME

Date Received	Payment Method	Contributor	Details	Amount
01/23/2023	Non-Monetary Website & Domain	Izon, Phillip 13388 E Moosewallow Ave Palmer, Alaska 99645	Occupation: Self Employer: Swarm Intel USA Description:	\$350.00
01/23/2023	Non-Monetary Management Costs / Time In Kind Donation	Izon, Phillip 13388 E Moosewallow Ave Palmer, Alaska 99645	Occupation: Self Employed Employer: Swarm Intel USA Description:	\$200,000.00
01/31/2023	Credit Card	Credit Card  Chambers, Bret 13200 Floral Lane Anchorage, Alaska 99516  Ccupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:		\$50.00
02/01/2023	Credit Card	Angus, George 2420 N Cottonwood Loop Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: Matsu Borough Employer: Matsu Borough Description:	\$25.00
02/01/2023	Credit Card	Merwin, David PO Box 671624 Chugiak, Alaska 99567	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$100.00
02/01/2023	Credit Card	Pence, William 3859 Killewich Dr Juneau, Alaska 99801	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$50.00
02/02/2023	Credit Card	Sarber, Jon 1285 Bay Ave in Homer,AK Homer, Alaska 99603	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$50.00
02/03/2023	Credit Card	Ernster, Renee P.O. Box 3496 Valdez, Alaska 99686	Occupation: DCC LLC Employer: DCC LLC Description:	\$10.00
02/03/2023	Credit Card	Jones, Larry 4710 Kershner Ave. Anchorage, Alaska 99517	Occupation: Accountant Employer: ACS Description:	\$25.00
02/03/2023	Credit Card	Stock, Richard 485 Ballaine Rd Fairbanks, Alaska 99709	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$50.00
TU2/05/2023	Credit Card	Moose, Daniel 913 W 14th Ave Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Occupation: Self Employed Employer: Self Employed Description:	\$100.00

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<b>~</b> 2/05/2023	Credit Card	Turner, Fran P.O. Box 646 Nenana, Alaska 99760	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$100.00
02/06/2023	Check 1007	Ranked Choice Education Association 2511 Sentry Dr. Ste 200 Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Occupation: Education Employer: RCEA Description:	\$1,000.00
02/07/2023	Credit Card	Hutchison, Christine 281 Juliussen St Kenai, Alaska 99611	Occupation: Self Employer: Na Description:	\$25.00
02/08/2023	Credit Card	Gregoire, Aaron PO Box 57079 North Pole , Alaska 99505	Occupation: Mechanic Employer: Fairbanks Gold Mining Description:	\$20.00
02/08/2023	Credit Card	Marrs, Kevin 746 cranberry ridge Fairbanks, Alaska 99712	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$25.00
≥/08/2023	Credit Card	MODESITT, RICK 1069 RECTOR ROAD PARKERSBURG, West Virginia 26105	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$25.00
02/08/2023	Check 0108107251	Ranked Choice Education Association 2511 Sentry Drive Ste 200 Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Occupation: Education Employer: RCEA Description:	\$75,000.00
02/08/2023	Credit Card	Wall, Robert 18849 Timberline Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99577	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$20.00
02/08/2023	Credit Card	Wall, Robert 18849 Timberline Drive Eagle River, Alaska 99577	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$100.00
02/09/2023	Credit Card	chung, Dyane 620 w 47th ave apt D Anchorage, Alaska 99503	Occupation: State of Alaska Employer: State of Alaska Description:	\$50.00
02/09/2023	Credit Card	Helton, darrell 22021 fawn in	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired	\$50.00

		Chugiak, Alaska 99567	Description:	
02/09/2023	Credit Card	helton, darrell 22021 Fawn Lane Anchorage, Alaska 99567	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$10.00
02/09/2023	Credit Card	Maywald, Linda 9211 Flintlock Street Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Occupation: TA Substitute Employer: ASD Description:	\$51.75
02/09/2023	Credit Card	Milos, Adrianne HC 60 Box 2623 Haines, Alaska 99827	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$20.00
02/09/2023	Credit Card	Pempek, Cáleb P.O. Box 1542 Palmer, Alaska 99645	Occupation: Journeyman Employer: MEA Description:	\$25.00
02/10/2023	Credit Card	Rupe, Cynthla 35555 Kenai Spur Hwy PMB 199 Soldotna, Alaska 99669	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$25.00
02/11/2023	Credit Card	Durham, Carmen 1178 Skyline Dr Fairbanks, Alaska 99712	Occupation: Homemaker Employer: Homemaker Description:	\$37.50
02/11/2023	Credit Card	Rupp, Kenneth 3206 South Cir Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$100.00
02/11/2023	Credit Card	Smith, Jane P.O.Box 404 Sutton, Alaska 99674	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$10.00
02/13/2023	Credit Card	Ilgenfritz, linda 4362 York Ave Fairbanks, Alaska 99709	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$20.00
02/14/2023	Credit Card	Duncan, Sally P.O. Box 16108 Two Rivers, Alaska 99716	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$235.00
02/15/2023	Credit Card	Armstrong, Vickie 4544 Drake Street Fairbanks, Alaska 99709	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$156.00
<b>~</b> \/15/2023	Credit Card	Breiner, Linda HC 89 BOX 8182 Talkeetna, Alaska 99676	Occupation: Office manager Employer: IOLA Enterprises Description:	\$12.50

02/15/2023	Credit Card	Breiner, Linda HC 89 Box 8182 Talkeetna, Alaska 99676	Occupation: office manager Employer: IOLA Enterprises Description:	\$50.00
02/15/2023	Credit Card	Carlo, Raven P.O. Box 58062 Fairbanks, Alaska 99711	Occupation: CNA Employer: Foundation Health Description:	\$12.50
02/15/2023	Credit Card	Cruse, Riska PO Box 401 Willow, Alaska 99688	Occupation: Photographer Employer: Self Description:	\$12.50
02/15/2023	Credit Card	Jeff Taylor Box 3076 Anderson, Alaska 99744	Occupation: No Employer: Na Description:	\$33.50
02/15/2023	Credit Card	Mader, Brian PO Box 1794 Kenai, Alaska 99611	Occupation: Construction Employer: Alaska Electrical Description:	\$100.00
02/15/2023	Credit Card	Mitchell, Teresa 3000 Wentworth St Anchorage, Alaska 99508	Occupation: Accountant Employer: Self Description:	\$10.00
P/15/2023	Credit Card	Pearce, David 6275 N. Douglas Hwy Juneau, Alaska 99801	Occupation: Retired Employer: N/A Description:	\$7.00
02/15/2023	Credit Card	Stark, Rhonda PO Box 1452 Palmer, Alaska 99645	Occupation: Office Manager Employer: Alaska Prime Power Description:	\$41.00
02/15/2023	Credit Card	Sunseri-Fichtner, Tiffiany 1271 S Paddy Place Wasilla, Alaska 99623	Occupation: na Employer: na Description:	\$12.50
02/16/2023	Check 1922	Kruckenberg, Kateryna PO Box 220591 Anchorage, Alaska 99522	Occupation: Book Keeper Employer: Consistent Book Keeping Description:	\$250.00
02/16/2023	Credit Card	Mathew, john 9200 Emerald St Anchorage, Alaska 99502	Occupation: retired Employer: na Description:	\$100.00
02/16/2023	Credit Card	Musick, Terrence 12220 Rainbow Ave Anchorage, Alaska 99516	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$100.00
2/16/2023	Credit Card	Pherson, Sandra 7287 N False Pass Cir Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: clerk Employer: valley country stores Description:	\$50.00
02/16/2023	Credit Card	Pherson, Sandy	Occupation: Clerk	\$20.00

		7287 N Fálse Pass Cir Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Employer: Valley Country Stores Description:	
u2/16/2023		Rosen, Jeffrey 10441 Nabesna Circle Anchorage, Alaska 99577	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$10.00
02/16/2023	Check 27765	Suter, Mary PO Box 670144 Chugiak, Alaska 99567	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$500.00
02/16/2023	Credit Card	VanValin, Lenora 6112 North Moose Meadows Road Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$20.00
02/16/2023	Credit Card	VavValin, Lenora 6112 N. Moose Meadows Rd Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$10.00
02/16/2023	Check 8886	Warren, J. Kris 900 W 86th Ave Anchorage, Alaska 99515	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$250.00
V16/2023	Check 1515	Warren, Dawn 900 W. 86th Ave Anchorage, Alaska 99515	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$250.00
02/16/2023	Credit Card	Whisamore, John 5921 S Bodenburg Loop Palmer, Alaska 99645	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$50.00
02/16/2023	Check 4632	Young, Harry 33081 Eagle Vista Dr Eagle River, Alaska 99577	Occupation: Retired Dr Employer: Retired	
02/17/2023	Credit Card	Braham, Roxanna 2120 Badger Road North Pole, Alaska 99705	Occupation: Na Employer: Midstate Equipment Inc. Description:	\$200.00
02/17/2023	Credit Card	Jackson, Tim 3227 216th Pl Bothell, Washington 98021	Occupation: PMF Employer: PMF Description:	\$250.00
02/17/2023	Credit Card	Priestley, Joan 3705 Arctic Boulevard Suite 1332 Anchorage, Alaska 99503	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$103.50
02/18/2023	Credit Card	Nettels, Chris 1901 Beaver Place	Occupation: Retired Employer: Geotek	\$100.00

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02/19/2023	Credit Card	Helmuth, Carolyn 2062 East Carney Road Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: Payroll Lead Employer: Calista Corporation Description:	\$115.75
02/19/2023	Credit Card	Urbano, Paul 9160 E Lexington St Palmer, Alaska 99645	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$12.50
02/20/2023	Credit Card	Clark, Todd 9310 Carlson Road Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Occupation: Owner Employer: TGI Freight Description:	\$100.00
02/20/2023	Credit Card	Mcintosh, Larry N Dartmoor St Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$25.00
02/20/2023	Credit Card	McIntosh, Larry 4085 Dartmoor Street Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$10.00
02/20/2023	Credit Card	Miller, Robert 902 Noorvik Court Fairbanks, Alaska 99701	Occupation: Army Employer: US Army Description:	\$77.00
02/20/2023	Credit Card	Seli, Rebecca 3224 W 30th Ave Anchorage, Alaska 99517	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$45.00
02/21/2023	Credit Card	Evans, Brett Po Box 879002 Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$50.00
02/21/2023	Check 5159	Franklin, Catherine PO Box 823 Palmer, Alaska 99645	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$200.00
02/21/2023	Credit Card	Glover, Scott PO Box 871571 Wasilla, Alaska 99687	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$42.45
02/21/2023	Credit Card	Thomas, Harrel 5957 Franklin Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99518	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$25.00
02/22/2023	Credit Card	Amos, Denise 3717 W 43rd Ave Anchorage, Alaska 99517	Occupation: na Employer: na Description:	\$100.00
2/22/2023	Credit Card	Caffroy, Chandra 35020 Scandinavian Drive/731 Anchor Point, Alaska 99556	Occupation: Manager Employer: AFCR Description:	\$80.00

2/22/2023	Check 841	Cole, Susan 2440 E Tudor Rd Box 811 Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$50.00
02/22/2023	Check 279	Crossman, Elsie 1801 Minerva Way Anchorage, Alaska 99515	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$25.00
02/22/2023	Check 3644	Easterly, Sue 1526 Bannister Dr. Anchorage, Alaska 99508	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$100.00
02/22/2023	Credit Card	Fogle, Kathy 37065 Steelhead Cir Sterling, Alaska 99672	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$29.25
02/22/2023	Check 4135	Halverson, Robert 1371 Hillcrest Dr Unit 303 Anchorage, Alaska 99503	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$200.00
¶2/22/2023	Check 5925	Heim, Sabah 14440 Old Seward Hwy Anchorage, Alaska 99515	Occupation: Self Employer: Self Description:	\$100.00
02/22/2023	Credit Card	Hill, Linda 12410 Hopa Circle Anchorage, Alaska 99515	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$27.50
02/22/2023	Credit Card	Hill, Linda 12410 Hopa Cr Anchorage, Alaska 99518	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$100.00
02/22/2023	Check 6041	Jackson, Sherri 3626 Casper St Anchorage, Alaska 99502	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$50.00
02/22/2023	Credit Card	Kern, Danny 4901 E 40th Ave Anchorage, Alaska 99516	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$100.00
02/22/2023	Credit Card	Leverty, Bradley 3501 N Moose St Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$50.00
02/22/2023	Check 8701	Luhrs, James 3333 Lakeshore Dr Anchorage, Alaska	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$200.00

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`V/22/2023		Metzner, Diamond 4201 Dimond Way Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: Marketing Employer: Self Description:	\$83.60
02/22/2023		Ordaz, Azabel 806 West 57th Ave Anchorage, Alaska 99518	Occupation: business manager Employer: ak4dy Description:	\$50.00
02/22/2023	Credit Card	Overstreet, Carolyn 8122 Lamplighter Ct Anchorage, Alaska 99502	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$2,000.00
02/22/2023	Check 678	Pessolano, Jodie 5018 E 43rd Ave #5 Anchorage, Alaska 99508	Occupation: Self Employer: North Star Design Description:	\$100.00
02/22/2023	Credit Card	Phelps, Greg 8501 Skyhills Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99502	Occupation: Self Employer: PHELPs Construction, LLC Description:	\$100.00
02/22/2023	Credit Card	Price, Noreen 20656 Driftwood Bay Dr Eagle River, Alaska 99577	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$200.00
02/22/2023	Cash	Ranked Choice Education Association 2511 Sentry Dr. Ste 200 Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Occupation: Education Employer: RCEA Description:	\$2,358.00
02/22/2023	Credit Card	Smith, Dorothy 12411 Caragana Cir Anchorage, Alaska 99515	ana Cir Employer: homemaker	
02/22/2023	Check 3302	<b>Turner, Linda</b> 1027 S Arza Cir Palmer, Alaska 99645	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	
02/22/2023	Check 8834	<b>Washburn, Rebecca</b> PO Box 823 Palmer, Alaska 99645	Occupation: Self \$100 Employer: Washburn Farm Nursery Description:	
02/22/2023	Credit Card	<b>Whisamore, John</b> 5921 S. Bodenburg Lp Palmer, Alaska 99645	Occupation: Retired Employer: retired Description:	\$12.50
.23/2023	Non-Monetary Printing Services / In- Kind Donation	Ranked Choice Education Association 2511 Sentry Dr. Ste	Occupation: Education Employer: RCEA Description:	\$1,382.00

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02/23/2023	Credit Card	Richeson, Randolph 360 W. KATMAI Soldotna, Alaska 99669	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$100.00
02/23/2023	Credit Card	Rosin, Lela 3669 CHINULNA DRIVE Kenai, Alaska 99611	Occupation: Self Employer: Self Description:	\$200.00
02/24/2023	Credit Card	CORBeil, Richard 3336 Doil Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99507	Occupation: Employer: Description:	\$50.00
02/24/2023	Credit Card	Eads, Margaret P.O. Box 19529 Thorne Bay, Alaska 99919	Occupation: Lumberman Employer: Self Employed Description:	\$71.00
02/24/2023	Credit Card	Terry, Desiree 11130 E Equestrian Circle Palmer, Alaska 99645	Occupation: Creekside Church Employer: Creekside Church Description:	\$20.00
ــر <u>2/25/2023</u>	Credit Card	Ducey, Cynthia P.O.Box 220844 Anchorage, Alaska 99522	Occupation: attorney Employer: ducey and associates Description:	\$200.00
02/27/2023	Credit Card	Sherman, Colleen 43420 Kalifornsky Beach Rd Soldotna, Alaska 99669	Occupation: Self Employer: G F Sherman Signs Description:	\$500.00
02/28/2023	Credit Card	McMullen, Kym 4541 E Crane Rd Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: Na Employer: Na Description:	\$25.00
03/01/2023	Credit Card	Hahn, Deborah 11725 Inspiration Dr Eagle River, Alaska 99577	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$100.00
03/01/2023	Credit Card	Heise, Genie 4506 Taft Street Anchorage, Alaska 99517	Occupation: Parole Officer Employer: State of Alaska Description:	\$38.70
03/01/2023	Credit Card	Rapp, Cammie 1555 Bradway Rd. #4 North pole, Alaska 99705	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$69.00
03/01/2023	Credit Card	Rapp, Cammie 1555 Bradway Rd #4	Occupation: retired Employer: retired	\$50.00

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03/02/2023	Credit Card	Johanknecht, Peter 7700 Evander Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99518	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$20.00
03/04/2023	Credit Card	Rebecca, Washburn PO Box 823 Palmer, Alaska 99645	Occupation: Self Employer: Washburn Family Nursery Description:	\$500.00
03/06/2023	Credit Card	carson, edward 580 W Roy Rd Apt 1 Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: Quality Control Inspector Employer: NANA Construction Description:	\$30.00
03/07/2023	Credit Card	Donelson, Cecelia 908 R Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Occupation: real estate sales Employer: self employed Description:	\$55.00
03/07/2023	Credit Card	Hutchison, Christine 281 Juliussen St Kenai, Alaska 99611	Occupation: Self Employer: Na Description:	\$25.00
03/09/2023	Credit Card	Martin, Brian 6570 E Robinson Cir Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$10.00
03/09/2023	Credit Card	Sherman, Colleen 43420 Kalifornsky Beach Rd Soldotna, Alaska 99669	Occupation: Self Employer: GF Sherman Signs Description:	\$500.00
03/11/2023	Credit Card	Holliday, Lola PO Box 551 Garden Grove, California 92842	Occupation: na Employer: na Description:	\$20.00
03/13/2023	Credit Card	Carhart, Steve 3324 Knik Ave Anchorage, Alaska 99517	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	
03/13/2023	Credit Card	Francine, Sayer PO Box 10 Homer, Alaska 99603	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$100.00
03/16/2023	Credit Card	Anderson, John 3801 Chiniak Bay Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99515	Occupation: Manager Employer: Alaska Abatement Description:	\$250.00
03/16/2023	Credit Card	Baird, Joe 414 Marine Street Sitka, Alaska 99835	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$50.00
03/18/2023	Credit Card	Curry, Amah POB 210516 Auke Bay, Alaska	Occupation: retired Employer: na Description:	\$12.50

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	3/18/2023	Credit Card	Durham, Carmen 1178 Skyline Dr Fairbanks, Alaska 99712	Occupation: Homemaker Employer: Homemaker Description:	\$29.25
	03/18/2023	Credit Card	Erickson, Arne 368 Hillside Drive Fairbanks, Alaska 99712	Occupation: Commercial Vehicle Inspector Employer: State of Alaska Description:	\$25.00
	03/18/2023	Credit Card	Lindsey, Kurt PO Box 92267 Anchorage, Alaska 99509	Occupation: Southside Petro Employer: Southside Petro Description:	\$500.00
	03/18/2023	Credit Card	Newman, Larry 4637 Virginia #C Dallas, Texas 75204	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$10.00
	03/18/2023	Credit Card	Priebe, Mary 4790 Sandy Beach Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99502	Occupation: retired Employer: retired Description:	\$75.00
لر	03/18/2023	Credit Card	Veith, Frank PO BOX 1591 Anchorage, Alaska 99645	Occupation: CONAM Construction Employer: Conam construction Description:	\$50.00
	03/19/2023		Melum, Lana 7231 North Park Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99516	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$100.00
	03/20/2023	Credit Card	Mattson, Donald 730 West Rockside Road Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$30.00
	03/21/2023	Check 31688	Leman, Loren 2699 Nathaniel Ct Anchorage, Alaska 99517	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$150.00
	03/29/2023	Credit Card	Carey, Craig 4109 Lynn Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99508	Occupation: Employer: Description:	\$25.00
	03/29/2023	Credit Card	Cooper, Darlene 1300 West 45th Avenue Anchorage, Alaska 99503	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$62.50
	J3/29/2023	Credit Card	Olson, Larry PO Box 978 Sterling, Alaska 99672	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$20.00

03/30/2023	Credit Card	Campbell, Casey 126 E Cook Ave Anchorage, Alaska 99501	Occupation: Realtor Employer: Benson Realty Description Description:	\$20.00
03/30/2023	Credit Card	Whitford, Sharri 175 n Binkley st #4032 Soldotna, Alaska 99669	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$41.45
04/01/2023	Credit Card	Carroll, Susanne 1752B Army Rd Fairbanks, Alaska 99709	Occupation: Retired Employer: na Description:	\$12.50
04/01/2023	Credit Card	Hahn, Deborah 11725 Inspiration Dr Eagle River, Alaska 99577	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$100.00
04/01/2023	Credit Card	Tennis, Jacque 2931 Bennett Ave Anchorage, Alaska 99517	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired Description:	\$50.00
04/04/2023	Credit Card	Ross, Leroy 3223 E. Lakeview Rd Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Occupation: Three Bears Alaska Employer: Three Bears Alaska Description:	\$100.00
04/07/2023	Credit Card	Hutchison, Christine 281 Juliussen St Kenai, Alaska 99611	Occupation: Self Employer: Na Description:	\$25.00
		Number		
		Sum	of Contributions under \$100:	\$0.00
1			Income Total:	\$293,817.70

## EXPENDITURES

Date	Payment Method	. Vendor	Purpose	Amount
01/23/2023	Non-Monetary Website & Domain	Izon, Phillip 13388 E Moosewallow Ave Palmer, Alaska 99645		\$350.00
01/23/2023	Non-Monetary Management Costs / Time In Kind Donation	Izon, Phillip 13388 E Moosewallow Ave Palmer, Alaska 99645		\$200,000.00
(15/2023	Check 101	Leading Light Advsors 4201 E. Dimond Way Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Marketing / Communications	\$20,000.00
02/22/2023	Check 102	Leading Light Advisors 4201 E. Dimond Way	Marketing / Communications	\$20,000.00

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		Wasilla, Alaska 99654		]
52/23/2023	Non-Monetary Printing Services / In-Kind Donation	Ranked Choice Education Association 2511 Sentry Dr. Ste 200 Anchorage, Alaska 99507		\$1,382.00
03/11/2023	Debit Card	Leading Light Advisors 4201 E Dimond Way Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Merchandise / Marketing	\$2,500.00
03/15/2023	Debit Card	Leading Light Advisors 4201 E Dimond Way Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Merchandise / Marketing	\$3,000.00
03/21/2023	Check 103	Leading Light Advisors 4201 E. Dimond Way Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Marketing / Communications	\$20,000.00
04/01/2023	Debit Card	Leading Light Advisors 4201 E Dimond Way Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Merchandise / Marketing	\$1,500.00
_			Expenditure Total:	\$268,732.00

## **DEBTS**

7	Date Incurred	Name	Description or Purpose	Original Amount	Balance Remaining	
	No Debts / Nothing to Report					
Remaining Debt Total: \$					\$0.00	

## GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

## COMPLETED

Submission Date: 03/20/2023

Filer First Name: Phillip

Filer Middle Name (Optional): A

Filer Last Name: Izon

Filer's Title with Group: Records Keeper

## GROUP INFORMATION

Previously Registered: No

Election Year: 2023

Group Name: Alaskans For Honest Elections

Abbreviation: AKHE

Purpose: Any lawful election matters

Group Type: Initiative Proposal

Group Mailing Address: 2521 E Mtn Village Dr

City, State Zip: Wasilla, Alaska 99654

Additional Email Addresses to Notify: admin@alaskansforhonestelections.com

#### CHAIR

Name: Phillip Izon

Address: 4201 E. Dimond Way Unit B City, State Zip: Wasilla, Alaska 99654

Phone: 9078028116

E-mail: admin@alaskansforhonestelections.com

Fax (Optional): Did Not Report

#### TREASURER

Name: Diamond Metzner

Address: 4201 Dimond Way Unit B City, State Zip: Wasilla, Alaska 99654

Phone: 907-802-8116

E-mail: admin@alaskansforhonestelections.com

Fax (Optional): Did Not Report

## DEPUTY TREASURERS / CO-CHAIRS

Name	Address	Title		
No Deputy Treasurers / Co-chairs / Nothing to Report				

Type of Group

#### INITIATIVE PROPOSAL APPLICATION GROUP

Title: Alaskans For Honest Elections
Subject: Repeal of Ranked Choice Voting

CAMPAIGN PLANS

Initiative Proposal Group: Active before the initiative is certified or the ballot in an election.

BANK ACCOUNT / CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY

Name of Bank: Alaska USA FCU
Bank Address: 1501 Parks Hwy

City, State Zip: Wasilla, Alaska 99654

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## **Articles of Incorporation**

#### **Domestic Nonprofit Corporation**

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#### 1 - Entity Name

Legal Name: Alaskans For Honest Elections

#### 2 - Purpose

Any lawful election matters

#### 3 - NAICS Code

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## 4 - Registered Agent

Name: Diamond Metzner

Mailing Address: 2521 E. Mtn Village Dr, #904, Wasilla, AK 99654 Physical Address: 2521 E. Mtn Village Dr, #904, Wasilla, AK 99654

#### 5 - Entity Addresses

Mailing Address: 2521 E. Min Village Dr., #804, Wasilla, AK 99654 Physical Address: 2521 E. Min Village Dr., #904, Wasilla, AK 99654

#### 6 - Officials

Name	Address	% Ow	med Titles
Art Mathias	3900 Arctic Blvd STE 102, Anchorage, AK 99503		Director
Diamond Metzner	2521 E. Mtn Village Dr, #904, Wasilla, AK 99654		Director
Phil Izon	4201 Dimond Way, B, Wasilla, AK 99854		Director
Diamond Metzner			Incorporator
Pip izon			Incorporator
Art Mathias		i	Incorporator

## Name of person completing this online application

This form is for use by the named entity only. Only persons who are authorized by the above Incorporator(s) of the named entity may make changes to it. If you proceed to make changes to this form or any information on it, you will be certifying under penalty of perjury that you authorized to make those changes, and that everything on the form is true and correct. In addition, persons who file documents v. ... he commissioner that are known to the person to be false in material respects are guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Continuation means you have read this and understand it.

Name: Diamond Metzner

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## **Department of Administration**

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION

2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Rm. 128 Anchorage, AK 99508-4149 Main: 907.276.4176 Fax: 907.276.7018 www.doa.alaska.gov/apoc

April 24, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, U.S. MAIL, & EMAIL

Alaskans for Honest Elections
Attn: Phillip Izon
4201 E. Dimond Way Unit B
Wasilla, Alaska 99654
admin@alaskansforhonestelections.com
nevesiltstudio@gmail.com

RE: Notice of Penalty Assessment – Independent Expenditure Report<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Izon:

According to our records you did not timely file your Independent Expenditure Report that was due on February 25, 2023.<sup>2</sup> Instead, the information required to be reported was disclosed on April 10, 2023, in your First Quarterly Report (44 days late). By law a maximum penalty of \$50 accrues each day the report is late.<sup>3</sup> The maximum penalty the Alaska Public Offices Commission has assessed you is \$2,200.<sup>4</sup>

Staff is reducing the penalty to 50% of the maximum civil penalty that could have been assessed because this is your first election cycle. Accordingly, the assessed penalty owed is \$1,100.

#### Additionally, please be advised:

1) You may pay the reduced penalty and avoid formal Commission action by remitting payment by check or money order payable to the State of Alaska to the Alaska Public Offices Commission at the address above; visiting our website to make a payment by credit card; or you may pay in cash at our offices. Payment must be made within thirty days of the date of this letter. If you are unable to pay the

AS 15.13.110(h).

For expenditures between February 15, 2023 and February 25, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> AS 15.13.390(a).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 2 AAC 50.855(b)(2)(C)(i).

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Failure to respond to this notice by either making arrangement for payment within thirty days or submitting an appeal within thirty days will result in staff presenting this matter to the Commission for a final order in the amount of the assessed penalty and referral to the Attorney General's Office.<sup>8</sup>

A copy of this letter will be placed in your APOC file and is considered a public document. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact APOC staff.

#### ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION

Thomas R. Lucas

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Campaign Disclosure Coordinator

Encl: Civil Penalty Appeal Affidavit

2 AAC 50.865

cc: Group File (w/o enclosures)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE: I hereby certify that on this date, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be delivered to: Alaskans for Honest Certified **Elections** Mail Attn: Phillip Izon U.S. Mail 4201 E. Dimond Way Unit B X Email Wasilla, Alaska 99654 admin@alaskansforhonestele ctions.com nevesiltstudio@gmail.com Gille Potters 4/24/2023

9171-9690-0935-0294-3929-87

Law Office Assistant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 2 AAC 50.831(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 2 AAC 50.895.

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Date

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Alaska Business Licenso # 2143067

## Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806

This is to certify that

Swarm Intel, LLC.

4201 Dimond Way, Unit B, Wasilla, AK 99654

owned by

Phillip Izon II

is licensed by the department to conduct business for the period

November 5, 2021 to December 31, 2023 for the following line(s) of business:

54 - Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



This license shall not be taken as permission to do business in the state without having complied with the other requirements of the laws of the State or of the United States.

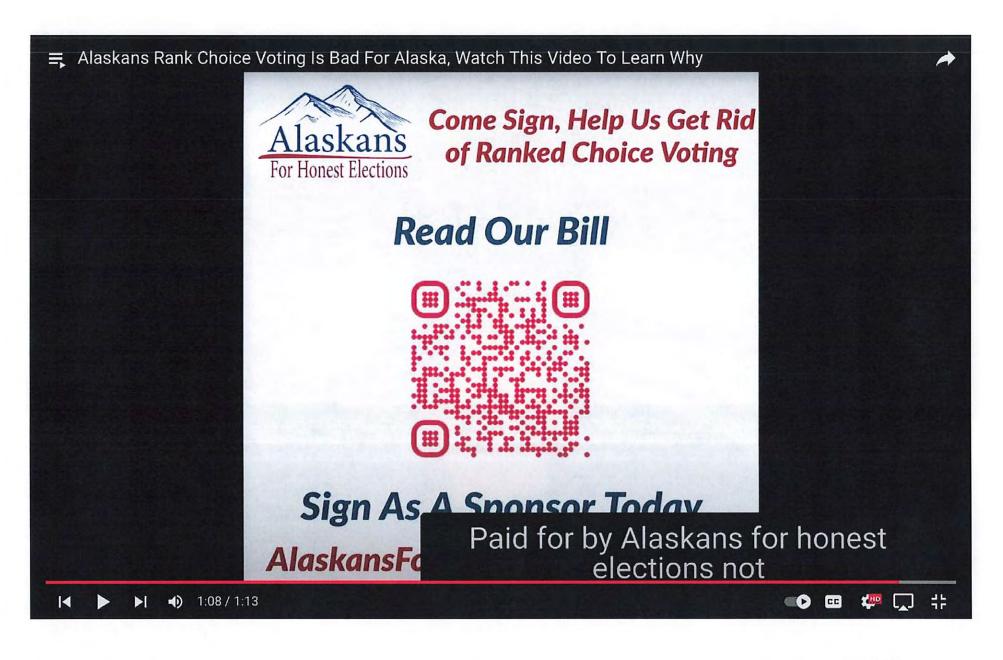
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Julie Anderson Commissioner

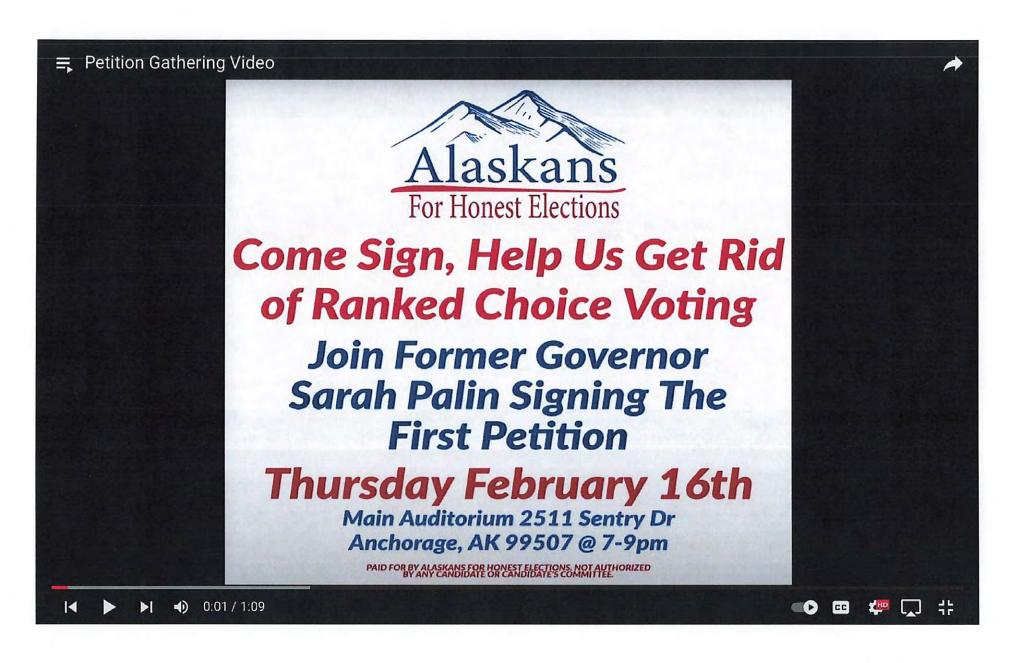


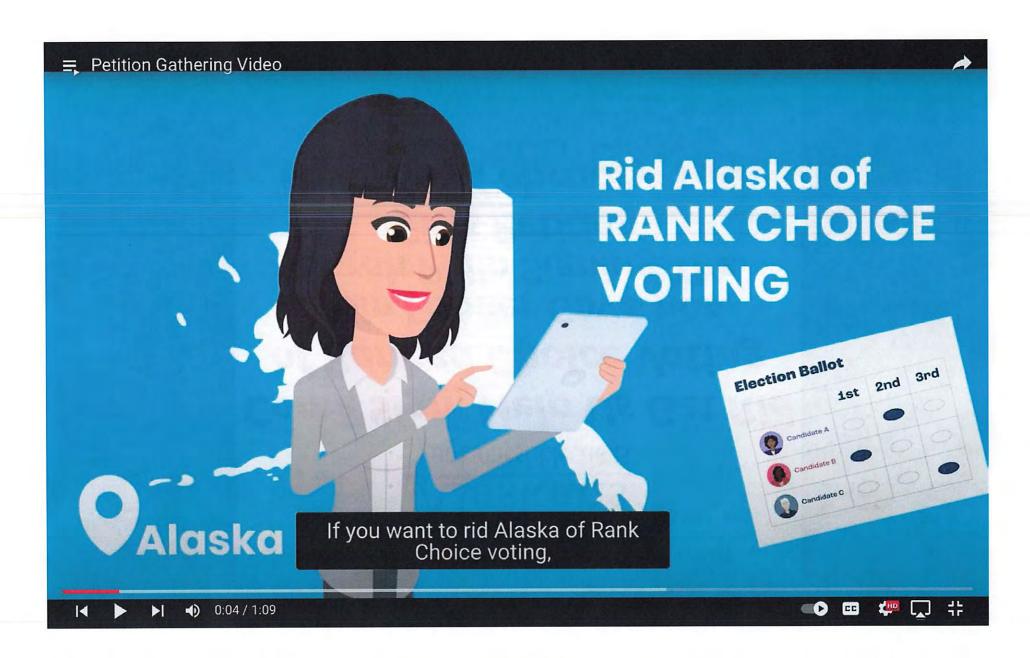


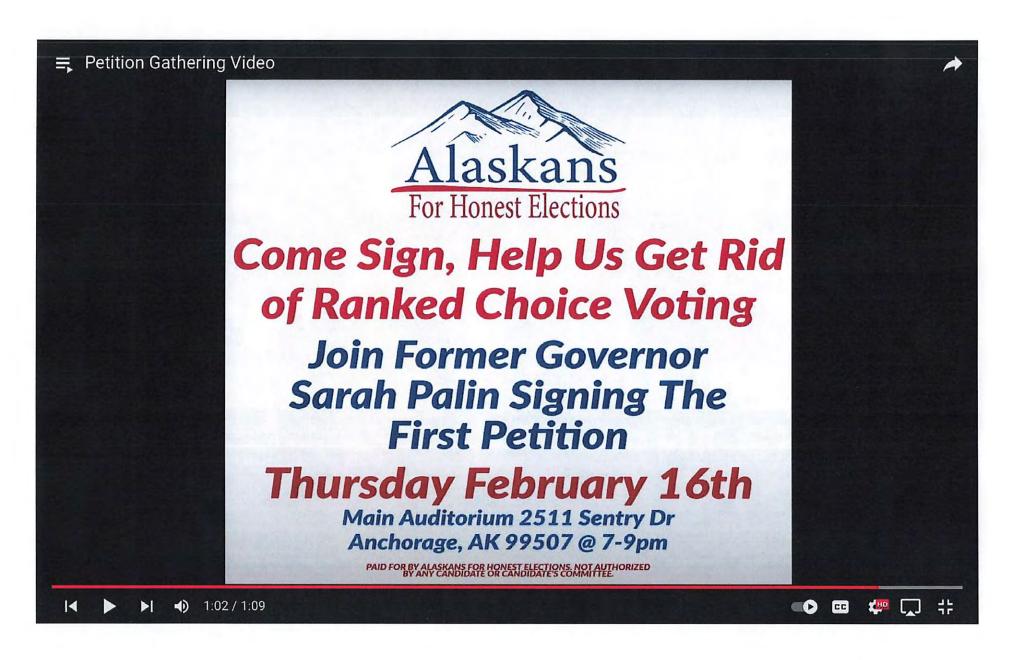


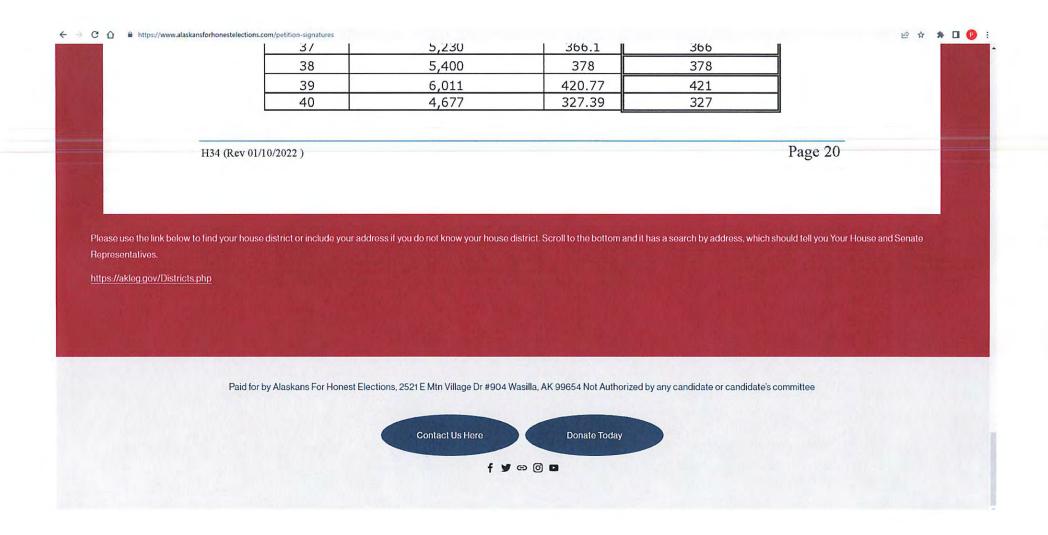














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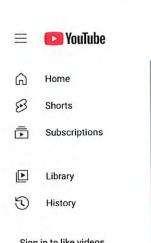
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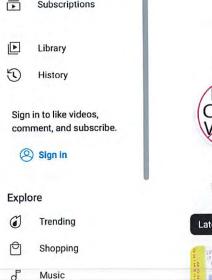
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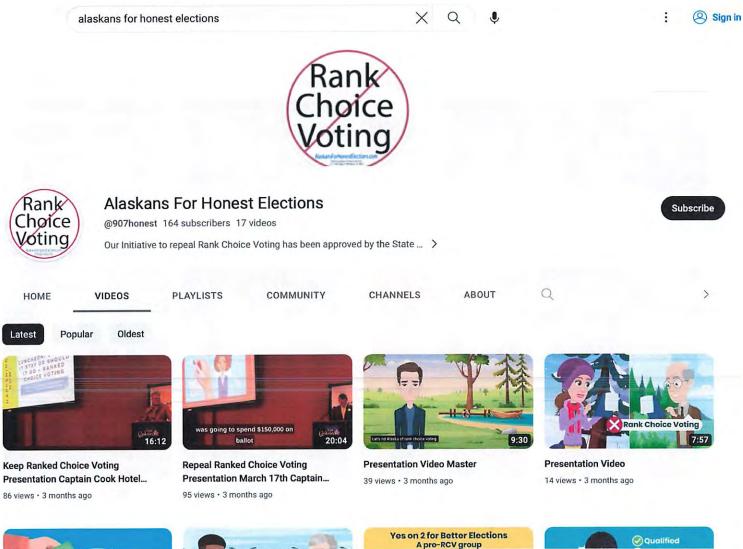
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## INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES FORM 15-6

#### COMPLETED

Submission Date: 05/01/2023

#### FILER INFORMATION

Filer First Name: Phillip

Filer Middle Name: Filer Last Name: **Izon** 

Filer Full Address: 4201 Dimond Way Unit B

Wasilla, Alaska 99654 Filer Occupation: Self

Filer Employer: Swarm Intel USA

Filer's Title with Other Entity: Records Keeper

#### REPORT INFORMATION

Report Year: 2023
Election Year: -1

Report Type: **Ten Day** 

Filer Type: Registered Group

## Business/Other Entity Information

Business/Other Entity Name: Alaskans For Honest Elections

Type of Business or Organization: Registered Group

Address: 2521 E Mtn Village Dr

City: Wasilla State: Alaska

99654

Country: United States

Business/Other Entity Contact Person: **Diamond Metzner** Contact E-mail: **admin@alaskansforhonestelections.com** 

Contact Phone: 907-802-8116

LECTION INFORMATION

Election: Multiple Elections / Other

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# Election Description: Nothing to Report

## **OFFICERS**

Name	Full Address	Title
Phillip Izon	4201 E. Dimond Way Unit B Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Chair
Diamond Metzner	4201 Dimond Way Unit B Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Treasurer

## EXPENDITURES

Date	Recipient	Payment Type	Candidate / Proposition	Amount
04/11/2023	Leading Light Advisors 4201 E. Dimond Way Unit B Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Debit Card	SUPPORT: 22AKHE Election: Marketing / Merchandise	\$1,000.00
J4/15/2023	Leading Light Advisors 4201 Dimond Way Unit B Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Debit Card	SUPPORT: 22AKHE Election: Marketing / Merchandise	\$600.00
04/15/2023	Leading Light Advisors 4201 Dimond Way Unit B Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Check Check Number: 49	SUPPORT: 22AKHE Election: Communications / Marketing	\$5,000.00
04/20/2023	Leading Light Advisors 4201 Dimond Way Unit B Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Check Check Number: 50	SUPPORT: 22AKHE Election: Communications / Marketing	\$15,000.00

## Contributions

Contribution Date	Contributor	Details	Amount
`u4/11/2023	Type: Individual Name: Kay Cashman 13121 Sues Way	Occupation: Journalist Employer: Self	\$25.00

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<u>04/11/2023</u>	Type: Individual Name: Patricia Egland HC 62 box 5640 Delta Junction, Alaska 99737	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired , Alaska	\$10.00
04/13/2023	Type: Individual Name: John Whisamore 5921 S Bodenburg Lp Palmer, Alaska 99645	Occupation: Service Employer: Uhaul , Alaska	\$27.00
04/15/2023	Type: Individual Name: Aaron Crook 204 Antoinette Avenue Fairbanks, Alaska 99707	Occupation: Manager on Duty Employer: Fly trampoline park , Alaska	\$27.00
04/28/2023	Type: Individual Name: William Adickes 1401 Edgecumbe Drive Sitka, Alaska 99835	Occupation: Home Maker / Attorney Employer: Retired , Alaska	\$500.00
04/30/2023	Type: Individual Name: Dennis Thome 100 Miramar Drive Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301	Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired , Alaska	\$10.00

## **DEBTS**

Date	Recipient	Candidate / Proposition	Amount
	No Deb	ts / Nothing to Report	

# REPORT SUMMARY

Number of Expenditures Reported with this Report: 4  Total of paid Expenditures:	\$21,600.00
Previous Contributions:	\$293,817.70
Number of Contributions Reported with this Report: 6	
Total of Contributions Reported with this Report:	\$599.00
Cumulative Contribution Amounts:	\$294,416.70
Number of Officers: 2	
Number of Debts Reported with this Report: 0	
Total of Debts Incurred but not yet paid:	\$0.00

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Alaska Business License # 2155486

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This is to certify that

# **Leading Light Advisors**

4201 Dimond Way Unit B, Wasilla, AK 99654

owned by

Diamond Metzner

is licensed by the department to conduct business for the period

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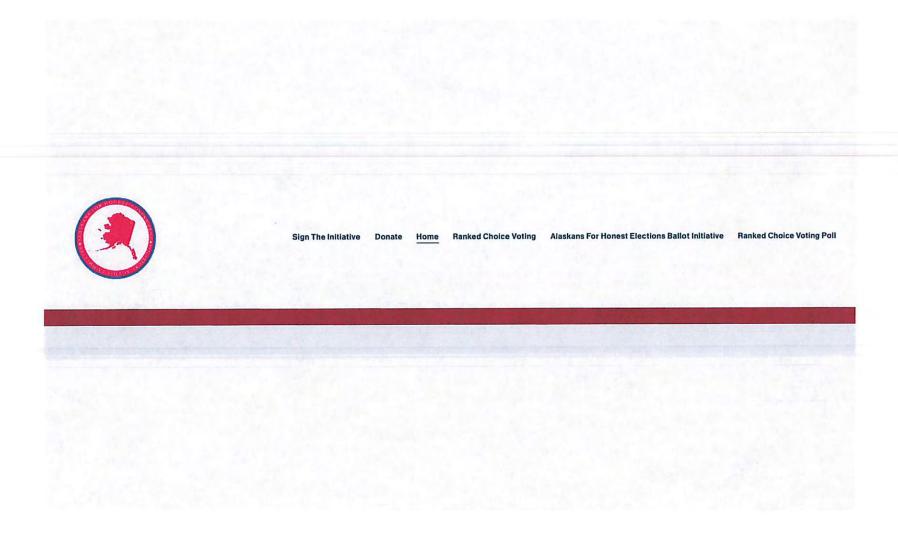


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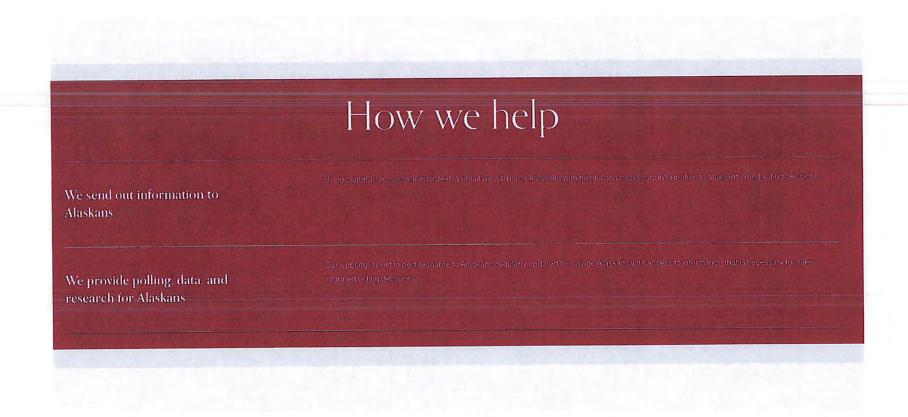
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Julie Sande Commissioner





Alaska aims to be the first State in the United States to Rid their State of Rank Choice Voting. Learn more on their website Alaskans For Honest Elections, aka 22AKHE citizen bill initiative Click Here To Sign The Initiative Today! Alaskans For Honest Elections Repealing Ranked Choice Voting & Jungle Primaries 2023 2024 2023 2023 2022 State Submit Voter Submit Bill Approved **Signatures** Approved Approved



# Our mission is to "Return Alaska's Elections to Alaskans"

Alaskans For Honest Elections would return Alaska's Election System to a party primary system, political parties would select their candidates to appear on the general election ballot.

Website for Alaskans For Honest Elections, which is where we are building our network for signatures and sponsors. Our goals are to have the 100 sponsors and the Bill submitted to the State by November 23rd.

https://www.alaskansforhonestelections.com/

#### **Objectives:**

1. Remove Ranked Choice Voting System, replace it with Political Party System.

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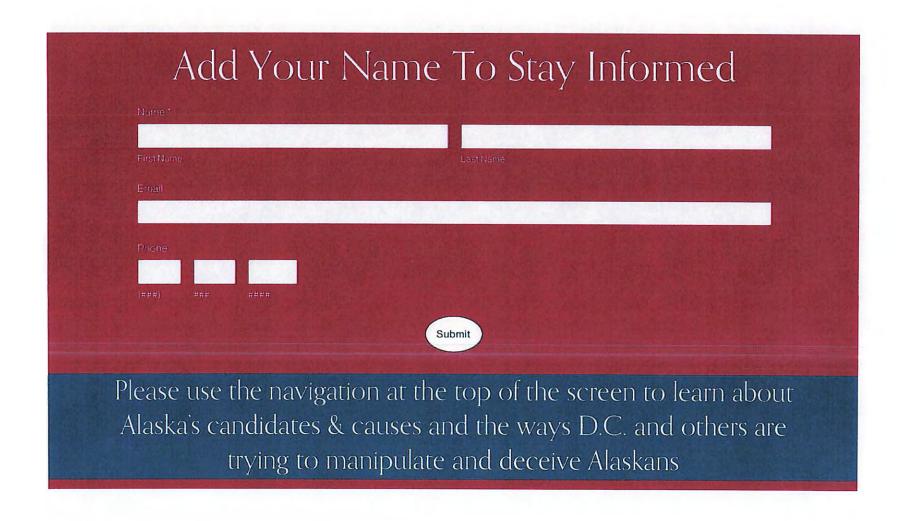


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# Data, Information & Research for Alaskans

# We are here to help Alaskans

Our goals are to provide data, information, and research for Alaskans to make sure their vote is not being swayed by special interests or outside dark money. It is hard to tell what is real anymore; social media, mainstream news, and even local news has been used to distort and manipulate Alaskans for too long. It is time to stand up and work to help candidates, causes, and legislation to protect Alaskans individual rights and freedoms.

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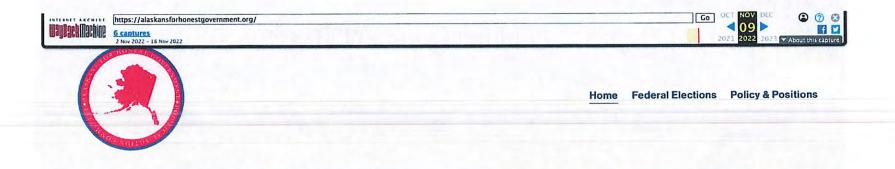
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### FEC FORM 3X

# REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

#### For Other Than An Authorized Committee

#### **FILING FEC-1686700**

#### 1. Alaskans For Honest Government

4201 E. Dimond Way Unit B Wasilla, Alaska 99654

#### 2. FEC Committee ID #: Coo827105

# 3. This committee has NOT qualified as a multicandidate committee (see FEC Form 1M)

#### 4. Report Type = YEAR-END

Filed: 01/31/2023

# SUMMARY PAGE DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE Schedule E (INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES)

#### SUMMARY PAGE

#### 5. Covering Period 12/09/2022 Through 12/31/2022

	Column A This Period	Column B Year To Date
6. (a) Cash on hand, January 1, 2022		0.00
(b) Cash on hand at Beginning of Reporting Period	0.00	
(c) Total Receipts (from line 19)	100.00	100.00
(d) Subtotal (6(b) + 6(c) for A, 6(a) + 6(c) for B)	100.00	100.00
7. Total Disbursements	0.00	0.00
8. Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period	100.00	100.00

9. Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee	0.00
Itemize all on SCHEDULE C or SCHEDULE D	
10. Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee	0.00
Itemize all on SCHEDULE C or SCHEDULE D	·

Treasurer: Diamond Lee Metzner Date Signed: 01/31/2023

# (End Summary Page, FEC FORM 3X)

### DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE

### Of Receipts And Disbursements

	Column A This Period	Column B Calendar Year
I. Receipts		
11. Contributions (other than loans) From:		
(a) Individuals/Persons Other than Political Commi	ittees	
(i) Itemized	0.00	0.00
(ii) Unitemized	0.00	0.00
(iii) Total (11(a)(i) + 11(a)(ii))	0.00	0.00
(b) Political Party Commitees	0.00	0.00
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACS)	0.00	0.00
(d) Total Contributions (11(a)(iii) + (b) + (c))	0.00	0.00
12. Transfers From Affiliated/Other Party Committees	0.00	0.00
13. All Loans Received	0.00	0.00
14. Loan Repayments Received	0.00	0.00
15. Offsets to Operating Expenditures (Refunds, Rebates, etc)	0.00	0.00
16. Refunds of Contributions made to Fed. Candidates and other Political Committees	0.00	0.00
17. Other Federal Receipts (Dividends, Interest, etc)	100.00	100.00
18. Transfers from Non-Federal and Levin Funds		
(a) Non-Federal Account (SCHEDULE H3)	0.00	0.00
(b) Levin Funds (SCHEDULE H5)	0.00	0.00
(c) Total Transfers ( 18(a) + 18(b) )	0.00	0.00
19. Total Receipts (11(d) + 12 + 13 + 14 + 15 + 16 + 17 + 18)	100.00	100.00

20. Total Federal Receipts (19 - 18(c))	100.00	100.00
II. Disbursements		
21. Operating Expenditures		
(a) Shared Federal/Nonfederal Activity (SCHEDULE	H4)	
(i) Federal Share	0.00	0.00
(ii) Nonfederal Share	0.00	0.00
(b) Other Federal Operating Expenditures	0.00	0.00
(c) Total Operating Expenditures (21(a)(i) + (a) (ii) + (b))	0.00	0.00
22. Transfers to Affiliated/Other Party Committees	0.00	0.00
23. Contributions to Fed. Candidates/Committees and Other Political Committees	0.00	0.00
24. Independent Expenditures (SCHEDULE E)	0.00	0.00
25. Coordinated Expenditures Made by Party Committees (SCHEDULE F)	0.00	0.00
26. Loan Repayments Made	0.00	0.00
27. Loans Made	0.00	0.00
28. Refunds of Contributions To:		
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees	0.00	0.00
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02/22/2023	2023 - Alaskans For Honest Elections	Cash	\$2,358.00	\$0.00
02/23/2023	2023 - Alaskans For Honest Elections	Check Check Number: 103	\$1,382.00	\$0.00

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# Name(s)

Type Name
Legal Name WELLSPRING MINISTRIES OF ALASKA

Entity Type: Nonprofit Corporation

Entity #: 67174D

Status: Good Standing

AK Formed Date: 7/1/1999

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# Registered Agent

Agent Name: Art Mathias

Registered Mailing Address: 2511 Sentry Drive, Anchorage, AK 99507

Registered Physical Address: 2511 Sentry Drive, Anchorage, AK 99507

# Officials

AK Entity # Name Titles Owned

ART MATHIAS President, Treasurer

Janice Coulter Director

Monica Mosier Director, Secretary

PATRICIA MATHIAS Vice President

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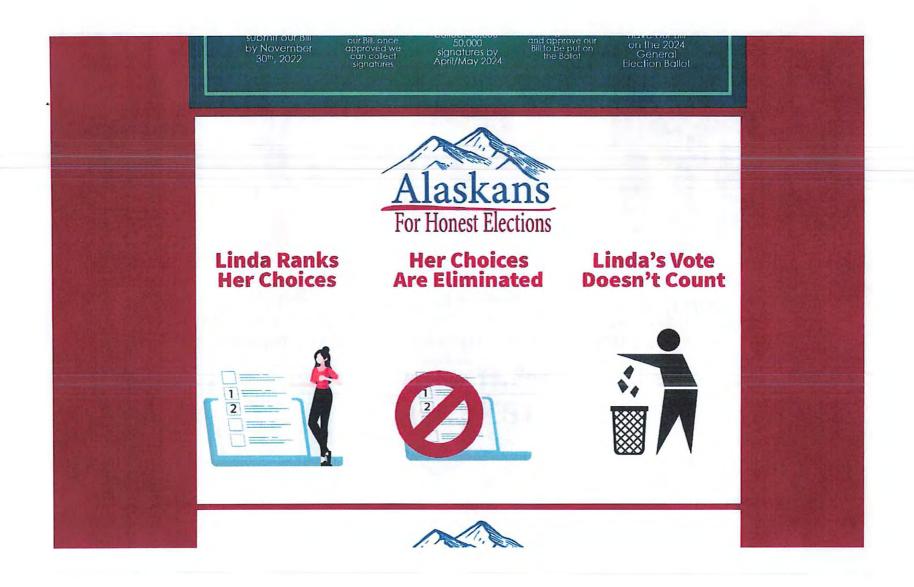
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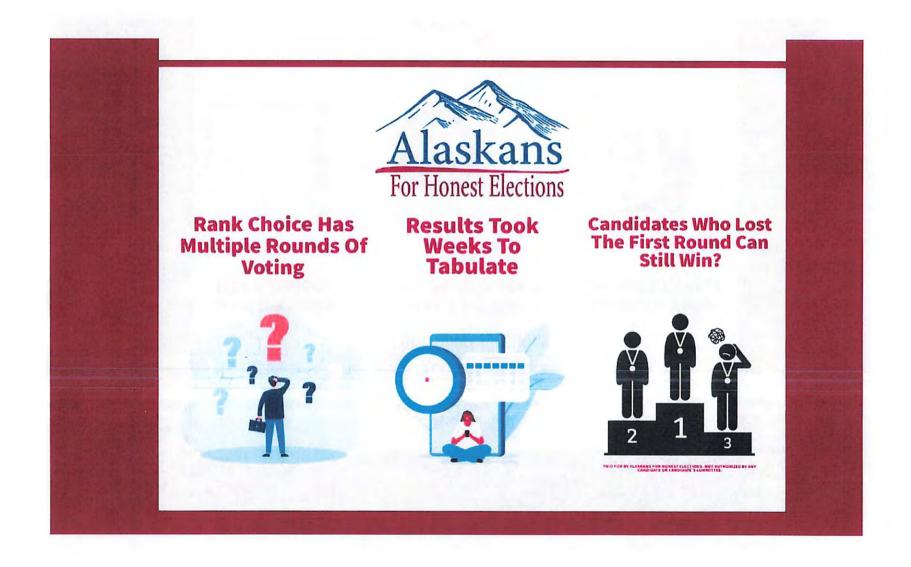
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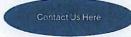






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### **Promoting Fair Representation**

Voters should have a choice to vote for candidate to represent them, Ranked Choice Voting removes the mandate. One Voter, One Vote Under the Ranked Choice Voting System, some voters will get one vote, some two votes, some three votes, and some voters will not get a vote at all. We believe that all voters should be able to easily understand the election system and tabulation of the election should take hours or days, not weeks. Ranked Choice Voting did not accomplish what if set out to do, it disenfranchises voters and confuses people with the excessive complications and tabulations.

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Voters should have an opportunity to vote for one candidate from one political party, having an or, en primary and allowing multiple candidates into the General Election splits the vote and allows Fringe Candidates to Win elections that they otherwise would not have Voters will become more disengaged by a more complicated and confusing system.

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Allowing Voters registered as Independents, Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, or Progressives, all voters should feel represented in elections. The creation of the Jungle Primary or Open Primary, creates an environment where voters are not represented, if voters do not have a foundation to get engaged and stay informed (e.g. Political Parties) then voters become more disengaged and they stop voting. The goals of Ranked Choice Voting are to create more engagement and the system receives a Failing Grade (A aska had the lowest election furnout in a decade in 2022).

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Our Elderly, Disabled, and English as Second Language Voters are impacted negatively by Ranked Choice Voting. Ranked Choice Voting disenfranchises voters and makes it more complicated, takes longer to "Tabulate" Votes is confusing and hurts our most vulnerable in our communities. Ranked Choice Voting is an experiment, we need a simple and easily understood election system, not an experiment.





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# What Is Ranked Choice Voting

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Lam returning Senate Bill 212 willhout my signature.

This bill authorizes general law cities, counties, and school districts to conduct a local election using ranked choice voling.

Ranked choice is an experiment that has been tried in several charter cities in California. Where if has been implemented, I am concerned that it has often led to voter confusion, and that the promise that ranked choice voting leads to greater democracy is not necessarily fulfilled. The state would benefit from learning more-from charter cities who use ranked choice voting before broadly expanding the cytem.

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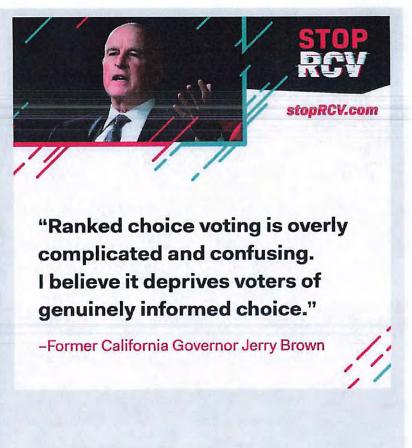
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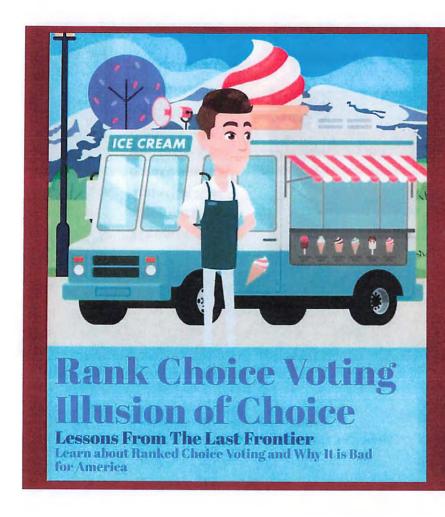
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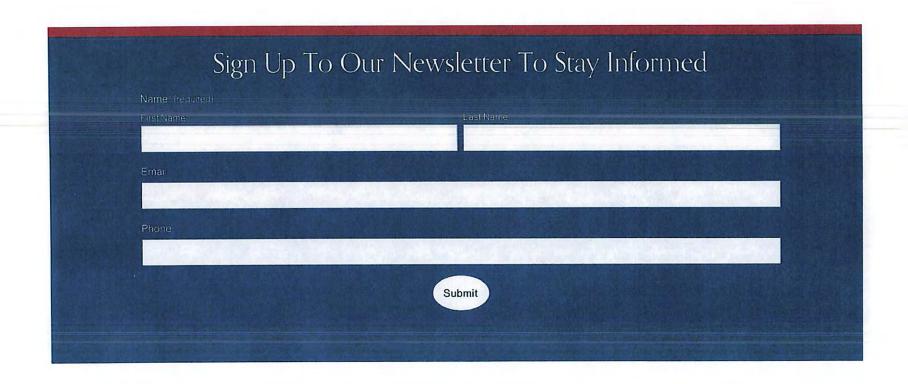






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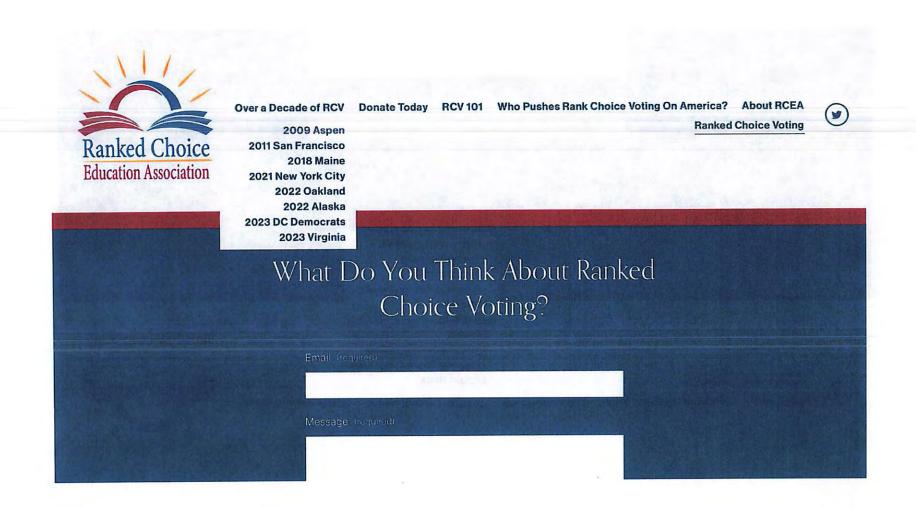
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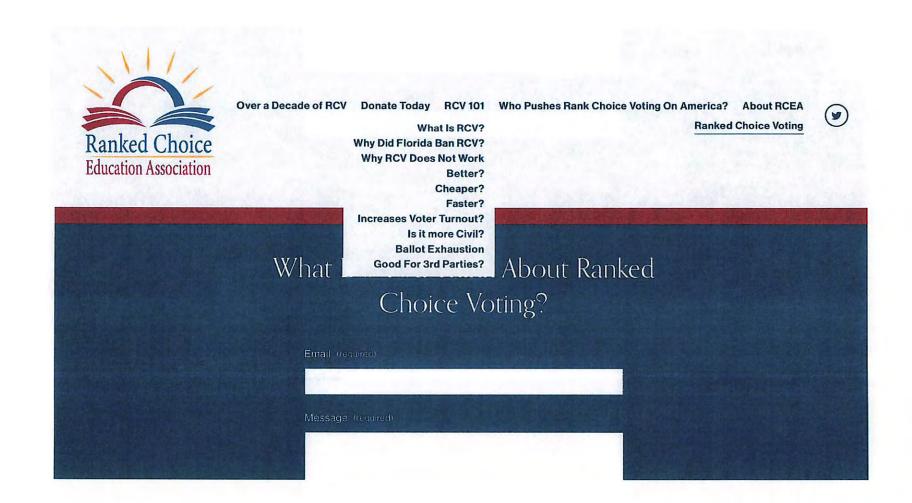


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Submission Date: 06/11/2023

REPORT TYPE

Filing Reason: Contributions in excess of \$2,000

Report Year: 2023 Filed As: Other

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Contribution Date	Recipient	Form of Contribution	Amount	Total Annual Contribution
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# Ranked choice voting opponents begin gathering signatures for ballot initiative

By Iris Samuels Updated: February 18, 2023 Published: February 18, 2023



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Danese Owens, left, and Candy Bagoy signed a ballot initiative petition to reject ranked choice voting in Alaska elections on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023. (Bill Roth / ADN)

A group seeking to reverse Alaska's election reform has begun gathering signatures to put the question to voters on the 2024 ballot.

The ballot initiative is seeking to do away with open primaries and ranked choice voting in general elections, adopting instead Alaska's previous elections rules, which included closed partisan primaries and traditional pick-one general elections.

Ranked choice voting and open primaries were adopted in Alaska in 2020 through a ballot measure that passed narrowly, with just over 50% of voters in favor of the measure, making Alaska only the second state to use ranked choice voting in statewide elections, and the only one to combine ranked choice voting with open primaries. Now, a new group — <u>Alaskans for Honest Elections</u> — is trying to get rid of the new voting laws the same way they came to be, by putting the question to voters.

To do so, the group must gather the signatures of at least 26,000 Alaskans representing three-quarters of Alaska House districts. It's an undertaking that organizers say will take several months, and it began in Anchorage on Thursday, with an event at Wellspring Church that attracted more than 200 people.

By the time the event was over, many of those at the event were sporting the

"rank choice voting" stickers and pins handed out by organizers. Rank, not ranked, as in "foul," they reasoned.

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Alaskans For Honest Elections held a ballot initiative petition signing, to reject ranked choice voting in Alaska elections, at a South Anchorage church on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023. (Bill Roth / ADN)

Former Gov. Sarah Palin, who <u>lost a bid for Alaska's lone congressional seat</u> in the state's first-ever ranked choice regular election in November, had been scheduled to appear at the event but didn't because she was out of state, the organizers said. Both Palin and U.S. Senate candidate Kelly Tshibaka, a conservative Republican <u>who lost a bid to unseat moderate incumbent Sen. Lisa Murkowski</u>, have been <u>outspoken about their opposition</u> to Alaska's new election rules in the wake of their election losses.

Organizers of the ballot initiative said Thursday that they're confident they will succeed in gathering enough signatures to put the question on the 2024 ballot. They say they intend to raise millions of dollars to launch a campaign focusing on what they see as the flaws of ranked choice voting.

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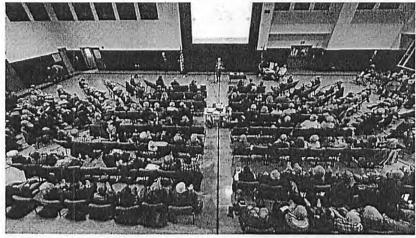


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Art Mathias spoke during the program to reject ranked choice voting in Alaska elections. (Bill Roth ADN)

At the Thursday event, ballot initiative organizers Art Mathias and Phillip Izon said their primary gripe with ranked choice voting is that it is confusing, thus causing fewer people to vote. Opponents of ranked choice voting have said that voter turnout — which was lower than turnout in the previous midterm election but not a record low — is evidence of the flaws in the new system. But Mathias, a Christian minister, divulged that the movement is motivated by a desire to help conservative Republicans, like Tshibaka and Palin, win elections.

Proponents of ranked choice voting say that the new system does not favor one political party over another, and Tshibaka and Palin's recent losses are a feature of the new system, not a bug. Ranked choice voting, they say, is meant to ensure that elected officials appeal to a broad swath of the electorate, rather than a narrower, more partisan base. Successful candidates under the system last year included conservative Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy, Democratic U.S. Rep.

Mary Peltola and Murkowski - a moderate Republican.

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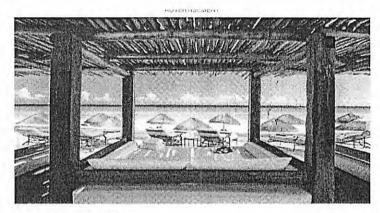
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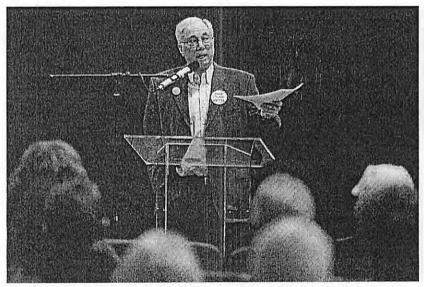
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Still, Mathias warned that if ranked choice voting isn't reversed, "we will never elect another conservative and we will only have outside corporations coming in and buying our candidates and buying our elections."



Art Mathias spoke during the Alaskans For Honest Elections ballot initiative petition signing, to reject ranked choice voting in Alaska elections on Thursday. (Bill Roth / ADN)

He went on to tie the initiative to fights against progressive causes, including public libraries and LGBTQ rights. "It's the same corporations that are redefining

what an election is, but they are also redefining what books we can have in the library. They're also redefining our biology. They keep preaching that men can

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get pregnant," Mathias said.

Izon, on the other hand, said the initiative is nonpartisan and that "all Alaskans can join in on this effort to help us."

"I don't want anyone in this room to think that we're a partisan thing. We're not," Izon told the crowd. It was a feeble attempt at nonpartisanship in a room crowded with "Make America Great Again" hats and other Trump paraphernalia.

# 'A fight for our Republic'

The Thursday event yielded roughly 300 signatures, Mathias said, with more to come from events in the Kenai Peninsula, Palmer, Wasilla, Fairbanks and Ketchikan. But signatures were only half the battle at the event, where attendees weren't allowed to sign the initiative until the end of a two-hour pitch that ended with an ask for donations to fund the anti-ranked choice voting cause.



Former Alaska Lt. Gov. Loren Leman spoke during the Alaskans For Honest Elections ballot initiative petition signing. (Bill Roth / ADN)

"It'll be one thing to get this on the ballot. But then we have to win," said former Lt. Gov. Loren Leman, who is one of several Republican ex-elected officials — including Palin, former state Sen. Jerry Ward, former attorney general Kevin Clarkson and former Lt. Gov. Craig Campbell — who have come together to advise the ballot group.

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Organizers said they have already raised nearly \$500,000 and that the Heritage Foundation, a conservative policy group, had pledged additional support.

Michael Alfaro, who launched a political action committee to support Palin and Tshibaka ahead of the November election, said Thursday that he had helped the ballot initiative group raise funds. Alfaro organized a <u>poorly attended rally</u> for Palin and handed out thousands of Tshibaka-branded <u>lightsabers</u> last year. He said he was amazed at how easy it was to get monetary contributions for the cause of fighting ranked choice voting, compared to the challenges of fundraising for Palin and Tshibaka.

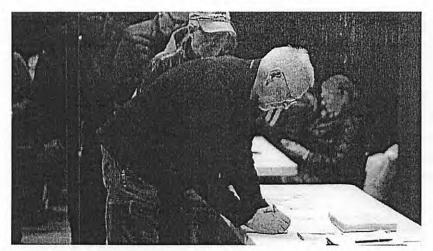
"We are in the fight of our lives. We are in a fight for our republic," Alfaro said.

Ward, who led Trump's Alaska campaigns and was a surrogate for Palin's congressional bid, said that fundraising will be critical moving forward.

"We've got a whole lot more money that needs to be raised," said Ward. "They spent \$7 million to get it on the ballot. They're going to spend \$14 million to keep it on the ballot."

Ward was referring to money spent by <u>Alaskans for Better Elections</u>, the group behind the 2020 ballot initiative that put in place open primaries, ranked choice general elections, and new rules of so-called "dark money" groups spending money in Alaska to sway election results.





Voters signed a ballot initiative petition to reject ranked choice voting in Alaska elections during the signing event on Thursday, (Bill Roth / ADN)

Alaskans for Better Elections mounted a campaign funded almost exclusively by Outside organizations and wealthy donors. And they have indicated that a similar campaign to protect Alaska's new voting system could be mounted against those seeking to reverse the election reform.

"We will continue doing our best to educate Alaskan voters on what benefits we see the reform is having," said Juli Luckey, executive director of Alaskans for Better Elections. "The more Alaskans learn about the benefits, the more they'll want to keep the system in place."

As other states, including Nevada, consider similar ranked choice voting systems and election reform, opponents of Alaska's voting system have painted their efforts as a nationwide fight.

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"If we don't act now, the entire U.S. election system is about to change," Tshibaka told former Trump adviser Steve Bannon on his podcast earlier this month.

The ballot initiative is separate from <u>Tshibaka's new organization</u>, Preserve Democracy, which she says will educate Alaskans and others across the country about the downsides of ranked choice voting. But Alfaro pointed out Thursday that she is using the new organization to travel the state and speak about her election loss, rather than taking action to reverse ranked choice voting in the state.

Tshibaka has already hosted several events, including a recent fundraiser that drew a standing-room-only crowd at Bell's Nursery in South Anchorage.

Tshibaka did not attend the ballot initiative event this week, but said she intended for her organization to work in tandem with the ballot measure.

"It's a 'both and,' not an 'either or," Tshibaka said.

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