



To: Interested Parties
From: Andrew Cluster
Re: Alaska Ballot Measure 2
Date: September 28, 2020

Alaska Voters Support Ballot Measure 2

Alaskans support Ballot Measure 2 by a 59% to 17% margin with 24% undecided.

Supporters outnumber opponents among every subgroup: men, women, Democrats, Republicans, Independents, youth, seniors, college graduates, non-college graduates, whites, non-whites, Biden voters, Trump voters, low, middle and high income, in Anchorage and outside Anchorage.

Results

In this election, you will have the opportunity to vote on Alaska Ballot Measure 2, the Alaska Top-Four Ranked-Choice Voting and Campaign Finance Laws Initiative. Please read the ballot measure below carefully.

Alaska Ballot Measure 2 Alaska Top-Four Ranked-Choice Voting and Campaign Finance Laws Initiative

This act would get rid of the party primary system, and political parties would no longer select their candidates to appear on the general election ballot. Instead, this act would create an open nonpartisan primary where all candidates would appear on one ballot. Candidates could choose to have a political party preference listed next to their name or be listed as “undeclared” or “nonpartisan.” The four candidates with the most votes in the primary election would have their names placed on the general election ballot.

This act would establish ranked-choice voting for the general election. Voters would have the option to “rank” candidates in order of choice. Voters would rank their first choice candidate as “1”, second choice candidate as “2”, and so on. Voters “1” choice would be counted first. If no candidate received a majority after counting the first-ranked votes, then the candidate with the least amount of “1” votes would be removed from counting. Those ballots that ranked the removed candidate as “1” would then be counted for the voters’ “2” ranked candidate. This process would repeat until one candidate received a majority of the remaining votes. If voters still want to choose only one candidate, they can.

This act would also require additional disclosures for contributions to independent expenditure groups and relating to the sources of contributions. It would also require a disclaimer on paid election communications by independent expenditure groups funded by a majority of out of state money.

If the election were held tomorrow, would you vote Yes in favor of Alaska Ballot Measure 2 or No against Alaska Ballot Measure 2?

- 1) Yes – definitely
- 2) Yes – probably
- 3) Undecided, might vote yes or no
- 4) No – probably
- 5) No – definitely

6) *Would not vote on this*

7) *Don't know*

	All	Gender		Party			Borough		Age			
		M	F	D	I	R	Anchorage	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Total Yes	59%	62%	56%	66%	64%	46%	64%	55%	67%	62%	51%	60%
<i>Yes – Definitely</i>	35	40	30	44	35	28	42	30	37	37	31	40
<i>Yes – Probably</i>	24	22	26	22	29	18	22	25	30	25	20	20
Total No	17%	18%	15%	10%	11%	28%	11%	21%	5%	13%	23%	32%
<i>No – Definitely</i>	11	13	8	4	7	20	7	13	2	7	14	27
<i>No – Probably</i>	6	5	7	6	4	8	4	8	3	6	9	5
Undecided, Don't Know	24%	20%	29%	24%	25%	26%	25%	24%	28%	25%	26%	8%

	College Graduate		Race		2020 Vote		Annual HH Income		
	Y	N	White	Non-White	Biden	Trump	Under \$50k	\$50-100k	\$100k+
Total Yes	69%	51%	58%	60%	72%	49%	54%	64%	59%
<i>Yes – Definitely</i>	44	29	34	37	47	27	33	35	39
<i>Yes – Probably</i>	25	22	24	23	25	22	21	29	20
Total No	12%	19%	20%	11%	6%	26%	13%	17%	23%
<i>No – Definitely</i>	8	12	14	4	2	17	7	10	17
<i>No – Probably</i>	4	7	6	7	4	9	6	7	6
Undecided, Don't Know	19%	30%	22%	29%	22%	25%	33%	19%	18%

Methodology

This online survey of 803 likely Alaska voters was conducted September 22-27, 2020. The margin of error is +/- 3.5 percentage points. Fieldwork was conducted by Mercury Analytics.