

October 7, 2025
Regular Election

Votes cast: 2150

Candidates:

- 1. Assembly Member, Tracie L. Castle
- 2. Assembly Member, Thor Christianson**
- 3. Assembly Member, Austin W. Cranford
- 4. Assembly Member, Katie Riley**
- 5. Assembly Member, Jonathan Wolf
- 6. Assembly Member, Sherri Blankenship
- 7. School Board Member, Lance Ewers
- 8. School Board Member, Courtney Amundson**
- 9. School Board Member, Paul Rioux**

Votes received:

- 135
- 809 Elected**
- 284
- 1353 Elected**
- 621
- 783
- 759
- 1104 Elected** (2-year term)
- 1569 Elected** (3-year term)

Proposition No. 1:

Home Rule Charter Amendment Section 20.01-
allowable uses of Sitka Community Hospital Dedicated
Fund (athletic/recreational facilities)

Results:

	Yes	No
PASSED	1284	792

Proposition No. 2:

Economic impact study filing requirement for citizen
initiative

Results:

	Yes	No
FAILED	469	1647

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SAMPLE BALLOT FRONT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER: To vote for the issue/candidate of your choice, **fill in the oval next to the issue/candidate you want to vote for.** Place your ballot inside the secrecy sleeve and then take your ballot to the ballot box.

If you make a mistake while voting, return the ballot to the election official for a new one.
A vote which has been erased or changed will not be counted.

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
OFFICIAL BALLOT
REGULAR ELECTION
OCTOBER 7, 2025**

Instructions:

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this: ●

Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot. **NO RED INK.** If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, fill in the oval and print the person's name on the blank line provided for a write-in candidate.

FOR ASSEMBLY TWO to be elected Vote for no more than 2	PROPOSITION NO. 1
☐ Tracie L. Castle ☐ Thor Christianson ☐ Austin W. Cranford ☐ Katie Riley ☐ Jonathan Wolf ☐ Sherri Blankenship ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in	Shall Section 20.01 of the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough of Sitka be amended to allow the Sitka Community Hospital Dedicated Fund to be used only for 1) debt expenses of the former Sitka Community Hospital and 2) bond debt and capital expenditures associated with athletic and recreational facilities? Informational: See Ordinance 2025-18A. This amendment proposes a change to how future funds in the Sitka Community Hospital Dedicated Fund may be used. Sitka Community Hospital closed on August 1, 2019. The Home Rule Charter states the Sitka Community Hospital Dedicated Fund shall only be used to pay for the operating, capital, and debt service needs of Sitka Community Hospital. While some residual expenses remain related to retirement benefits for former Sitka Community Hospital employees, funding is anticipated to be available that could be used to help pay bond debt and capital expenditures associated with new and revitalized athletic and recreational facilities, subject to Assembly and voter approval.
FOR SCHOOL BOARD TWO to be elected Vote for no more than 2	
☐ Lance Ewers ☐ Courtney Amundson ☐ Paul Rioux ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in	
	☐ Yes ☐ No

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PROPOSITION NO. 2
(By Initiative Petition Ordinance 2025-22)

Shall the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) adopt proposed Ordinance 2025-22 requiring all citizen initiative applications to include a professionally prepared Economic Impact Study Report (EISR) as detailed below?

The EISR, dated no more than 30 days prior to the application, shall:

1. Provide a clear, comprehensive, and impartial analysis of the proposed initiative's economic impact on Sitka, including effects on municipal finances, employment, business activity, investment, and demographic and geographic groups;
2. Include the following elements related to the proposed initiative:
 - a. Executive summary and one-page visual summary;
 - b. Fiscal impact estimating the projected costs and savings to the CBS over one-, five-, and ten-year periods, including any new expenditure(s) and reduction(s) in services;
 - c. Revenue analysis of anticipated impact on municipal revenues, taxes, fees, grants, and other income sources;
 - d. Employment effects (municipal jobs and the non-municipal labor market);
 - e. Private sector implications;
 - f. An analysis of how economic benefits and burdens of the measure will likely be distributed among different income groups, geographic areas, and demographic populations within Sitka;
 - g. Each of the foregoing analyses must include projections for economic impacts during the first year following adoption of the initiative, from one to five years following adoption, and from five to ten years following adoption;
 - h. A description of the assumptions used, sources of data, and analytical methods and models employed in preparing the EISR;
 - i. Summaries of key data on which the analyses were performed and the findings and conclusions made; and
 - j. A signed statement by the Author certifying that they meet the qualifications required to prepare the EISR.
3. Be prepared by qualified professionals who hold advanced degrees, have relevant experience, and are independent from the initiative's sponsors; and
4. Be prepared and delivered at the sole expense of the sponsor(s) of the proposed initiative.

The Municipal Clerk shall reject any application that does not include a complete and compliant EISR. A copy of the EISR must be made available to the public at the Municipal Clerk's Office, and it must also be included in the petition booklets issued by the Municipal Clerk.

Informational: See Ordinance 2025-22.

☐ Yes ☐ No

 VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT



MUNICIPAL REGULAR ELECTION - OFFICIAL RESULTS OCTOBER 7, 2025						
CANDIDATES	PRECINCT	PRECINCT	EARLY VOTING	ABSENTEE/ QUESTION	TOTALS	PERCENTAGES
	NO. 1	NO. 2		COUNT OCT. 10		%
ASSEMBLY (two 3-year terms)						
Tracie L. Castle	35	33	58	9	135	3.4%
Thor Christianson	196	222	352	39	809	20.2%
Austin W. Cranford	97	86	94	7	284	7.1%
Katie Riley	329	406	565	53	1353	33.7%
Jonathan Wolf	158	202	238	23	621	15.5%
Sherri Blankenship	259	233	264	27	783	19.5%
Write-ins	13	3	10	0	26	0.6%
SCHOOL BOARD (one 3-year term, one 2-year term)						
Lance Ewers	225	242	267	25	759	21.9%
Courtney Amundson	298	325	429	52	1104	31.8%
Paul Rioux	412	466	626	65	1569	45.2%
Write-ins	20	5	16	0	41	1.2%
PROPOSITION NO. 1						
(Hospital Fund/Athletic-Rec Facilities)						
YES	350	370	510	54	1284	61.8%
NO	225	239	297	31	792	38.2%
PROPOSITION NO. 2 (Economic Impact Study Required - Citizen Initiative)						
YES	136	142	166	25	469	22.2%
NO	445	485	657	60	1647	77.8%