



# Representative Harriet Drummond

## 2019 Constituent Survey Results

Serving Forest Park, Huntington Park, North Star, Rogers Park, Anchor Park, Geneva Woods, Midtown and Spenard

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I want to thank everyone who responded to my 2019 House District 18 Constituent Survey. With over 300 responses tallied, it is time to share the results. Your answers will guide me as I represent you in the Alaska Legislature.

Thank you!

The Legislature may be called into special session to deal with Governor Dunleavy's line item vetoes of the budget as passed by the legislature. To best serve you I need to know what your priorities are when it comes to funding state services. Please rate the below services 1 – 12 with 1 being of highest importance and 12 being the lowest. (Calculated using a simplified Borda count method with the lowest total reflecting the highest priority)

	Priority ranking/count		Priority ranking/count		Priority ranking/count
Education/Schools	1 (774)	Senior Benefits/ Pioneer Homes	5 (1574)	Labor & Workplace Development	9 (1924)
Medicare/Medicaid	2 (1232)	Road Maintenance	6 (1585)	Fish & Game Programs	10 (1979)
Law Enforcement	3 (1323)	Environmental Conservation	7 (1666)	Construction Projects	11 (2216)
University of Alaska	4 (1514)	Transportation	8 (1921)	Corrections/Prisons	12 (2248)

**Sample Comments**

*"It's hard to rank these, but we support public services, and are willing to pay taxes for it!"*  
*"None, the Governor is doing what is right"*  
*"They are all are important & #1!!! Talk about a Sophie's choice."*  
*"There's already enough \$\$ funding public schools."*  
*"This was very difficult, ALL of this should be funded!"*  
*"All are important except new construction. Why build new roads when we can't fund all the other services?"*  
*"Cut the budget. No income tax/use PFD."*  
*"Boot the marijuana growers and sellers out of jail and that will really help us. Why pay to house them for 18-20 years? They can make a living legally now."*

**2. How would you rate the Dunleavy administration's first five months?**



**Sample Comments**

*"His policies spell disaster for Alaska. The \$3,000 dividend is not an entitlement, or shouldn't be."*  
*"At least he is stirring the pot!"*  
*"You know all the reasons. Americans for Prosperity is taking over our state."*  
*"No comment."*  
*"Below very poor."*  
*"He is doing what voters wanted."*  
*"This was a little hard to answer because he is just getting started."*  
*"He never mentioned his intention to throw the whole economy into a new Great Recession!"*

**3. Governor Dunleavy has proposed a 23% cut to the statewide education budget, which would reduce school funding by close to \$277 million. The Anchorage School District, which is facing a \$105.9 million cut, is warning that this cut will cause class sizes to increase from 30 to 40 students in Anchorage’s high school classrooms. Which statement is most closely aligned with your views on education funding?**

- 55% A. Current levels of school funding are inadequate and should be increased
- 23.5% B. Current levels of school funding are adequate and should be maintained
- 16.5% C. Current levels of school funding are too high and should be reduced
- 5% D. Undecided

**Sample comments**

*“As an educator for the district I see first hand the need for additional funding in order to set up our students for success when entering college or the workforce.”*  
*“Cut the budget. Cut, cut cut!”*

**4. Do you support state provided preschool or Pre-K?**

- 63.5% A. Yes, preschool or Pre-K should be provided by the state
- 25.5% B. No, preschool or Pre-K should not be provided by the state
- 11% C. Undecided

**Sample comments**

*“In these days of drastic budget cuts, I believe we need to forgo Pre-K.”*  
*“All the science points to the importance of Pre-K instruction. So yes, A is important.”*  
*“Without ASD preschool, my son’s speech impediment would never have been addressed or given the proper therapies to one day give a valedictorian speech.”*

**5. Governor Dunleavy proposed a \$19 million cut to the Alaska Department of Corrections. As part of this cut, the governor wants to send 500 inmates out of state to for-profit prisons. It has been reported that prisoners sent out of state have been exposed to gang influences and have brought those gang connections with them when they return to Alaska. Do you support the policy of sending inmates to for-profit prisons out of state?**

- 14.5% A. I support this policy
- 76.5% B. I do not support this policy
- 9% C. Undecided

**Sample comments**

*“There should not be a profit motive for prisons.”*  
*“Yes, it is a deterrent to crime. Positive side: gangs usually kill other criminals. Gangs are in AK prisons already.”*  
*“No one should farm humans or perpetuate a cycle of incarceration vs. rehabilitation order to turn a profit.”*

**6. Do you feel that the crime problem is getting better, worse, or is about the same?**

- 36.5% A. Better
- 60% B. Worse
- 3.5% C. About the same

**Sample comments**

*“About the same as last year. Worse than ten years ago.”*  
*“From 1980 forward, crime has escalated. Harder first time sentences & rehab + three strikes.”*  
*“More gunshots heard than in prior years. More panhandlers.”*  
*“We need resources focused on the causes of crime—not so much the results.”*

## 7. Out of the options below which do you support and which do you oppose in regard to helping Alaska end its budget crisis?

Support    Oppose

71%	29%	Using a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings to pay for public services and programs while protecting continuous dividend checks of at least \$1000 for future generations.
52%	48%	Introduce a state sales tax
65%	35%	Introduce a progressive state income tax
79.5%	20.5%	Reduce tax credits to the oil industry
62%	38%	Cutting government spending by the amount proposed by the House of Representatives (\$200 million)
21%	79%	Cutting government spending by the amount proposed by the Governor (\$1.3 Billion)

### Sample Comments

*“Cut corporate tax credits!”*

*“Quit spending money that isn’t rightfully yours! Give us our PFD, it is rightfully ours!”*

*“A seasonal sales tax makes sense for Alaska.”*

*“We understand there needs to be some cut to government spending, but not as drastic as Dunleavy proposes.”*

*“I cannot pay for private services to replace all that we would lose from public services with a \$3000 dividend.”*

## 8. Do you have any other comments or concerns you would like to share with me?

### Sample Comments

*“Thank you for this survey.”*

*“New sources of revenue must be found if Alaska is to avoid becoming the ‘Appalachia’ of the north.”*

*“Balance the budget!!!”*

*“Please tax me! I want to live in a state where people have enough self respect to pay for services through taxation.”*

*“Get us off Daylight Savings Time!!! We don’t need it!”*

*“Everything has to protect the planet. You are either spending money on education or prisons, choose wisely.”*

*“Fund federal and state match programs in the capital and operating budget.”*

*“Introduce the death penalty for certain crimes.”*

*“Please don’t support the current administration’s attempt to outlaw abortion services in our state.”*

*“I think the oil companies receive too many tax breaks considering the profit they make in Alaska.”*

*“Save public media please.”*

*“I’m torn between a graduated tax to pay for our necessities and a sales tax which would bring in revenue from transitory workers and tourists.”*

*“I’m concerned that between Dunleavy and Trump Alaska and this United States are headed down a path that will take years to recover.”*

*“I want state government to work. I’m tired of seeing businesses and people leave the state because of the cuts and uncertainty. Taxes are needed, but let’s not hurt the poor in the process. Thanks!”*

*“City noise—cars playing music so loud it is heard four or five homes away, and loud exhaust pipes on cars and trucks.”*

*“I support the Death with Dignity bill. Thank you for introducing it.”*

*“Will you please support construction of a daylighted Fish Creek and a greenbelt trail connecting Spenard to Midtown and the University area?”*

*“Harriet, we probably do not agree on anything. But, thank you for sending this survey.”*

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*Rep. Harriet Drummond presenting a legislative citation to the Star Trek meet up group at Bosco's Comics.*

**Please contact me if you have questions or concerns. I'm here for you!**

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*Thank you for responding to my survey!*

**A MESSAGE FROM REP. HARRIET DRUMMOND**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I received well over 300 of your responses by mail and on line to my 2019 Legislative Survey. I am heartened that so many of you are willing to work toward a solution to fix the budget despite the Governor instead seeking to dismantle everything from public schools to law enforcement and Medicare.

I want you to know that I respect the many varying viewpoints you shared with me, and it is clear we all want what is best for Alaska. The results have told me that my constituents are overwhelmingly opposed to the thousands of job losses, economic failure, and dereliction of responsibility proposed by the Governor.

We can no longer tolerate the oil industry walking away with the highest profits in the nation taken from our publicly owned resource while the Governor spends down the Permanent Fund. We must get a fair share for our oil while protecting and growing our sovereign wealth for the future. As we continue to debate these issues, please know that I am on your side.



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