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No on 2 Endorsed by 22 Alaska Labor Unions

Unions representing construction workers, state employees, fire fighters, hotel workers, grocery store employees, plumbers, and more are coming together to Vote No on 2.

[Anchorage, AK] — Alaska's labor unions all across the state are endorsing the No on 2 campaign to protect Alaska's open primaries and ranked choice voting.

"Ballot measure 2 would be a blow to Alaskan workers. Open primaries give Alaskans the freedom to choose whoever they want for political office and that freedom must be protected" said Heidi Drygas, ASEA-PAC Director. "Alaskan workers must be able to vote for the candidates that best align with their values, no matter their political affiliation. Ballot measure 2 would put political parties above the voices of Alaska's workers."

"Alaska's workers are the backbone of Alaska, they deserve the right to vote for the candidates that represent them best—which is why we're coming forward to protect our voting system from the partisan overreach of Ballot Measure 2. We encourage all Alaskans to vote No on 2," said Alaska AFL-CIO President Joelle Hall. "Alaska's combination of open primaries and ranked choice voting gives every Alaskan voter a voice in the future of our state and allows candidates to work across the aisle to do what's best for their constituents without fear of punishment from their parties."

Open primaries and ranked choice voting empowers voters, increases competition, and fosters more representative, accountable leadership. By endorsing No on 2, labor unions are taking a significant stand for the voting rights of working families and protecting all Alaskans' freedom to vote for any candidate in any election, regardless of political party.

As the November 5th general election nears, No on 2 looks forward to standing alongside Alaska's hardworking union members to encourage Alaskans to vote no on Ballot Measure 2.

About No on 2:

No on 2 represents a coalition of community groups, civic organizations, and individual Alaskans from across the political spectrum and all over the state. All Alaskans have the freedom to vote for any candidate in any election, regardless of political party, but ballot measure 2 seeks to strip that freedom away. We're working to protect that freedom.

We're proud to be endorsed by Alaskans and Alaskan organizations from across the state. For more information or to get involved, see our <u>website</u>.

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