



## 2018 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire

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**1. What elements of Alaska's criminal justice reforms passed from 2016 to present do you support?**

Response: I generally supported all of them. I voted YES on SB91, although I did support a number of Rep. Andy Josephson's floor amendments, most of which did not pass. I also voted YES on SB54 (revised several sections of SB91 and added some components such as limiting caseloads for probation and parole officers), YES on HB312 (Omnibus Crime Bill, Public Safety Plan) as well as cosponsor of 312, which considers a defendant's out-of-state criminal history in pre-trial release decisions.

**2. What elements of Alaska's criminal justice reforms passed from 2016 to present do you believe should be amended further?**

Response: **Criminal justice reforms need time to show results and be examined for changes if necessary.**

**3. Would you vote to keep the following elements of Alaska's justice reforms?**

- **Tougher penalties on violent crimes like 1st and 2nd degree murder**  
Yes! Explain: does this really need explaining?

- **Improved services for victims of violent crimes**  
Yes. Explain: Cosponsored and voted YES on HB216, Assistance for Crime Victims
- **Strengthened community supervision of those on probation and parole**  
Yes. Explain: Ensure parole and probation officers are funded and supported.
- **Expanded crime-reduction programs like violence prevention and substance abuse treatment**  
Yes. Explain: Sponsored HB214, Bree's Law & Teen Dating Violence Prevention. Voted YES to SB 104, Marijuana Education, Treatment Fund
- **Expanded eligibility for parole to those with a record of good behavior who present minimal risk to the community**  
Yes. Explain: Those with minimal risk to the community shouldn't be imprisoned at high cost to the state. Examining results as above.
- **Establishment of an oversight committee and mandatory data collection and reporting requirements to ensure the law is working as intended**  
Yes. Explain: Not sure but I think the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission is following up with data collection etc.
- **Limited jail time for people convicted of misdemeanors**  
Yes. Explain: Non-violent offenders presenting minimal risk to the community should be considered for limited jail time.
- **Making drug possession a misdemeanor offense, while maintaining felony penalties for drug dealing and distribution**  
Yes. Explain: Makes sense, see above on marijuana crimes, HB 316
- **Placing non-violent, low-risk defendants awaiting trial under community supervision instead of prison**  
Yes. Explain: See above for similar offenders.

4. **Under Alaska state law, inmates are required to be returned to the place of arrest, but this is rarely communicated to them and those from rural are often released from prison in urban areas without the means to return to their communities. This contributes to homelessness in urban areas as well as statewide recidivism. Do you support funding to ensure that parolees are returned to their place of arrest at the time of their release?**

Response: Yes

5. **In 2015, President Obama removed the box requiring disclosure of prior criminal conviction from federal job employment applications. Do you support or oppose**

**similar measures on the state level to increase employment opportunities for citizens who have paid their debt to society and want to lead productive lives?**

Response: Yes.