

SARAH PALIN

Palin Says She's a Change from The Scandal-Plagued Republicans, But She's More of the Same. Palin built her reputation on criticizing state Republicans for ethics questions, but Palin has questions of her own, as she used city resources when she campaigned for Lt. Governor; Palin chaired the campaign of another candidate in a race dominated by resource issues when she was on the oil and gas commission and said that she saw no conflict of interest. For years, Palin supported Murkowski, campaigning for him across the state, and he supported her campaigns as well.

Palin Touts Fiscal Conservatism, But She Increased Spending Tremendously and Supported Tax Increases. Palin constantly reminds us that she is a fiscal conservative. But during her time as mayor, she increased the city's budget at a rate far outpacing the city's growth with spending on large projects. She supported sales tax increases and left the city with thousands in per-capita debt, where none had existed when she came in. Palin brags about eliminating the personal property tax, but with the same legislation, the city increased motor vehicle fees that almost matched the lost income of the personal property taxes.

Palin Is Too Socially Conservative for Libertarian Alaska. Palin is a strong conservative—something she repeated throughout her primary campaign but now seems to try to back off from. She is not only pro-life but is involved with—and even steered tax money toward—organizations that give misleading information on abortion. She called herself a “hard-core fiscal conservative” who wanted government to get to the bare bones. The Anchorage Daily News asked whether her “socially conservative positions square with Alaska's generally libertarian approach to those issues.” Palin also supported a flat tax, an idea even Bob Dole thought was absurd.

Palin's Management Style is to Bully and Demand Political Loyalty. Palin's tenure as mayor of Wasilla was marred by tremendous staff turnover, first when she fired most of the top staff—including the city's librarian—because she questioned their loyalty, and then later when staff quit because of her micromanaging style. Wasilla even lost the opportunity to hire a police chief because he said the job seemed too political.

Palin's Not Ready for Primetime. Palin argues that she was the mayor of the fastest growing city in Alaska. While that may be true, Wasilla's population is still 1 percent of the rest of the state of Alaska. The last budget Palin approved, \$12.5 million, is .2 percent of the \$7.3 billion budget Tony Knowles approved.

Palin's Not Tough Enough to Be A Strong Negotiator for Alaska. As mayor, Palin fired someone because she said he intimidated her with his size and because he gave her a “stern look.” She asked her department heads to give her only good news and once complained because we are so desperate in Alaska for any semblance of glamour and culture.”

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ISSUES

Abortion

Anchorage Daily News Editorial: Palin Has “Extreme Anti-Abortion Views.” The Anchorage Daily News wrote in an editorial, “Alaskans will also have to decide whether her extreme anti-abortion views and other socially conservative positions square with Alaska's generally libertarian approach to those issues.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/24/06]

Palin Moderating Her Abortion Stance? The Anchorage Daily News wrote, “Palin said last month that no woman should have to choose between her career, education and her child.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/6/06]

Palin Called Herself as “Pro-Life As Any Candidate Can Be” But Supports Contraception. “In 2002, when she was running for lieutenant governor, Palin sent an e-mail to the anti-abortion Alaska Right to Life Board saying she was as ‘pro-life as any candidate can be’ and has ‘adamantly supported our cause since I first understood, as a child, the atrocity of abortion.’ Palin said last month that no woman should have to choose between her career, education and her child. She is pro-contraception and said she’s a member of a pro-woman but anti-abortion group called Feminists for Life. ‘I believe in the strength and the power of women, and the potential of every human life,’ she said.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/6/06]

Palin is a Member of Feminists for Life, A Group That Says Abortion Increases the Risk of Miscarriage, Cancer, and Compares Abortion to the Tuskegee Trials. According to the Anchorage Daily News, Palin “said she's a member of a pro-woman but anti-abortion group called Feminists for Life.” Feminists for Life writes on its website, “If you choose to have an abortion, even if it's at an early stage of pregnancy, the risks associated with this choice include bleeding, injury to the bowel, injury to the urinary tract, infection, and possible problems with having children in the future. Obviously, the further along in the pregnancy you are, the higher your chances are to have these types of problems.” The site also says, “recently there have been reports that link breast cancer with abortion. Since abortion has been legal for over 20 years, and sometimes it takes 20 to 30 years for a cancer to develop, this link is just starting to surface. More research is needed, especially since so many women have abortions every year coupled with the fact that so many women also die from breast cancer.” The site adds, “We are reminded that in the not-so-distant past American citizens were “tricked” into participating in research experiments being performed by doctors and other people in the health industry...The Tuskegee experiment is a grim reminder that even though doctors and other people connected with the medical profession have been granted a great deal of trust and privilege in our society, there have been times when that trust was betrayed and innocent citizens were caused irreparable harm.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/6/06; <http://www.feministsforlife.org/resources/realrepr.htm>]

- **National Cancer Institute: It Is “Well-Established” That “Abortion is Not Associated With an Increase In Breast Cancer Risk.”** There is a medical consensus that there is no causal relationship between abortion and breast cancer. This consensus emerged after several well-designed studies, the largest of which was published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 1997, found no indication of increased risk of breast cancer following an induced abortion. In 2002, the Bush Administration edited a National Cancer Institute website to suggest that there was still an open scientific question about whether having an abortion might lead to breast cancer. After members of Congress protested the change, the National Cancer Institute convened a three-

day conference of experts on abortion and breast cancer. Participants reviewed all existing population-based, clinical, and animal data available. Their conclusion was that “[i]nduced abortion is not associated with an increase in breast cancer risk.” The panel ranked this conclusion as “well-established.” [Committee on Government Reform, “False And Misleading Health Information Provided By Federally Funded Pregnancy Resource Centers,” 7/06; Mads Melbye et al., *Induced Abortion and the Risk of Breast Cancer*, 336 *New Eng. J. Med.* 81, 84 (1997); www.democrats.reform.house.gov/Documents/20040817143143-53989.pdf; *New York Times*, 1/6/03; National Cancer Inst., *Summary Report: Early Reproductive Events and Breast Cancer* (Mar. 4, 2003) (online at www.cancer.gov/cancerinfo/ere-workshop-report)]

Palin Said She Was Pro-Life With an Exception for the Life of the Woman. Palin said, “I am pro-life. With the exception of a doctor’s determination that the mother’s life would end if the pregnancy continued. I believe that no matter what mistakes we make as a society, we cannot condone ending an innocent’s life.” [Eagle Forum questionnaire]

Palin Used Part of the City’s Funds from the Alaska Revenue Sharing Fund to Fund Anti-Abortion Center. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance appropriating \$2,354 in funds to the Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center from the State of Alaska Revenue Sharing fund. The Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center lists itself as an “abortion alternative” in the Yellow Pages. [Ordinance 97-23, 4/14/1997; AlaskaYellowPages.com] CHECK OTHER YEARS

- **Crisis Pregnancy Centers Are Known To Give Misleading and Often Inaccurate Information.** A recent government investigation of pregnancy crisis centers found that “The centers provided false and misleading information about a link between abortion and breast cancer;” “The centers provided false and misleading information about the effect of abortion on future fertility;” “The centers provided false and misleading information about the mental health effects of abortion.” Planned Parenthood also says the centers offer free pregnancy tests but give ambiguous answers about the results, show shocking films or slide shows while patients wait for pregnancy results, make exaggerated promises of financial assistance, medical treatment, prenatal and postpartum care and refuse or fail to provide contraceptive information. [Committee on Government Reform, “False And Misleading Health Information Provided By Federally Funded Pregnancy Resource Centers,” 7/06; Planned Parenthood]
- **Valley Hospital Gave Grant to Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center.** “Valley Hospital Healthy Communities Program awards grants: Grants totaling more than \$ 58,000 were awarded to three local organizations. The committee allocated funds to Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center for the establishment of an abortion hotline, the Mat-Su Alternative School for its Peer Outreach program and to Teen Challenge for an abstinence course.” [*Anchorage Daily News* (Alaska), 12/28/99] CHECK THIS OUT—SHE WAS ON VALLEY BOARD

Palin Said She Supported a Constitutional Amendment Saying the Constitution Does Not Contain a Right to An Abortion. Asked whether she would support legislation and/or a constitutional amendment to clarify that the state constitution does not contain a right to an abortion, Sarah Palin responded, “Yes.” [Alaska Family Council Voter Guide, 8/22/06]

Palin Said She Supported a Constitutional Amendment Limiting Abortion to When a Woman’s Life or Health are In Jeopardy. Asked whether she would support a Constitutional amendment to limit state funding for abortions to only situations in which a woman’s life or major bodily functions are threatened, Sarah Palin responded, “Yes.” [Alaska Family Council Voter Guide, 8/22/06]

Palin Said She Supported a Constitutional Amendment Changing the Judicial Selection Process.

Asked if she would support a constitutional amendment to change the judicial selection process, Sarah Palin responded “Yes.” [Alaska Family Council Voter Guide, 8/22/06]

Palin Said She Supported a Constitutional Amendment To Enforce Parental Consent Law if Supreme Court Declared it Unconstitutional.

Asked if she would support a Constitutional Amendment to overturn the Supreme Court and allow a parental consent law to be enforced if the Alaska Supreme Court declared the parental consent law unconstitutional, Sarah Palin responded, “yes.” [Alaska Family Council Voter Guide, 8/22/06]

Palin Said She Supported a Legislation Requiring Women to Be Asked if They Are Being Coerced When They Get An Abortion.

Asked if she would support legislation that makes it a crime to “coerce a woman into an unwanted abortion and requires abortion clinics to ask women if they are being coerced,” Sarah Palin responded “yes.” [Alaska Family Council Voter Guide, 8/22/06]

Bars/Alcohol

Mike Lohman Owned the Wasilla Bar and Was an Outspoken Opponent of Restricting Bar Hours.

“Wasilla bar owner Mike Lohman has been outspoken in his opposition to restricting bar hours. He owns the Wasilla Bar, one of the night spots open until the wee hours of the morning.” [[Frontiersman](#), 8/16/96]

Stambaugh Replacement Endorsed Long Bar Hours. In 1997, Wasilla hired Duwayne “Charlie” Fannon as its new police chief. When he was hired, Fannon was asked about the bar hours in Haines, where he had been police chief. “We have the most liberal bar hours in the state,” Fannon said. “I believe that the answer to cutting crime is not restricting personal freedoms by passing new laws and ordinances.” [[Frontiersman](#), 4/2/97]

Stambaugh Supported Closing Bars Earlier. When the effort to close bars in Wasilla earlier failed, “Wasilla Police Chief Irl Stambaugh said he is disappointed by the assembly’s action but he’s not giving up on his drive to close Wasilla bars earlier. ‘Ideally I’d rather see the entire borough pass this ordinance so we don’t get a bunch of traveling drunks going from city bars to those bars outside city limits,’ Stambaugh said.” [[Frontiersman](#), 8/23/96]

Palin Opposed Shortening Bar Hours to Close at 3 AM Instead of 5AM. “The Wasilla City Council voted Monday to let bar and liquor store hours in the city keep the status quo. The business only have to close from 5 to 8 am, as required by state law. The ordinance would have closed the businesses 2:30 to 8 am weeknights and 3 to 8 am weekends...With a 3-2 vote, the Wasilla council members defeated the ordinance after a brief discussion. Council members Pat Hjellen and John Hartrick voted for the ordinance, with council members Philip Lockwood, Sarah Palin and Dave Chappel opposing.” [[Frontiersman](#), 8/28/96]

Palin Signed Resolution Opposing State-Wide Effort to Control Hours of Alcohol Sales. In 2001, Palin signed a resolution opposing House Bill 80, relating to the hours alcohol could be sold, saying the Wasilla City Council “supports alcohol control at a local level.” [Resolution 01-07, 2/26/2001]

Budget/Taxes

Palin Called for Spending Reductions and State Worker Hiring Freeze, Except in Public Safety Spending. “Palin said a proper budget plan should include spending reductions and state worker hiring

freezes, she said, though she would not support a reduction in public safety spending. Palin also said state commissioners should prioritize functions. ‘I would encourage firing the guys who can’t prioritize,’ she said to roaring applause.” [Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, 8/7/02]

Palin Criticized Large Alaska Capital Budget, Saying it Looked Odd Coming From a Republican Governor and Republican Legislature. In 2006, when Governor Murkowski signed the largest ever capital budget, of \$3.5 billion, the Anchorage Daily News wrote, “Former Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin said lawmakers should have set aside more of the surplus for the years ahead. ‘This budget will look odd to Alaskans coming from a Republican governor and a Republican Legislature,’ Palin said. ‘I think there’s going to be some confusion there.’” [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 7/1/06]

Debt

Debt Service Increased 69 Percent Under Palin. In fiscal 2003—the last fiscal year Palin approved the budget—the total government debt service was \$658,662. In fiscal 1996—the year before Palin took control of the budget—the debt service was \$390,385. The increase was 69 percent. [Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2003, Table 1]

Palin Left Behind Almost \$19 Million In Long-Term Debt, Compared to None Before She Was Mayor. In fiscal 2003—the last fiscal year Palin approved the budget—the bonded long-term debt was \$18,635,000. In fiscal 1996—the year before Palin took control of the budget—there was no general obligation debt. [Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2003, Table 10]

Long-Term Debt Was \$3000 Per Capita When Palin Left, Compared to None Before She Was Mayor. In fiscal 2003—the last fiscal year Palin approved the budget—the bonded long-term debt per capita was \$2,938. In fiscal 1996—the year before Palin took control of the budget—there was no general obligation debt. [Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2003, Table 10]

When Palin Left Office, 6.24% of Government Spending Was On Debt Service, Compared to None Before She Was Mayor. In fiscal 2003—the last fiscal year Palin approved the budget—the ratio of debt service to general government expenditures was 6.24 percent. There was no long-term debt before she took office. [Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2003, Table 11]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Issue \$15 Million in General Obligation Bonds and Increase the Sales Tax From 2 to 2.5 Percent. In 2001, Palin signed an ordinance authorizing the city to issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$14,700,000 to finance the acquisition and construction of park and recreation capital improvements. The ordinance also increased the sales tax from 2 to 2.5 percent and put the issue on the ballot. After it was adopted by voters, Palin signed an ordinance issuing the bonds. In 2002, Palin signed an ordinance putting the higher sales tax into effect. [Ordinance 01-55 (am), 12/10/2001; Ordinance 02-14 (sub), 4/8/2002; Ordinance 02-49, 8/12/2002]

Palin Was Accused By Stein of Overspending By Approving \$5.5 Million Bond; She Replied that It Had Been Approved By Voters. “Now Stein is urging voters to turn the tables again. He’s accused Palin of overspending city money and has been particularly critical of a \$ 5.5 million road and sewer bond passed last year by voters. He says the bond payments could make the city vulnerable should the economy turn down. Palin notes residents approved the bond, which she says was needed for critical road work.” [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 10/5/99]

Palin Said the Reason for the Increased Cost of Government Was Interest on Bonds. ““Sarah rode in on a conservative horse, but the actual cost of government has gone up,” he said. But Palin says most

of the increase is due to the \$ 400,000 in interest owed on the road and sewer bonds, a measure she notes the voters approved. Much of the rest is due to some positions now included in her budget that weren't when she first took over, she said. Stein also criticized the \$ 5.5 million bond package, which he said will cost too much to pay off and could make the city vulnerable should the economy turn down." [[Anchorage Daily News \(Alaska\), 9/20/99](#)]

Palin Introduced Ballot Propositions To Approve Bonding for A Public Safety Building and For Paving City Streets. "Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin proposed four ballot propositions at Monday's council meeting. One would ask voters to approve bonding for construction of a borough/city public safety building and another is a roads package to improve and pave the city's major streets." [[Frontiersman, 7/8/97](#)]

\$5.5 Million Bond Went on 1997 Ballot, Would Cost \$450K a Year for 20 Years. "Wasilla voters will be asked Oct. 7 if they support a \$5.5 million bonding project for road paving. If approved, this would be the first time the city has passed general obligation bonds." The Frontiersman reported that to bond a project of this size for 20 years, the annual bond payment is estimated to be in excess of \$450,000, according to the city's senior accountant, Dean Baugh." [[Frontiersman, 9/24/97](#)]

Budget

Palin Favored Saving State Budget Surplus Money For Later. Governor Frank Murkowski drafted plans to spend the states \$1.4 billion surplus to "help the state catch up" after years of budget deficit. Sarah Palin stated lawmakers should save some of the surplus for the years ahead and that "this budget will look odd to Alaskans coming from a Republican governor and a Republican Legislature." Murkowski planned to spend the surplus on roads, schools, ports, museums and ice rinks around the state. [AP, 7/1/06]

Palin Said She Favored Using the State's Surplus for A Fiscal Plan Involving Saving. "Because the state is enjoying a \$1.2 billion surplus from oil revenues, the candidates were asked if they would use some of it for a fiscal plan. 'I definitely think we need to take part of that surplus and get it off the table now before the legislators go crazy with some of their grander spending sprees,' said Republican candidate Sarah Palin, former mayor of Wasilla. Her fiscal plan would involve saving money from the surplus." [[Juneau Empire, 2/23/06](#)]

Government Administrative Spending Increased 48 Percent Under Palin. In fiscal 2003—the last fiscal year Palin approved the budget—the expenditures of the general government of Wasilla were \$1,899,275. In fiscal 1996—the year before Palin took control of the budget—the expenditures were \$1,286,594. The increase was 48 percent. "General government expenditures" covers administration, city council, administrative and management systems. [Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2003, Table 1]

- **Population Increase in that Time Was 37 Percent.** In 1996, the population of Wasilla was 4,635. In 2003 it was 6343, an increase of 37 percent. [Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2003, Table 13]

Total Government Expenditures Increased 63 Percent Under Palin. In fiscal 2003—the last fiscal year Palin approved the budget—the total government expenditures of Wasilla, excluding capital outlays, were \$7,046,325. In fiscal 1996—the year before Palin took control of the budget—the expenditures were \$4,317,947. The increase was 63 percent. [Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2003, Table 1]

Spending On Salaries Increased 67 Percent Under Palin. In fiscal 2003—the last fiscal year Palin approved the budget—the total spending on salaries and benefits was \$549,392. In fiscal 1996—the year before Palin took control of the budget—salaries and benefits came to \$328,650. The increase was 67

percent. [Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2003, Exhibit D- 1; Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 1996 page 16]

Office Furniture and Equipment Increased 117% Under Palin. In fiscal 2003—the last fiscal year Palin approved the budget—Wasilla owned \$741,589 in office furniture and equipment. In fiscal 1996—the year before Palin took control of the budget—the city owned \$342,449. The increase was 117 percent. [Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2003, page 19; Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 1996 page 29]

City-Owned Land Increased 65% Under Palin. In fiscal 2003—the last fiscal year Palin approved the budget—Wasilla owned \$2,574,471 in land. In fiscal 1996—the year before Palin took control of the budget—the city owned \$1,557,430. The increase was 65 percent. [Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2003, page 19; Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 1996 page 29]

City Administration Spending on Outside Professional Services Increased More than 9-Fold Under Palin. In fiscal 2003—the last fiscal year Palin approved the budget—the Wasilla administration spent \$150,500 on professional and technical services. In fiscal 1996—the year before Palin took control of the budget—the administration spent \$14,590. The increase was 932 percent. [Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2003, page 39; Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 1996 page 57]

Palin Signed \$12.5 Million Budget Including Capital Projects. In 2002, Palin signed an ordinance for the adoption of the fiscal 2003 budget, totaling \$12,496,478. The budget included \$8,638,748 for the general fund, \$633,455 for the library, \$160,179 for the youth court, \$24,000 for technology replacement, \$2000 for the cemetery, \$1,023,054 for the total utility fund, \$76,089 for the airport, \$13,167 for Debt Service for gas, \$180,582 for Debt Service for paving, \$17,776 for 1982 original water bond debt service, \$12,047 for the 1986 Southside Water District debt service, \$10,983 for the Sewer Assessment District debt service and \$1,704,398 in general obligation debt service. [Ordinance 02-23 (am), 5/13/2002]

Palin Signed \$13.7 Million Budget Including Capital Projects. In 2001, Palin signed an ordinance for the adoption of the fiscal 2002 budget, totaling \$13,692,354. The budget included \$7,351,766 for the general fund, \$595,313 for the library, \$149,595 for the youth court, \$960,456 for the Capital Project Fund, \$124,000 for the Vehicle Fund, \$1,211,502 for the sewer utility, \$2,909,603 for the water utility, \$83,507 for the airport, \$40,162 for Debt Service for gas, \$3900 for the cemetery, \$207,199 for Debt Service for paving, \$25,286 for 1987 Sewer Improvement District debt service, \$17,776 for 1982 original water bond debt service, and \$12,289 for the 1986 Southside Water District debt service. [Ordinance 01-28, 6/4/2001]

Palin Signed \$6 Million Capital Budget. In 2000, Palin signed an ordinance amending the FY 2001 budget by appropriating funds to the Capital Project Funds. The ordinance appropriated \$5,962,487, including \$2,392,487 for the CIP fund, \$222,000 for the Vehicle Fund, \$2,368,000 for the Sewer CIP Fund, and \$980,000 for the Water CIP Fund. [Ordinance 00-45, 6/26/2000]

Palin Signed \$8.47 Million Budget. In 2000, Palin signed an ordinance for the adoption of the fiscal 2001 budget, totaling \$8,469,571. The budget included \$6,551,659 for the general fund, \$562,614 for the library, \$495,874 for the sewer utility, \$143,242 for the youth court, \$427,003 for the water utility, \$62,407 for the airport, \$12,532 for Debt Service 83-W-1, \$11,501 for Debt Service 83-S-1, \$17,400 for Debt Service 78-1, \$20,048 for Debt Service for gas, and \$165,291 for Debt Service for paving. [Ordinance 00-39 (am), 5/15/2000]

Auditor: Balance in the General Fund Was Similar to Net Worth Figure. John Bost, audit partner with the auditing firm of Mikunda, Cottrell & Co. said “the balance in the general fund is a figure that is similar to a net worth figure” according to the Frontiersman. [Frontiersman, 11/26/99] COMPARE 96 TO 03

Palin Signed Amendment to Budget to Provide \$1.1 Million for Capital Projects Fund. In 1999, Palin signed an ordinance amending the FY 2000 budget by appropriating funds to the Capital Projects Fund. The ordinance allocated \$1,178,680 for capital projects, including \$308,096 for the CIP Fund, \$121,371 for the Vehicle Fund, \$306,831 for the Sewer CIP Fund, and \$423,753 for the Water CIP Fund. [Ordinance 99-33 (am), 7/12/1999]

Palin’s Opponent Said Spending on General Government in Wasilla Increased from \$1.3 Million to \$1.9 Million in 1999. “Palin was on the attack in 1996, criticizing city spending. Now it is Stein, who served as mayor for three terms, making accusations. He accuses Palin of stirring up turmoil in the city and criticizes her for spending too much, especially on administration. He says city budget figures show the amount spent on general government -- which includes the mayor’s salary, city council, planning and finance departments, and debt service -- has jumped from \$ 1.3 million in 1998 to \$ 1.9 million this year.” [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 9/20/99]

Palin’s Opponent Said General Government Expenses Had Increased 93 Percent Under Her, She Said It Was Only 6.57 Percent. “Stein, a former three-term-mayor, said Palin’s general government expenses had risen 93 percent from \$1,287,000 in fiscal year 1996 to \$2,486,000 in fiscal year 2000.” The Frontiersman wrote, “General government expenses have only risen 6.57 percent, Palin said. She has no idea where Stein is getting the 93-percent from. [Frontiersman, 9/17/99]

1999: Wasilla Approved \$1.8 Million for Capital Projects. “The Wasilla City Council amended the fiscal year 2000 budget last week by transferring funds to several capital improvement projects. Meeting Monday night, the council appropriated \$1,783,683 for a dozen different projects from money for preparation of a water master plan to the installation of new carpeting in the library.” [Frontiersman, 7/23/99]

Palin’s Fiscal 2000 Budget Was \$6.8 Million, Operating Costs Were Up 9.5 Percent Over Previous Year. “The Wasilla City Council got its first look Monday night at the proposed fiscal year 2000 budget, estimated at \$6.8 million, some \$600,000 less than this year’s budget...Operating costs are up 9.5 percent in the new budget, reflecting more services being provided to residential and business customers, the mayor said.” [Frontiersman, 4/30/99]

Palin Signed \$8.2 Million Budget. In 1999, Palin signed an ordinance for the adoption of the fiscal 2000 budget, totaling \$8,202,012. The budget included \$6,303,998 for the general fund, \$588,187 for the library, \$461,711 for the sewer utility, \$381,604 for the water utility, \$17,776 for water, \$11,272 for Debt Service 83-S-1, \$12,775 for Debt Service 83-W-1, \$172,713 for Debt Service for paving, \$50,000 for asset forfeiture, \$75,135 for the airport, and \$126,841 for the youth court. [Ordinance 99-21 (am), 6/7/99]

Palin Signed \$7.4 Million Budget. In 1998, Palin signed an ordinance for the adoption of the fiscal 1999 budget, totaling \$7,392,725. The budget included \$5,644,025 for the general fund, \$605,378 for the library, \$455,746 for the sewer utility, \$319,692 for the water utility, \$20,634 for water, \$11,493 for Debt Service 83-S-1, \$13,017 for Debt Service 83-W-1, \$0 for the Agency fund, \$132,776 for Debt Service for paving, \$0 for Debt Service 86-S-1, \$56,872 for the airport, \$7,500 for the cemetery and \$125,592 for the youth court. [Ordinance 98-20 (am), 7/1/1998]

Palin Signed \$7.3 Million Budget. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance for the adoption of the fiscal 1998 budget, totaling \$7,317,715. The budget included \$5,268,500 for the general fund, \$577,459 for the

library, \$435,490 for the sewer utility, \$349,734 for the water utility, \$24,280 for water, \$109,694 for Debt Service 83-S-1, \$16,608 for Debt Service 83-W-2, \$26,775 for the Agency fund, \$288,458 for Debt Service for paving, \$30,769 for Debt Service 86-S-1, \$61,017 for the airport, and \$128,931 for the youth court. [Ordinance 97-29, 5/28/1997]

Fiscal 1998 Budget Proposed By Palin Was Up Almost \$1 Million Over Previous Year's \$6.2

Million. “For the first time since the mid-1980s, the proposed budget for the City of Wasilla exceeds \$7 million...On Monday night the city council will formally begin considerations of the fiscal 1998 budget proposed by Mayor Sarah Palin, which calls for total operating expenses of \$7,180,941—up about \$1 million from the estimated operating costs of \$6,160,811 for 1997. [Frontiersman, 4/25/97]

1996: Wasilla Approved \$6.7 Million Budget, \$1.3 Million for Capital Projects. “Last year, the city council approved a \$6.7 million operating budget with another \$1.3 million for capital improvements.” [Frontiersman, 3/19/97]

Palin Said She Wanted to Be Known for Running a Government Getting the “Basic

Necessities...the Bare Bones.” When she won her election for mayor, Palin said, “A big part of my agenda is cutting out things that are not necessary...What I’m going to be known for is getting the basic necessities, the bare bones that Wasilla has needed for years and years.” That means more funding for roads and perhaps less for the local museum, she said. Property taxes in Wasilla are now 2 mills, or \$ 2 for each \$ 1,000 in assessed value. The mayor’s job paid \$68,000 a year. [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 10/3/96]

1997: Wasilla Had 50 Employees. In 1997, the Frontiersman described Wasilla as “a bustling city with a staff of more than 50 and a budget in excess of \$7 million.” [Frontiersman, 10/24/97]

In 2002, Palin signed an ordinance amending the FY 2003 budget by appropriating funds to the capital project and enterprise funds. . [Ordinance 02-29, 5/29/2002]

Revenue Sharing

Palin Signed Resolution Supporting Bill To Provide 50 Percent State Reimbursement for Municipal School Bond Debt. In 1997, Palin signed a resolution supporting Senate Bill 11, which would provide for a 50 percent state reimbursement for municipal school bond debt. [Resolution 97-05, 1/27/1997]

Palin Said She Wanted to Reinstate Municipal Revenue Sharing. Asked about municipal revenue sharing, the Anchorage Daily News wrote, “Palin, a former Wasilla mayor, said she wants to reinstate the program of sending some money to cities, which she called the most responsive and responsible form of government. ‘Back when oil was \$9 a barrel we could afford it, the state could, but now at \$70 a barrel, we’re being told that we can’t afford it.’” [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 7/27/06]

Palin Used Part of the City’s Funds from the Alaska Revenue Sharing Fund to Fund Anti-Abortion Center. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance appropriating \$2,354 in funds to the Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center from the State of Alaska Revenue Sharing fund. The Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center lists itself as an “abortion alternative” in the Yellow Pages. [Ordinance 97-23, 4/14/1997; AlaskaYellowPages.com] CHECK OTHER YEARS

- **Crisis Pregnancy Centers Are Known To Give Misleading and Often Inaccurate Information.** A recent government investigation of pregnancy crisis centers found that “The centers provided false and misleading information about a link between abortion and breast

cancer;” “The centers provided false and misleading information about the effect of abortion on future fertility;” “The centers provided false and misleading information about the mental health effects of abortion.” Planned Parenthood also says the centers offer free pregnancy tests but give ambiguous answers about the results, show shocking films or slide shows while patients wait for pregnancy results, make exaggerated promises of financial assistance, medical treatment, prenatal and postpartum care and refuse or fail to provide contraceptive information. [Committee on Government Reform, “False And Misleading Health Information Provided By Federally Funded Pregnancy Resource Centers,” 7/06; Planned Parenthood]

Taxes

Palin Appeared in a Mike Miller Senatorial Campaign Commercial To Defend His Tax Plan. After Murkowski aired a radio commercial stating Miller’s intention to ‘flip-flop’ on his support of the Bush tax cuts, Palin said “Everyone knows Alaska’s appointed senator wanted a state income tax, and she tried to take our dividend for more government – without a vote of the people. But what she doesn’t tell you is that Mike Miller’s plan will lower your taxes – period” in a responding radio commercial. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 8/22/04]

Palin Appeared in Ads Supporting a Flat Tax, Saying It Would Lower Taxes, “Period” Also Attacked Supporter of Statewide Income Tax. In previous commercials, Miller has advocated chucking the federal tax code in favor of a flat-rate tax. “Now he’s responding to Murkowski’s latest ad with a radio commercial that began airing Saturday featuring popular former Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin. Palin says in the commercial: ‘Everyone knows Alaska’s appointed senator wanted a state income tax, and she tried to take our dividend for more government -- without a vote of the people. But what she doesn’t tell you is that Mike Miller’s plan will lower your taxes -- period.’” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/22/04]

- **Bob Dole Opposed the Flat Tax.** The New York Times wrote that, in the 1996 GOP primaries, “Steve Forbes made the flat tax a centerpiece of his campaign, only to have Bob Dole demolish the idea by pointing out the absurdity of lowering tax rates on rich people like Mr. Forbes and raising them on the middle class.” [[New York Times](#), 10/30/99]

Palin Signed Pledge to Oppose any Increase in the Federal Income Tax. “The tax reform group, Americans for Tax Reform, apparently found Palin listed as a potential Senate candidate on a Web page, an ATR spokesman said. The group sent her a copy of its Taxpayer Protection Pledge, which opposes any increase in the federal income tax. Palin says she signed it and returned it a few weeks ago. Earlier this week, ATR put out a press release describing her as one of many candidates who had done so.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/8/03]

Palin’s Cost Cutting Suggestions: Hiring Freezes in Nearly All Departments, Making Parties Pay for Primaries. “Palin supports hiring freezes and spending reductions in virtually all departments except public safety. She also supports cutting the cost of holding primary elections, letting the parties handle the cost of selecting candidates instead. As mayor of Wasilla, Palin has played a role in lowering the property tax mill levy and eliminating personal property taxes, small business inventory taxes and business license renewal fees. She said this has fueled economic growth. This flow of new families and businesses coming to the area has tripled the city’s sales tax revenue, she said. Though some taxes have been lowered or eliminated, Palin said opponent Taylor has accused her of raising taxes. A half-cent bond measure approved by voters in Wasilla last month to build a sports arena will increase the sales tax there by about 25 percent, Palin said.” [[Juneau Empire](#) (AK), 8/14/02]

Wasilla Passed \$7.29 Million Budget, Up \$413K. “The Wasilla City Council passed a \$7.29 million operating budget for 1998 Monday night, up about \$413,000 from last year. The property tax rate stays at 1.5 mills. With the budget’s passage the council cut funding for the city’s museum by about 25 percent, slashed all out-of-state education and travel for employees, put another police officer on the street and increased road maintenance for the next year.” [[Frontiersman](#), 6/25/97]

Palin Signed Repeal Of Airport Fuel Fees. In 1999, Palin signed an ordinance to repeal airport fuel fees. [Ordinance 99-05, 1/11/99]

Sales Taxes

Palin Signed Ordinance to Issue \$15 Million in General Obligation Bonds and Increase the Sales Tax From 2 to 2.5 Percent. In 2001, Palin signed an ordinance authorizing the city to issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$14,700,000 to finance the acquisition and construction of park and recreation capital improvements. The ordinance also increased the sales tax from 2 to 2.5 percent and put the issue on the ballot. After it was adopted by voters, Palin signed an ordinance issuing the bonds. In 2002, Palin signed an ordinance putting the higher sales tax into effect. [Ordinance 01-55 (am), 12/10/2001; Ordinance 02-14 (sub), 4/8/2002; Ordinance 02-49, 8/12/02]

- **Palin’s Wasilla Sports Complex Cost Residents Half-Percent Sales Tax.** In 2004, Wasilla opened a multi-use sports complex that taxpayers are still paying for with a half-percent sales tax. Palin saw the complex as a place to hold the Iditarod restart, and Iron Dog start and championed the project. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 2/12/06]
- **Palin Supported Increasing Wasilla Sales Tax From 2 to 2.5 Percent to Build \$14.7 Million Sports Center.** “Wasilla residents have given the go ahead to building a new multiuse sports center in town and to raising the city sales tax to pay for it. With the final votes counted Friday, residents voted 306 to 286 in favor of a measure to raise the city sales tax from 2 percent to 2.5 percent to pay the estimated \$14.7 million cost of building the center. ... Mayor Sarah Palin, who supported the measure, said the tight vote will motivate city officials to keep a close eye on the budget for the center.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 3/9/02]
- **Palin Called Passage of Sales Tax Increase “A Big Step Forward.”** After the sales tax passed, “Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin, a supporter of the project, said she was optimistic the lead the measure had would hold. ‘This is a big step forward for the Valley,’ she said. ‘I think people are going to be happy with it.’” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 3/6/02]

Palin Opposed Borough-Wide 2 Percent Sales Tax Because She Said it Would Drive Business from Wasilla. “He also noted that city officials approached the borough with the sports center idea at the same time city mayor Palin was speaking out against a proposed 2 percent boroughwide sales tax promoted by borough officials. At the time, Palin said she opposed the borough sales tax in part because she feared it would drive business away from Wasilla. The borough sales tax was soundly defeated by voters in October.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 12/6/01]

Palin Signed Resolution Opposing a 2 Percent Mat-Su Sales Tax. In 2001, Palin signed a resolution “opposing the Matanuska-Susitna Borough levying a sales tax of two percent of sales, services and rentals within the budget.” [Resolution 01-33, 9/10/2001]

Palin Supported Plan to Create 2 Percent Wasilla Sales Tax to Pay for Police Department. In 1992, voters in Wasilla approved Proposition 3, to start a police department financed by the city's first-ever sales tax, at 2 percent. "I'd feel safer saying this if the margin was wider, but I think Wasilla finally sees the light. People see the need for change," said Sarah Palin. The Anchorage Daily News wrote, "Palin, a political newcomer, was one of two supporters of the police-sales tax plan elected to the city council Tuesday." The proposal combined the creation of a police department, the sales tax and cutting Wasilla's present 4.2 mill city property tax to a 2 mill cap. [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (AK), 10/8/92]

Palin Voiced Her Strong Support of the 2 Percent Sales Tax. In 1992, Palin said, "In keeping with my progressive competitive attitude regarding Wasilla, I favor the two percent sales tax. It's the most fair tax. I believe it is time Wasilla residents grew up and took responsibility for ourselves and started paying our own way, and quit ripping off the state and the borough to pay for the services and the amenities that we enjoy now, and will enjoy when we can pay for them." [[Frontiersman](#), 9/30/92]

Property Taxes

Palin Signed Petition To Get Proposition 4—A Property Tax Cap—on the Ballot, But Declined to Take a Strong Public Stand. Palin wrote, "I am one of the 42,000 Alaskans who signed the petition to get Proposition 4 on the ballot. I would sign it again in a heartbeat because the result of this initiative process has been the engagement in dialogue of people who see the wisdom in seeking positive changes in their communities. My dilemma in taking a strong public stand on Proposition 4 stems from the fact that I am an ardent conservative, serving a progressive, conservative community that supports the ideal of 'smaller, smarter government.' Wasilla is moving forward because we chose to reduce our property tax mill levy, to spread our local tax burden more equitably with a 2 percent sales tax, and to prioritize public funds to address basic, necessary infrastructure needs that have resulted in Wasilla's thriving private sector and an improved quality of life. Any chance I get I will offer my support to others who also believe in exploring tax alternatives and refuse to embrace the status quo just because 'that's the way it's always been done up here.'" [Palin letter to the editor, [Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 10/25/00]

Palin Said She Believed a State Property Tax Cap Could "Erode Local Control." Palin wrote, "On the other hand, I believe a state-imposed tax cap could erode local control, which I passionately support, and takes away an aspect of the self-determination that has benefited our community." [Palin letter to the editor, [Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 10/25/00]

Palin's Name Was Listed as Supporting Property Tax Cap on Website, Did Not Ask for It to Be Removed Because She Was "Open to Discussing" It. Palin wrote, "Though I did not know my name was listed on the pro-tax cap Web site until your reporter informed me last week, I have not asked that it be removed, as I am open to discussing the cap's potential successes." [Palin letter to the editor, [Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 10/25/00]

Palin Had "Second Thoughts" About Property Tax Cap. "Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin, also listed on the Web site as a supporter, recently said she was having second thoughts about the measure. While she didn't ask Tax Cap Yes to remove her endorsement, and said she was still undecided about how she would vote, she said she had turned down requests to speak in favor of the tax cap." [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 10/11/00]

1998: City Decreased Mill Rate .2, Decreased City Operating Costs 10 Percent. "The mill rate was set at 1.3 mills, a reduction of .2 mills, Finance Director Erling Nelson noted. The total of the city's budget for fiscal 1999 is \$7,392,725, down from the \$7,317,775 for 1998." The Frontiersman added, "According

to Mayor Sarah Palin, the budget reflects a 10-percent decrease in city operating costs.” [Frontiersman, 5/29/98]

Palin Called Herself “Such a Weasel” For Not Having a Firm Stand on the Property Tax Cap.

“Does that mean she’d vote for it? ‘I still have five more weeks to make up my mind, like everybody’s trying to do,’ Palin said. ‘I wish it were not a statewide issue.’ Palin said she has declined requests by Tax Cap Yes to speak in favor of the initiative. Yet, she said, she doesn’t object to her name’s continuing to be listed on the group’s Web site among 10 current or former government officials -- half from Mat-Su -- in support of the initiative. Palin acknowledged that she was sounding quite the politician. ‘I am so sorry I’m such a weasel,’ she said.” [Anchorage Daily News, 10/8/00]

Palin Signed Ordinance Exempting Personal Property From Taxes—But Created Vehicle Registration Tax at the Same Time.

In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance exempting personal property from the levy of the Wasilla personal property tax and establishing a motor vehicle registration tax. The ordinance said “motor vehicles shall be subject to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough motor vehicle registration tax, pursuant to MSB 3.15.035(B) levied and collected by the State in accordance with A.S. 28.10.431. As provided by A.S. 28.10.431(f), revenue received by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough shall be allocated to the city.” [Ordinance 97-18 sub, 12/19/97]

- **When Wasilla Eliminated Property, Other Taxes, They Were Made Up for By an Increase in Vehicle Tax Made up for “Most of It.”** “Doing away with the taxes will cost the city about \$93,000 a year in lost revenues, Palin said. But most of it will be made up by an increase in a vehicle tax the borough charges its residents. The Mat-Su Borough Assembly voted last year to increase the tax from \$ 66 to \$ 75 for a new car and from \$8 to \$35 for vehicles more than 7 years old. The tax is expected to generate about \$2.1 million for the borough, of which about \$ 70,000 will go to Wasilla, according to finance director Erling Nelson.” [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 12/24/97]

City Council Increased Mill Rate from 1.7 in 1995 to 2.0 in 1996. “Wasilla property owners received a small tax cut Monday when the city council dropped next year’s mill rate to 1.5. Mayor Sarah Palin broke the tied 3-3 council vote to lower the property tax, which was raised from 1.7 in fiscal year 1995 to 2.0 in fiscal year 1996.” [Frontiersman, 1/15/97] **DID PALIN VOTE FOR THE INCREASE ON THE CITY COUNCIL**

Palin Signed Mill Levy of 1.5. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance to establish a mill levy of 1.5 for the Fiscal Year 1998. [Ordinance 96-75, 1/13/1997]

Capital Move

Juneau Empire Editorial: Palin’s Support of Allowing the Legislature to Meet Outside of Juneau Was a “Capital-Move Premonition.” When Palin said she supported having the legislature meet in a city other than Juneau, the Juneau empire wrote in an editorial, “No doubt it plays well at home, where the Matanuska-Susitna Borough covets the seat of government. But Palin is in a statewide race now, and statewide, moving the capital - whether by attrition or all at once - makes no financial sense. It’s also entirely unnecessary politically, given Juneau’s and the Legislature’s unparalleled virtual accessibility through the Internet and Gavel to Gavel coverage - and the fact that wherever the Legislature meets in this state it will be isolated from a large segment of its population. Palin is an interesting candidate because she has questioned her party’s leaders over ethics, in a state where the ruling party often penalizes those who rub the wrong way. But make no mistake: Palin’s Legislature-move trial balloon last week was also a

capital-move premonition, and Republicans throughout Southeast Alaska should take note.” [Juneau Empire (AK), editorial, 3/5/06]

Palin Said She Does Not Support Moving the Capital To Another City. In an op-ed, Palin wrote, “Earlier this year, the Juneau Empire asked for my position on moving the capital. This was the first and only time this specific question was posed in the early campaign season. My statement hasn't changed: I do not support moving the capital -- Alaska's seat of government -- to another city.” [Palin op-ed, Ketchikan Daily News, 8/10/06]

Palin Said During a Debate that the Capital Should Stay “In Southeast” But that the Legislature Should Have Hearings or Special Sessions In More Accessible Places. The Anchorage Daily News reported that during a debate, “As for the notion of moving the Capitol out of Juneau, Palin said the star should stay on the map in Southeast, but the state should consider holding some Legislative hearings or special sessions where they’re more accessible.” [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 8/18/06]

Headline: “Palin: Legislature should hold meetings in ‘places where people can participate’” [Juneau Empire (AK), 2/26/06]

Palin Said the Government Should Meet Where More People “Can Participate,” But Denied that She Wanted to Move the Capital. In 2006, Palin said, “If we shrink the legislative session, especially now down to 90 days, which is being proposed, it’s all the more reason for legislators to start thinking about holding meetings during the interim, or even during the regular session, (in) places where people can participate,” said the Republican candidate at a Juneau meet-and-greet Thursday evening. “Where they could actually drive to,” she added. The Juneau Empire wrote, “PALIN said she does not support moving the capital - the seat of government and its jobs - to another city, but that the Legislature is too isolated in Juneau from the rest of the state.” “It doesn’t have to be the whole 90 days, or even the majority of those days,” she said. “But the Legislature, as they presently can, would be wise to start getting out and about and bringing more Alaskans in, bringing them in to the table to participate in their government.” [Juneau Empire (AK), 2/26/06]

2002: All Candidates But Palin Voiced Opposition to Moving Legislative Session. “All the candidates but Palin voiced clear opposition to the November ballot measure that would move legislative sessions to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. Palin was quoted by KTOO-TV last September saying she supports moving the session, but has said in recent months that she does not have a position on the matter.” [Juneau Empire (AK), 8/14/02]

Palin Said (On TV) That Moving the Legislative Session to Mat-Sun Would Serve the “Greater Good” And that Juneau Could Withstand it Because of Its Strong Tourism Industry. In September 2001, three months before she announced her candidacy for lieutenant governor, Palin told a Wasilla reporter working for Juneau’s KTOO-TV she supported moving the legislative session to Mat-Su and that moving the session would serve the “greater good” because it would make the Legislature more accessible. Palin said she was not convinced a session move would adversely affect the economies of Southeast communities, including Juneau. “I’m comfortable supporting this because I know Juneau has a strong, strong tourism industry,” Palin said on a recording of the nine-minute interview kept by KTOO-TV. The Juneau Empire wrote, “She went a step further, saying the measure would help Juneau because it would give more Alaskans access to the Legislature and thereby improve the laws that affect all residents. ‘If moving the legislative session helps the laws that affect all of us, then I’m a supporter of that,’ Palin said.” [Juneau Empire (AK), 1/25/02]

2002: Palin Opposed Moving Capital From Juneau. In January 2002, the Juneau Empire reported that during a speech to the Juneau Chamber of Commerce, “Palin also told the chamber she does not support moving the capital and that Juneau’s battle to keep state government here might end if the capital city were connected to the rest of the state by road, prompting applause from the crowd of about 70 people.” [Juneau Empire (AK), 1/25/02]

Palin Walked Back from Earlier Support of Moving State Legislative Session, Because It Might Violate Law Requiring Voters To Approve Funds to Move Capital, but Said She Was Undecided. The Juneau Empire reported, “Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin strongly supported an initiative to move the legislative session to her borough four months ago but distanced herself from the measure on Thursday in a speech in Juneau. Palin, a Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, told the Juneau Chamber of Commerce she has reservations about the measure because it would repeal a portion of the so-called FRANK initiative - a law requiring a public vote before the state may spend money to move the Legislature. ‘That scares a lot of people,’ said Palin, 37, in her first public address to Juneau business and civic leaders since announcing her candidacy for statewide office in December. However, it is unclear how she would vote on the measure, which would move the session to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough by 2005. Palin told the chamber she signed a petition in August to get the question on the ballot ‘in the spirit of valley unity’ and to give voters a say. But she did not state her position on the initiative. Palin repeatedly deflected the question after the chamber meeting, then said she was undecided. ‘There is a part of me that says it makes sense to allow a more accessible 120 days of meetings,’ said Palin. But she said the provision to repeal part of the FRANK initiative caused her ‘great concern.’” [Juneau Empire (AK), 1/25/02]

After Signing Petition to Move Legislature, Palin Said She Had Concerns About the Cost (While She Was Running for Lt. Gov—Check Timeline. “An initiative to move state legislative sessions to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has more than enough signatures to get on the ballot this November, election officials said Tuesday. ... Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin, who signed the initiative and had been an early supporter, now says she has concerns about it, mostly dealing with the cost of such a move. She also said the initiative doesn’t seem to be a high priority among residents.” [Anchorage Daily News, 2/27/02]

Palin Signed Initiative Petition to Bring Legislature to the Valley Instead of Juneau, Anchorage Daily News Said she Had “No Qualms,” She Said, “Our Arms Are Wide Open for the Legislature To Meet Here.” The Anchorage Daily News wrote, “Three Mat-Su-area mayors have signed an initiative petition that, if approved by voters, would require the Legislature to hold sessions in the Valley instead of Juneau... Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin had no qualms about signing the measure. ‘Our arms are wide open for the Legislature to meet here,’ she said.” [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 8/17/01]

Palin Said She Would Oppose Spending Wasilla Money on An Ad Campaign to Bring Capital to Wasilla. In 1994, when there was a debate whether to spend \$250,000 in city dollars on an ad campaign to bring the state capital to Wasilla, the Anchorage Daily News wrote, “Sarah Palin said she’d vote against spending city money.” [Anchorage Daily News (AK), 8/23/94]

Palin Signed Resolution Supporting Moving Legislative Sessions to Mat-Su Valley. In 2001, Palin signed a resolution “in support of moving the Alaska state legislative sessions to the Matanuska-Susitna borough.” [Resolution 01-26, 7/23/2001]

Censorship

Palin Supported Bill Letting Parents Know what Library Material Their Children Have. Palin wrote, “As a mother of four and a former mayor, I support SB 269’s allowance for public and school libraries’ consistent policies and giving municipalities liberty to address the issue. Perplexing SB 269 opposition, attributed to a public librarian, was based on fear that parents may wield an “iron glove” if given freedom to know their kids’ business.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 3/5/04]

Palin Asked City Librarian About Censoring Books, Insisted It Was “Rhetorical.” In 1996, according to the *Frontiersman*, Wasilla’s library director Mary Ellen “Emmons said Palin asked her outright if she could live with censorship of library books.” Emmons said, “This is different than a normal book-selection procedure or a book-challenge policy...She was asking me how I would deal with her saying a book can’t be in the library.” Palin said in response, “Many issues were discussed, both rhetorical and realistic in nature.” [[Frontiersman](#), 12/18/96]

Contracts

Wasilla Agreed to \$70,000 Loan for Airplane Refueling Company With No Timeline to Pay off the Loan. “The Wasilla City Council Monday night gave the Valley’s Service Oil and Gas Inc. a five-year lease and no-interest \$70,000 loan to provide 24-hour airplane fueling at the Wasilla airport. To pay back the loan, the gas company will pay the city 5 cents for each gallon of fuel sold, with no specific time frame for paying off the loan.” [[Frontiersman](#), 8/29/97]

Palin Signed Ordinance Authorizing the City to Enter Lease Agreement with MTA Wireless in Exchange for Cellular Service. In 2002, Palin signed an ordinance authorizing Wasilla to enter into a lease agreement with Matanuska-Kenai Inc., or MTA Wireless, in exchange for cellular telephone service. [Ordinance 02-30, 5/29/2002]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Allow City to Lease Land to a Utility By Negotiation and Without Appraisal. In 2002, Palin signed an ordinance to authorize the leasing of city land for a public utility by negotiation and without appraisal. [Ordinance 02-20, 4/22/2002]

Palin Signed Resolution Authorizing her to Carry Out an Agreement With MTA To Recover Lost Tax Revenue. In 2002, Palin signed a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc. settling claims related to the payment of telephone cooperative gross receipts tax to the city. MTA had underreported its revenues from 1992 to 1997, and the municipalities had negotiated an agreement with MTA for the lost tax revenue. [Resolution 02-20, 7/22/2002]

Death Penalty

Palin Said “Hang ‘Em Up” When Asked About the Death Penalty. Asked about the death penalty, in extreme cases such as the murder of a child, Palin said, “My goodness, hang ‘em up, yeah.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/18/06]

Drugs

Palin Smoked Pot, But Said She Doesn’t Support Legalizing It. “Palin doesn’t support legalizing marijuana, worrying about the message it would send to her four kids. But when it comes to cracking down on drugs, she says methamphetamines are the greater threat and should have a higher priority. Palin said she has smoked marijuana -- remember, it was legal under state law, she said, even if illegal under

U.S. law -- but says she didn't like it and doesn't smoke it now. 'I can't claim a Bill Clinton and say that I never inhaled.'" [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/6/06]

Palin Admitted Inhaling Marijuana. "Palin, who has admitted to inhaling as a young woman, said little. But she repeatedly asked why, if the goal was growing hemp for clothing, did the group write the initiative to make it legal to smoke marijuana to get high?" [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 10/26/00]

Palin Signed Resolution Opposing Legalization of Marijuana. In 2000, Palin signed a resolution opposing Ballot Measure No. 5, legalizing the uses of hemp, including marijuana, saying it would allow Alaska to become a drug haven and that it sent "a confusing message to our community's young people." [Resolution 00-47, 10/9/2000]

Economic Development

Palin Announced the City Was Trying to Woo Kinetic Aviation. "At the July 26 meeting of the Wasilla City Council, Mayor Sarah Palin revealed that Ric Davidge, economic developer and planner for the city, has been working to woo the Livermore, Calif.-based Kinetic Aviation to the Valley." [[Frontiersman](#), 8/10/99] DID THEY ACTUALLY GET THIS COMPANY

Palin Announced Kinetic Aviation Would Locate its Aircraft Production Facility in Wasilla. "In a press release received Tuesday, Mayor Sarah Palin announced that Kinetic Aviation Mountain Goat (KAI) has chosen to locate its aircraft production facility in Wasilla." [[Frontiersman](#), 10/1/99]

Palin Signed Resolution Supporting Building Municipal-Owned, State-Operated Prisons In Alaska. In 2002, Palin signed a resolution in support of the concept of establishing multiple, municipal owned, state operated prisons, which "would benefit Alaskans by providing much needed construction and permanent, year-round prison jobs." [Resolution 02-06, 3/11/2002]

Palin Signed Resolution To Bring Youth Detention Facility to Wasilla. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution asking the state of Alaska to consider Wasilla as a location site for a youth detention facility. In 1998, she signed another resolution that said the Council "continues to support the State's Youth Detention Facility and requests that it be located in or near Wasilla City Limits." [Resolution 97-49 (am), 1/26/1998; Resolution 98-08, 3/9/1998]

- **Palin Signed Resolution Opposing Location of Youth Detention Facility In Knik Goose Bay Road.** In 1998, Palin signed a resolution opposing the location of a youth detention facility being located in the area of Mile 2, Knik Goose Bay Road because of its proximity to residential areas and a ball field. [Resolution 98-09, 4/27/1998]

Education

Palin Said She Supported Allowing Parents to Opt Their Children Out of Curricula Offensive to their Privacy, Religion or Conscience. Asked if she would support the right of parents to opt out their children from curricula, books, classes, or surveys, which parents consider privacy-invading or offensive to their religion or conscience, Palin responded, "Yes. Parents should have the ultimate control over what their children are taught." [Eagle Forum questionnaire]

Palin Said She Would Support Abstinence Only Education Instead of Sex-Ed and Distributing Contraceptives in Schools. Asked if she would support funding for abstinence-until-marriage education

instead of explicit sex-education programs, school-based clinics, and the distribution of contraceptives in schools, Palin responded, “Yes, the explicit sex-ed programs will not find my support.” [Eagle Forum questionnaire]

Palin Opposed Efforts to Raise or Lower the Mandatory Age of Education. Asked if she would support efforts to raise or lower the mandatory age of education, Palin responded, “No, again, parents know better than government what is best for their children.” [Eagle Forum questionnaire]

Palin Said She Supported Parental Choice in Spending Education Money “Within Alaska Law.” Asked if she would support parental choice in the spending of state educational dollars, Palin responded, “Within Alaska law, I support parents deciding what is the best education venue for their child.” [Eagle Forum questionnaire]

Palin Said She Supported a Education Vouchers. Asked if she would support legislation to create a system of educational vouchers that would provide Alaskan students with financial assistance to attend a public, private or religious school of their choice, Sarah Palin responded, “yes.” [Alaska Family Council Voter Guide, 8/22/06]

Fishing/Agriculture

Palin Opposed to Farm Fishing “Or Anything That Could Contaminate The Fisheries” Sarah Palin stated she was opposed to farm fishing and would rely on scientific fact for decisions on hatchery management. [AP, 3/17/06]

Palin Called For Increased Land, Decreased Energy Costs, and Enhanced Education For Farmers. Sarah Palin stated more property should be available for farming and energy costs reduced for farmers. Palin also supported strengthening schools of agriculture in state universities. [Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, 4/18/06]

Palin Called for Increasing Agriculture Education Spending. “Sarah Palin, a Republican from Wasilla, said the Matanuska Valley provides a positive example for other communities interested in agriculture to study. She said more property should be made available for farming, and supported strengthening schools of agriculture in the state’s university system and reducing energy costs to help farmers. ‘This aspect of our university system really must be enhanced and respected for its importance, much like the school of mining is,’ Palin said.” [Fairbanks Daily News-Miner (Alaska), 4/18/06]

Palin Said She Did Not Support Processor Shares for “I do not support processor shares for fisheries when they remove choices and opportunity from the hands of those who harvest our valuable resource.” [http://www.palinforgovernor.com/issues.html]

“I understand the arguments for a safer fishery with higher quality fish, but I can’t support proposals to give quota shares to entities that systematically change fisheries whereby shares could be bought out from underneath a community and collapse their economic base.” [http://www.palinforgovernor.com/issues.html]

Palin Plead No Contest to Criminal Negligence Charge of Using a Drift Gillnet Without a Permit, Had Charge of Fishing Without an ID That Was Dismissed. In 1993, Sarah Palin used a drift gillnet to harvest salmon from the Bristol Bay area without an annual permit. Palin plead guilty to the Criminal Negligence charge. Palin also had a case dismissed where she was charged with fishing without a photo ID. The case was filed 6/28/93 and was disposed 8/25/1993. The jurisdiction was the Third Judicial

- **Palin Explained her Fishing Violation, Saying She Forgot to Switch Her Registration from Crew Member to Permit Holder.** “Turns out that in 1993 Palin pleaded no contest in Dillingham District Court to a fishing violation -- failure to register as a set gillnet permit holder. And the violation was then mistakenly entered into the court computer system as being a felony. Palin explained the fishing violation by saying that she had been a crew member but took over the permit for that season from her sister-in-law. Palin then forgot to switch her registration from that of a crew member to a permit holder, she said. Palin called the court in Dillingham and straightened out the mistaken felony designation. The court clerk described it as a “data input error” and faxed Palin a letter of apology, saying the error has been corrected. But in recent days reporters have anonymously received copies of the court record calling it a felony. “I think it’s pretty cowardly,” Palin said. “Somebody is peddling this five days before the election, obviously to smear my reputation.”“ [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 8/22/02]
- **Palin Compared Her Fishing Violation to a Parking Ticket.** When the subject of her fishing ticket was brought up, Palin said, “Now which was to equivalent to a park-” when Rick Rydell finished “Parking ticket, exactly.” Palin added, “A violation.” [Sarah Palin on Rick Rydell, 7/24/2006]

Gambling

Palin Did Not Take Position on Ballot Measure 2. Asked if she would support Ballot Measure 2, which would place a tax on cruise ship passengers, place a tax on gambling on ships, and set stricter environmental rules for cruises, including requiring a state observer on board, Palin said she would like to see local property tax relief, and was still deciding. [KTOO Debate, 8/17/06] *GET EXACT TRANSCRIPT FROM DEBATE

Palin Opposed The Expansion of Gambling in Alaska. Asked if she would support the expansion of gambling in Alaska, Palin responded, “No, in so many cases, gambling has shown ill effects on families and as Governor I would not propose expansion legislation.” Asked if she would you sign any bills that expand gaming in Alaska, Palin responded, “No.” [Eagle Forum questionnaire]

Palin Said She Opposed Allowing More Gambling in Alaska. Asked if she supported changing Alaska laws to allow more gambling, Sarah Palin responded, “no.” [Alaska Family Council Voter Guide, 8/22/06]

Gays

Palin Opposed Supreme Court Ruling Giving Same-Sex Couples Benefits. Asked if she would support the Alaska Supreme Court’s ruling that spousal benefits for state employees should be given to same-sex couples, Palin responded, “No, I believe spousal benefits are reserved for married citizens as defined in our constitution.” [Eagle Forum questionnaire]

Palin Opposed Expanding Hate Crimes Laws. Asked if she would support an effort to expand hate-crime laws, Palin responded, “No, as I believe all heinous crime is based on hate.” [Eagle Forum questionnaire]

Palin Said She Supported Ban on Gay Marriage and Denying Benefits to Gay Couples. “Palin said she’s not out to judge anyone and has good friends who are gay, but that she supported the 1998

constitutional amendment [to ban gay marriage]. Elected officials can't defy the court when it comes to how rights are applied, she said, but she would support a ballot question that would deny benefits to homosexual couples. 'I believe that honoring the family structure is that important,' Palin said. She said she doesn't know if people choose to be gay." [[Anchorage Daily News \(Alaska\)](#), 8/6/06]

Palin Said She Supported a Constitutional Amendment Overturning Supreme Court Mandate of Benefits for Same-Sex Couples. Asked if she would support a Constitutional amendment to overturn the Alaska Supreme Court decision mandating public employers to provide benefits equivalent to same-sex couples, Sarah Palin responded "yes." [Alaska Family Council Voter Guide, 8/22/06]

Good Government

Palin Supported Limits On Campaign Donations and Lobbyist Registration. Sarah Palin wrote that though Ballot Measure 1 wasn't perfect, she would still vote for it. The Ballot Measure would cut the amount of money a person can donate to a candidate in half and requires anyone who lobbies more than ten hours in 30-days to register with the state. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 8/4/06]

Palin Supported City Council Decision to Sue State Over Redistricting, Which Opponents Said Would Leave the Valley Underrepresented. "Saying someone had to stand up for Matanuska-Susitna Borough voters, Wasilla City Council members decided Tuesday to sue over a state plan to redraw election district boundaries. Four members even demanded that they be listed as individual plaintiffs on the suit. The vote was 5-1. The redistricting plan doesn't directly affect Wasilla. The city would remain in the same legislative district. But members said it still would leave the Valley underrepresented, which could cost the city millions in government funding and hurt Wasilla's booming retail business. ... Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin congratulated the council on its decision." [[Anchorage Daily News \(Alaska\)](#), 7/18/01]

Palin Signed Resolution Opposing Redistricting. In 2001, Palin signed a resolution "authorizing the city to file a challenge to the redistricting plan for the state of Alaska." The city felt that the redistricting reduced the number of legislators with a majority of Matanuska-Susitna Borough residents. [Resolution 01-27 (am), 7/16/2001]

Palin Moved \$30,000 to Legal Services Fund to Pay for Expenses Related to Challenging the Alaska Redistricting Plan. In 2001, Palin signed an ordinance amending the FY-02 budget by appropriating \$30,000 from the general fund to the legal services fund for litigation expenses incurred from challenging the redistricting plan for the state of Alaska. [Ordinance 01-45, 8/13/2001]

Palin Said She Supported Ballot Measure 1. Asked if she supported Ballot Measure 1, which would lower the amount people could contribute to campaigns and tighten lobbying rules, Palin said she would. Palin said although it was not perfect, anything to build trust in govt is great. Let's people know who's paying, where dollars coming from, is your campaign grassroots or are you hiring outside companies to tell Alaskans how to vote. [KTOO Debate, 8/17/06] *GET EXACT TRANSCRIPT FROM DEBATE

1. Question about abortion, with particular attention to cases of rape and incest victims...

P: A sensitive personal decision – wants women to understand that they are strong enough and powerful enough and never be led to believe that abortion is the only choice – there are other options out there. She sees both sides of the issue but is ardently pro life. There is sanctity and great potential in every human life.

2. Question about abstinence until marriage education vs. explicit sex education programs – what are explicit sex ed programs and does that include talking about condoms in school?

P: No, these programs do not include something like that which is relatively benign – explicit means explicit. I am pro contraception and I think that kids who don't hear about it at home should hear about it in other ways. Abstinence is an alternative that should be discussed with kids.

Health

Palin's Answer to Rising Health Care Costs: Competition. “High costs are hurting Alaskans. Nationwide we see soaring costs adversely affecting our families and businesses. In Alaska, our Medicaid budget has quadrupled in the past 10 years. It's a vicious cycle caused by fewer people being able to pay for services, which forces more government subsidies, resulting in even higher costs. Too often the driver of rising costs is a lack of competition. Sarah supports consideration of legislative and regulatory changes allowing competition that's good for the consumer. She also supports the right of patients to have access to their medical billing information.” [<http://www.palinforgovernor.com/issues.html>]

Anchorage Daily News: Palin Delivered “Non-Answers” On Expanding Health Care Coverage and Walmart. “Asked about expanding health care coverage and about Wal-Mart's corporate conduct, she delivered non-answers with a disarming smile.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 1/30/06]

Palin Joined the Board of the Valley Hospital Association. “Valley Hospital Association held its annual association membership meeting and has chosen a new board. Seven candidates submitted applications for the six slots available on the 15-member board of directors. The winners of the three-year terms are, in order of highest numbers of vote received: Dr. Michael Senta, Clyde Boyer Jr., Sarah Palin, Vincent Curry and Sally Heath. Brenda Layton will fill the one-year seat vacancy. The board members then filled four remaining seats on the Valley Hospital Association operating board, which is responsible for establishing corporate policies and for the overall performance of VHA Inc. Vince Curry, Mike Chmielewski and Dr. Michael Senta will fill three-year terms, and Deborah Prator was appointed to a one-year term.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 7/1/03]

Palin Was Named to the Valley Hospital Foundation Board, to Support the Mission of the Valley Hospital Association. “The Valley Hospital Foundation Board of Directors has been formed to support the mission of the Valley Hospital Association. Board members include: Martha Blanchett, Clyde Boyer, Deedee Jonrowe, Louise Kellogg, Janet Kincaid, Linda Menard, Harold Newcomb, Sarah Palin, Tim Thom, Craig Thorn and Jack Williams. At this first meeting, the board elected Linda Menard as president, Clyde Boyer as vice president, Janet Kincaid as secretary, and Craig Thorn as treasurer.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/5/01]

Guns

Palin is a Lifetime NRA Member Who Did Not Receive Their Endorsement Despite Receiving an “A” Because Murkowski Was the Incumbent. “Murkowski announced this week an endorsement in the Republican primary from the National Rifle Association. Alaska state liaison Brian Judy said it's the association's policy to stick with incumbents who back gun laws favored by the NRA. “(Murkowski's) gone above and beyond in terms of supporting legislation.” NRA board member Wayne Anthony Ross has personally supported Palin, while Judy said both Palin and Binkley earned “A” ratings from the association.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/12/06]

Palin Signed Administrative Policy Allowing People to Carry Firearms in City Hall and the Library. “Action was postponed Monday night on introduction of an ordinance prohibiting the open carrying of weapons in Wasilla City Hall and the public library. But a new administrative policy signed by Mayor Sarah Palin Tuesday allows people to do just that.” The *Frontiersman* wrote, “Palin replaced a 1994 administrative policy restricting firearms from city hall with her own, which would require people in city hall to follow state gun laws. Palin said to have it any other way would be redundant. ‘Under state law, the city could put up a sign saying guns are not allowed,’ Palin said. Will she post a sign? ‘It’s hard to say. I haven’t heard a concern from the (city) employees or the public,’ she said.” [*Frontiersman*, 7/4/97]

Palin Opposed a Resolution Saying it Was The Duty And Responsibility of Citizens to Own Firearms. When a council member introduced an ordinance that said “In accordance with the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, it is the right, duty and responsibility of all willing and able-bodied residents of the City of Wasilla to own and possess personal firearms.” Palin said “It’s not anybody’s duty or responsibility... We can’t force anyone to own a gun. It’s a personal freedom, not a mandate.” [*Frontiersman*, 8/20/97]

Palin Said She Is An Avid Hunter and Shooter and Is A Proponent of Gun Safety Programs for Alaskan Youth. “Sarah is a life-time member of the NRA and is an avid hunter and shooter. She supports our Constitutional right to bear arms and is a proponent of gun safety programs for Alaska’s youth.” [<http://www.palinforgovernor.com/issues.html>]

Pebble Mine

Palin Does Not Support Pebble Mine. Palin said, “In the spirit of full disclosure, I’m a commercial fisherman in Bristol Bay, and my daughter’s name is Bristol, so that probably tells you right there where my heart is. I will not ever support something that risks one resource over another. Now Pebble is huge, the footprint is huge, and it kind of scares me that Northern Dynasty is making some promises that I don’t know if they can keep, and I am one to protect and to respect our resources out there. Now having said that, Pebble’s Northern Dynasty hasn’t (word I don’t understand) the area, hasn’t yet presented all of their plans yet for consideration. So we’ve got to be fair about reconsideration and there are processes that we must go through and allow the company to go through, but again, you need to know so that you’re not surprised once I (?) there that I will be ever vigilant in protecting particularly that area of Alaska.” [Homer Debate, 8/11/06]

Labor/Privatizing

Palin Said She Would Support Requiring Unions To Get Permission From Members Before Using Dues for Political Purposes. Asked if she would support legislation requiring labor unions to obtain permission from their members before using dues for political purposes, Palin responded, “Yes, unions represent their workers and as such, should be accountable to them.” [Eagle Forum questionnaire]

Palin Signed Resolution Urging Competition In Waste Collection. In 1997, Palin signed a resolution requesting that the Alaska Public Utilities Commission open all refuse collection services to competition. [Resolution 97-12, 3/24/1997]

Palin Signed Ordinance Tightening Overtime Pay Guidelines. In 1996, Palin signed an ordinance that tightened overtime pay rules by changing the rules giving overtime to employees who worked more than 40 hours to those who worked “outside of normally scheduled regular shift.” The ordinance also changed an ordinary shift from starting at 8 am to 7 am. [Ordinance 96-40, 10/14/1996]

Native Alaskans

Palin Called for National Attention for Issues Concerning the Aboriginal Native Alaskan Population. At the Republican National Convention in 2004, Palin stated that “My husband and my kids are Native Alaskan, and I think it’s important the voice that reflects the rural and Native concerns is also heard.” She hoped that the national focus on Alaska concerning ANWR would help push issues concerning Alaska’s natives. [[Congressional Quarterly Weekly](#), 8/27/04]

Palin Opposed Subsistence Preference. “When asked about hunting and fishing rights, Palin said she did not want to amend the state constitution to allow preferences for certain Alaskans. ‘I’m pro-subsistence for all Alaskans,’ she said, adding that she would seek to manage resources to provide ‘abundance.’” [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#) (Alaska), 6/22/06]

“Sarah is a strong supporter of personal use of our fish and game resources. She is ‘Pro-Subsistence for All Alaskans’ and has hunted and fished all her life. Sarah respects the equality clause in the state Constitution. In due deference to our founders who wrote our Constitution to ensure Alaskans shall all be treated equally, Sarah believes in retaining that language. Alaskans agree that those who need resources most, in times of shortage, should be given first opportunity to harvest. She is committed to dealing with predator control issues and management based on sound science so Alaska won’t face shortages. As commercial fishermen, Sarah’s family understands the importance of commercial harvests in Alaska, and also knows that personal consumption of fish and game resources is an inseparable part of Alaskan culture and lifestyle.” [<http://www.palinforgovernor.com/issues.html>]

Oil

Palin Opposes State Co-Ownership of Gaslines that Could Prevent Future Closures Due to Corrosion. Corrosion that led to closure of BP oil pipelines in August 2006 could have been caught earlier if Alaska was partial owner, according to Governor Murkowski. Palin dismissed this plan for prevention of future closures saying co-ownership would only confuse the state’s oversight role. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 8/8/06]

Palin Called Murkowski’s Oil Tax Plan “Nonsensical.” During a gubernatorial debate, Murkowski defend his oil tax plan that opponent Sarah Palin called “nonsensical.” Palin also challenged Murkowski to sign a pledge that he would not pursue his proposed natural gas contract with three oil companies without a vote from the Legislature. He responded by saying “I am going to abide by the law, and I’m going to abide by the state constitution.” [AP, 7/14/06]

Palin Opposed Murkowski’s New Profit-Based Oil Tax. The production-based severance tax would be replaced by a petroleum production tax (PPT) based on oil companies’ net profits with Governor Murkowski’s proposed plan. Palin expressed her opposition to the “profit-based oil tax and a flawed gasline contract” and nearly recommended the Legislature stop work on PPT. [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#), 7/7/06]

Palin Supported Natural Gas Pipeline Running from the North Slope to Valdez. Palin advocates a natural gas pipeline running from the North Slope to Valdez, rather than through Canda to the Midwestern United States. “We need in-state use of this gas. That should have been the foundation of our negotiations,” she said. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 7/27/06]

Palin Called Mass Distribution of Murkowski's Proposed Pipeline Plan A Campaign Ad. When Palin received Murkowski's 14-page informational mailing of his proposed pipeline contract, Palin said, "I just assumed it was a campaign piece." [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 7/1/06]

With Palin As Governor, Gasline Project Could Face Another Three-Year Delay. John White, senior project manager of BP's Alaska Gas group, stated the election of a new governor could delay the 2,100-mile pipeline project for another three-years. If a new governor opposed to the agreed upon Canadian gasline was elected, like Sarah Palin, gasline contract negotiations would start all over again. [AP, 6/15/06]

Palin Was Endorsed by Former President and Chief Executive of Yukon Pacific Corp. As Yukon Pacific Corp. sought to build an Alaska gas line from the North Slope to Valdez, former president and chief executive of the company, Jeff Lowenfels is quoted saying "I had the privilege of working with (former Gov.) Jay Hammond, and Sarah Palin is this generation's Jay Hammond." [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 6/30/06]

Possible Losses in State Revenues, Jobs, and Opportunities for Economic Growth Did Not Keep Palin From Supporting A Gasline to Valdez. A study from PFC Energy did not keep Palin from rallying her support of an "all-Alaska" gas pipeline to Valdez. The study indicated that the proposed gasline to Valdez would cost Alaska revenue, jobs, and economic growth. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 5/6/06]

Palin Said Oil Taxes Should Not Be Done Under Murkowski's "Lame-Duck Administration." Sarah Palin said that a oil tax plan must be done independent of "the secret gas line talks," and should not be done under "a lame-duck administration." [AP, 3/7/06]

Legislative Action Stalled As Palin Fought Murkowski For An "All-Alaska" Pipeline. With Alaska eager to have a pipeline deal signed, tension between Murkowski and supporters of an "all-Alaska" like Sarah Palin, stalled legislative action probably until the 2006 session. The major Alaskan North Slope producers Exxon Mobil, BP and ConocoPhillips agreed to Murkowski's plan to route the pipeline through Canada. In opposition, Palin supports a plan for the pipeline to run from the North Slope to Alaska's south coast near Valdez. [Natural Gas Week, 11/7/05]

Palin Said Alaska Can Contribute to National Security By Drilling in ANWR. In a discussion over opening ANWR for drilling, Palin said at the 2004 Republican National Convention that the "number of votes that [Alaska] can provide isn't great...our state can provide in terms of security for our nation." [[Congressional Quarterly Weekly](#), 8/27/04]

Palin Said She Would Open Negotiations on Natural Gas Pipeline, Said that the Contract Was Not the Best Deal For Alaskans. After losing the primary, Jim Clark, Governor Murkowski's chief of staff, said Murkowski would give Republican primary winner Sarah Palin a detailed briefing on the negotiations for a natural gas pipeline. "Palin said Tuesday night that if she wins November's general election, she wants to open negotiations to other projects that might compete with the project the three oil companies are pushing. 'We'll deal with the oil companies and their plan to study if they want to build a gas line. At the same time, we'll open it up to other entities that are interested in this project. We'll start weighing those objectively and fairly, and I'll work with the Legislature, not against them, in the process.'" The Anchorage Daily News also described "Palin's campaign criticism that the contract is not the best deal for Alaskans." [[Anchorage Daily News \(Alaska\)](#), 8/23/06]

Palin Said Problems with All-Alaska Line Could Be Worked Out and that Canadian Line Could be Built After Valdez Line. "Palin insists the problems can be worked out and a Canadian line can be built

later, after the Valdez line. ‘LNG is the wave of the future,’ she said. ‘They’re going to get it from somewhere. I would love for them to get it from Alaska.’” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/11/06]

Palin Said She Did Not Agree With Alaska Part-Ownning the Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline, Saying It Would Confuse the State’s Oversight Role. The candidates for governor say the Prudhoe Bay shutdown just goes to show something. They just can’t agree on what. Here’s how each described the closure, which raises questions about how to keep the aging trans-Alaska oil pipeline working while trying to land the next big pipeline project. “* SARAH PALIN, REPUBLICAN: The state regulates the oil industry on the North Slope and is partially responsible when there are accidents. Still, said the former Wasilla mayor, the state needs to hold oil companies accountable for taking care of the pipeline. While Murkowski said the corrosion problems that led to the closure might have been caught if Alaska was part owner of the line, Palin said co-ownership would only confuse the state’s oversight role.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/8/06]

Palin Was Vague On Petroleum Production Tax. “‘I commend John Binkley for his statements against a profit-based oil tax and a flawed gasline contract for Alaska,’ Palin said in a statement released Thursday. Palin’s statement stopped short of recommending the Legislature stop its work on the proposed PPT.” [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#) (Alaska), 7/7/06]

Palin Pledged that If Elected She Would Not Sign a Gas Line Contract Without Approval of the Legislature. “PALIN pledged Wednesday that if she were elected governor she would not sign a gas line contract without the approval of the Legislature. ‘I believe that, when an executive decision will impact the manner in which we manage and profit from North Slope resources for decades, the executive branch should share this vital decision making power with the elected representatives of the Alaskan people,’ she wrote in a letter to Murkowski accompanying her pledge.” [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#) (Alaska), 7/6/06]

Palin Said She Opposed Ballot Initiative to Tax Oil Companies on Their Gas Reserves. “[Palin] said she did not accept an invitation by Rep. Eric Croft, an Anchorage Democrat also running for governor, to support the ballot initiative to tax oil companies on their gas reserves. ‘Inherently, I have such a problem with taxes,’ she said, adding that she thought some kind of ‘incentive’ was needed to force the companies to develop the resource.” [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#) (Alaska), 6/22/06]

Palin Signed Resolution In Support of the Development of North Slope Gas Through Utilization of Gasline Port Authority. In 2001, Palin signed a resolution supporting the development of North Slope gas through the utilization of the Alaska Gasline Port Authority for the maximum benefit of all Alaska municipalities.” [Resolution 01-08, 3/12/2001]

Palin Signed Resolution in Support of ANWR Drilling. In 2001, Palin signed a resolution in support of opening the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to responsible exploration, development and production of any existing oil and gas resources. [Resolution 01-11, 4/9/2001]

Palin Signed Resolution Supporting Pioneer Unit Oil and Gas Exploration in Cook Inlet. In 1999, Palin signed a resolution in support of the Pioneer Unit oil and gas exploration and development project in the Northern Cook Inlet. [Resolution 99-24 (am), 6/28/1999]

Palin Signed Ordinance Allowing Methane Gas Extraction in Rural Residential, Commercial, Industrial Zones. In 2002, Palin signed an ordinance that amended the district use chart to add coalbed methane gas extraction to the use chart and allowing methane gas extraction in RR—Rural Residential, C—Commercial, I—Industrial and P—Public Districts. [Ordinance 02-60, 11/25/2002]

Palin Signed Resolution Supporting Areawide Leasing Program. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution in support of Alaska's Areawide Leasing program for the Cook Inlet, North Slope and Beaufort Sea regions. The resolution was in reference to HB 388, which was signed by the Governor. [Resolution 98-01, 1/12/1998]

All-Alaska Pipeline

Palin Said She'd Never Said There Needed to Be an All-Alaska Pipeline and That She'd Always Been Open to Other Options. In 2006, during a debate, Palin was asked whether her take on how Alaska should get its natural gas to market had changed. According to the Anchorage Daily News, "Palin said she's never said that it has to be an all-Alaska pipeline route -- as opposed to a highway route through Canada, which Murkowski favors -- and that she's always been open to other options." [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/18/06]

Palin Supported Natural Gas Pipeline Running from the North Slope to Valdez. Palin advocated a natural gas pipeline running from the North Slope to Valdez, rather than through Canada to the Midwestern United States. "We need in-state use of this gas. That should have been the foundation of our negotiations," she said. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 7/27/06]

- **Palin Appeared in Newspaper and TV Advertisements to Promote an All-Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline.** After resigning as chairwoman of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in January 2004, Palin became the spokeswoman for the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline movement. The movement "semi-collapsed" when Sempra, a California energy company, withdrew its financial support. Sempra claimed that there was no secure natural gas supply to ship to the West Coast. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 6/8/05]

Palin Said "Of Course" Pipeline Needs to be All Alaska, Saying It Sent Revenue and Jobs to Alaskans, not a Foreign Country. Asked how she came to be a spokesperson for the All-Alaska pipeline, Palin said, "Of course, my position is, all things being equal, of course it needs to be all Alaska. It's constitutionally mandated that our resources be developed for the benefit of all Alaskans. It's not a difficult decision for me to make when asked, would you rather see the jobs, the revenue derived go more towards a foreign company and foreign country, Canada, or keep it all in Alaska? And I look forward also to seeing how, what kind of compromises in the best interest of Alaskans will come from this. I trust that there will be decisions that will be made, we better be able to trust that there are decisions that will be made by the administration that are open to public scrutiny. And that's the concern I have right now, the lack of open government that we see in state government." [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 6/8/05]

Palin Was Spokesperson for All-Alaska Pipeline in "Expensive Advertising Campaign." "The all-Alaska line has broad public support, thanks in part to its key players being the Fairbanks North Star Borough and the city of Valdez. Its spokespersons in an expensive advertising campaign are former governors Walter Hickel and Jay Hammond, former Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin and former state Sen. Rick Halford." The ads were paid for by the Alaska Natural Gasline Port Authority (ANGPA). [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 6/4/05]

Property

Palin Broke Tie in Vote Against Building Codes. In 1997, broke a tie in the city council to kill building codes in Wasilla. The Mat-Su homebuilders had supported the building codes for residential structures. [[Frontiersman](#), 2/19/97]

Palin Appointed Verdie Bowen to Planning Commission. “The council confirmed Palin’s appointment of Verdie Bowen to the Wasilla planning Commission.” [[Frontiersman](#), 12/24/97]

Annexing

Palin Said She Would Not Try to Annex Meadow Lakes Without the Support of Residents. “Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin said she will not consider annexing Meadow Lakes without the support of residents, but some see the city creeping toward them anyway.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 4/20/98]

Under Palin, In Order for the City To Annex, A Quarter of the Residents Had to Request it. Under Palin’s tenure, the City Council agreed that “if people living outside Wasilla want into the city, they must get a fourth of their neighbors to support the annexation to begin the process.” [[Frontiersman](#), 1/31/97]

While in City Council, Palin Supported Plan to Annex Hundreds of Acres; As Mayor She Halted the Plan Saying it Came From the Previous Administration. “As a city councilwoman, Sarah Palin supported exploring an annexation that would pull hundreds of acres of land into Wasilla and extend the city’s border to the Seward Meridian Parkway. Eight months later, Wasilla Mayor Palin directed the planning department to stop preparing the annexation petition, effectively voiding a council-approved resolution. ‘While I’m mayor, I’m not going to support forced annexations,’ Palin said.” The [Frontiersman](#) added, “Palin acknowledged that she and the other council members may have passed the annexation resolution unanimously last spring, but that resolution was a directive of John Stein’s administration, not her administration.” [[Frontiersman](#), 11/22/96]

Palin Sent Letters Asking if Wasilla Lake Residents Wanted to Be Annexed—the Vast Majority Did Not. “On Dec. 16 Mayor Sarah Palin sent a letter and reply postcard to 153 Wasilla Lake property owners asking for their ideas on annexation. As of Monday, the city had received 32 postcards and letters in reply...Six respondents favored annexation, and 26 opposed it.” [[Frontiersman](#), 1/7/98]

Palin Signed Resolution Requiring a Quarter of Residents to Request Annexation Before the City Would Act. In 1997, Palin signed a resolution establishing an annexation policy for Wasilla. The resolution stated that only land contiguous to Wasilla would be eligible for annexation and that 25 percent of the eligible voters in the area would need to petition a request for it to be considered. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution amending the first to clarify administrative matters. [Resolution 96-61, 1/27/1997; Resolution 98-07, 2/23/1998]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Annex and Zone Land Commercial. In 1998, Palin signed an ordinance “authorizing annexation and zoning of certain properties (T17N, R1W, Section 11, Olson Extension lots 1 through 5 and T17N, R2Q, Section 12, Lot 4) into the corporate boundaries of the city of Wasilla in conjunction with zoning of T17N, R1W, Section 11, Tax Parcel B1 and Hurley Loop Right-of-Way.” The land was zoned commercial. [Ordinance 98-23, 5/11/1998]

Palin Signed Resolution to Annex Parcel to Broadview Sewer Lid. In 1999, Palin signed a resolution approving the annexation of an additional parcel to the Broadview Sewer Lid. [Resolution 99-34, 10/25/1999]

Palin Signed Ordinance Authorizing Annexation and Zoning For Carefree Acres, Waiver Hill, Silverleaf Estates, Olson and Lakebrook Subdivisions. In 2001, Palin signed an ordinance authorizing annexation and zoning of certain properties into Wasilla to include portions of Carefree Acres Subdivision, Waiver Hill Subdivision, Silverleaf Estates Subdivision, Olson Subdivision, Lakebrook Subdivision and areas near the airport and Near Happy Mountain Estates. [Ordinance 01-13, 4/9/2001]

Eminent Domain

Palin Said She Would Support Statewide Restrictions on the Use of Eminent Domain. Asked if she would support statewide restrictions on the use of eminent domain to transfer property from one private owner to another, Palin responded, “Yes.” [Eagle Forum questionnaire]

Improvements

Palin Signed Resolution for Paving of Upper Wasilla Heights Subdivision. In 1996, Palin signed a resolution calling for a survey to be taken to pave Lots 6-10, Block 2, Upper Wasilla Heights Subdivision and Lots 1-5, Block 3, Upper Wasilla Heights Division. [Resolution 96-44, 10/14/1996]

Palin Signed Resolution for Paving of Wasilla Heights Subdivision. In 1996, Palin signed a resolution calling for a survey to be taken to pave Lots 1-5, Block 1, Wasilla Heights Division and Lots 1-5, Block 2, Wasilla Heights Subdivision. [Resolution 96-45, 10/14/1996]

Palin Signed Resolution for Creating Paving District. In 1996, Palin signed a resolution forming Paving Assessment District 96 P2 and to issue \$50,254 in bonds to cover the cost. [Resolution 96-60, 12/9/1996]

Palin Signed Ordinance To Issue \$278K Special Assessment Bond for Paving. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a special assessment bond in the principal amount of not to exceed \$278,720 for the purpose of providing funds necessary to pay the costs of paving improvements in the Westpoint/Westcove paving assessment district, the Hallea Lane paving assessment district, the Wild Adventure paving assessment district and the Southview paving assessment district. [Ordinance 97-09, 2/24/1997]

Palin Signed Resolution for Paving of Wasilla Heights and Northern Capital Estates Subdivisions. In 1997, Palin signed a resolution calling for a survey to be taken to pave Lots 1-5, Block 1, Upper Wasilla Heights; Lots 1-5, Block 2, Upper Wasilla Heights; Lot 17, Block 1, Wasilla Acres; Lots 18-34, Block 5, Wasilla Acres; Lots 1-20, Block 6, Wasilla Acres; Lots 1-9, Block 1, Northern Capital Estates; Lots 1-6 & 16-36, Block 2, Northern Capital Estates; Lots 1-18, Block 3, Northern Capital Estates; and Lots 1-12, Block 4, Northern Capital Estates. [Resolution 97-21, 6/23/1997]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Issue \$5.5 Million in General Obligation Bonds to Pay for Roads. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$5,500,000 to finance the cost of planning, designing, acquiring and improving streets and street related improvements in Wasilla. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds. [Ordinance 97-48, 8/11/1997; Resolution 98-06, 2/23/1998]

Palin Signed Resolution to Issue Reimbursement Bond to Cover Cost of \$600,000 Water Extension. In 1997, Palin signed a resolution declaring its intent to issue a reimbursement bond to reimburse the cost of the construction of the Knik-Goose Bay Water Extension in the amount of \$600,000. [Resolution 97-40, 8/25/1997]

Palin Signed Resolution Issuing LID Bonds of \$293K. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution to issue Local Improvement District bonds totaling \$293,644 to reimburse the expenditures. [Resolution 98-12, 4/13/1998]

Palin Signed Resolution Approving Conditional Use Permit to Center Point Subdivision. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution approving conditional use permit C98-40 for the limited access community known as Center Point Subdivision, located on tax parcel A4, Section 16, 17N01W, Seward Meridian. [Resolution 98-17, 6/8/1998]

Palin Signed Resolution Creating LID For Water Main Extension. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution proposing creating a Local Improvement District for a Water Main Extension within Kennedy Addition to Wasilla Townsite, Susitna Area Water Lid "A," South Boundary Street, North of East Susitna Avenue. [Resolution 98-24, 6/22/1998]

Palin Signed Resolution Creating LID For Water Main Extension. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution proposing creating a Local Improvement District for a Water Main Extension within Kennedy Addition to Wasilla Townsite, Susitna Area Water Lid "B," South Talkeetna Street, North of East Susitna Avenue. [Resolution 98-25, 6/22/1998]

Palin Signed Resolution Creating LID For Water Main Extension. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution proposing creating a Local Improvement District for a Water Main Extension within Kennedy Addition to Wasilla Townsite, Susitna Area Water Lid "C," South Denali Street, North of East Susitna Avenue. [Resolution 98-26, 6/22/1998]

Palin Signed Resolution Creating LID For Water Main Extension. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution proposing creating a Local Improvement District for a Water Main Extension within Kennedy Addition to Wasilla Townsite and Floyd Subdivision, Susitna Area Water Lid "D," South Denali Street, South of East Susitna Avenue. [Resolution 98-27, 6/22/1998]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Exchange Properties and Rights of Way to Create Access Across Iditapark. In 1998, Palin signed an ordinance "authorizing the exchange of properties and rights-of-way within lot 13A, Block 3, Snider Subdivision to create access across Iditapark (Old Airport Site) and exchange property at the Southwest corner of Old Wasilla Airport." [Ordinance 98-28, 6/22/1998]

Palin Signed Resolution Creating LID For Water Main Extension. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution proposing creating a Local Improvement District for a Water Main Extension within Kennedy Addition to Wasilla Townsite, Susitna Area Water Lid "E," South Talkeetna Street, South of East Susitna Avenue. [Resolution 98-28, 6/22/1998]

Palin Signed Resolution Creating LID For Water Main Extension. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution proposing creating a Local Improvement District for a Water Main Extension within Kennedy Addition to Wasilla Townsite, Susitna Area Water Lid "F," South Boundary Street, South of East Susitna Avenue. [Resolution 98-29, 6/22/1998]

Palin Signed Resolution Creating LID For Water Main Extension. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution proposing creating a Local Improvement District for a Water Main Extension within Kennedy Addition to Wasilla Townsite, Susitna Area Water Lid "E," South Talkeetna Street, South of Susitna Avenue. [Resolution 98-30, 6/22/1998]

Palin Signed Resolution Creating LID For Water Main Extension. In 1998, Palin signed a resolution proposing creating a Local Improvement District for a Water Main Extension within Kennedy Addition to Wasilla Townsite, Susitna Area Water Lid "F," South Boundary Street, South of Susitna Avenue. [Resolution 98-31, 6/22/1998]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Issue Special Assessment Bonds for Paving. In 1998, Palin signed an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of a special assessment bond for the amount not to exceed \$287,200 to pay the costs of paving improvements in Woodcrest, Patricia Avenue, and Century Park Paving Assessment Districts. [Ordinance 98-53, 10/12/1998]

Palin Signed Resolution to Create LID for Tallerico, Wasilla Southwest and Hodgert Corner Subdivisions. In 1999, Palin signed a resolution for the creation of a Local Improvement District for paving the road within Tallerico Subdivision, Wasilla Southwest Subdivision, and Hodgert Corner Subdivision. [Resolution 99-01, 1/11/1999]

Palin Signed Resolution to Issue LID Bonds for Tallerico, Wasilla Southwest and Hodgert Corner Subdivisions. In 1999, Palin signed a resolution to issue Local Improvement District Bonds to reimburse for the expenditures related to road paving in the Tallerico, Wasilla Southwest, and Hodgert Corner Subdivisions. The principal amount of debt obligations was \$241,230. [Resolution 99-06, 3/22/1999]

Palin Signed Resolution Approving \$19 Million in Bonds for Improvements to Hospital. In 1999, Palin signed a resolution approving up to \$19,000,000 of City of Palmer, Alaska Hospital Revenue Bonds to finance improvements to the Valley Hospital Medical Campus in Wasilla. [Resolution 99-10, 4/12/1999]

Palin Signed Resolution to Create LID for Carson Plaza and South View Extension Subdivisions. In 1999, Palin signed a resolution to create a Local Improvement District for sewer improvements in the Carson Plaza and South View Extension Subdivisions. In 1999, Palin signed a resolution correcting 99-18, which had misspellings and other errors. [Resolution 99-18, 5/10/1999; Resolution 99-22, 6/14/1999]

Palin Signed Resolution to Issue Sewer Assessment Bonds for Carson Plaza and South View Extension Subdivisions. In 1999, Palin signed a resolution to issue sewer assessment district bonds to reimburse for the cost of improvements in the Carson Plaza and South View Extension Subdivisions. The principal amount of debt obligations was \$100,000. [Resolution 99-21, 6/14/1999]

Palin Signed Resolution To Issue Paving Assessment District Bonds. In 1999, Palin signed a resolution to issue paving assessment district bond from which it would reimburse itself for expenditures for the East Susitna Area Paving Special Assessment District No. 98P2. The maximum principal amount of debt obligations expected to be issued was \$26,963. [Resolution 99-28, 7/12/1999]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Sell City Land. In 1999, Palin signed an ordinance authorizing the sale by the city of Lots 14, 19, 20 and 21, Block 1, Wasilla Airport Heights Subdivision and Lot 9A, Ravenswood Subdivision, Division I. [Ordinance 99-41, 9/13/1999]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Wasilla Heights Subdivision from Rural Residential to Residential Multifamily. In 1999, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 Wasilla Heights Subdivision from RR—Rural Residential to RM—Residential Multifamily. [Ordinance 99-46, 10/25/1999]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Provide for Sale And Issuance of \$189K In Special Assessment Bonds for Paving. In 2000, Palin signed an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a special assessment bond in the amount of \$189,320 for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of paving in North Country Paving Assessment District 98P2. [Ordinance 00-19, 3/13/2000]

Palin Signed Resolution Proposing Formation of LID for Paving of GCL and GVC Subdivisions. In 2000, Palin signed a resolution proposing formation of a local improvement district and directing a survey

be taken of the property owners for the purpose of road paving within GGL I Subdivision, GVC Subdivision, GVC II-Division I Subdivision, GVC II-Division II Subdivision, GVC II-Division III Subdivision, and GVC II-Division IV Subdivision. [Resolution 00-18, 4/3/2000]

Palin Signed Resolution Proposing LID for Paving of Prospector Hills and Wasilla Villa Subdivisions. In 2000, Palin signed a resolution proposing formation of a local improvement district and directing that a survey be taken of the property owners for the purpose of road paving within Prospector Hills Subdivision and Wasilla Villa Condos Subdivision. [Resolution 00-19, 4/3/2000]

Palin Signed Ordinance Accepting Public Use Easement Dedication. In 2000, Palin signed an ordinance accepting the dedication of a public use easement on tax parcels 17N01W05B005, 17N01W05D004 and 17N01W05A001. [Ordinance 00-33, 5/8/2000]

Palin Signed Resolution to Issue LID Bonds to Reimburse for Cost of Paving GGL and GVC Subdivisions. In 2000, Palin signed a resolution declaring the intent of the city to issue local improvement district bonds to reimburse for expenditures incurred from paving GGL and GVC subdivisions. [Resolution 00-33, 8/14/2000]

Palin Signed Resolution Authorizing Issuance of \$10 Million Revenue Bond to Finance Construction of Native Primary Care Center. In 2000, Palin signed a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a \$9,800,000 revenue bond to finance the construction and acquisition of the Anchorage Native Primary Care Center. [Resolution 00-50, 11/27/2000]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Fred Nelson Subdivision From Rural Residential to Residential Multifamily. In 2000, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone Tract 3C, Fred Nelson Subdivision from RR—Rural Residential to RM—Residential Multifamily. [Ordinance 00-63, 12/11/2000]

Palin Signed Resolution Supporting Conditional Use Permit for Center Point Subdivision. In 2001, Palin signed a resolution approving conditional use permit C01-07 for a modification of the limited access community known as Center Point Subdivision. [Resolution 01-06, 2/26/2001]

Palin Signed Ordinance Providing for Sale and Issuance of \$200K In Bonds to Pay for Paving Tallerico, Wasilla Southwest and Hodgert Corner Subdivisions. In 2001, Palin signed an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a special assessment bond in the amount of \$199,088.40 to provide funds to pay the costs of paving improvements in Tallerico, Wasilla Southwest, and Hodgert Corner Subdivisions. [Ordinance 01-35, 6/25/2001]

Palin Signed Ordinance Providing for Sale and Issuance of \$84K In Bonds to Pay for Sewer Improvements For Broadview. In 2001, Palin signed an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a special assessment bond in the amount of \$84,711.30 to provide funds to pay the costs of sewer improvements in Broadview Sewer Assessment District No. 99S1. [Ordinance 01-36, 6/25/2001]

Palin Signed Ordinance Providing for Sale and Issuance of \$17K In Bonds to Pay for Paving East Susitna. In 2001, Palin signed an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a special assessment bond in the amount of \$17,400.15 to provide funds to pay the costs of paving improvements in East Susitna Area Paving Assessment District No. 98P2. [Ordinance 01-37, 6/25/2001]

Palin Signed Resolution Related to the Paving of Prospector Hills and Wasilla Villa Condos Subdivisions. In 2001, Palin signed a resolution declaring the intent of the city to issue road local improvement district bonds in the principal amount of \$160,000 to reimburse itself for expenditures

related to paving Prospector Hills Subdivision and Wasilla Villa Condos Subdivision. [Resolution 01-20, 6/25/2001]

Palin Signed Resolution to Reimburse for Costs of Sewer Main Improvements For \$580K. In 2001, Palin signed a resolution declaring the intent of the city to reimburse original expenditures for costs of the sewer main improvement projects along the Palmer-Wasilla Highway Extension and Lucille Street, with proceeds of tax exempt bonds, issued at a maximum of \$580,000. [Resolution 01-41, 11/5/2001]

Palin Signed Resolution to Reimburse for Costs of Sewer Main Improvements For \$905K. In 2001, Palin signed a resolution declaring the intent of the city to reimburse original expenditures for costs of the sewer main improvement projects along the Palmer-Wasilla Highway Extension, West Parks Highway and Lucille Street, with proceeds of tax exempt bonds, issued at a maximum of \$905,000. [Resolution 01-42, 11/5/2001]

Palin Signed Resolution to Reimburse for Costs of Bumpus Well and Reservoir Project For \$3.3 Million. In 2001, Palin signed a resolution declaring the intent of the city to reimburse original expenditures for costs of the construction of the Bumpus Well and Reservoir Project, with proceeds of tax exempt bonds, issued at a maximum of \$3,309,000. [Resolution 01-43, 11/5/2001]

Palin Signed Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of \$3.3 Million in Utility Revenue Bonds to Finance Water and Wastewater Improvements. In 2002, Palin signed an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of utility revenue bonds by Wasilla in the principal amount of \$3,309,000 for the purpose of financing water improvements. Palin also signed an ordinance authorizing utility revenue bonds of the city to be issued in series to finance water and wastewater improvements, creating a lien upon net revenues of the city water and wastewater utilities for the payment of the bonds. [Ordinance 02-24, 4/29/2002; Ordinance 02-25, 4/29/2002]

In 2001, Palin signed a resolution [Resolution 01-38 (sub), 9/24/2001]

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Zoning

Palin Opposed Wasilla Rezoning Map as a Councilmember. “Amid accusations of political grandstanding and complete disregard of the public’s wishes, the Wasilla City Council passed the new zoning map Monday night... With a 4-2 vote, the code was passed with Councilwoman Sarah Palin expressing disgust and concern that council members should have changed the code to more closely align it with the public’s wishes. [[Frontiersman](#), 8/14/96]

Wasilla Rezoned An Area Commercial, Despite Complaints from Its Residential Neighbors That It Would Disrupt the Area. “A controversial commercial rezone was approved last week by the Wasilla City Council. But the issue illustrates the increasing tension between the need to foster commercial growth in the city and adhering to the wishes of neighboring homeowners.” The lot on Knik Bay Road, owned by Global Finance and Investment Co., had been zoned rural residential, limiting its commercial use. The [Frontiersman](#) added, “Homeowners in nearby subdivisions complained the commercial rezone is incompatible with their quiet family neighborhoods.” [[Frontiersman](#), 6/4/97]

Wasilla Landowner Wrote Op-Ed Opposing Rezoning of Neighboring Property. Bronwen Jones wrote in an opinion column in the *Frontiersman*, “William and Cheryl Odom sent in a petition on Dec. 27, requesting that their lots 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D on Lakeview Subdivision on Lake Lucille be rezoned from R-1 (single family residential) to C (commercial) status. I own the two immediately adjacent lake lots to theirs and fear the impact of commercially used lots there.” [*Frontiersman*, 2/14/97]

Palin Opposed Allowing Group Homes In the City’s Residential Areas. “If council member David Chappel had his druthers, group homes for foster children, alcoholics, drug addicts and those seeking recovery from domestic violence wouldn’t be allowed in the city’s most restrictive residential neighborhoods...The public supports restricting Wasilla’s zoning plans to disallow these facilities in the city’s R1 subdivisions, according to Chappel...Mayor Sarah Palin tried a similar code change in August while she was still a member of the city council but could not get the council to introduce the measure for public hearing.” [*Frontiersman*, 11/1/96]

Palin Opposed Development Code, Saying it Was Rammed Down the Public’s Throat. “Palin and Chappel say they think their fellow council members are ramming the development code down the public’s throat and renegeing on a promise to amend the code. ‘It was a big mistake passing the development code and an even bigger mistake to kill my amendments’” Palin said. The *Frontiersman* continued, “Some of Palin’s proposed changes included changing the number of people who may live in a group home to four and excluding the homes from R1-single family residential neighborhoods; excluding institutional homes from R2 zoning districts; replacing city-adopted plans with neighborhood plans and comments as the main criterion for approving development permits; and further restricting how far away adult businesses and correctional facilities have to be from schools, churches and parks.” [*Frontiersman*, 8/30/96]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Richmond Hills Subdivision From Rural Residential to Single Family Residential. In 1996, Palin signed an ordinance to “rezone all lots in Richmond Hills II Subdivision, from RR-Rural Residential to R1—Single-Family Residential.” [Ordinance 96-56, 10/14/96]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Mission Hills Subdivision From Rural Residential to Single Family Residential. In 1996, Palin signed an ordinance amending the zoning map “to rezone all lots and tracts contained in Mission Hills Subdivision Phases I, II and III, from RR-Rural Residential to R1—Single Family Residential.” [Ordinance 96-57, 10/14/1996]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Richmond View Subdivision From Rural Residential to Single Family Residential. In 1996, Palin signed an ordinance to “rezone lots 1-14, Block 1, Richmond View Subdivision, from RR-Rural Residential to R1—Single-Family Residential.” [Ordinance 96-58, 10/14/1996]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Southview Extension Subdivision From Rural Residential to Single Family Residential. In 1996, Palin signed an ordinance to “rezone lots 9-20, Block 1; Lots 1-14, Block 2; and Lots 1-7, Block 3, Southview Extension Subdivision,” from RR-Rural Residential to R1—Single-Family Residential. [Ordinance 96-61, 11/25/1996]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Southview Terrace Subdivision From Rural Residential to Residential. In 1996, Palin signed an ordinance to “rezone lots 1-6, Southview Terrace Subdivision,” from RR-Rural Residential to R2—Residential. [Ordinance 96-62, 11/25/96]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Frederick Subdivision From Single-Family Residential to Commercial. In 1996, Palin signed an ordinance to “rezone lot 9, Frederick Subdivision,” from R1—

Single-Family Residential to C—Commercial. The lot was contiguous to another lot zoned C. [Ordinance 96-63, 11/25/1996]

Palin Signed Ordinance Increasing Area of Neighbors Required to Be Notified of Pending Rezoning. In 1996, Palin signed an ordinance expanding the area or neighbors that the planning commission was required to notify in case of a rezoning. Previously, the commission sent letters of notification to neighbors within 600 feet. The ordinance expanded the area to 1200 feet. [Ordinance 96-64, 11/25/1996]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Mortgage Park Subdivision From Industrial to Rural Residential. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone “lots 1-8, Mortgage Park Subdivision,” from I—Industrial to C—RR—Rural Residential. [Ordinance 96-74, 1/13/1997]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Fred Nelson, Lofland and Simonds Subdivisions From Rural Residential to Commercial. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone “tract 7, Fred Nelson Subdivision, and Lot 1 and Tract A, Lofland and Simonds Subdivision,” from RR—Rural Residential to C—Commercial. [Ordinance 96-80, 1/27/1997]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Richmond Hills Subdivision From Rural Residential to Residential and Commercial. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone “lots 1 through 6, and lots 8 through 15, block 1, Richmond Hills I Subdivision; a change of zoning from RR—Rural Residential to R2—Residential, and Lot 7, block 1 and lots 1 and 2, block 2 and tract B, Richmond Hills I Subdivision, a change of zoning from RR—Rural Residential to C—Commercial.” [Ordinance 97-15, 3/10/1997]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Adventure Estates Subdivision From Rural Residential to Residential. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone Lots 14, 15 and 16, block 1, and lot 1, 2 and 3, Block 2, Adventure Estates Subdivision from RR—Rural Residential to R2—Residential. According to the attached memo, “The Mayor initiated this case in response to a property owners request.” [Ordinance 97-35, 6/23/1997] CHECK NAME FOR DONATION

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Morehouse Subdivision From Rural Residential to Commercial. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone Lots 1,2 and 3, Morehouse Subdivision; a change of zoning from RR—Rural Residential to C—Commercial. [Ordinance 97-36, 7/14/97]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Plot From Rural Residential to Commercial. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone Tract B3, Section 8, T17N, R1W, S.M. from RR—Rural Residential to C—Commercial. [Ordinance 97-47, 8/25/97]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Plot From Rural Residential to Commercial. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone the South ½ of tract A6, section 13, T17N, R1W, Seward meridian, from RR—Rural Residential to C—Commercial. [Ordinance 97-66 sub, 12/8/97]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Plot From Rural Residential to Commercial. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone the South ½ of tract A6, section 13, T17N, R1W, Seward Meridian, from RR—Rural Residential to C—Commercial. [Ordinance 97-66 sub, 12/8/97]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Nature Conservancy Land From Rural Residential to Commercial and Industrial. In 1998, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone selected parcels of land owned by the Nature Conservancy known as tax parcels A2 and D2 Section 7, and tax parcels B1, Section 8,

T17N, R1W, Seward Meridian, adjacent to the new Wasilla airport from RR—Rural Residential to a combination of C—Commercial and I—Industrial. [Ordinance 98-18, 4/13/1998]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Zone Adventure Estates Subdivision Residential and Single Family Residential. In 1998, Palin signed an ordinance to amend the zoning map to give Lots 2&3, Block 2, Adventure Estates Subdivision a zoning of R1—Single Family Residential and Lots 14, 15 &16, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 2, Adventure Estates Subdivision a zoning of R2—Residential. [Ordinance 98-48 (am), 9/28/1998]

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Palin Signed Ordinance Authorizing Annexation and Zoning For Carefree Acres, Waiver Hill, Silverleaf Estates, Olson and Lakebrook Subdivisions. In 2001, Palin signed an ordinance authorizing annexation and zoning of certain properties into Wasilla to include portions of Carefree Acres Subdivision, Waiver Hill Subdivision, Silverleaf Estates Subdivision, Olson Subdivision, Lakebrook Subdivision and areas near the airport and Near Happy Mountain Estates. [Ordinance 01-13, 4/9/2001]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone PJC Subdivision from Rural Residential to Rural Multifamily. In 2001, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone PJC Subdivision with enclave parcel C11 from RR—Rural Residential to RM—Rural Multifamily. [Ordinance 01-26, 5/14/2001]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Wasilla Woods Subdivision And Another Tract from Rural Residential to Commercial. In 2001, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone Lots 1,2 and 3 Janneck Tract and Lots 11, 12 & 13, Block 1, Wasilla Woods Subdivision from RR—Rural Residential to C—Commercial. [Ordinance 01-34, 6/25/2001]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Iditaway and PJC Subdivisions from Rural Residential to Commercial. In 2001, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone Lots 1-9, Iditaway Subdivision and a minimum of 200' of the Southern portion of PJC Subdivision from RR—Rural Residential to R1—Single-Family Residential. [Ordinance 01-43, 8/13/2001]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Fred Nelson Subdivision from Rural Residential to Commercial. In 2002, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone Tract 12, Fred Nelson Subdivision from RR—Rural Residential to C—Commercial. [Ordinance 02-11, 3/27/2002]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Tract from Rural Residential to Commercial. In 2002, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone tax parcels B-2, C-2, and C-4, Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Section 11, Seward Meridian, Alaska from RR—Rural Residential to C—Commercial. [Ordinance 02-16, 4/22/2002]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Center Point Subdivision from Rural Residential to Residential. In 2002, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone Center Point Subdivision from RR—Rural Residential to R2—Residential District Pursuant to WMC 16.16.070. [Ordinance 02-48, 8/12/2002]

“The city council is scheduled to vote next Monday on the proposed municipal ordinance—which would allow police to confiscate a violator’s skateboard and fine the owner \$100.” The Frontiersman added, “Mayor Sarah Palin, who supports the ordinance, said in a May 26 information memo that she receives more complaints about skateboard problems than any other nuisance in the city.” [Frontiersman, 6/17/98]

Wasilla’s Pension Was Only Funded at 73 Percent When Palin Left, As Opposed to Almost Completely When She Became Mayor. In fiscal 2002, Wasilla funded 73 percent of its defined benefit pension plan obligation and had 52 percent unfunded liability as a percentage of its covered payroll. In fiscal 1995, Wasilla funded 97.5 percent of its obligation and had 4.3 percent unfunded liability as a percentage of payroll. [Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2003, page 29; Wasilla Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 1996 page 45]

Palin Supported Penalties for Using Skateboards on Public or Private Property in Wasilla.

“Beginning Oct. 15—after the expected opening of the \$233,000 Wasilla Skate Park—skaters will be breaking the law if they use their skateboards, in-line skates, bicycles, scooters (or any other recreational, non-motorized wheeled device) on public or private property where signs are posted forbidding their use.” The Frontiersman added, “In the ordinance approved Monday, the penalty for first-time violators of the ordinance is a written warning and the skate device may be confiscated for 10 calendar days. For a second offense, a \$50 fine shall be paid and the skate device may be confiscated for 30 calendar days. A third-time offender will have to pay a \$100 fine and will lose his or her skate device permanently.” [Frontiersman, 9/18/98]

1999: Palin Cut Parks and Recreation Budget. “Recent cuts to the summer recreation program by Mayor Sarah Palin mean that Parks and Rec will have to pick and choose which summer activities it wants to sponsor.” [Frontiersman, 6/22/99] CHECK THE LONG TERM NUMBERS

Palin Was Criticized for Dismantling Recreation Services. “Wasilla’s mayor is facing criticism from the city’s parks and recreation commission for what the members see as attempts to dismantle recreation services.” [Frontiersman, 2/28/97]

Palin Said She Wanted the Old Wasilla Airport to Become a Recreation Area. In 1992, Palin said, “I’m excited by the potential of the old Wasilla airport. I grew up a quick 400-yard dash from that airport, and I’ve been considering its potential for years. Wasilla sorely needs a family-oriented recreational area, a great site with bike trails and esthetically grand attractions.” [Frontiersman, 9/30/92]

Palin Voted to Make Old Wasilla Airport a Recreation Site with No Buildings. “The Wasilla City Council accepted a new master plan for the Old Wasilla Airport Site, directing that the 29 acres be preserved as a greenbelt with no buildings. Mayor Sarah Palin broke a council tie. Nick Carney, David Chappel and Darlene Langill voted to accept the plan, with Norman Fuller, Dianne Keller and Judy Patrick opposing.” [Frontiersman, 8/29/97]

Palin and Knowles Agreed In Calling for A Corridor Connecting Anchorage to Trails in Mat-Su Valley for Snowmachiners. “An army of Anchorage snowmachiners is taking on Fort Richardson in a battle for a trail out the Glenn Highway and into the great beyond. A route along the highway -- inside the fenced right of way -- would connect Anchorage and its thousands of riders to a planned network of winter trails in the Matanuska and Susitna valleys. That would be great fun, promoters say. And, making an argument intended to cross political, cultural and military barriers, they say it would be good for business...The snowmachiners have written backing from Gov. Tony Knowles, who called the Glenn corridor “a vital link” in a planned regional winter trail system, and from Anchorage Mayor Rick Mystrom, who said “all of us can certainly agree” that the corridor would be good for recreation and

business. “I hope the military will help make it happen,” Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin said in an interview this week.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 12/11/98]

Palin Declined to Get Involved In Snowmachine Issue Because of Potential Conflict of Interest. In 1997, when a Trails Advisory Committee pushed for multi-use trails throughout Wasilla, the *Frontiersman* wrote, “Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin said last week she thought the group is off to a good start, but said she will be stepping back from the issue because she has a conflict of interest with her family’s ownership of a Big Lake snowmachine shop.” [[Frontiersman](#), 1/15/97]

Palin Was an “Ardent Supporter” Of Plan to Allow Snowmobiles on Wasilla Sidewalks and Parking Lots. In 1993, Billy Byers submitted a proposal to legalize snowmachines on designated stretches of Wasilla city sidewalks, bikepaths and parking lots, to allow snowmobilers to use Wasilla as a jumping off point toward popular spots like Hatcher Pass and Big Lake, parking their trailers in town and spending their money in local lodges, restaurants and gas stations. The *Anchorage Daily News* wrote, “Sarah Palin, another council member and an ardent supporter of the plan, said she would favor keeping snowmachines off of bikepaths.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (AK), 11/9/93]

Religion

Palin Supported Use of “Under God” In Pledge of Allegiance. Asked if she was offended by the phrase “Under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance, Palin responded, “Not on your life. If it was good enough for the founding fathers, its good enough for me and I’ll fight in defense of our Pledge of Allegiance.” [Eagle Forum questionnaire]

Palin Said “Under God” Would Be Taken Away From Her “When [Her] Cold, Dead Lips” Could No Longer Utter Them. Palin wrote a Letter to the Editor saying only, “San Francisco judges forbidding our Pledge of Allegiance? They will take the phrase ‘under God’ away from me when my cold, dead lips can no longer utter those words. God bless America.” [[Juneau Empire](#), 6/30/02]

Seniors

Palin Said She Would Reinstate the Longevity Bonus. “Palin and Binkley both said they’d reinstate the longevity bonus, which Murkowski eliminated early in his tenure.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 7/14/06]

Palin Said if She Had Known Murkowski Was Going to Cut Longevity Bonus, She Would Not Have Campaigned for Him. “Palin spoke to BP employees in Anchorage on Wednesday morning. The first question they asked was about the longevity bonus. ‘Had I known that he planned to cut the longevity bonus, I would not have campaigned for Governor Murkowski (in 2002),’ she said.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 6/29/06]

Palin’s 1998 Budget Included No Funding for Wasilla Senior Center. In 1997, the Wasilla Senior Center requested \$17,000 from the city of Wasilla, but none was included in the city’s budget for 1998. [[Frontiersman](#), 5/16/97]

Palin Said She Was Concerned About State Retirement System, Citing Her Teacher Father. “Palin also said she was disappointed with Senate Bill 141, the bill that created the retirement system last year. She said her father, a retired Alaska teacher, should not have to worry about the government tampering with his pension.” [[Juneau Empire](#), 1/25/06]

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Palin Signed Resolution Granting Land From the City to Senior Housing Project. In 1996, Palin signed a resolution approving a land grant of Tract B1, Winter Trail Subdivision to the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc in support of the Susitna Place Senior Housing Project. [Resolution 96-51, 12/9/1996]

Palin Signed Ordinance to Rezone Plot From Rural Residential to Residential and Commercial, Allowing Senior Housing Project to Go Forward. In 1997, Palin signed an ordinance to rezone “a portion of Tract D4, Section 10, T17N, R 01W, Seward Median from RR—Rural Residential to C—Commercial.” According to the attached memo, the rezoning would “make it possible to issue a permit for the Susitna Senior Housing Project.” [Ordinance 97-33, 5/28/1997]

Palin Signed Ordinance Granting Easement for Senior Center. In 1997, Palin signed an emergency ordinance authorizing the conveyance of an easement for use by Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. for a senior housing project. [Ordinance 97-62, 10/13/1997]

Utilities

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Palin Backed Up Walmart’s Claims of Being a Good Corporate Neighbor. “Nearly two dozen residents who live behind the store say Wal-Mart has been far from a good neighbor. They say store officials have failed to live up to promises not to impact the neighborhood and have asked members of the city Planning Commission to revoke the conditional-use permit the store received to operate. Wal-Mart officials maintain they have done everything required by the city permit. Mayor Sarah Palin backs up that claim. Planning Commission members, however, are to listen this week to tape recordings of past hearings to see exactly what promises were made, chairman Verne Rupright said. If promises weren’t kept, the commission could revoke the permit, he said. He wasn’t sure how that would affect the store, but Palin said it’s unlikely the city could force the store to close.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 3/30/00]

Palin Presided Over a Wedding at a Walmart. He worked in the pets department. She was a cashier. A romance blossomed. And when it came time to say “I do,” they chose -- where else? -- an aisle next to menswear. Sandwiched between racks of cotton pants and surrounded by “Back-to-School Specials”

signs, Jake McCowan and Rosalyn Ryan exchanged vows last week at the place where they met, work and fell in love: the Wasilla Wal-Mart. A crowd of 200, including passengers from a tour bus and several dozen curious shoppers, watched the two employees tie the knot in an afternoon ceremony officiated by Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin. “It was so sweet,” said Palin, who fought back tears during the nuptials. “It was so Wasilla.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/28/99]

“The land across from Wal-Mart is before the Wasilla City Council awaiting a commercial rezoning decision. And last week a local radio station reported that Wal-Mart wants to purchase the lot for future expansion.” [[Frontiersman](#), 11/5/97]

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THEMES

The Gender Card

Palin Said She Fired Stambaugh In Part Because He Gave Her “A Very Stern Look.” In describing why she fired Stambaugh, the [Frontiersman](#) wrote, “[Palin] added that when they met in private, Stambaugh tried to intimidate her by giving her short, uncommunicative answers and staring at her ‘with a very stern look.’” [[Frontiersman](#), 2/12/97]

Stambaugh Sued for Gender Discrimination After Palin Said She Was Intimidated by His Size. After Palin fired Irl Stambaugh, the police chief, he sued the city in part based on gender discrimination. The [Frontiersman](#) wrote, “The gender discrimination issues stem from statements Palin allegedly made to others that she was intimidated by Stambaugh’s size. He stands over 6-feet tall and weighs more than 200 pounds, which, the lawsuit said, is attributed to his gender.” [[Frontiersman](#), 2/26/97]

Palin Asked Her Department Heads for Good News—Only the Good News. In 1997, [Frontiersman](#) columnist Paul Stuart wrote, “A couple of weeks ago, Palin sent a memo to her department heads informing them she wanted weekly reports of the good (that’s *positive*, of course) things going on in their respective departments—and only the good things. Nothing else but the good things.” [[Frontiersman](#), 1/22/97]

Palin Went to See Ivana Trump at Costco, Saying Alaska was So Desperate for “Any Semblance of Glamour and Culture.” “Sarah Palin, a commercial fisherman from Wasilla, told her husband on Tuesday she was driving to Anchorage to shop at Costco. Instead, she headed straight for Ivana. And there, at J.C. Penney’s cosmetic department, was Ivana, the former Mrs. Donald Trump, sitting at a table next to a photograph of herself. She wore a light-colored pantsuit and pink fingernail polish. Her blonde hair was coiffed in a bouffant French twist. ‘We want to see Ivana,’ said Palin, who admittedly smells

like salmon for a large part of the summer, ‘because we are so desperate in Alaska for any semblance of glamour and culture.’” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 4/3/96]

Palin Explained that She Couldn’t Run for Senate Because Then She Couldn’t Be the “Team Mom.” “A hockey mom and a former standout athlete herself, Palin said she understood her son’s concerns. ‘How could I be the team mom if I was a U.S. senator?’ she said.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 4/24/04]

Won’t Take Positions

Palin Said She Would Not Ride the Fence on Any Issue. In 1992, Palin said, “I’m not going to ride the fence on any issue... You ask me my feelings on an issue and I’ll give it to you straight up, because that’s the only way a voter knows where his employee stands. Elected officials are exactly that—employees.” [[Frontiersman](#), 9/30/92]

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Palin “Seemed Unsure” About Preferential Voting, Declined to Take a Position. “One question asked candidates to state their position on preferential voting, a ballot measure on the primary election. Preferential voting is essentially ranking candidates instead of supporting just one so that the first candidate to get a majority of voters’ support wins. This way of voting negates the spoiler effect. Leman, Benson and Taylor said they support preferential voting. Hall and Phillips are against it. Palin seemed doubtful about the voting system and is still studying the matter.” [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#), 8/7/02]

Palin Called Herself “Such a Weasel” For Not Having a Firm Stand on the Property Tax Cap. “Does that mean she’d vote for it? ‘I still have five more weeks to make up my mind, like everybody’s trying to do,’ Palin said. ‘I wish it were not a statewide issue.’ Palin said she has declined requests by Tax Cap Yes to speak in favor of the initiative. Yet, she said, she doesn’t object to her name’s continuing to be listed on the group’s Web site among 10 current or former government officials -- half from Mat-Su -- in support of the initiative. Palin acknowledged that she was sounding quite the politician. ‘I am so sorry I’m such a weasel,’ she said.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 10/8/00]

Ethics

Palin Did Not See A Conflict of Interest With A City Engineer Who Also Had a Consulting Business Compiling Soil Data for Developers. In 2005, questions arose about whether Archie Giddings, public works director for Wasilla, and a member of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Port Commission, had a conflict of interest because he ran a consulting business compiling soil data for developers. “When he became city engineer for Wasilla under then-Mayor Sarah Palin, Giddings said he told her of his consulting business, and there was no problem.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 10/17/05]

Palin Chaired Campaign for Mat-Su Mayor that Involved Methane Exploration While on OGC, Said there Was No Conflict Because The Mayor's Race Was Non-Partisan. "This fall Palin was the chair of Charlie Fannon's unsuccessful campaign for Mat-Su Borough mayor. A central issue in the race was proposals by Denver-based Evergreen Resources Inc. to explore for coal bed methane on 300,000 acres of state gas leases in the Mat-Su. Fannon was more of a coal bed supporter than his opponent was. Palin's commission would regulate Evergreen's drilling. That's not a conflict of interest, she said Friday. Palin said her position on Fannon's campaign wasn't comparable to Ruedrich's with the political party. The Mat-Su mayor's race was nonpartisan, and so it falls outside the scope of the state ethics act, Palin said. She also agreed to serve on Fannon's campaign months before the uproar over gas exploration started." [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 11/8/03]

- **Evergreen Executives Gave Heavily to Fannon's Campaign, Who Said He Welcomed their Drilling; Palin Was Campaign Chair, Despite the Fact She Would Be Regulating Their Operations.** "After its success in getting the state Legislature to reduce governmental oversight of its operations, Evergreen Resources Inc. has turned its attention to the Mat-Su mayor's election, just days away. With all of its 300,000 acres in state shallow-gas leases in a single basket -- the Mat-Su Borough -- company officials have sided with a challenger to borough Mayor Tim Anderson, though they say the company itself is neutral... Anderson's opponent, former Wasilla Police Chief Charlie Fannon, said he welcomes new drilling provided local communities have a say. Fannon's campaign chairwoman is former Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin, who now, as one of three members of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, will be regulating Evergreen's operations. Three Evergreen officials have contributed \$1,400 to Fannon's campaign, though he returned twin \$500 checks from Evergreen chief executive Mark Sexton and lobbyist Jack Ekstrom because he decided to not take donations from non-Alaskans." [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 10/4/03]

Palin Was Appointed By Murkowski to Oil and Gas Commission. In 2003, Gov. Frank Murkowski appointed Alaska Republican Party chairman Randy Ruedrich and Republican lieutenant governor runner-up Sarah Palin to state jobs overseeing the oil and gas industry. Murkowski chose Ruedrich and Palin to fill two of the three seats on the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, a regulatory agency. The seats are full-time jobs that pay about \$118,000 a year. [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#) (AK), 2/20/03]

Fairbanks DNM Criticized Murkowski For Calling Palin "Well Qualified" for Oil and Gas Commission Rather Than Admitting it Was a Political Appointment. When Murkowski appointed Palin to the Oil and Gas Commission, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner wrote, "We don't take issue with the governor's appointment of Palin. Rather, we take issue with how he presented it. For the governor, who rejected a suggestion that both appointments are political rewards, to call Palin "well qualified" at this point is premature. She likely will become well-qualified through hard work in her new full-time job as a commissioner overseeing Alaska's mainstay industry. The public is aware and accepting of the fact that people who work hard on a campaign will be given jobs in a new administration--other governors, in Alaska and in other states, have done this. Gov. Murkowski should recognize that the public is not naive, and he should therefore be forthright when unveiling his appointments." [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#), Editorial, 2/20/03]

Palin Was Criticized for What Some Said Was Misleading Tactics Telling Primary Voters They Had to Request a Republican Ballot, When They Did Not. "Brown also criticized a sticky-note campaign ad that Palin put on the front of the Daily News Tuesday, saying it mislead voters. The note included a picture of Palin and said: "Thank you for taking a stand and for your vote today! If you are undeclared or non-partisan, you must ask for the Republican ballot." Some voters thought that meant they had no choice but to choose the Republican ballot when really they could have selected either, said

Democrats, who called the ad misleading. Kris Perry, a key volunteer for the Palin campaign, said the ad was meant to remind Palin supporters to vote and to make sure they asked for the right ballot.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/24/06]

Criticizing Others

Palin Filed An Ethics Complaint Against Attorney General Gregg Renkes. Sarah Palin filed an ethics complaint against Alaska Attorney General Gregg Renkes due to an alleged \$126,000 conflict of interest involving stock ownership in a company he was negotiating state contracts with. Gregg’s Attorney denied any wrongdoing and insisted that Gregg’s actions were legal. Palin stated, “I’m surprised [...] there’s still such denial that there was any wrongdoing when obviously and legally there was wrongdoing.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 3/12/05, 6/8/05]

- **Alaska Personnel Board Dismissed Palin’s Ethics Complaints Against Renkes.** Allegations against Renkes were dropped in exchange for the files collected by Governor Frank Murkowski’s investigator. The settlement also stated that finding Renkes stock holdings would not be enough to conclude a state ethics law violation. [AP, 3/8/05]
- **Ralph Seekins Sought To Make Palin a Criminal For Making Her Ethics Complaint Against Murkowski Public.** Seekins proposed bill would have sent Sarah Palin to jail for speaking publicly on the Renkes ethics complaint that was not settled until Renkes resigned from office. Seekins said his bill would protect accused official from the “political weapon” of publicizing ethics complaint that have not been settled. [AP, 4/22/05]
- **Palin Would Drop Ethics Complaint Against Renkes to Allow Documents to Become Public.** If the 6,000 document gathered in the Bundy investigation became public, Palin said she might drop her complaint against Renkes that led to his resignation as attorney general. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 2/8/05]
- **Palin Questioned Objectivity of Attorney Robert Bundy In Gregg Renkes Ethics Investigation.** Robert Bundy, the attorney hired to investigate the Renkes ethics complaints, was hired as a private attorney by the Governor Murkowski. Cross-party speculation arose over why the governor did not use the personnel board charged with handling executive branch ethics. Sarah Palin stated “It sounds like a defense of Renkes more than the kind of open-ended independent investigation.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 1/28/05]

Palin Disclosed Ethics Violations by Alaska GOP Chairman, Randy Ruedrich. As Chairwoman of the Alaskan Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Palin filed a complaint against fellow commission member, and Alaska GOP Chairman, Randy Ruedrich. Ruedrich violated state ethics laws by negotiating deals between the GOP and oil companies from his office at the commission. Ruedrich was fined \$12,000 and resigned from the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to continue serving as Chairman of Alaska’s Republican Party. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 1/27/06]

- **As ‘Ethics Supervisor,’ Palin Failed to Respond to Warnings and Complaints Regarding GOP Chairman, Randy Ruedrich.** For months before she took any action, Palin received many complaints from “staff, a fellow commissioner, and from the public.” Palin and Ruedrich were appointed to the Alaskan Oil and Gas Conservation Commission by Governor Murkowski, and she overlooked Ruedrich’s ethical shortcomings for months before taking any action. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 9/22/04]

- **Palin Claimed She Had No “Political Motivation” Shortly Before She Declared Candidacy for Governor.** Palin dismissed claims that she was politically motivated when she criticized the Governor Murkowski’s decision with ethics law violator, and GOP Chair Randy Ruedrich. Palin because she is just a “Hockey mom.” However, months later she declared she would run for Governor, in a race against Murkowski. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 12/17/04]
- **Palin Was Aware of Ruedrich’s Conflict of Interest Long Before She Felt Compelled to Disclose It.** The day Randy Ruedrich was appointed to the Alaskan Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Alaskan Democrats “charged that Ruedrich should step down as chairman of the Republican Party of Alaska to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.” Minority Leader Ethan Berkowitz said, “I perceive a conflict of interest, 17 other members of the Legislature perceive a conflict of interest, there is clearly a perceived conflict of interest.” [AP, 3/4/03]

Palin Signed Letter Urging AG to Find Outside Investigator to Look Into His Ethics Scandals. In 2004, Palin and Rep. Eric Croft, D-Anchorage sent a letter to Alaska Attorney General Gregg Renkes urging him to “follow the law” by referring his ethics investigation to the state personnel board in accordance with the Executive Branch Ethics Act. The ethics scandal involved an investigation of Renkes over conflict-of-interest allegations concerning a coal deal the state signed with Taiwan in September is inadequate. That’s because the outside counsel was hired by Renkes’ confidant, Gov. Frank Murkowski, which compromises the investigator’s ability to expand the probe to include the governor and could affect his ability to aggressively pursue facts, Palin and Croft said. [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#) (AK), 12/12/04]

Palin Alleged She Had Seen Ruedrich Using His Office Phone and Printer for Party Business. “Former oil and gas commissioner Sarah Palin, who brought the allegations forward, also told investigators she saw Ruedrich using his office phone and printer for party business.” [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#) (AK), 4/26/04]

Palin Criticized Murkowski Using State Funds to Create a Mailpiece to Promote His Gas Pipeline. In 2006, when Governor Murkowski spent \$107,000 in state funds producing and distributing a brochure promoting his proposed gas pipeline contract, Palin said, “When I received this glossy, 14-page very nicely done (public relations) piece with the governor’s picture and signature on it, I just assumed it was a campaign piece.” Palin added, “I think most Alaskans will assume the same thing.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 7/1/06]

Cronyism

Critics Complained That Palin’s Hiring of Public Works Director Was a Political Reward. Frontiersman columnist Paul Stuart wrote, “Some local political observers in Wasilla are complaining Mayor Sarah Palin’s recent appointment of Cindy Roberts to the \$55,000-a-year post of public works director was nothing but a political reward. They maintain Roberts has no engineering training and no work experience to make up for the deficit. Admitting Roberts has no engineering expertise, Palin said the city will contract out engineering services. But the Wasilla mayor says Roberts’ management experience in the public and private sector made her rise above other candidates.” [[Frontiersman](#), 9/24/97]

Wasilla Replaced City Attorney of 13 Years With Attorney for Alaska Republican Party. “The Wasilla City Council replaced Richard Deuser, Wasilla’s attorney for 13 years, with an Anchorage attorney last week. The council voted 5-1 Sept. 8 to award the city’s legal services contract to Ken Jacobus, an attorney specializing in municipal law who also serves as general counsel for the Alaska Republican Party.” [[Frontiersman](#), 9/17/97]

Frontiersman Editorial Wrote Mayor’s Cronies May Be Running City Hall. A Frontiersman editorial wrote, “We find it interesting that political cronies of the mayor may be tacitly running city hall or trying to make staffing decisions.” [Frontiersman editorial, 3/7/97]

Frontiersman Editorial Criticized Cronyism and Political Maneuvering in City Hall. A Frontiersman editorial wrote, “Palin promised to change the status quo, but at every turn we find hints of cronyism and political maneuvering. We see a woman who has long-since surrendered her ideals to a political machine.” [Frontiersman editorial, 2/7/97]

Palin Said She Would Only Support Annexations If the Majority of the People in the Area Supported the Annexations. The Frontiersman wrote, “Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin wants any proposals for expansion of the city through annexation to come from the public. And Palin said she will only support annexations where a majority of residents in an area favor the move. Palin wants the city council to make that a formal policy. ‘The bottom line is that we don’t want forced annexations,’ Palin said.” The Frontiersman added, “Palin said Tuesday that she has never backed forced annexations and voted against the city’s 1995 annexation of an 83 acre parcel along the Wasilla Lake shoreline.” [Frontiersman, 12/11/96]

- **Palin Was Accused by Councilman of Changing Position on Annexation After Receiving Contributions.** The Frontiersman reported that “[Councilman] Carney said Palin’s political supporters might have helped change her mind on the annexation, adding that Palin received campaign contributions from several business owners outside the city limits. The business owners didn’t want to join the city, citing the sales tax as a disadvantage for their businesses, Carney said. ‘No, that’s not true,’ Palin said Monday of Carney’s allegations. ‘That was never a consideration.’” [Frontiersman, 9/30/92]

Lying

Palin Discontinued Liquor Task Force—Then Denied She Had Until She Was Confronted. In 1996, the Frontiersman reported that Wasilla’s “Liquor Task Force was dissolved by Mayor Sarah Palin on Oct. 17—three days after she took office.” When asked, Palin said she was not aware the group was not still meeting, but, according to the Frontiersman, the outreach coordinator said that “on Thursday, Oct. 17, Mug-Shot Saloon owner Ted Anderson informed the group the task force would not be meeting again... Wasilla Police Chief Irl Stambaugh said Wednesday he specifically recalled Palin telling him in a conversation in her office on Oct. 17 that the task force would not be meeting anymore.” The Frontiersman added, “Confronted with these conflicting stories Wednesday afternoon, Palin dropped the denials she had made earlier in the day. ‘When the (Wasilla City) council, the borough and the City of Palmer voted on the bar closure issue, the question was answered on bar closures,’ Palin stated. ‘What came to mind then was whether there was a need for continuation of the task force.’” [Frontiersman, 12/13/96]

Palin Exaggerated Work Experience for Mayoral Campaign. In 1997, Frontiersman columnist Paul Stuart wrote that after Palin had criticized her opponent for using City Hal resources for political gain, “when Palin was asked back then (by me) why the lodge where she claimed, in her campaign, to have gained her management experience, had no record of a borough business license or of paying any bed tax, she paused and said it might have been because the place had no clients for a year or so.” In an article describing the possibility of recalling Palin, the Frontiersman wrote the “reasons include Palin’s alleged falsification of her credentials during the campaign last fall.” [Frontiersman, 1/22/97, 2/5/97]

Frontiersman Editorial Said Palin Made Statements That Were “Patently Untrue,” Said She Had Shown “Unrepentant Backpedaling and Incessant Whining.” A Frontiersman editorial wrote, “Wasilla residents have been subjected to attempts to unlawfully appoint council members, statements that have been shown to be patently untrue, unrepentant backpedaling, and incessant whining that her only enemies are the press and a few disgruntled supporters of former Mayor John Stein.” [[Frontiersman editorial, 2/7/97](#)]

Frontiersman Editorial: Palin Doesn’t Grasp the Truth. A Frontiersman editorial wrote, “Mayor Palin fails to have a firm grasp of something very simple: the truth.” [[Frontiersman editorial, 2/7/97](#)]

Pay to Play

Palin Voted to Keep Bars Open Late, Shortly After Received Contributions From Bar Owners. “As a council member, Palin voted to keep the bars open late. Within two weeks of her vote, the Mug-Shot contributed \$200 and Wasilla Bar \$500 to Palin’s campaign for mayor.” [[Frontiersman, 12/13/96](#)]

Palin Was Accused of Paving Driveway for a Campaign Contributor. “Wasilla will foot the bill to install a driveway for a land owner who said when his street was paved, he lost access to his unimproved property....Wasilla property owner Don Tanner came to the council at the December council meeting to say now that Southview Drive is paved, he cannot get onto his property.” The Frontiersman wrote, “Obviously, the mayor had a debt to pay there,” [Councilman] Carney added, referring to Tanner’s financial contribution to Mayor Sarah Palin’s campaign. ‘I was, frankly, appalled.’ Palin said she had nothing to do with the council’s decision.” [[Frontiersman, 1/17/97](#)]

Stambaugh Said he Was Fired Because of Palin’s Support from the NRA and Bar Owners, Who Both Opposed Him. “Stambaugh’s lawsuit maintains he was fired, in part, because of his stance against a concealed weapons bill pending in the state Legislature last year and supporting the reduction of bar hours in Wasilla. The suit maintains the mayor has repeatedly said the National Rifle Association (NRA) encouraged her to fire Stambaugh because of his opposition to a concealed weapons law, which would loosen restrictions on carrying concealed weapons...During her election campaign, Palin was endorsed by both the NRA and several bar owners who were active in lobbying to keep bar hours status quo. She also received financial contributions from the bar lobby.” [[Frontiersman, 2/26/97](#)]

Used Public Funds For Political Gain

Palin Emphasized Trust and Transparency in State Government. At a campaign event, Palin stated, “I’m running for governor because Alaskans deserve trust and transparency in your state government.” When addressing a group of supporters, she also said, “Every governor should have been a city mayor. You can’t get away with anything in local government.” A month later, Palin said, “Regardless of the rules, I will show the leadership to ensure that the rules are followed.” [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, 6/22/06; AP, 7/28/06](#)]

- **As Mayor, Palin Used City Resources For Her 2002 Lt. Governor Campaign.** In her 2002 Lt. Governor bid, Mayor Palin used city employees, telephones, computers, fax machines for campaign fundraising and literature. On her candidate registration form, she used her City Hall fax number, and her mayoral e-mail address. Records show that Wasilla city property was used to contact supporters, donors, media contacts, and media purchasing. [[Anchorage Daily News, 7/21/06](#)]

- **Palin Held Campaign Meetings In City Hall.** On June 12, 2002, during her failed 2002 Lt. Governor campaign, Palin met with Herold Advertising Products, a political advertising firm, to discuss campaign literature. “The firm then faxed a draft of artwork for labels with a “Sarah Palin Lieutenant Governor” logo addressed to then-deputy administrator John Cramer at the city. The following morning, the firm faxed an invoice for the labels to the city.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 7/28/06]
- **Palin Said Accusations Of Unethical Political Action Are Nothing More Than “Smear” Campaigns From Her Enemies.** When questioned why her use of a city computer to run for lieutenant governor in 2002 was different than Randy Ruedrich using AOGCC computers for party business was different, Palin said it was different. Though Ruedrich was fined and resigned from office because of Palin’s accusation ethics violations, Palin stated that accusations against her were a “smear” campaign organized by her “enemies.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 7/14/06]
- **Documents Show While Mayor Palin Had Thank You Notes to Campaign Donors Printed by Her Assistant on City Time and Arranged Campaign Travel from Her Office.** “The Voice of the Times, a separate editorial section within the opinion pages of the Daily News, made the original public records request that produced many of the documents that Murkowski’s campaign handed out Thursday, including a stack of telephone records, e-mails -- such as a campaign note from her mayor e-mail address to Ruedrich -- and invoices from Wasilla city hall. The documents appear to show, for example, that on one occasion Palin arranged campaign travel from the mayor’s office. On another, her city administrative assistant printed thank-you notes to campaign donors. The administrative assistant, Mary Bixby, said in brief interview with the Daily News in late July that she was directed to perform those tasks while on the clock for the city.” For any mistakes she did make, Palin said, “I apologize.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/18/06]
- **Palin’s Ethics Problems: She Had Campaign Literature Faxed to Her City Hall Office.** “According to the records, Palin met with advertising firm Herold Advertising Products at city hall on June 12, 2002. The firm then faxed a draft of artwork for labels with a ‘Sarah Palin Lieutenant Governor’ logo addressed to then-deputy administrator John Cramer at the city. The following morning, the firm faxed an invoice for the labels to the city. Palin said that was the result of a saleswoman seeking her out at the mayor’s office, and that she hadn’t requested either fax. The search also turned up an itinerary for a campaign trip to Ketchikan in May 2002. The stack of public records provided by the city includes a memo saying the administrative assistant, Mary Bixby, worked on the itinerary and plane reservations for the trip.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 7/28/06]

Palin Accused Murkowski’s Office Of Pressuring the State Personnel Board To Say that Murkowski Had Not Violated Ethics Laws. “Palin on Friday again criticized the governor’s initial response to the Renkes revelations and said she suspected that someone in the governor’s office pressured the [state personnel] board to say explicitly that Murkowski had not violated ethics act procedures.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 3/12/05]

Palin Declined to Appear in Ads for A Candidate Because He Had Not Paid His Property Taxes. In 2004, it came to light that Republican Rep. Vic Kohring’s owed the borough \$2,277 in unpaid property taxes on property he owns off Knik-Goose Bay Road, according to borough records. “That bothered former Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin enough that she declined a campaign request to do a pro-Kohring TV commercial. As a former mayor, Palin said, it made her uncomfortable to back someone with unpaid taxes when the city relies on property taxes.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 10/28/04]

Public Records Requests in Wasilla Included Phone and Email Records. The public records changes have been in the works for months, Smithers said, but got a higher priority after a deluge of public records requests came in to city offices this summer. Smithers said the city generally gets about one request for public records each month. But since mid-June it has received 11 records requests, she said. Ten of those requests were related to former mayor Sarah Palin's administration. Those came from various media outlets including Channel 2, the Daily News and Voice of the Times. Republican Party District 15 chairman Roy Burkhart and Palin's former city administrator John Cramer also requested e-mail and telephone records and other communication from Palin's office between 2001 and 2002 when Palin ran for lieutenant governor. [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/9/06]

Special Interests

Palin Claimed to Value Rural Alaskans, but Refused to Tax Big Oil Companies. In 2004, Palin told reporters that, "I think it's important the voice that reflects the rural and Native concerns is also heard." In early 2006, Palin told a group of Democrats that rural Alaskans are facing hardships, and are being forced to rely on government subsidies – adding more strain on Alaska's already tight budget. Yet when asked about increasing state revenue by taxing big oil corporations, Palin stated that, "Inherently, I have such a problem with taxes." [CQ Weekly, 8/27/04; [Anchorage Daily News](#), 1/27/06; [Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#), 6/22/06]

Palin Opposed Taxing Oil Companies on Their Oil Reserves While Being Supported by the Alaska Gasline Port Authority. When asked by fellow Gubernatorial Candidate, Eric Croft (D), Palin refused to support the initiative to tax oil companies on their gas reserves. Palin stated that, "Inherently, I have such a problem with taxes." Meanwhile, the Executive Administrator of the Alaska Gasoline Port Authority volunteered on Palin's Campaign and Jim Whitaker, the group's chairman, hosted a fundraiser for Palin at his North Star Borough home. [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#), 6/22/06]

Palin Opposed Taxing Oil Companies As Her Husband Was Employed by BP. Palin stated that, "Inherently, I have such a problem with taxes," when referring to taxing Corporate Oil Companies. Palin disclosed that her husband is currently a BP Employee working on the North Slope. [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#), 6/22/06; Associated Press, 9/22/04]

- **Former Governor Hickel, Disagreed with Palin Over Taxing Oil Companies; Supported Croft Bill.** Two term Alaskan Governor, Walter J. Hickel, voiced support for Eric Croft's bill what would tax big oil corporations for delaying development of natural gas. Hickel stated, "[...] if you keep what may be over \$1 trillion worth of someone else's resources off the market for the benefit of yourself and your stockholders, you must pay a price." In a press release, Palin referred to Hickel as "Alaska's esteemed Statesman." [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 1/12/06; [Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#), 7/1/06]
- **Former Alaska Governor Endorsed Palin in 2006.** Alaska's second Governor, Walter J. Hickel, endorsed Gubernatorial Candidate Sarah Palin to be Alaska's governor. "She's a very straightforward woman, talks very plainly, and she understands the problems of Alaska," Hickel said, "And she's never going to sell Alaska out." [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#), 7/1/06]

Management Style

Can't Handle Criticism

Frontiersman Editorial: Palin Blamed Everyone But Herself. A Frontiersman editorial wrote, “The mayor’s administration has been one of contradiction, controversy and discord. While she will blame everyone but herself, we see mostly Sarah at the center of the problem.” [Frontiersman editorial, 2/7/97]

Critical Group Called on Palin to Meet with Them, She Said they Could Fax the Questions. In 1997, a Wasilla group called Concerned Citizens asked Palin to appear before them to answer questions, but the Frontiersman wrote, “she doesn’t intend to face the hostile group to answer their questions.” Her deputy administrator said that the group could fax the questions and she would answer them then. [Frontiersman, 3/5/97]

Frontiersman Editorial Slammed Palin For Not Tolerating Dissent. A Frontiersman editorial wrote, “Wasilla is led by a woman who will tolerate no one who questions her actions or her authority.” [Frontiersman editorial, 3/7/97]

Frontiersman Editorial: Palin Philosophy Is People Are Either With Her or Against Her. A Frontiersman editorial wrote, “Palin continues to lose public faith sticking by her philosophy that either we are with her or against her.” [Frontiersman editorial, 3/7/97]

Creating Bureaucracy

Palin Began Annual Lobbying Trips to Washington for Wasilla City Government—to Lobby Alaskan Members of Congress. “Yearly lobbying trips began in 2000 under Mayor Sarah Palin. Trips to the national capital were not about hobnobbing, although a quick greeting with the Alaska delegation was scheduled if possible, Palin said Thursday. ‘It was about being face to face with those who were actually writing the budget,’ Palin said, referring to Stevens’, Murkowski’s and Young’s staffs.” [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 2/1/06]

Palin Hired A Congressional Lobbyist, Who the City Paid \$40,000 A Year. “Congressional lobbyist Steve Silver was hired under Palin’s administration and is in his sixth year as a Wasilla lobbyist. He also lobbies on behalf of several other Alaska governmental bodies. Wasilla pays \$40,500 for Silver’s 12-month contract, plus \$2,000 each year for travel, meals and expenses. Giddings and Palin characterized Silver’s job as promoting the projects and keeping track of them while city leaders do business back home.” [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 2/1/06]

Frontiersman Editorial Decried Palin’s Institution of More Government Bureaucracy. A Frontiersman editorial wrote, “We still don’t understand how someone can be claiming to keep her campaign promises when she pooh-poohed the complexities of city government, then hired a deputy city administrator to help her.” [Frontiersman editorial, 3/7/97]

Despite Saying She Wanted to Lower It, Palin’s Salary Stayed the Same. “The mayor’s wage was increased from \$64,000 to \$68,000 in 1996, just before Sarah Palin was elected...Palin has continued to lobby the council to reduce the salary.” Palin said, “I voted against it when I was a council member and I felt like a hypocrite when I came in and had to accept it.” In the end, the council voted to keep the salary at \$68,000. [Frontiersman, 3/5/99, 3/12/99]

Palin Was Criticized for Hiring City Administrator. The Frontiersman wrote, “[Palin] has been criticized by city council members and the public for hiring a new city administrator, backing proposals to move historical buildings and choosing to ignore council resolutions made before her election.” [Frontiersman, 1/10/97]

- **Palin Was Criticized for Hiring City Administrator.** In 1996, the Frontiersman reported that Councilman Carney was “especially concerned when he sees the city paying new administrators hired to do the job Palin was elected in October to do, he said.” [[Frontiersman](#), 9/30/92] THIS DATE IS WRONG
- **Palin Appointed Deputy Administrator Position, Which the City Had Done Without for A Year and a Half.** “Palin appointed Cramer to fill a deputy administrator position Monday, which has been vacant since the resignation of Lee Wyatt from that position a year and a half ago.” After hiring him, Palin had to find the money elsewhere in the budget, as the \$51,000 position had not been budgeted. [[Frontiersman](#), 10/23/96, 11/6/96]

Palin Called for Management Audit. The Frontiersman wrote, “In the quest to ensure city hall stays efficient and productive, Palin wants the city to undergo a management audit, in which the city departments, employees and policies are reviewed.” [[Frontiersman](#), 1/10/97]

Palin Mayoral ad: “Vote for Conservative, More Efficient Government.” [[Frontiersman](#), 9/27/96]

Vindictive, Firing

Palin Fired the Police Chief and the Library Director—Then Said She Did Not Fire Them But Sent Them “Intent to Terminate” Letters. In 1997, Palin fired Police Chief Irl Stambaugh and Library Director Mary Ellen Emmons. The Frontiersman wrote, “After news of the of the dismissals broke Thursday night, Palin said she never meant to fire Stambaugh and Emmons. ‘It was an intent to terminate letter to discuss my intent to terminate them or for them to submit resignations.’” Palin wrote in her letter, “I do not feel I have your full support in my efforts to govern the city of Wasilla.” [[Frontiersman](#), 2/5/97]

- **Palin Rehired Library Director after Cementing Her Support.** The Frontiersman wrote, “Palin said she cemented Emmons’ support Friday afternoon for her new plan to join the library and museum departments and felt like she could continue to work with Emmons. Her plan will create more efficiency within the departments, Palin said, making better use of the public’s money.” [[Frontiersman](#), 2/5/97]

Council Member Pushed To Create City Manager Because He Said Palin Did Not Have Skills to Run Wasilla. In 1997, a councilman made a push to create a city manager position in Wasilla. The Frontiersman reported, “Wasilla voters may get the chance to transform the city to the city manager form of government under a proposal by Wasilla councilman Nick Carney...He said he thinks Palin does not have the management skills to run the City of Wasilla.” [[Frontiersman](#), 2/21/97]

Palin Cut Budget at Wasilla Museum, Causing the Anchorage DN to Write That Some Said the Museum Was the Latest Example “Of Cutting Government at the Expense of Community.” In 1997, faced with budget cuts, the entire staff of Wasilla’s city museum quit, causing an uproar. “I think everybody was in agreement there were ways to make the museum more efficient, to spend taxpayers’ dollars wiser over there,” Mayor Sarah Palin said. The museum, which had an annual budget of more than \$ 200,000, was costing roughly \$ 25 per visitor, she said. Besides, she added, “if you talk to someone in Wasilla (about) where they want their tax dollars to go, nine out of 10 say, ‘Fix my road. I still don’t have water in my area. And protect our lakes with a sewer system.’” The Anchorage Daily News wrote, “That philosophy, supported by Palin and many City Council members, has been debated in the town since the mayor took office last fall. Some say the museum is just the latest example of cutting government at the

expense of the community. The women are only the latest to leave the city payroll, noted John Cooper, who was the museum's director until Palin fired him last fall." [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/6/97]

Palin Said She Didn't Fire Police Chief Because He Supported Her Opponent, But When He Sued, a Judge Ruled It Would Be Allowed If She Had. "Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin says she didn't fire Police Chief Irl Stambaugh three years ago because he supported her election opponent John Stein. But even if it was the reason, she was within her rights to give the police chief the boot, a federal judge ruled. The police chief serves at the discretion of the mayor, and can be terminated for nearly any reason, even a political one, U.S. District Court Judge James K. Singleton ruled in dismissing most of Stambaugh's claims against the city. 'Palin's lack of confidence in Stambaugh's loyalty to her and her policies for Wasilla provided sufficient justification for her actions . . .,' he wrote in." [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 3/1/00]

Palin Said It Was No Secret That Police Chief Wasn't Happy With Her Election. "Stambaugh's support of Stein against him, she said in an interview Tuesday. But getting basic information from him about the department was difficult, she said. 'It was no secret to anybody in Wasilla that he wasn't happy to see a change in the mayor's seat,' she said. Stambaugh sued, accusing her of contract violation, wrongful termination and gender discrimination. He said his contract forbade his being terminated without cause. Among other claims, he said she fired him, in part, for being a man. His 200 pounds and 6-foot-plus frame intimidated the mayor, he said." [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 3/1/00]

Palin Fired Police Chief, Museum Director, Planning Director and Public Works Directors Quit. In addition to Wasilla Museum director John Cooper, Wasilla Police Chief Irl Stambaugh "left last winter after Palin fired him, and planning director Duane Dvorak and Public Works director John Felton turned in their resignations this summer." [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/6/97]

Palin Hired New Police Chief, Who Boasted that He Had No Interest in Limiting Bar Hours, Saying The Answer to Crime was Not to Restrict Freedom. "Wasilla got a new police chief Thursday, one who said he will bring to the job a philosophy of personal freedom that doesn't include his predecessor's support of limiting bar hours. 'I have a philosophy that every time there's a new law or new ordinance we lose a little more of our freedom,' Duwayne 'Charlie' Fannon told City Council members shortly before they voted unanimously to confirm his nomination. 'I don't think the answer to crime is restricting people's freedom more and more.' Fannon, 45, currently heads the Haines Police Department. He will take over a department more than twice the size of the one he currently manages, in a town nearly three times the size. The Wasilla department has 11 officers and a budget of \$ 1.3 million." [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 3/28/97]

Palin Fired Police Chief Because She Said He Did Not Support Her, He Sued Saying she Did It Because the NRA Told Her To and Because of Gender Discrimination. "Fannon is replacing Irl Stambaugh, whom the mayor fired in January. Palin said she did not think Stambaugh supported her administration. Stambaugh has sued the city, alleging Palin fired him because local bar owners and the National Rifle Association asked the mayor to do so. Stambaugh wanted the city to adopt earlier bar closings as a way to combat alcohol-related traffic accidents, according to the complaint." The complaint also accused "Palin of contract violation, wrongful termination and gender discrimination. Stambaugh is seeking more than \$ 500,000 in damages." Stambaugh had headed the police department since it was created in 1993. Before that, he served 22 years with the Anchorage Police Department rising to the rank of captain before retiring. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 1/31/97, 3/1/97, 3/28/97]

Palin Fired Librarian for Not Supporting Her, Later Rehired Her After Assurances of Support. In 1997, Palin fired the Wasilla city librarian, Mary Ellen Emmons. Palin delivered a letter to Emmons and

the police chief saying, “I do not feel I have your full support in my efforts to govern the city of Wasilla. Therefore I intend to terminate your employment.” Palin later said she had received assurances from Emmons that she had her support. The Anchorage Daily News wrote, “Palin said she asked Emmons if she would support efforts to merge the library and museum operations. Emmons said she would, according to Palin.” Emmons had been the city’s library director for seven years. [[Anchorage Daily News](#), 1/31/97, 2/1/97]

Palin Threatened the City Council to Install Her Own Picks for Open Seats if They Did Not Resolve a Deadlock. “Palin has encountered controversy from the start, beginning with Cooper, who at first refused to resign. She then tangled with the City Council, threatening to install her own picks for two open seats if the council couldn’t resolve a deadlock.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 10/26/96]

Palin Ordered that Department Heads Get Permission from Her Before Talking to the Press, Which a Paper Called a “Gag Order. “She’s also been criticized by the local semiweekly newspaper for a new policy requiring department heads to get the mayor’s approval before talking to reporters. An editorial in The Frontiersman labeled it a ‘gag order.’ Palin said it’s a temporary rule to smooth the way until department heads have a better sense of the administration’s policies.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 10/26/96]

Wasilla’s Entire Museum Staff Quit. “The entire staff at Wasilla’s Dorothy Page Museum turned in retirement papers Tuesday, saying they would rather quit than continue working for a city that didn’t care about working for a city that didn’t care about preserving its historical past.” [[Frontiersman](#), 8/1/97]

Frontiersman editorial headline: “City treats staff poorly” [[Frontiersman](#), 8/1/97]

Frontiersman Editorial: Palin Failed In a Blatant Attempt to Confuse and Circumvent the Law. The Frontiersman wrote in an editorial, “Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin failed in a blatant attempt to confuse and circumvent the law Monday night in order to pack the city council with candidates favored by her and her supporters on the council.” [[Frontiersman](#), 10/23/96]

Frontiersman Editorial: Palin Had “Either Little Understanding or Little Regard” for the City’s Laws. The Frontiersman wrote in an editorial, “Wasilla found out it has a new mayor with either little understanding or little regard for the city’s own laws. Hopefully she will enhance her understanding of the city statutes.” [[Frontiersman](#), 10/23/96]

After Becoming Mayor, Palin Instituted Gag Order for the City’s Top Employees. Two weeks after becoming mayor, Palin instituted a gag order on talking to the media for the city’s top employees. Palin denied it was a gag order saying “The department heads appreciated not having to talk to the media.” [[Frontiersman](#), 10/25/96, 10/30/96]

Palin Asked for Letters of Resignation from City Planner, Finance Director, Library Director, Police Chief, Museum and City Works and Public Works Directors. “Last Thursday Palin asked City Planner Duane Dvorak, Finance Director Erling Nelson, Library Director Mary Ellen Emmons, Police Chief Irls Stambaugh and public works director Jack Felton to submit their letter of resignation, a resume and a letter to explain why they should be retained.” The Frontiersman added, “She asked museum and recreational services director John Cooper to resign Oct. 14, her first official day in office. After initially refusing, Cooper agreed to the resignation. He has declined to comment on the matter. A week later she hired John Cramer to fill the long-vacant position of deputy administrator.” [[Frontiersman](#), 10/30/96]

Palin Supporter Began Encouraging Others to Apply for Police Chief Job—Two Days Before Palin Actually Fired Him. “At least two days before Mayor Sarah Palin fired Wasilla Police Chief Irl Stambaugh, one of Palin’s supporters was encouraging a former Valley man to apply for Stambaugh’s job. Retired Valdez Police Chief Bert Cottle rejected the idea. Cottle, 43, is the nephew of Valley residents Rod Cottle and Colleen Cottle. Colleen Cottle is a former Wasilla City Council member and staunch Palin supporter. Bert Cottle received the proposal at least two days before Stambaugh’s dismissal from another Palin supporter—Wasilla businessman Don Tanner. Tanner confirmed he asked Cottle to apply for the post. But Tanner also said he spoke to a number of other people about applying.” [Frontiersman, 2/14/97]

Headline: “Palin may face recall” [Frontiersman, 2/5/97]

Editorial Headline: “Mayor’s Lost Credibility” [Frontiersman, 2/7/97]

Frontiersman Editorial: Palin Assumed Her Election Was a Coronation. A Frontiersman editorial wrote, “Palin seems to have assumed her election was instead a coronation. Welcome to Kingdom Palin, the land of no accountability.” [Frontiersman editorial, 2/7/97]

Frontiersman Columnist: First Few Weeks of “Palin’s Reign” Nobody Knew Who Might Get Fired, What Other Actions Might be Taken. In 1997, Frontiersman columnist Paul Stuart wrote, “Actually it’s been kind of quiet [in Wasilla] compared to the early weeks of Palin’s reign—when nobody could keep track of which department heads would or wouldn’t be fired. Or where historical buildings might end up located. For a few weeks, the department heads couldn’t talk to the press. Then there was the prospect of censorship in the library. The death of the Liquor Task Force at Palin’s hands. A half to annexation moves in progress, etc.” [Frontiersman, 1/22/97]

Headline: “Palin ax falls in Wasilla” [Frontiersman, 2/5/97]

Police Chief Palin Fired Was Born and Raised in Alaska, Served in Vietnam. “Stambaugh, born and raised in Southeast Alaska, served in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969. He became an Anchorage Police officer in 1971, moving up in the ranks and making captain of the patrol division before retiring to take the Wasilla chief’s job. Stambaugh was hired in January 1993 and had nine officers ready for duty in June of that year.” [Frontiersman, 2/5/97]

Candidate for Police Chief Withdrew His Name Because Position Seemed Too Political. In 1997, the Frontiersman wrote, “One finalist for the Wasilla Police Department chief position has withdrawn his application, citing personal reasons and because he said it looked more like a political appointment than a law enforcement decision.” Kevin Clayton, director of the department of public safety in Cordova, said, “[Wasilla Deputy Administrator] Cramer made it perfectly clear that there will be another election in a few years and that my job could be in jeopardy.” [Frontiersman, 3/19/97]

A Group Briefly Considered a Recall of Palin When She Became Mayor. “Palin, who was on the City Council before being elected mayor, acknowledges she got off to a rocky start in her first term, including facing a group called Concerned Citizens for Wasilla that briefly considered mounting a recall. But she said she needed to make changes to move ahead.” [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 9/20/99]

When Confronted With Critical Editorials From the Frontiersman, Palin Produced the Current Publisher, Who Said She Had Been a “Great Mayor.” “Binkley followed with a commercial quoting a scathing editorial about Palin -- accusing her of being a lousy mayor -- published nine years ago in her

hometown newspaper, the Frontiersman. Palin dismissed the attack and quoted the paper's current publisher saying she was a "great mayor.""[\[Anchorage Daily News \(Alaska\), 8/18/06\]](#)

Palin Asked for the Resignation of the Museum and Recreational Services Director, But He Refused. "Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin asked for the resignation of Museum and Recreational Services Director John Cooper Monday at city hall. 'In an effort to restructure and reprioritize the department and the funds, I asked for his resignation,' Palin said." Cooper, a five-year employee of the city, refused to resign. [\[Frontiersman, 10/16/96\]](#)

Editorial Headline: "Wasilla Mayor Gets a Lesson" [\[Frontiersman, 10/23/96\]](#)

Palin Proposed Moving City Museum and Cutting Hours. In 1996, Palin proposed a plan to the city council to cut city museum hours and move the city's museum buildings to new locations. The Frontiersman later reported "After hearing from a handful of upset residents, the city council voted Wednesday not to pursue moving several historical structures from the 1917 Wasilla town site to the old airport site." [\[Frontiersman, 11/8/96, 11/15/96\]](#)

Two City Administrators Quit, Leaving Only Two of the Six Department Heads When Palin Became Mayor Eight Months Earlier. In 1997, the Frontiersman wrote, "Two Wasilla administrators have quit, leaving only two of the original six department heads who were city hall employees when Mayor Sarah Palin was elected. City Planner Duane Dvorak resigned last week and Public Works Director Jack Felton resigned Monday afternoon." [\[Frontiersman, 6/11/97\]](#)

Wasilla Businessman Said He Would Leave the City After Being Treated So Poorly By the City After City Sewer Backup. In 1997, Wasilla jewelry maker Randy Zimin said the city refused to reimburse him for losses when the city sewer backed up and flooded his home. Zimin said the interruption caused a loss of \$12,000 in income and asked for \$3,400 in lost wages, which the city refused to give him. Zimin said that after the lack of responsiveness from city hall, he was ready to sell his house and leave Wasilla. [\[Frontiersman, 7/4/97\]](#)

Powerful Mayor

Palin Said The Mayor and the City Council Were Equal, Despite Protests From A Council Member. When a member of the city council complained that Palin overstepped her role as mayor, the Frontiersman wrote, "City code says specifically, 'The Mayor shall preside at Council meeting, act as ceremonial head of the city and sign documents on the city's behalf upon authorization by the council.' Palin says the mayor and the city council are equal." [\[Frontiersman, 8/20/97\]](#)

Palin Disputed that the Mayor Was Not Responsible for Decisions In the City, Saying the Mayor Can Veto Bills or Break Ties. Disputing Mayor Stein's argument that a decision was made by the council and not him, Palin said, "He can veto. He gives recommendation. He can break ties." The Frontiersman wrote, "Stein can't distance himself from these decisions by saying the council voted for them, she said." [\[Frontiersman, 9/25/96\]](#)

Palin Created Public Safety Director Position, Which Council Members Supported, But Opposed the Way That She Moved Forward Without Consulting Them. A Frontiersman editorial wrote, "The Wasilla City Council voted 4-2 last month to bring in a public safety director, and will decide at its next meeting whether to amend the fiscal 1999 budget to allow funding for the job and purchase of land or a possible public safety building in the city. Concerns have been raised, however, about the timing and

manner of Mayor Sarah Palin's announcement of the job creation to city council members." [Frontiersman, 12/11/98]

Politics

Palin Supported Mike Miller In His Primary Campaign Against Lisa Murkowski. Mike Miller likes to think of his presence at the Anchorage Republican picnic in Kincaid Park last Monday night as his way of making trouble. The Senate candidate from North Pole was surrounded by what he called "the establishment" at the annual event. Alaska Republican behemoths such as U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens and U.S. Rep. Don Young were there, along with Miller's main opponent in Tuesday's primary election, Sen. Lisa Murkowski. "Miller has the backing of some marquee Republicans, such as Lt. Gov. Loren Leman, former Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin and state House Majority leader John Coghill. But Miller, an 18-year legislator and former state Senate president, is battling the perception that a vote for him is a vote for Knowles. Recent polls have shown Murkowski leading among primary voters by a large margin and indicate he would get crushed in a head-to-head contest with Knowles." [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 8/22/04]

Palin Appeared in Ad On behalf of "Political Lightning Rod" Andree McLeod. "Andree McLeod, a political lightning rod who helped wage a campaign to unseat Alaska Republican Party chairman Randy Ruedrich, is now the lone Republican hope for keeping a Midtown Anchorage House seat." "This spring, she made an unsuccessful bid for the School Board. She has been vice president of the Tudor Area Community Council, and her campaign flier lists past jobs ranging from cannery worker to legislative committee aide. It contains quotes from former Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin and right-wing radio host Rick Rydell, among others. 'Though she ruffles a feather or two now and again, this intelligent Alaskan is exactly what we need during these times,' said the Palin quote." [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 7/8/04]

Palin Extolled the Virtues of Hard-Fought Politics. Palin wrote in an op-ed, "Competition drives you further than you can push yourself on your own. That's good! Opponents make athletes run faster, work harder, produce more; these are attributes Alaskans want in leaders. Encouraging competition is on par with coaches and teammates believing you can improve, so they advocate competition not to tear you down, but to build the best team possible. Competitive races allow development of resourcefulness, perseverance, sportsmanship, a larger circle of acquaintances and better responsiveness to issues -- all things needed in elected officials. Alaska craves leaders who grow stronger when up against the ropes. That's what happens in competition. Champions expose themselves to pressure, ignore fears of defeat and actually relish contests they'll face in the ring where there's no room to shirk from confrontation." [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 4/16/04] *NOTE: THIS WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF SUPPORTING REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

Troy Maulden Donated His Email List to Palin After Dropping Out. "From a press release e-mailed to thousands this past week from lite gov candidate Troy Maulden of Mat-Su: "I have withdrawn from the Lt. Governors race to take a job in Las Vegas and also begin touring on the pro poker circuit. I have donated my email list of 3,000 Alaskans to Sarah Palin. Hopefully Sarah will restore Alaska back to the people.....Troy Maulden" [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 6/25/06]

Palin is Supported By Rick Halford and Wayne Ross, Director of the NRA. "In Palin's camp are retired state Sen. Rick Halford and Anchorage attorney Wayne Ross, a former gubernatorial candidate and longtime director of the National Rifle Association." [Anchorage Daily News (Alaska), 4/16/06]

Murkowski

Palin Campaigned for Murkowski. In 2002, the Fairbanks DNM wrote “Stevens planned to join Palin in Sitka for the Alaska Day Parade on Friday and they are scheduled to make appearances next week in Anchorage, Fairbanks and the state’s Railbelt... Stevens and Palin plan to attend a rally in Juneau on Saturday and attend the Anchorage City of Lights ceremony on Monday. They also plan appearances in Palmer, Girdwood, Cordova, Homer, Valdez and Kodiak.” [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#), 10/20/02]

Palin Urged Women to Vote for Murkowski, Said Voting for Him Was the Greatest thing Women Could “Do For Alaska Families.” Palin wrote an op-ed titled “Frank Murkowski has strong record on women’s issues,” “Murkowski’s vision for Alaska is to encourage development and productive use of the natural resource wealth given to Alaskans at statehood. That will not only generate state revenue from lease bonuses, royalties, business taxes, but it will provide Alaskans the opportunity for a good education and well-paying jobs. The greatest thing we can do for Alaska families, the best social program in the world, is to provide opportunity for meaningful and rewarding employment. Frank Murkowski wants to create a bright future. I encourage Alaska women to consider the candidates carefully and join me and other Alaska women who won’t use gender against a candidate. Vote for Frank Murkowski on Tuesday.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 11/4/02]

Murkowski Appeared In Ad for Palin, Saying He Looked Forward to Working With Her. In an ad for her mayoral reelection campaign, Palin received an endorsement from Frank Murkowski, who said, “I appreciate your commitment to economic development in the Wasilla area and look forward to working with you on your projects in the future.” [[Frontiersman](#), 9/28/99]

Palin Declined Charge that She Had Hired Top Republican Officials—Despite Hiring Lawyer for the State Republican Party. “She denies Stein’s charge that she has filled city positions with people well-known in the Republican Party. She said the decision to hire City Attorney Ken Jacobus, who is counsel for the state Republican Party, was made by the City Council, not by her.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 9/20/99]

Ideology

Anchorage Daily News Editorial: Palin Has “Extreme Anti-Abortion Views.” The Anchorage Daily News wrote in an editorial, “Alaskans will also have to decide whether her extreme anti-abortion views and other socially conservative positions square with Alaska’s generally libertarian approach to those issues.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/24/06]

Palin Said Her Top Priorities In Relation to Families If Elected Were Making Parents Feel Welcome in Education, Preserving Marriage and Gangs, Drug Use, Gun Crackdown—No Mention of Health Care, Taxes. Asked what her top three priorities if elected governor, in relation to families, were, Palin responded, “1. Creating an atmosphere where parents feel welcome to choose the venues of education for their children. 2. Preserving the definition of “marriage” as defined in our constitution. 3. Cracking down on the things that harm family life: gangs, drug use, and infringement of our liberties including attacks on our 2nd Amendment rights.” [Eagle Forum questionnaire]

Palin Called Herself a “Hard-Core Fiscal Conservative,” Boasted of Her Role In Tax Cuts, Called for “New Voices.” “Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin described herself as a ‘hard-core fiscal conservative.’ She touted her role in implementing tax cuts as mayor and said the experience of the growing Matanuska-Susitna Valley should be used as a model for the state. Palin also set herself apart from the other

Republicans at the forum by saying many Alaskans are unhappy with where the state and the Legislature have been moving. She said less divisiveness and ‘new voices’ are needed.” [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#), 7/26/02]

PERSONAL

Palin’s Brother-In-Law Appeared on Reality Dating Show. IF THIS IS REALITY . . . Lite Gov. candidate Sarah Palin thought it might help her campaign when brother-in-law Jack McCann showed up as a desirable catch on the new “reality” TV show, “Looking for Love: Bachelorettes in Alaska.” That hope lasted until she actually saw an episode of the series, which turns out to be your basic meat market twitch & grin. “Oh Lord,” she said. “My sisters and I watched it in horror.” Jack, who is scheduled to appear again even though he crashed a mountain bike in the first episode, is pretty cute and has a sense of humor, Sarah reports. “He described his occupation . . . as an office environment consultant,” she said. “He sells furniture.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 6/9/02]

Willow Bianca Faye Palin was born July 7, 1994 at 7 lbs., 12 oz. [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (AK), 7/25/94]

Piper Indi Grace Palin was born March 19, 2001 at 7 lbs., 13 oz. [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (AK), 3/29/01]

Palin Made a Bet With Her Husband About Whether Murkowski Would Get Into the Race—the Loser Had to Get a Tattoo. Palin told The Associated Press that she and her husband, Todd, made a bet on whether Murkowski would run. If the governor says he’ll enter the race, Palin has to get the Big Dipper tattooed on her ankle. If Murkowski says no, Todd gets a wedding ring inked on his finger. [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 5/26/06]

Palin Obtained a Business License For Marketing and Consulting, Saying that She Wanted To Line Up Her Ducks if She Chose to Pursue It. Asked about the business registered under her name, Palin said, “Rouge Cou, it’s a classy way of saying redneck. It’s a French word, rouge is red, cou is neck. It’s for marketing and consulting, in case I wanted to go that route, I’d have my ducks all lined up and have a business license. I just was granted that business license. . . I would like to, with some of the endeavors that I have going on right now, there comes a time when one desires to be paid for them!” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 6/8/05]

Palin Described Her Husband As A North Slope Production Worker, A Commercial Fisherman. Asked about her husband, Palin said, “He is a North Slope production worker. His name is Todd Palin, and he’s a commercial fisherman. In fact, he’s doing swaps, making up time up there now so he can take off the time to fish. As a family, we commercial fish in Bristol Bay. We’re out there with our nets on the beach and on the skiff. Todd, he’s Alaska native, born and raised in Bristol Bay, so he’s been doing that forever.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 6/8/05]

Palin Was Issued A Business License for Rouge Cou, A “Technical Services” Company. In 2005, Palin was issued a business license by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The Rouge Cou Co was listed as performing “technical services.” [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 5/25/05]

Palin’s Husband Shared \$55,000 Prize for Winning Iron Dog. “The recent 1995 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic was fractured by controversy, but the 2,274-mile snowmachine race from Anchorage to Nome to Wasilla will pay out a record purse when the awards banquet is held today. A total of \$88,000 will be parceled out at the ceremony, including a \$55,000 prize to be shared by the first-place team of Todd Palin (Wasilla) and Dwayne Drake (Galena). Palin and Drake won the race in record time, roaring to and from the Bering Sea coast in 58 hours and 24 minutes to break the old race standard of 58:36 set by Scott Davis

and Bill Long in 1993. Palin and Drake's winnings include a \$5,000 bonus from Polaris Industries, their reward for driving Polaris snowmachines across the finish line." [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (AK), 3/11/95]

Todd Palin Won Iron Dog, Won \$35,000. "Dusty Van Meter and his partner, Todd Palin, made it to the finish line here at 11:50 a.m. Saturday to win the 1,971-mile Iron Dog 2000 snowmachine race from Wasilla to Nome to Fairbanks by just a quarter of an hour. Van Meter and Palin broke the stranglehold of defending champions Mark Carr and Scott Davis, who fell just 15 minutes shy of an unprecedented fourth straight Iron Dog victory. It was the first Iron Dog win in six tries for Van Meter, a 30-year-old commercial fishermen and fuel surveyor from Kasilof who had second- and third-place finishes under his track. It was the second Iron Dog victory for Palin, of Wasilla, who won in 1995. Van Meter and Palin had an elapsed time on the trail of 41 hours, 10 minutes, more than 2½ hours slower than the winning time of Carr and Davis last year. The victory earned Van Meter and Palin \$25,000 from the \$100,000 purse and another \$10,000 cash bonus from Arctic Cat." [[Juneau Empire](#) (AK), 2/27/00]

Palin Became a Sports Anchor in 1988, Quit TV To Focus On Her Mayoral Career. "Sarah Heath will make her debut as a sportscaster the end of this month on KTUU, filling in for John Hernandez. Heath is a longtime resident of Alaska and a Wasilla High graduate who went to the University of Idaho. Tim Woolston, who had been filling in for Hernandez, was promoted and will be coanchoring weekend sports." The *Frontiersman* wrote, "A life-long Alaskan, Palin was working as an assignment editor at Channel 13 News before resigning to concentrate on her [mayoral] campaign." [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (AK), 1/22/88; [Frontiersman](#), 8/16/96]

Legal Problems

Palin Said She Would Not Be Caught With Any Bankruptcies. In an interview with Rick Rydell, Palin said, "They're not gonna get me for beating my kids or cheating on my husband or bankruptcies or prison terms or anything. [Sarah Palin on Rick Rydell, 7/24/2006]

Palin Plead No Contest to Criminal Negligence Charge of Using a Drift Gillnet Without a Permit, Had Charge of Fishing Without an ID Was Dismissed. In 1993, Sarah Palin used a drift gillnet to harvest salmon from the Bristol Bay area without an annual permit. Palin plead guilty to the Criminal Negligence charge. Palin also had a case dismissed where she was charged with fishing without a photo ID. The case was filed 6/28/93 and was disposed 8/25/1993. The jurisdiction was the Third Judicial District-Dillingham. [Alaska Criminal History Records, Case # 3DI-93-00249CR0001; Alaska Criminal History Records, Case # 3DI-93-00217CR0001]

- **Palin Explained her Fishing Violation, Saying She Forgot to Switch Her Registration from Crew Member to Permit Holder.** "Turns out that in 1993 Palin pleaded no contest in Dillingham District Court to a fishing violation -- failure to register as a set gillnet permit holder. And the violation was then mistakenly entered into the court computer system as being a felony. Palin explained the fishing violation by saying that she had been a crew member but took over the permit for that season from her sister-in-law. Palin then forgot to switch her registration from that of a crew member to a permit holder, she said. Palin called the court in Dillingham and straightened out the mistaken felony designation. The court clerk described it as a "data input error" and faxed Palin a letter of apology, saying the error has been corrected. But in recent days reporters have anonymously received copies of the court record calling it a felony. "I think it's pretty cowardly," Palin said. "Somebody is peddling this five days before the election, obviously to smear my reputation.""
[[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/22/02]

Palin's Husband Plead Guilty to Illegally Operating an Off-Road Vehicle in the Susitna Flats Game Refuge. During his wife's term as Mayor of Wasilla, Todd Palin was charged with a Misdemeanor count of "Use of Off-Road Vehicle in the Susitna Flats Game Refuge." The jurisdiction was the Third Judicial District-Palmer. [Alaska Criminal History Records, Case # 3PA-02-02239CR]

Palin Background

Name	Social Security	Birthdate
SARAH (HEATH) PALIN	574-60-XXXX	2/1964
TODD PALIN		9/1964
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PALIN, WILLOW B (FEMALE)		

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Address Created: 4/1997

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WASILLA, AK 99687-6182
Address Updated: 12/1/1992

Palin Timeline

1964: Sarah Palin was born in Skagway, Alaska. Her family moved to Wasilla when she was eight years old, and she has lived there since.

1987: Palin graduated from the University of Idaho with a B.S. in Journalism.

After college, Palin worked in the media and utility industries until

1992: Palin elected to the Wasilla City Council followed by two terms as mayor.

She was also elected President of the Alaska Conference of Mayors.

1996: Palin elected mayor

1999: Palin reelected mayor

2002: While serving as mayor, Palin unsuccessfully ran for Lt. Governor.

2003-2004: Governor Murkowski appointed Palin as Chair of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, where she made a name for herself by exposing two officials with conflicts of interest.

January 2004: Resigned as chairwoman of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in [Anchorage Daily News, 6/8/05]

Palin became the spokeswoman for the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline movement. The movement “semi-collapsed” when Semptra, a California energy company, withdrew its financial support. Semptra claimed that there was no secure natural gas supply to ship to the West Coast. [Anchorage Daily News, 6/8/05]

Property and Business

Palins Are Up To Date With Property Tax Payments. According to the Palmer tax collector’s office, the Palins are up to date with their property tax payments on all their properties. [Palmer Tax Collector]

In 2001, Sarah and Todd Palin bought Lot 3, Block 1, Snider Subdivision, according to Plat No. W-1 in the Palmer Recording district. They paid \$10,000 for the land. Later that year, Spenard Builders Supply gave notice “of its right to assert a lien” against the property after contracting for labor and materials for a project on the site. In 2003, Wells Fargo granted a deed of reconveyance to the Palins after they satisfied the obligations of their loan. In August 2002, building on the property was completed. In July of that year, the Palins borrowed \$290,000 at a fixed interest rate of 5%. In December of that year, the Palins borrowed \$255,500. [Warranty Deed, 2/9/01; Notice of Right to Lien, 10/15/01; Notice of Completion, 8/30/02]

Palin’s Home Was Assessed at \$500K. In 2005, Sarah and Todd Palin’s home, 1140 W Parks Hwy, Wasilla, Parcel 1054B01L003, was assessed at a land value of \$112,000, an assessed improvement value of \$388,300, for a total assessed value of \$500,300. [Nexis property search]

Property Co-Owned By Palin In Petersville Was Valued at \$17K. In 2005, a residential building owned by Todd M & Sarah H Palin and Scott A & Debora M Richter was valued at \$17,300. The building, located in the Petersville area, was Assessor's Parcel Number 1142000T00H. [Nexis property search]

Property Co-Owned By Palin In Petersville Was Valued at \$12K. In 2005, a residential building owned by Scott A & Deborah Richter & Todd M & Sarah H Palin was assessed at \$12,000. The building, located in the Petersville area, was Assessor's Parcel Number: 2357B04L010-1. [Nexis property search]

Property Co-Owned By Palin Assessed at \$55K. In 2005, a residential building owned by Todd M Palin & Tod A & Ron D Richards & Carolyn Hanson. The building, located in the Flat Horn area, was Assessor's Parcel Number: 1231000T00E. The assessed land value was \$27,000, the assessed improvement value was \$27,900, for a total assessed value \$ 54,900. [Nexis property search]

Todd Palin Filed Alaska UCC Filing in 1994 to Form Valley Polaris With Bradley Hanson and John Adcox. In 1994, Todd Palin filed as a general partner with Bradley A. Hanson and John A. Adcox to form Valley Polaris. On 8/26/1997 UCC filing 435868 was filed with the AK Uniform Commercial Code Lien Filings. The original filing Number 381970 was filed 4/26/1994. The secured party was Transamerica Commercial Finance Corporation. [Secretary Of State/UCC Division]

2004: Palin And Her Husband Bought a Car Wash and Property for the Car Wash. On May 5th, 2004, Todd and Sarah Palin started Anchorage Car Wash LLC along with Ray and Carolin Wells. On June 30, 2004, Palin and her business partners purchased property in Anchorage for Anchorage Car Wash LLC. The property, valued at \$280,000, is located at 950 Joham Circle, Anchorage, Alaska 99515. [Alaska Division of Banking, Securities and Corporations; AK Deed Transfers - Selected Districts]

Palin and Her Husband Owned 26 Vehicles. Palin and her husband have owned 26 vehicles since 1994. [Alaska Motor Vehicle Registration]

Owner	Registrant	Year	Make	VIN	Reg. Date	Expiration D
Sarah Palin	Sarah Palin	1987	Ford F350	2FTJW3617HCA24613	3/30/2004	5/31/2006
Jeanette Bock	Sarah Palin	2003	Honda Odyssey	5FNRL18063B093864	5/12/2003	5/31/2005
N/A	Todd Palin	1987	Misc.	AKZ0823MF202	6/24/2002	6/30/2005
Natalie Sforza	Sarah Palin	1977	Ford F250	F26HCZ03951	3/16/2000	3/31/2002
Sarah Palin	Sarah Palin	1976	Ford F250	F26YCC34031	9/20/2004	10/312006
Sarah Palin	Sarah Palin	1975	Ford F250	F26YCW24814	4/29/2003	6/30/2005
N/A	Todd Palin	1994	Misc.	PVPDS164D594	6/24/2002	6/30/2005
Sarah Palin	Sarah Palin	1992	Ford F250	1FTHX26M8NKB35534	12/29/2004	9/30/2006
Sarah Palin Kaleokalani Quilinderino	Sarah Palin	1995	Ford F150	1FTEX14H3SKA05689	3/4/2004	3/31/2006
N/A	Todd Palin	1996	Ford F350	1FTJW36G3TEA05256	6/12/2003	6/30/2005
N/A	Todd Palin	1994	POLA	2255504	1/31/1994	8/31/1994
N/A	Todd Palin	1995	POLA	2459355	2/14/1995	8/31/1996
N/A	Todd Palin	2005	Arctco ATV	4UF05SNW05T119448	2/2/2005	9/30/2007
N/A	Todd Palin	2005	Arctco ATV	4UF05SNW25T119466	12/29/2004	9/30/2006
N/A	Todd Palin	2006	Arctco ATV	4UF05SNW55T119462	12/29/2004	9/30/2006
N/A	Todd Palin	2000	Arctco ATV	4UF00SNW1YT107361	1/24/2000	9/30/2002
N/A	Todd Palin	2001	Arctco ATV	4UF00SNW3YT107331	12/23/1999	9/30/2001
N/A	Todd Palin	2002	Arctco ATV	4UF02SNW32T107315	1/16/2002	9/30/2004
N/A	Todd Palin	2002	Arctco ATV	4UF02SNW62T107065	11/13/2002	9/30/2004
N/A	Todd Palin	2002	Arctco ATV	4UF02SNW72T107186	11/7/2002	9/30/2004
N/A	Todd Palin	2003	Arctco ATV	4UF03SNW43T175654	2/11/2004	9/30/2005
N/A	Todd Palin	2003	Arctco ATV	4UF03SNW93T171759	9/20/2004	9/30/2006
Todd Palin	Todd Palin	1998	H&S Trailer	4ULS82729WM000039	10/21/2004	11/30/2006
Bridgette Powlas	Sarah Palin	2004	Toyota Sequoia	5TDBT44A84S230480	10/7/2004	10/31/2006
N/A	Todd Palin	1999	Arca Lincoln Mark	9957005	3/30/1999	9/30/2001
Sarah Palin	Vince Plasse	1969	III	9Y89A862211	12/28/1995	4/30/1987 (maybe)

EVENTS TO CHECK OUT

GOP gubernatorial debate includes John Binkley, Gov. Frank Murkowski, **Sarah PALIN**, Gerald Heikes and Merica Hlatcu, 7-9 p.m., Evangelo's Restaurant, Mile 40 Parks Highway, Wasilla. No-host cocktails 5:30 p.m., no-host dinner 7:15 p.m. Hosted by Mat-Su Republican Women's Club. [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 7/13/06]

Libertarian Party meeting, 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays, Denny's, 3950 DeBarr Road. The Alaska Libertarian Party is a political party advocating personal freedom and small, efficient government. **Sarah PALIN** will present. (563-0525, www.lpalaska.org) [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 4/19/06]

Gubernatorial candidates are scheduled to debate natural resource policy issues Monday at University of Alaska Fairbanks. Candidates Eric Croft, Ethan Berkowitz, Andrew Halcro and **Sarah PALIN** have confirmed they will take part in the debate sponsored by the Resource Management Society student organization at UAF. The debate is scheduled from 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at Schaible Auditorium at UAF and is open to the public. [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#) (Alaska), 4/11/06]

Bartlett Forum, noon-1 p.m., Royal Fork Restaurant, 800 Northway Drive. Guest speaker will be **Sarah PALIN**. Free. (349-1160) [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 1/26/06]

Candidate Forum: 8/12/02 Anchorage Marriot Sponsored by Resource Development Council. * The Resource Development Council and the Alaska Support Industry Alliance present a forum of candidates for lieutenant governor at the Anchorage Marriott Downtown at noon. Invited are Ernie Hall, Loren Leman, Sarah Palin, Gail Phillips and Robin Taylor. R.S.V.P. to link@akalliance.org or 563-2226. [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 8/12/02]

2002 Debate in Fairbanks. "An economy-focused forum brought six candidates for lieutenant governor to Fairbanks on Tuesday, and one of least-known candidates made a solid impression. Wasilla's young conservative mayor, Sarah Palin--a relative unknown in the Interior--garnered the loudest burst of applause for one of her comments. And a handful of people polled after the event declared Palin the star of the afternoon." [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#), 8/7/02]

2002 Debate in Palmer. Candidates in the crowded field for lieutenant governor are working to stand out from the pack. They spoke Wednesday at a candidates forum sponsored by the Palmer Chamber of Commerce. [[Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#), 7/26/02]

Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce meets at noon in Mat-Su Resort. Wasilla Mayor **Sarah PALIN** will give a State of the City address. Cost is \$ 3 for members, \$ 5 for nonmembers. Call 1-907-376-1299 for information. [[Anchorage Daily News](#) (Alaska), 7/27/99]