INFORMATION REGARDING THE
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH REGULAR ELECTION
TO BE HELD OCTOBER 4, 2022
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INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday, October 4, 2022, Borough voters will have the opportunity to vote on candidates for Borough Mayor, Assembly Members, and School Board Members as well as propositions. Sample Borough ballots are provided in this pamphlet. Sample City of Ketchikan or City of Saxman ballots are available at the respective City Clerk offices.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING

The Regular Borough Election is Tuesday, October 4, 2022. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Polling place information is listed on Page 2 of this pamphlet.
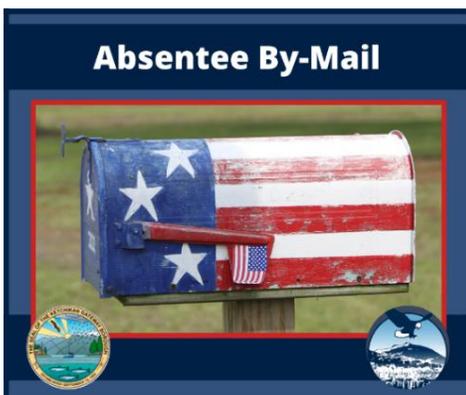
Who may vote in a Borough election?

A qualified Borough voter is a person registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the Borough at least 30 days before the election at which the person seeks to vote.

If you have updates to make to your voter registration record, please contact the Alaska Division of Elections at 907-465-3021, or visit: www.elections.alaska.gov. In order to be a qualified voter of the Borough you must be registered to vote in State elections at a residence address in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough not less than 30 days prior to the election. Residents may register to vote at the Borough Clerk's Office and may also register or update voter information online using the State of Alaska's new online voter registration system at https://voterregistration.alaska.gov/ .

Can I plan ahead and request a ballot ahead of time?

Yes. Voters may apply for absentee ballots at the Clerk's office as early as January 1, as follows: A by-mail ballot as early as January 1 of the calendar year in which the election was held; A by-fax ballot no sooner than 30 days prior to the election; An in-person absentee ballot no sooner than 15 days prior to the election.

Applications for Absentee-By-Mail Ballots: Applications for absentee-by-mail ballots must be received by the Clerk's Office no later than September 27, 2022. Apply early to make sure you receive your ballot in time. Voted by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and be received by the Clerk no later than 9:00 a.m. October 10, 2022, in order to be counted. Voters are encouraged to mail their absentee ballot early to make sure their ballot is received before the deadline.

For a Borough absentee-by-mail ballot application, visit www.kgbak.us/elections or contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 228-6605.

Absentee-in-person voting for the Borough Regular Election is open September 19 – October 3, 2022, at the Borough Clerk's Office, 1900 First Avenue, Suite 115, and at the City Clerk's Office, 334 Front Street, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where do I vote?

There are seven Borough election precincts. Your designated polling place is based on your residential address. Information regarding precinct boundaries is available at the Borough Clerk's Office. On election day, your name will be listed on the precinct register in the precinct where you reside. You may vote in another polling place, but you will be asked to fill out a questioned voter envelope. Questioned voter ballots will be reviewed and counted separately by the canvass board. The polling places for the Regular Borough Election of October 4, 2022, are as follows:

Ketchikan No. 1	Gateway Recreation Center	601 Schoenbar Road
Ketchikan No. 2	The Plaza	2417 Tongass Avenue
Ketchikan No. 3	AMHS Ferry Terminal	3501 Tongass Avenue
North Tongass No. 1	North Tongass Fire Station No. 6	7550 N. Tongass Highway
North Tongass No. 2	North Tongass Fire Station No. 8	13110 N. Tongass Highway
Saxman	Saxman Community Center	2841 South Tongass Highway
South Tongass	South Tongass Alliance Church	376 Old Homestead Road

How do I vote on Election Day?

- Show up - polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day,
- Have ID ready - election workers will have a precinct register.
- If it's not your designated precinct, you can vote using a questioned envelope.
- Follow the voting instructions provided by the poll workers.
- Do not take campaign materials with you. Campaign signs and materials are not allowed within 200 feet of an active polling place, including the absentee voting locations at the Clerks' offices.

What if I am housebound or need help voting?

Provisional voting is available for you. Another adult may serve as a personal representative and may pick up a ballot for you, bring it to you for you to vote, sign the witness acknowledgment on the outside of the personal representative envelope, and return the ballot in the personal representative envelope to the absentee voting facility or any voting precinct on election day.

How do I vote for a Write-In Candidate?

In order to vote for a write-in candidate the voter must, in the space provided, write in the candidate's name as the candidate's name appears on the declaration of write-in candidacy filed with the Borough Clerk and fill in the oval opposite the candidate's name. The use of stickers on the ballots is prohibited. Voters may request assistance from the poll workers.

Which Write-In Votes are Tallied?
According to KGBC 5.30.040 (a), Write-in votes are only tallied:
(1)   If the person running as a write-in candidate has, at least before 5:00 p.m. of the day before the election, filed a declaration of write-in candidacy on a form provided by the clerk stating that they are willing to assume the office if elected and have also filed a completed public officials financial disclosure statement with the borough clerk; or
(2)   If the total number of write-in votes for an office exceeds the smallest number of votes cast for a candidate for that office whose name is printed on the ballot.

How are election results provided and certified?
Preliminary results from the in-person election day voting at the seven polling places will be posted on Election Night on the Borough website at www.kgbak.us/elections.

The absentee, questioned, and special needs ballots will be counted by the Canvass Board on October 10, 2022. The canvass board results will be posted on the Borough website at www.kgbak.us/elections.

The Borough Assembly will convene in special meeting on October 17, 2022, to certify the results of the Borough Election.

How can I be involved in the process?
Borough voters and citizens are encouraged to participate in our local election. If you are interested in becoming a precinct poll worker, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-228-6605. Election officials are provided training and are paid for their service.

Citizens are also invited to observe the election preparation and operational processes. Interested citizens can reach out to the Clerk's Office for information on how to observe election programming, election night returns, the canvass board meeting, and the election certification.

Youth Vote Ambassador Program
The Borough Clerk's Office works with the Ketchikan and Revilla High School Government classes with training and outreach opportunities for students to become involved in local government. The Youth Vote Ambassador Program allows students age 16 and older to serve as election officials at the precinct polling places and as part of the receiving team on election night. This program has been very successful. Students can apply at the Borough Clerk's Office.

For assistance and information regarding the Borough election, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-228-6605, or email: elections@kgbak.us.

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION 1 – ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATION

All qualified Borough voters will have the opportunity to vote on Proposition 1.

Why is this proposition on the ballot?
A ballot proposition regarding Assembly representation is required following each decennial federal census. More specifically, State law requires the Borough Assembly to submit to the voters every ten years, one or more plans for the manner in which the Assembly will be elected. The following four options exist:

> **PROPOSITION 1**
> Assembly Representation
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> Shall the present form of assembly representation whereby all members of the assembly are elected at-large by the qualified voters of the borough be retained?
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> YES ⬭
> NO ⬭

1. Election of Assembly members at large by voters through the borough (this method is currently in place and has been used for the past 42 years);
2. Election of Assembly members by districts (e.g., City of Ketchikan as one district and the remainder of the Borough as another district) where Assembly candidates must live in a particular district and where:
   a. Only voters living in that district vote on the candidates from the district; or
   b. Voters throughout the Borough vote on the candidates from each district;
3. Election of Assembly members using some combination of 1, and either 2a or 2b above.

Option 1 was approved by the voters in 1980 and has been retained since. Following an opportunity for public input, the Assembly chose on May 16, 2022, to place the question of at-large representation before the voters at the October 4, 2022, election.

If this proposition passes, what will be the effects on Borough taxpayers and citizens?
If the measure is approved by the voters, Assembly members will continue to be elected at large, as they have been since 1980, and there will be no changes in procedures or costs to Borough citizens.

If this proposition fails, what will be the effects on Borough taxpayers and citizens?
If the measure is rejected by the voters, the Assembly must schedule a special election to present to the voters two or more of the options described above. The option that receives the most votes would then be implemented. It is projected that the cost of a special election and associated administrative requirements would be approximately $10,000.

PROPOSITION 2 – NONAREAWIDE LIBRARY POWERS

Proposition 2 will be submitted to the nonareawide Borough voters (voters registered outside the City of Ketchikan and the City of Saxman), registered in the North Tongass 1, North Tongass 2, and South Tongass precincts.

Why is Proposition 2 on the ballot?

The Alaska Statutes allow for residents to enact a resolution or ordinance through the initiative process. In 1985, Borough voters approved adoption of nonareawide library powers, and the repeal of those powers can be accomplished through a similar vote. In June 2022, a group of citizens submitted an application for an initiative petition that would place a question on the ballot to repeal the nonareawide library powers. The application

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PROPOSITION 2
Nonareawide Library Powers

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough's nonareawide library powers were adopted through voter approval in 1985. Resolution 2956-CI proposes to repeal the nonareawide library powers. If this proposition is approved, the effective date of the repeal would be January 1, 2024. Shall the Ketchikan Gateway Borough's adoption of nonareawide library powers be repealed, as proposed in Resolution 2956-CI?

YES ⬭

NO ⬭

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was approved, the sponsors gathered the required number of signatures, and the petition was certified by the Borough Clerk. Alaska law requires that the proposition be placed on the ballot once the petition is certified.

Proposition 2 can only be voted on by the nonareawide Borough voters who reside outside of the incorporated City of Ketchikan and City of Saxman. Similarly, the nonareawide Borough property tax of .7 mills is only paid by property owners who own property outside of the City of Ketchikan and City of Saxman.

If Proposition 2 passes, what will be the effects on Borough taxpayers and citizens?

Should the ballot measure pass, the nonareawide library powers would be terminated effective January 1, 2024. This would prohibit the Borough from taking any actions as an exercise of library powers. This would also require termination of the Borough's agreement with the City of Ketchikan for funding library services and would end the Borough's .7 mill levy that is imposed under the existing library powers. The Borough would continue to be empowered to exercise its nonareawide powers, including: sewage disposal, solid waste, regulation or prohibition of the sale or possession of drug paraphernalia, or regulation of possession and sale of fireworks. Additionally, the Borough would continue to have its mandatory powers of education, planning, and land use regulation which are exercised on an areawide basis.

If the nonareawide library power were to be repealed, the Borough could still provide funding to the City to support library operations by utilizing a different power or funding mechanism.

If Proposition 2 fails, what will be the effects on Borough taxpayers and citizens?

If the ballot measure is not approved, there would be no change to the current nonareawide library powers. The current .7 nonareawide mill levy would remain in effect unless changed by the Borough Assembly during the annual setting of the mill rate. There would be no requirement to end the Borough's agreement with the City of Ketchikan for funding library services.

Resolution 2956-CI, initiated by the citizens for voter ratification:

If Proposition 2 passes, the existing agreement with the City to fund the library through the nonareawide library power would terminate on January 1, 2024, and the following resolution would be immediately adopted and become effective January 1, 2024.

A Resolution of the Assembly of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Repealing the Borough's Adoption of Nonareawide Library Powers and Providing for Voter Ratification

R E C I T A L S

A. **WHEREAS**, the Assembly received a citizen petition in August, 1985 requesting that a ballot question be placed on the municipal election ballot proposing the adoption of nonareawide library powers by the Borough; and

B. **WHEREAS**, though the petition was of uncertain sufficiency at that time, the Assembly adopted Resolutions 632, 633, and 634 in response and placed the question on the ballot for the October 1, 1985, election; and

C. **WHEREAS**, the ballot proposition was approved by the voters by a 475-217 margin, with the votes from the City of Saxman having been mistakenly included; and

D. **WHEREAS**, since adoption of the nonareawide library powers, the Borough has provided funding to the City of Ketchikan by way of a millage tax levied on all taxable properties located outside of the City of Ketchikan and the City of Saxman; and

E. **WHEREAS**, the Borough has received a request from Borough residents to discontinue the exercise of a nonareawide library power and to place on the October 4, 2022 ballot a ballot proposition seeking repeal of the Borough's adoption of nonareawide library powers.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE FACTS, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough's adoption of a nonareawide library power is hereby repealed.

Section 2. **Voter Ratification Required.** That the following question shall be placed on the ballot at the Regular Election of October 4, 2022, to be voted on by the duly qualified registered voters of the Borough who are registered to vote outside of the City of Ketchikan and the City of Saxman, and who are voting on the question:

"NONAREAWIDE LIBRARY POWERS
Shall the Ketchikan Gateway Borough's adoption of nonareawide library powers
be repealed?

YES ـــــــ
NO ـــــــ"

Section 3. **Severability**. If any provision of this resolution or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this resolution and application thereof to any person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. **Effective Date**. Section 1 of this ordinance becomes effective January 1, 2024, on the condition that a majority of nonareawide borough voters ratify the proposition set out in Section 2 of this resolution. Section 2 becomes effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Sample Ballots:

Sample Borough ballot to be submitted to the duly qualified voters of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough who are registered in the City of Ketchikan and the City of Saxman.

Note: There will be a separate ballot issued by the City of Ketchikan and City of Saxman to city voters.

SAMPLE BALLOT

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

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

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH
OFFICIAL BALLOT
REGULAR BOROUGH ELECTION
OCTOBER 4, 2022

Instructions:
To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this: ●
Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot. NO RED INK. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.
To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, fill in the oval and print the person's name on the blank line provided for a write-in candidate.

BOROUGH MAYOR (Three-year term) Vote for not more than one (1)	PROPOSITION NO. 1 Assembly Representation
○ Katie Jo Parrott	Shall the present form of assembly representation whereby all members of the assembly are elected at-large by the qualified voters of the borough be retained?
○ Rodney Dial	
○ Write-in	
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY MEMBER (Three-year term) Vote for not more than two (2)	○ YES
○ Michael Iann Martin	○ NO
○ Joshua Titus	
○ Austin Otos	
○ Glen Thompson	
○ Write-in	
○ Write-in	
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (Three-year term) Vote for not more than two (2)	
○ Robb Arnold	
○ Tom Heutte	
○ Melissa O'Bryan	
○ Ginger yeil atoowu McCormick	
○ Write-in	
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BOROUGH MAYOR (Three-year term) Vote for not more than one (1)	PROPOSITION NO. 1 Assembly Representation
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○ Rodney Dial	
○ Write-in	
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY MEMBER (Three-year term) Vote for not more than two (2)	○ YES
	○ NO
○ Michael Iann Martin	**PROPOSITION NO. 2**
○ Joshua Titus	Nonareawide Library Powers
○ Austin Otos	The Ketchikan Gateway Borough's nonareawide library powers were adopted through voter approval in 1985. Resolution 2956-CI proposes to repeal the nonareawide library powers. If this proposition is approved, the effective date of the repeal would be January 1, 2024.
○ Glen Thompson	
○ Write-in	
○ Write-in	
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (Three-year term) Vote for not more than two (2)	Shall the Ketchikan Gateway Borough's adoption of nonareawide library powers be repealed, as proposed in Resolution 2956-CI?
○ Robb Arnold	
○ Tom Heutte	○ YES
○ Melissa O'Bryan	○ NO
○ Ginger yeil atoowu McCormick	
○ Write-in	
○ Write-in	

Sample ballot to be submitted to the qualified nonareawide voters of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough (North Tongass 1, North Tongass 2, and South Tongass precincts)

Accessibility Assistance Information: Voters may have assistance during any stage of the electoral process. You may have a person of your choice provide assistance to you as long as that person is not a candidate, your employer, agent of your employer, or agent of your union. You may request assistance from an election worker at any voting location. The person you choose can help you in completing forms, reading voting materials and go into the voting booth with you to assist you in casting your ballot. In addition to personal assistance, there will be ADA accessible voting units available at The Plaza and the Gateway Recreation Center on election day. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough makes every effort to ensure polling places are accessible to all of its voters.

Free bus rides to and from the polls!
All Borough Transit buses will be offering free bus rides to and from the seven precinct polling places. Just tell the bus driver that you are voting, and your ride will be free!

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