

Legislative



Update

Focus on the 2nd Session of the 21st Legislature

District 29

March 2000



Dear Neighbor,

Once again this legislative session has brought about interesting debate on important issues. I would like to thank each of you who have taken time to contact my office to voice your opinions. Your thoughts and comments are greatly appreciated and taken into consideration as I work to best represent District 29.

With this Legislative Update I would like to invite you to share your thoughts on some of the issues that come before us. Traditionally, legislators tend to offer their constituents a "Questionnaire", giving the reader a series of choices from which they can select the best answer. I have decided to offer you no set answers, but instead space to write your own answers. This type of a questionnaire is slightly more difficult, but I think it is the best way for me to really grasp *your* thoughts. I would like to receive completed questionnaires back as soon as possible so I can share the responses with the district and my colleagues in the legislature.

Finally, I would like to invite each of you to discuss with me some of the ideas and opinions you have on issues raised in this Legislative Update or others that concern you. I will be holding an open constituent meeting at West Valley High School in the Commons area on Saturday, April 8th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. I look forward to sharing this time with you. I hope to see many old and new faces.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature of John Davies in dark ink.

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Legislative Questionnaire

Please return this questionnaire to:

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AND

Join us:

District 29 Constituent Meeting:
Saturday, April 8, 2000, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
West Valley High School

1. The University President, Board of Regents, and the Governor have requested a \$16.9 million increase for the University of Alaska. Do you favor this request? Why or why not?

2. With a slight downtrend in enrollment statewide, the school funding formula calls for a \$19.1 million reduction in the K-12 education budget. Do you approve of this loss of fund? What should the legislature do about it?

3. The Governor's budget proposed this year has been called "the Children's Budget" because it addresses a wide variety of children's issues from child abuse and neglect, foster care, childcare assistance, Head Start, and Healthy Families through Quality Schools and the University. Do you support these programs specifically and prevention measures in general?

4. Last September the Legislature asked the voters if they supported using a portion of the earnings of the Permanent Fund to help balance the state budget. The vote was 84% NO! What do you think NO meant? What is your recommendation as to how the Legislature should close the approximate 3/4 of a billion dollar shortfall in our budget?

5. The state budget encompasses many services including management of our resources, public safety, transportation, economic development, education, courts, environmental and health protection, public health and welfare, workforce safety and development. Overall do you think state services are adequate, too much, or too few. What would you strengthen or reduce?

6. Additional Comments

My email address is: