

# HAINES BOROUGH

## NOTICE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, October 4, 2011**, there will be held in the Haines Borough, Alaska, an election for the purpose of electing one mayor, two assembly members and three school board members with 3-year terms, and one assembly member with a 2-year term.

The following candidates have been certified (alphabetical order):

### MAYOR

Jan Hill  
Stephanie Scott

### BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SEAT F

John Brower  
Jerry L. Lapp



### BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SEAT C

Jerry Erny  
Debra Schnabel

### BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD SEAT C

Brian T. Clay

### BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SEAT E

Karen Hess  
Norman Smith

### BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD SEAT F

No One Filed

### BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD SEAT G

Anne Marie Palmieri

The following two propositions will be on the ballot: (They are published here in full per HB Charter 16.03)

### PROPOSITION #1

#### **Recall of Assembly Member Joanne Waterman**

##### Grounds for Recall

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, 2011, Assembly member Joanne Waterman, knowing that Assembly Seat E had been declared vacant by the Alaska Superior Court on May 12, 2011, and that borough ordinance HBC 2.10.250 requires the assembly to fill such vacancy within 30 days, voted "yes" on a motion to "have a special election to fill the vacant assembly seat E, with the election to take place during the general election," thereby leaving seat E vacant until October.

As a result of these actions, borough residents have been denied full and proper representation on the Haines Borough Assembly.

##### Response

My fellow citizens.

My parents raised me to be honest, forthright and open. Your handshake is your bond and tells a lot about you. Dad said a firm grasp, look 'em in the eye, kid. Let 'em know where you stand.

June 13<sup>th</sup> the Assembly met to fill an Assembly seat. Lapp and Rossman said they'd only vote for Karen Hess and would stay till midnight. Code states meetings can't go beyond midnight. Myself, Hoffman and Vick wouldn't vote for Hess. After discussion, the vote was 4 to 1, for having an election to fill the vacant seat. Vick voted against; Lapp, Rossman, Hoffman and myself voted in favor. This was the decision of the majority of the Assembly.

In hindsight, were there other options? YES. Anyone could have gone against their convictions. We could have stalemated till midnight without making any decision. The following night Mayor Hill could've vetoed the motion. Things could've gone differently, but they didn't. Each of us made the best decision we could at the time, given the circumstances.

I want to thank all of you for voting and making the best decision you can for the Borough.

**"Shall Joanne Waterman be recalled from the office of borough assembly member?" \_\_Yes \_\_No**

### PROPOSITION #2

#### **Recall of Assembly Member Daymond Hoffman**

##### Grounds for Recall

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, 2011, Assembly member Daymond Hoffman, knowing that Assembly Seat E had been declared vacant by the Alaska Superior Court on May 12, 2011, and that borough ordinance HBC 2.10.250 requires the assembly to fill such vacancy within 30 days, voted "yes" on a motion to "have a special election to fill the vacant assembly seat E, with the election to take place during the general election," thereby leaving seat E vacant until October.

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##### Response

I'm Daymond Hoffman, and I'm asking for your vote of confidence. I serve at the will of the voters and believe in the democratic right of the petitioners.

During the appointment process it was apparent that the assembly was in a deadlock and agreement on the appointment was not possible. The idea of sending the decision to a special election was then brought into the debate. I, along with assembly members Rossman, Lapp and Waterman agreed that sending the decision to the voters was the best solution for the community.

Assembly member Lapp pointed out that the Borough Charter states that the assembly shall "attempt" to make an appointment. But the Borough code states that the assembly "shall" make an appointment. In matters such as this, where the charter and the code conflict, it is the Borough Charter that determines the duties of the assembly.

I believe the assembly performed to the rule of law and for the best interest of the community.

I believe that I should not be recalled and ask you to vote "no" so that I can continue to work for our community. I have been effective, fair, and open to all ideas.

**"Shall Daymond Hoffman be recalled from the office of borough assembly member?" \_\_Yes \_\_No**

**Who may vote in this Election?** Registered voters of the State of Alaska who reside within the Haines Borough are eligible to vote in this election provided the registration took place no later than 9/4/11. Voters should be prepared to display identification at the polling place when voting. The polls for this election will be open at 8:00 a.m. on October 4<sup>th</sup> and will close at 8:00 p.m. on the same day. This is an area-wide Borough election, including the following precincts:

**Haines #1** - The polling place is at the American Bald Eagle Foundation at the corner of 2nd Ave & Haines Hwy.

**Haines Highway** - The polling place is at the Klehini Valley Fire Department on Mosquito Lake Road.

Precinct boundary descriptions are available from the Clerk's office or Alaska Administrative Code 6 AAC 105.510-512.