

Our Ownership Stake in Alaska

“ Alaska’s Land Voucher Program”

We, Alaska residents, have said for 50 years now that we are an Owner State, however, we Alaskans haven’t asserted those rights and claimed our future other than the Permanent Fund & PFD! I say it’s time and what better time than now when we really need to.

Alaska is facing a crisis of sorts due to our failure to address the above mentioned control of our future. We have been living off of our Grandparents & Parents tenacity and pioneer spirit. The first great land disposal in Alaska’s past (The Homestead Act) which wasn’t Alaska’s idea but a Federal Act.

Yes, we have had land disposals, but those parcels for the most part have been “remote lands” which only benefited those of us that had the means (money & transportation [ie. planes and boats]) to settle those offerings. I say it’s time ALL Alaskans acquire our stake of Alaska.

How do we do it?

The Plan

1) First, assert our right to “the Other ½ of the Permanent Fund Earnings “ before our Government takes it for Government! That is the Governor’s Plan and to further limit the PFD. Those earnings are ours!

2) Second, we insist that we Alaskans have a say or approval of the use of those Earnings so as we get a tangible from their use.

An “ Alaska Land Voucher” good only for “ Resident Alaskan Voters” whom have current status and under oath and affirmation intend to remain and make Alaska their home, similar to qualifying for the PFD but not as restricted.

These Land Vouchers could be accumulated by one Alaskan for up to a total of 5 (five) totaling 5 acres. This accumulation could be from other individual Alaskans gifting to a family member or an Alaskan friend. This could be to help a young family whom may have a desire to own land but can’t afford such a purchase at this time in their lives but would surely give them a foot up in their future as Alaskans.

Reason : Alaska’s past development was built by way of migration / immigration of our fellow US Citizens; our parents & grandparents in the years prior to Statehood!

Yes, that means our Children & Grandchildren become land owners in this Great State! Let’s call it Paying Forward to our future.

3) Third, the first 1 Million Acre Land offer should be in proximity of our organized boroughs & municipalities so those lands become part of the tax base generating revenue for services locally. Then continue selling 1 million Acres per year for (4) four years thereafter to newer Migrants from the US and elsewhere who want make Alaska their home or want to become a Alaska Land Owner. Revenue wise Alaska would realize at average \$2,500.00 per acre sale value up to 2.5 Billion a year revenue per year for a total of 12.5 BILLION for use to cover a portion of the States Operational Budget.

4) Fourth, Alaska’s economy has been partially driven by government spending for too long and as we see now, that can’t be sustainable and shouldn’t . Alaska’s future is defined by our Constitution Art. VIII

1. Statement of Policy

(It is the policy of the State to encourage the settlement of its land and the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use

consistent with the public interest). We have at no better time in history at an hour of need but to rely on such a "public good" as this for which our founders of this constitution envisioned us to do. Alaska's future is in it's peoples and their individual / collective efforts to get value for their fruits of their labors. Those principals are which built this great Nation and state to date.

We shouldn't be trapped in the "Pie Theory" that that's what runs our Government or economy. New money & new wealth come from the land or creative enterprise entering into our markets not continuing printing dollars or redistribution of existing wealth which breeds division and delusion in our free enterprise system! Let us Alaskans show the world how the Last Frontier gets things done...



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Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 532
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Honorable Members of Senate Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comment to the Senate Finance Committee relative to SB 139, Operating Budget.

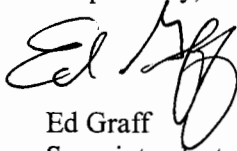
The Anchorage School District encourages the Senate's support of the work done by the House in their efforts to retain the base student allocation included in Governor Walker's proposed budget. The district believes the increased BSA is essential to support the quality education needed for our students.

ASD also encourages the reinstatement of funding for pre-k and early childhood programs, as well as support for broadband access. We believe these programs support better learning outcomes for students and provide access to 21st century education.

We understand and acknowledge the financial challenges put before you in this legislative session. We believe it is important that committees work in collaboration to address these challenges and establish a plan for fiscal stability in Alaska.

I am readily available to answer any questions you may have. You may reach my office at 907-742-4312.

Respectfully,



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