

HJR

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Alaska State Legislature

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Representative Virginia M. Collins

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April 15, 1987

Honorable Fran Ulmer, Chair
House State Affairs Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: HJR 30, Urging the League of Women Voters to
consider Anchorage as a site of a Presidential debate
sponsored by the League.

Dear Rep. Ulmer,

Just a brief note thanking you and your staff, Dennis and
Judy, for your help in moving HJR 30 promptly out of committee.

Your help has greatly improved the chances of having the
resolution pass out by May 1--the deadline by which the League
of Women Voters of Alaska must submit its proposal.

Cordially,


Rep. Virginia Collins

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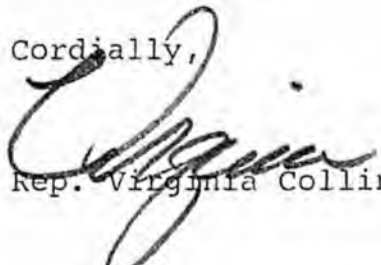
Re: HJR 30, Urging the League of Women Voters to consider Anchorage as a site of a Presidential debate sponsored by the League.

Dear Representative Ulmer,

Thank you for co-sponsoring the above resolution. Because the site selection deadline for the 1988 Presidential General Election Debates is May 1, 1987, I respectfully request that a hearing be scheduled for this resolution as soon as possible.

Again, thank you for your support.

Cordially,


Rep. Virginia Collins

cc: Gay Leslie, President, League of Women Voters of Alaska
Charlotte Fox, President, League of Women Voters of Anchorage

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE ULMER

NAME: GAY I. LESLIE, PRESIDENT
TITLE: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALASKA
ADDRESS: 4620 SOUTHPARK BLUFF DRIVE
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99516
PHONE: N/A-
BILL NO: HJR 30

SUBJECT: ANCHORAGE; 1988 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE
MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SCHEDULE A HEARING ON HJR30 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ANCHORAGE MUST SUBMIT ITS PROPOSAL TO HOST A 1988 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BY MAY 1, 1987. A HOUSE RESOLUTION WOULD DEMONSTRATE CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR SUCH A PROPOSAL.

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BID TO HOLD ONE OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS 1988 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES IN
ANCHORAGE.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 4/8/87

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: 4-15-87

The State Affairs Committee has considered HJR 30

Urging the League of Women Voters to consider Anchorage as a site of a Presidential debate sponsored by the League.

RECOMMENDS:

- replace with _____
- attached amendment(s)
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

- the same title
- a new title

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact
- zero fiscal note
- zero with analysis
- same as previous fiscal note published _____
- same as previous zero fiscal note published _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

Grant M... ..

Frank

Richard

Terry

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Frank

 Chairman's signature

**STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
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REQUEST: _____

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Prepared by: Michael A. Nizich, Director Phone: 465-3616
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 30
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FISCAL NOTE

- A. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, EXECUTIVE OFFICE: -0-



4620 Southpark Bluff Dr.
Anchorage, Alaska 99516
April 9, 1987

Rep. Virginia M. Collins
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Rep. Collins:

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage is in the process of assembling information to demonstrate the ability to meet the site selection criteria for the 1988 Presidential Debates. Permit me to address those criteria.

1. Strong support from the local League and community leaders. The League has elicited expressions of support at several levels. I was informed today that the letter from Mayor Knowles will be signed yet today or tomorrow. The Municipal Assembly has already passed a resolution (AR 87-85), which will be available on Monday. The Chamber of Commerce will take up the item at their board meeting next week. Congressman Young has written in support of the proposal. The Governor's Office is preparing a letter of support. The Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) is actively supporting the proposal and is assembling a proposal packet including letters of commitment from the hotels and the Egan Center. Other letters of support or resolutions are expected.
2. A minimum of 300 volunteers. The Anchorage League, itself, has 125 members upon which it can draw as well as some of the other 325 League members throughout the state. Other community groups are lining up in support. The ability of Fur Rendezvous and the Anchorage Olympic Organizing Committee to draw on large numbers of volunteers demonstrates that the League will have no difficulty meeting this criterion.
3. Commitment to assist with fundraising. Members of the private sector in Anchorage have assured us that we will have no difficulty raising \$250,000 for this purpose. The League is committed to raising this money through the private sector without assistance from the Municipality or the State.
4. Adequate facilities including a theater with a minimum of 1,000 seats, broadcast facilities, room for 1,000 working press, and rooms

for debate offices. The ACVB is working on the response regarding these criteria. The Egan Center is now considered the primary site for the debate and work space for the press. If the Performing Arts Center is available at the time, we would probably switch the debate there and continue to use the Egan Center for the press corps and office space. Adequate seating for the debate will be available at either the Egan Center or the Performing Arts Center.

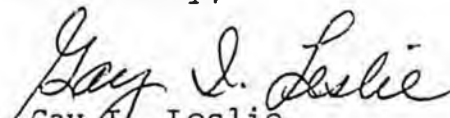
5. Excellent transportation facilities. Anchorage International Airport has major airline service from all parts of the country via Chicago, Minneapolis, Salt Lake City, and Seattle.

6. Adequate hotel space to accommodate up to 1,200. It is being proposed that a debate be scheduled in Anchorage within the window of September 23-26 or October 7-10, 1988. Both of those time frames are outside the peak tourist season. The positive response of the hotels to the ACVP indicates that we will be able to assure adequate hotel space.

Although not addressed directly in the criteria established by the League of Women Voters Education Fund, we consider our excellent broadcast capabilities and our time zone to be plusses in establishing our case for Anchorage as a host city. The same arguments that worked to the advantage of the Anchorage Olympic bid would work to the advantage of the Anchorage League's bid to host a Presidential Debate.

I hope this information answers some of the questions about the League's proposal. If I can provide further information, please call (345-2935 home; 261-4424 work).

Sincerely,


Gay I. Leslie
President

1988 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

SITE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR 1988 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

1. Strong support from the local League(s) and community leaders in hosting a general election debate.
2. A minimum of 300 volunteers readily accessible to the host city is required to assist with the tasks related to the debate.
3. Commitment of the local League leadership to assist the LWVEF with fundraising for the Presidential Debates in their local/regional area. (In 1984, \$250,000 was required at each site).
4. Adequate facilities for holding the debate. Facility should have:
 - a. a theater with a minimum of 1000 seats (past debate theaters have ranged from 1000 to 4000) capacity, excellent acoustics, state of the art sound and lighting, space for at least 7 television cameras, adequate power for live broadcast needs, dressing room facilities.
 - b. Adjacent (same building preferable) space for up to 1000 working press.
 - c. Several rooms for use as debate offices.
5. Excellent transportation facilities, e.g., a large airport with major airline service and easy access from other parts of the country, especially Washington, DC.
6. Adequate hotel space to accommodate up to 1200 (LWVEF staff and board, traveling press, campaigns, secret service, debate guests, etc.)

1988 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

February 6, 1987

This is going on DPM

TO: Presidents of State and Local Leagues and ILO's

FR: Nancy Neuman

RE: Site Selection for 1988 Presidential General Election Debates
Deadline: May 1, 1987

The League of Women Voters Education Fund is planning to sponsor up to four presidential debates in the fall of 1988. As we have done in past debate years, we are seeking Leagues and cities interested in hosting a 1988 debate and willing to assist the LWVEF with the multitude of tasks that go into staging the debate. If your League plans to submit a proposal, please send it by May 1, 1987 to the LWVEF's Presidential Debates Office. Guidelines for preparing and submitting proposals are as follows:

1. A cover letter from the local League president must be included with the proposal. If we receive proposals from non-LWV entities, we will immediately notify them that they must work through League channels in order to be considered. This is to ensure that each proposal has the full support and commitment of League leaders and volunteers who will be responsible for meeting LWVEF's requirements.
2. Site selection criteria are attached. Please be as specific as possible in addressing each point. All supportive materials will be reviewed. Beyond these criteria, there are other items the LWVEF must weigh in making the final decision: factors such as geographic distribution of sites and political considerations (for example, we try to avoid siting debates in the home states of the nominees).
3. Flexibility and adaptability are very important characteristics of Presidential Debates work. Please make sure everyone involved in developing the proposal is willing to shift gears at a moment's notice! For example, if your League is offering one site, and it's already booked for all but two days in September or October 1988, you'll need to look for some alternatives.

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Municipality of Anchorage



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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TONY KNOWLES.
MAYOR

April 10, 1987

League of Women Voters of Anchorage
Presidential Debates
P. O. Box 101345
Anchorage, Alaska 99510-1345

Dear League Members:

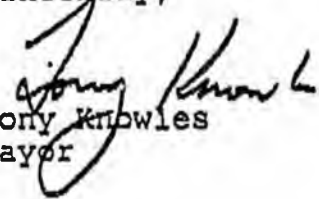
As Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska, it's a pleasure for me to let you know of my wholehearted support of the League of Women Voters of Anchorage's proposal that Anchorage host one of the 1988 presidential debates to be sponsored by the National League's Education Fund. Anchorage has more than adequate facilities necessary to host one of the debates, and the hotel space to accommodate all those in attendance. We have excellent transportation facilities, and our time zone would make it possible for the event to be broadcast live to the rest of the country.

Alaska, with its vast acres of federally-owned land, its vital military installations and proximity to the Soviet Union, is a logical place to stage a debate in which the presidential candidates certainly will be discussing national issues such as land management, the defense budget and foreign relations.

Hosting a debate of such historical significance would be an honor for Anchorage and its residents. There's no question that the Anchorage League could provide easily the volunteer assistance necessary to ensure that all tasks related to the debate would be accomplished with speed and competence. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions, or if you need additional information to assist you in considering the proposal.

We hope to see you here in 1988, and we're looking forward to it.

Sincerely,


Tony Knowles
Mayor

DON YOUNG
CONGRESSMAN FOR ALL ALASKA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 2, 1987

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Charlotte Fox
President
League of Women Voters of Anchorage
P.O. Box 101345
Anchorage, Ak. 99510

Dear Ms. Fox,

I wholeheartedly endorse your commendable efforts to have the National League of Women Voters consider Anchorage as a site for presidential debates in 1988. I have looked at the site selection criteria you sent and for my part, feel that Anchorage would pass each one with flying colors.

Obviously, the debates would give Anchorage and all of Alaska an excellent opportunity to be spotlighted across the Nation. It is truly exciting to think that millions of Americans might see and judge the candidates while they were in our state. I wish you the best of luck in your endeavors. If there is anything I can do to help you, please let me know.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG
Congressman for all Alaska

DY:cjzv



4620 Southpark Bluff Dr.
Anchorage, AK 99516
March 23, 1987

Nancy Neuman, Chair
LWV Education Fund
1730 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Nancy:

It gives me great pleasure to write to you on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Alaska (LWVAK) to express our support for the proposal of the League of Women Voters of Anchorage to host one of the 1988 Presidential General Election Debates. The Anchorage League's proposal was received enthusiastically by the LWVAK board at our February 28 meeting and has our strong support.


I am pleased to note that this proposal has also been received enthusiastically by individuals and groups in the Anchorage community and throughout Alaska. This response is typical of Alaska's can-do spirit - the same spirit that won the right to represent the United States in competing to host the 1992 and 1996 Winter Olympics.

Anchorage can offer modern hotel and convention facilities, an international airport, a sophisticated communications network, and a cadre of volunteers. In addition, the League has excellent working relations with the local government, the media, and the local business community.

Fall is off-season in Alaska - midway between the summer tourist season and winter sports festivals. Thus facilities and accommodations designed for peak-season use would be available for the debate and the entourage associated with it.

The state and local Leagues would welcome a site survey to enable us to show you what Anchorage has to offer as a potential debate site.

Sincerely,


Gay I. Leslie
President

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Box 874589
Wasilla, AK 99687
April 6, 1986

Nancy Neuman, Chair
LWV Education Fund
1730 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms Neuman,

The members of the Matanuska-Susitna League of Women Voters endorse the proposal from the League of Women Voters of Anchorage to be one of the host sites for the 1988 Presidential general election debates.

We feel that Alaska affords unique opportunities in terms of its geopolitical location and its Pacific Rim oriented economy to focus national voter attention on issues relating to land-based defense systems and to foreign trade development.

More importantly, we believe that it is incumbent on the League of Women Voters to ensure regional variety in debate site location and to address the concerns and interests of voters in less densely populated states. As you are aware, there is no substitute for an up-close look at a candidate; the opportunity for an Alaskan voter to see and hear the candidate does not come often. We urge you in the strongest possible terms to consider Anchorage as one of the debate sites. Although there are those who would argue that our distance from the East Coast and the time zone changes militate against us, we submit to you that a politician can reach just as many voters from Anchorage via television as he/she can from New York City via television. Anchorage offers all the amenities of a large city and of a smaller town.

We urge you to "Look West" for one of the debate sites and then to "Look North" for the best site !

Sincerely,

Mary Margaret Snyder
President, Matanuska Susitna League of Women Voters



AKPIRG
ALASKA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP
Post Office Box 1093 / Anchorage, Alaska 99510 / (907) 278-3661

Charlotte Fox
League of Women Voters of Anchorage
Box 10-1345
Anchorage, AK 99510-1345

30 March 1987

Dear Ms. Fox,

AKPIRG is wholeheartedly supportive of your effort to host one of the presidential debates here in Anchorage. It is clear from the criteria that we have all the things needed to present a first-rate program to the public around the country and it would be a very meaningful place for the candidates themselves to be present. Alaska's long history of political activism and our current attention to campaign issues on a wide variety of fronts all demonstrate our respect for and interest in the political process.

As you know, AKPIRG is a leader in a wide range of consumer, government and public policy matters. I feel confident that we could assist in some of the logistic aspects of conducting the debate if that were necessary.

We applaud your effort and we stand ready to assist in whatever way we can.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Bohman
Executive Director

The Republican Party of Alaska



Jim Crawford
Chairman

Marilyn Paine
National Committeewoman

Eldon Ulmer
National Committeeman

Jack Wilbur
Vice Chairman

Gail Phillips
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April 6, 1987

Charlotte Fox
President, League of Women Voters - Anchorage
P.O. Box 101345
Anchorage, AK 99510

Dear Ms. Fox:

Thank you for your letter asking for comment from me about holding a Presidential candidates' debate in Anchorage during the 1988 campaign. I believe that having the national candidates here in Anchorage for a debate would be a superlative idea. I heartily endorse it.

As you know, both the national Democratic and Republican parties are considering jointly sponsoring the Presidential debates in 1988. If that does become the case, I truly hope that your organization will support the idea of having one of those debates here in Anchorage.

The Alaskan issues we face: revitalizing our economy, soundly accessing our natural resources, encouraging tourism and creating new jobs are very important. Given the importance of the federal government as the owner and landlord of much of Alaska, I know you will agree with me that Alaskan issues deserve support from all who run for President, whether they are Republican or Democratic.

I appreciate the opportunity to add my name to the list of those who support Anchorage as a site for a Presidential debate.

With best regards,


Jim Crawford
Chairman, Republican Party of Alaska

AMENDED AND APPROVED

Date 4-7-87

For Reading:
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR 87-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY URGING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN
VOTERS EDUCATION FUND TO CONSIDER ANCHORAGE AS THE SITE OF A 1988
PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE OR VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of the United States
has a strong and consistent record of providing
open and fair opportunities for the American voters
to view prospective Presidential/^{and Vice Presidential} candidates; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters Education Fund has
proposed a schedule of four presidential/^{and Vice Presidential} debates
for the 1988 Presidential election; and

WHEREAS, western states in general, and Alaska in
particular have not benefitted directly from
previous presidential/^{or Vice Presidential} debates; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage has all of the facilities, volunteers,
transportation networks and access to electronic
media to host a successful presidential/^{or Vice Presidential} debate; and

WHEREAS, hosting one of the 1988 Presidential/^{or Vice Presidential} debates would
be great benefit to the image of Alaska and
Anchorage both at home and abroad;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Assembly
supports the League of Women Voters Education Fund schedule
of 1988 Presidential/^{and Vice Presidential} debates; and THEREFORE ALSO BE IT
RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Assembly urges the League of
Women Voters Education Fund to consider Anchorage as the site
for one of the scheduled debates.

ATTEST:

Ruby E. Feldkamp
Municipal Clerk

James W. Baker
Chairman

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April 1987

Among the legislation you are considering is House Joint Resolution 30. This expresses support to the League of Women Voters of the United States for designating Anchorage as a site of a presidential debate for the 1988 election.

Naturally the League of Women Voters of Alaska supports this resolution.

The debate would be hosted by the Anchorage League of Women Voters who are very enthusiastic about conducting the debate.

The national League has set specific criteria for choosing debate sites including hotel and meeting facilities, financial support, and volunteer labor. The Anchorage League is assured that these criteria can be met.

The Anchorage Assembly has passed a supportive resolution. The Anchorage Visitors Bureau is actively in support of the project. These groups have said that raising the necessary funding entirely from the private sector will be no problem.

The League realizes this is a long shot. Travel time to Anchorage from the Lower 48 may be the prohibitive factor at a time in campaigning when candidates prize every spare minute.

Nonetheless the League of Women Voters of Alaska thinks it's at least possible that Anchorage could be chosen and we see this as potentially producing many benefits for the state.

We therefore urge you to vote in support of HJR 30.

April 9, 1987

Ms. Charlotte Fox
President
League of Women Voters of Anchorage
Presidential Debates
P.O. Box 101345
Anchorage, AK 99510-1345

Dear Charlotte,

I am pleased to hear of the League's plan to attempt to host one of the national presidential debates in Alaska. I heartily endorse your campaign and lend my personal support as well as that of my office to the effort.

Alaska is an excellent site for a presidential debate. As you know, our state is on the leading edge of several national issues certain to be raised during the up-coming presidential campaign including the use of new technologies, international trade and energy. In addition, other issues in which Alaska plays a direct role including development of new oil reserves on the North Slope and the national trade balance, will be a part of the presidential campaign.

Logistically, Alaska is perfectly situated for such an event. With our time four-hour difference, a late afternoon debate in Alaska could be broadcast live across the rest of the country in prime time.

Our largest city is well equipped to host such an event and has done so successfully in the past. In 1981, Anchorage was visited by the Pope and in 1985, the city won praise from the 1,200 participants in the U.S. Conference of Mayors convention. Downtown Anchorage alone boasts 2,200 hotel rooms, many fine restaurants and two brand new convention centers featuring state-of-the-art communications technology. For the weary participants afterwards, some of the world's best outdoor recreation is only minutes away.

Alaska also has something no other state can offer - the warm hospitality and great enthusiasm of those of us who live on the "Last Frontier." I believe that is the key ingredient to what could be one of the best remembered presidential debates in history.

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Ms. Charlotte Fox

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April 9, 1987

I remain at your service to do what we can to have Alaska selected as the site of the one of the debates.

Sincerely,

S/S Steve Cowper

Steve Cowper
Governor

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