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Binkley Endorsed by Former Anchorage Mayors

At a press conference held today in Anchorage, Republican candidate for governor John Binkley received endorsements from four former mayors of Anchorage. George Sullivan, Tom Fink and George Wuerch explained in person why they think Binkley should be Alaska's next governor. Rick Mystrom was out of town, but sent in a statement of his support.

Mayor George Sullivan served as Mayor of the City of Anchorage from 1967-1975 and as Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage from 1975-1981. Sullivan said he admires Binkley's strong values and believes they will serve him well in his service to Alaskans.

"I've known John's family for more than 60 years and have followed his career since he first began in public service," Sullivan said. "John understands his most important task as governor will be to earn the public's trust. Like most Alaskans I expect those in public service to abide by the highest ethical standards and John Binkley is a person of integrity."

Mayor Tom Fink served as Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage from 1987-1994. He supports Binkley because of his plan to get gas pipeline built that will benefit generations to come.

“John has stepped forward with the most sensible approach to actually getting a gas pipeline built – and doing it in a timely manner,” Fink said. “He realizes how much was given away at the bargaining table in order to get the current contract, and won’t allow that to happen again. John Binkley will get a gas pipeline that offers maximum benefit to Alaskans.”

Rick Mystrom served as Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage from 1994-2000. He said Binkley’s State legislative experience sets him apart from the other candidates in the Republican Primary race.

“John is the only candidate who has met the challenge of balancing a State budget while he served as the Co-Chair of the Senate Finance Committee,” Mystrom said. “That’s experience you can’t match especially when it comes time to address the tough issues that will face our governor. With John Binkley as governor, Alaska will have the best chance of getting a gas pipeline and finally opening ANWR.”

George Wuerch served as Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage from 2000-2003. He views Binkley as the only true conservative on the ballot.

“Lately, Republicans have strayed from their core conservative values and I know John Binkley will get us back on course,” Wuerch said. “John respects the need for fiscal prudence in government and will not be afraid to make the tough decisions. As our governor John will demand that we control spending and establish clear priorities for future budgets that will adhere to conservative principles.”

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