

Candidate: **Van Lawrence**

Senate District:

Party Affiliation: **Democrat**

House District: **32**

If elected, will you support continuing to meet the State's obligation to fund the Defined Benefit retiree pension and health benefit accounts?

Yes

Do you favor legislation enacting an optional Defined Benefit program for ALL new public employees?

Yes

If you believe only certain public employees should be eligible for an optional Defined Benefit program, which classes of employees are those?

N/A

Retirees in a Defined Benefit System contribute significantly to Alaska's economy, both while employed and after retirement. If you are elected, how will you help encourage retirees to stay in Alaska?

The State must provide incentives to attract and keep top talent. Develop policies to decrease utility costs, increase food security and reduce costs by promoting local food production,

Increase the number of affordable housing units

Do you support holding a Constitutional Convention?

NO: **YES:** **No Opinion:**

If you support holding a Constitutional Convention, Why?

If elected, will you support resolving State budget gaps?

Yes

How do you propose solving the State budget gap? (Check all that apply)

Further cuts to the State operating budget.

Limit the State capital budget.

Increase taxes on oil and gas companies.

Implement a statewide income tax.

Implement a statewide sales tax.

Implement other new taxes.

Changing the PDF formula.

No Opinion

Other: