

Candidate: **Ashley Carrick**

Senate District:

Party Affiliation: **Democrat**

House District: **35**

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?

All public employees should have access to a defined benefit retirement. As a Tier 4 employee over my last five years working with the Legislature, and in hearing the challenges faced by many other Tier 4 public employees, I support an opt-in system.

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?

Retired public employees are a pillar of our community. We should make every effort to provide the resources necessary for them to stay in Alaska for retirement. By ensuring that retirement pensions are fully funded, investing in affordable housing for retirees including the Pioneer Homes, continuing to re-authorize the senior benefits program, and through investing in robust health and community-based services, we can better provide for Alaskans during their golden years of retirement.

Do you support holding a Constitutional Convention?

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

If you support holding a Constitutional Convention, Why?

N/A

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: