

Candidate: **Forrest Dunbar**

Senate District: **J**

Party Affiliation: **Democrat**

House District:

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?

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?

First, let me reiterate how strongly I favor returning to Defined Benefits; both my parents are PERS/TERS retirees. To encourage retirees to stay, we must focus on affordability and quality of life. Medical and housing costs are a central concern. I sponsored ordinances to make it easier to build housing; I will do so at the State as well. On quality of life, I am a strong supporter of public safety, pedestrian facilities, and parks & trails, with maintenance/snow removal so theyâ€™re usable.

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: