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**Binkley Unveils Ethics Plan**

At a press conference held today Republican candidate for governor John Binkley said it is time for meaningful ethics reform in state government. Binkley unveiled his ethics plan saying it was based on conversations he's had with thousands of Alaskans who say they have lost trust in their government.

"It is the actions of a few that can destroy the reputation of what is the majority of dedicated, honest state employees," Binkley said. "It all starts with the administration – and as governor I will lead by example by holding myself and my cabinet to the highest ethical standards."

Binkley's plan will eliminate conflicts of interest from state government while also bringing openness to key areas such as the budget process.

"My goal is to reestablish trust in government by not only raising the standards for ethical guidelines, but also by keeping the public informed," Binkley said.

Binkley said he will work with the legislature to craft an ethics reform bill that establishes clearer guidelines and tougher standards for all employees, especially in the executive branch.

Binkley's plans to:

1. Implement meaningful conflict-of-interest reform.
2. Require all commissioners and senior staff to attend comprehensive ethics training within two weeks of hire.
3. Not accept gifts of any level from lobbyists.
4. Eliminate the open checkbook for political hires.
5. Limit state travel to official business.
6. Strictly enforce anti-nepotism rules.
7. Appoint board and commission members who will represent the interests of all Alaskans not just special interests.
8. Post state checkbook on the internet.
9. Post budget online for public review and comment prior to submitting it to the legislature.
10. Post public official financial disclosure statements on the web.
11. Require electronic filing of political campaign financial reports.
12. Restrict Commissioners and the Governor's senior staff from lobbying for two years.