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Fairbanks and North Pole Leaders Endorse Binkley for Governor

The number of civic and governmental leaders who endorse John Binkley for Governor expanded today with Binkley receiving the endorsements of key Interior civic and governmental leaders.

At a press conference held in Fairbanks today North Pole Rep. John Coghill, Fairbanks Rep. Jay Ramras, City of Fairbanks Mayor Steve Thompson, and City of North Pole



Mayor Jeff Jacobson joined together to endorse Binkley in the Republican primary.

"As a lifelong Alaskan from the Interior, John Binkley understands the issues that effect our every day lives," said Coghill. "John will also bring fresh ideas and new energy to government. We need a true fiscal conservative with a business mind and the ability to work with the Legislature. John brings that to the table and it's why I am supporting him in his campaign to become Alaska's next governor."

Coghill also stressed that he appreciates Binkley's family values.

"John surrounds himself with good, knowledgeable people and that will be an important part of his administration," Coghill said.

Fairbanks Rep. Jay Ramras said he is excited about having John Binkley as Alaska's next governor. "When I think of John I think of courage, fortitude and fearlessness – qualities you need to lead."

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“John will do great things for Alaska,” Ramras said. “He’ll stand up for the small-business owners all across Alaska who have helped build this State and provide jobs for generations.”

Mayor Jeff Jacobson of the City of North Pole said “John Binkley is the only candidate with the background and experience to advocate for Interior and rural Alaska,” Jacobson said. “He is truly a man of the people and the only candidate with experience in the State Legislature, where he earned the respect of his colleagues by being a tough but fair negotiator.”

Fairbanks Mayor Steve Thompson said “Alaska needs new leadership and John Binkley has the right blend of public and private sector experience to get the job done.”

“Fairbanks is proud of its hometown guy and we know John will make sure our needs get fair consideration down in Juneau,” Thompson said.

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Photo Caption: (Left to Right) Mayor Steve Thompson, John Binkley, Mayor Jeff Jacobson, Rep. John Coghill, Rep. Jay Ramras.