

Capital City Forum

Category Prioritization List (Top 5)

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Arts/Culture

- 1) Upgrade the Juneau Arts and Culture Center and make it more functional
- 2) More large scale arts events-film festivals
- 3) Better promotion of art venues to outsiders
- 4) More sculptures in Juneau
- 5) Support development of arts community

Civic Pride

- 1) Vibrant year-round downtown
- 2) Functional and aesthetic capital campus
- 3) Quality of life enhancements
- 4) Enhancement of public infrastructure and maintenance
- 5) Aesthetic representation worthy of being a capital city including the beautification of gateways and corridors into our community

Communication/Statewide Outreach

- 1) Encourage people-to-people outreach to rural communities, around southeast and up north
- 2) Promote community calendar
- 3) Support and expand Gavel-To-Gavel
- 4) Local media referee
- 5) Make Juneau a model for community outreach

Economic Development

- 1) Fisheries development
- 2) Promote mining development
- 3) Access road
- 4) Stop capital creep
- 5) Streamline permit process

Education

- 1) Sustain UAS as a comprehensive university
- 2) Support and develop vocational education and work programs for youth
- 3) Youth involvement on boards
- 4) Support early childhood literacy, development and core services
- 5) Forgive Alaska state student loans for Juneau employment

Energy/ Waste Management

- 1) Create energy independence by connecting southeast
- 2) Maximize alternative energy resources
- 3) Include real cost of energy
- 4) Conserve energy
- 5) Become regional leader in dump/waste management

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Government

- 1) Improve relationship with tribal governments
- 2) More interaction between students and legislators
- 3) Televising assembly meeting and legislative video conferencing
- 4) Encourage legislative families to move to Juneau
- 5) Diversify boards and commissions

Health & Safety

- 1) Address health concerns of landfill
- 2) Second crossing for community safety
- 3) Maintain and create more infrastructure for walkers and bikers
- 4) Drug prevention and enforcement
- 5) Improve safe and affordable child care services and training

Housing

- 1) Affordable rentals
- 2) Transitional housing for homeless, rehabilitation and the mentally ill
- 3) Make more CBJ land available for housing
- 4) Single occupancy housing
- 5) Create an affordable housing coordinator

Land Use

- 1) West Douglas development
- 2) Develop land for agricultural purposes
- 3) Improve space for pedestrians and recreational use
- 4) Prioritize land development-sell off any unused CBJ land and create a land lottery
- 5) Simplify wetlands regulation and use

Parks & Recreation

- 1) Maintenance and clean-up of all trails and parks
- 2) Safer trails for all users including pedestrians, bikers, school routes, and ATVs
- 3) Waterfront Plan-trails for walkers and bikers from downtown to out the road
- 4) Promote community gardens
- 5) Indoor recreation (aquatic center)

Transportation

- 1) Road all the way to Skagway/Haines
- 2) Light rail within Juneau
- 3) Improve ferry system
- 4) Implement all city transit plan
- 5) MOA with tribes/ IRR money
- 6) Maintain roads and sidewalks