Barton S. “Bart” LeBon – House District 1 Representative – Republican Nominee

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Age: 68

Place of Birth: Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Spouse’s Name: Mary LeBon

Children’s Name(s): Erin LeBon-Stark & Allison Workes

Occupation: Retired Banker; Member of the Alaska State House of Representatives

Length of Residency in Alaska: 48 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in: Fairbanks since 1972

Education:
Miraleste High School, Palos Verdes, California
University of Alaska-Fairbanks (Business Management)
Pacific Coast Banking School, University of Washington

Political and Government Positions:
Elected to the Alaska State House in 2018
Elected to the Fairbanks Board of Education in 1998 & 2001

Business and Professional Positions:

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Executive Vice President & Chief Credit Administrator, Mt. McKinley Bank (2000-2017)
Vice President & Commercial Loan Officer, National Bank of Alaska (1979-2000)
Loan Officer, Alaska National Bank (1975-1979)

Past Board Chair, Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce
Past Board President, Interior Community Health Center
Past Board Member, Fairbanks Downtown Association
Past Finance Committee Member, Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation

Service Organization(s) Membership:
Rotary International (Fairbanks Sunrisers Rotary Club) since 1986

Special Interests:
Any Family Activity!

Other:
Member of the UAF Men's Basketball Team from 1972-1974

Position Statement:
Between the COVID-19 health pandemic and an international collapse of oil prices, 2020 has seen Alaska descend into a serious economic crisis. Going into the next fiscal year, our projected budget shortfall will be significant depending upon how long it takes for oil prices to recover and how likely, if ever, oil flow through our pipeline will return to recent historical levels.

How Alaska balances its financial needs and wants going forward will be the greatest economic challenge we will have faced since statehood. Our state business model since 1980 has been based on the expectation that a significant volume of oil, at a budget-sustainable price, will consistently flow through our pipeline now and for years to come. But moving forward, I fear that those days may be permanently behind us. We need to acknowledge that our state and national economy has changed, and that tough revenue and spending decisions now need to be made in Juneau. Essential government functions need to be identified, prioritized and then appropriately supported. How we fund Alaska essential state services will be our great challenge in 2021 and for years to come.

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My 42-year Alaska banking career, prior service on the Fairbanks Board of Education and recent experience as a House Finance Committee member has prepared me to meet the challenges ahead in a capable and fully engaged manner. Simply put, the time for making difficult budget decisions is now upon us. I would appreciate your vote on November 3rd.