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**To: Interested Parties**  
**From: Paul Harstad, CEO, Harstad Strategic Research, Inc.**  
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**Re: Alaska Voter Survey Confirms Dunleavy Leads in 3-Way Race for Governor**

A recent telephone survey of 602 likely Alaska voters confirms that Mike Dunleavy is the prohibitive favorite in the Republican primary for governor, and the favorite in a 3-way November election against both Bill Walker and Mark Begich.

### **Dunleavy Holds Lopsided Lead in the August Republican Primary for Governor**

In an 8-way Republican gubernatorial primary trial heat among past Republican primary voters, Mike Dunleavy enjoys a commanding lead with 43% of the vote versus 17% for Mead Treadwell. No other candidate elicits more than 3% of the vote, and 24% are undecided. With just six weeks remaining before the August 21<sup>st</sup> primary, it is difficult to imagine how anyone is going to overtake Dunleavy's wide lead.

### **Dunleavy Leads in the November 3-Way Election for Governor**

Not surprisingly, Mike Dunleavy's best shot at winning the governor's election occurs with both Governor Bill Walker and former Senator Mark Begich remaining in the race. In such a trial heat, Independent candidate Walker and Democrat Begich are tied for second place with a modest lead for Republican Dunleavy:

#### **All Likely Voters**

Republican Dunleavy	32%
Independent Walker	28%
Democrat Begich	28%
Undecided/other	12%

### **Dunleavy Clearly Trails in 2-way Races Against Either Walker or Begich**

As the Independent candidate, Bill Walker leads Republican Mike Dunleavy by a 9% margin in a direct trial heat without a Democratic candidate:

#### **All Likely Voters**

Independent Walker	49%
Republican Dunleavy	40%
Undecided/other	11%

In this 2-way choice, Begich supporters in a 3-way race prefer Walker over Dunleavy by a lopsided 68% to 19% margin.

Similarly, Democrat Begich leads Republican Dunleavy by a 9% margin in a traditional partisan trial heat without Independent Walker:

<b>All Likely Voters</b>	
Democrat Begich	50%
Republican Dunleavy	41%
Undecided/other	9%

In this traditional 2-way race, Walker voters prefer Begich over Dunleavy by a 65% to 27% margin.

### **A Majority of Alaska Voters Back the Recent Reduction in the PFD**

In a separate later question, voters were read the following question: *“There has been a lot of debate about how to deal with the state budget deficit and the proper level of the Permanent Fund Dividends – which have been reduced in recent years. Let me read you three positions about this and please tell me which one comes closest to your view of this most recent reduction in the PFD:”*

<b>All Likely Voters</b>	
<i>I am totally opposed to the recent reduction in the PFD amount</i>	43%
<i>I really don't like the PFD reduction but understand it was a necessary evil</i>	28%
<i>I support the PFD reduction as a part of fixing the state's fiscal crisis</i>	23%
<i>Don't know</i>	6%

} 51%

While 43% clearly oppose the recent PFD reduction, a 51% majority of Alaska voters support the PFD reduction as either necessary or a proper part of fixing the state's fiscal crisis.

*This survey was conducted among a representative cross-section of 602 likely voters in Alaska's 2018 November election. The survey was conducted by live interviewers reaching voters on both cell phones and landlines from June 21 to 26, 2018. It was conducted by Harstad Strategic Research which has conducted dozens of surveys in Alaska in recent years. The results are subject to a margin-of-error of +/- 4.0%.*