

2020 State Candidate Evaluation

Dear Candidate,

The Alaska Marijuana Industry Association is the only statewide legal cannabis trade association in Alaska with membership that spans cultivators, manufacturers, retailers and ancillary businesses.

We hope you will take a few minutes to complete this simple questionnaire. A grade will be given based on your answers. We'll post your grade to our website and provide to you an infographic report card that you may post or share as you wish. If after ten days we have received no response, a "no response/F grade" listing will be posted on our website.

This is a useful tool to educate voters in our state about where you stand on an important issue.

We are not endorsing candidates as an organization but we imagine members and the public will take these answers into account when choosing their preferred representatives.

Simply participating ensures that you don't get an F, so we encourage you to take the time.

Thank you for participating and good luck in your race!

* Required

1. Email address *

2. What is your name? (First Last) *

3. Which district are you running to represent? (Example: Senate District B or House District 1) *

4. What is your phone number?

5. What is the best way to reach you? *

Mark only one oval.

- Email
- Phone Call
- Text Message

6. In 2014, did you support Ballot Measure 2 “Alaska Marijuana Legalization”? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- Yes, but with some reservations
- No
- Prefer not to say

7. If Ballot Measure 2 failed in 2014 but was on the ballot in 2020, would you support it today? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- Yes, but with some reservations
- No

8. Would you support a bill that would expunge any marijuana conviction that had it been committed today would be legal if it were a standalone conviction? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- I don't know or I need more information
- No

9. Alaska cannabis businesses are largely excluded from traditional banking services. Would you vote in favor of a legislative resolution in support of the SAFE Banking Act? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

10. Absent federal banking legislation, would you support exploring creative solutions at the state level to provide banking services to the Alaska cannabis industry? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

11. Do you support an adult individual's right to consume cannabis for recreation? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

12. I believe cannabis has medicinal benefits. *

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

13. Alaska's legal cannabis industry has helped reduce the unregulated market. *

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

14. I will publicly support Alaska's legal cannabis industry. *

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

15. Have you ever consumed cannabis? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

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**Marijuana
Control
Board
and
AMCO**

The Marijuana Control Board (MCB) currently has only one dedicated industry seat; another seat is designated for public/industry and leaves open the potential for a prohibitionist appointment. The Alcohol Beverage Control Board has two dedicated industry seats.

The current administration has publicly stated that they intend to introduce legislation that could disempower the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office and seek to move the quasi-judicial control boards under the Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing. The AMIA is concerned that such legislation would undermine the regulating agency's ability to act independently and without political influence.

In 2019 a vocal opponent of legal cannabis, Vivian Stiver, was nominated to the MCB. The industry opposed the nomination on the grounds that the appointee would be empowered to profoundly and negatively impact legal operations. The AMIA will loudly oppose any MCB candidate that seeks to undermine or obstruct the legal cannabis industry. Any appointee to the MCB should support the mission of legal cannabis.

16. Did you vote or would you have voted to support confirmation of Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board? *

Mark only one oval.

- No, I did not or would not have supported the confirmation of the appointee
- Yes, I did or would have supported the confirmation of the appointee

17. In the future, will you oppose a prohibitionist candidate to the Marijuana Control Board? *

Mark only one oval.

- I will oppose candidates who are openly hostile to the legal cannabis industry
- I think a contrarian viewpoint on legal cannabis is necessary for effective regulation
- I'm not sure or I need more information

18. Would you support legislation that would dedicate a second industry-only seat on the Marijuana Control Board, thus mirroring the Alcohol Beverage Control Board? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, I support dedicating a second industry seat on the Marijuana Control Board
- No, I think the seats on Marijuana Control Board should remain as they are
- I'm not sure or I need more information

19. As a legislator, would you support the governor's plan to absorb the agency and boards under a state division? *

Mark only one oval.

- No, the agency needs to remain as it is
- I don't know or I need more information
- Yes, I support the concept

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**Essay
Questions**

This section is optional, but we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to tell us what you think in your own words. Your essay answers will not impact your score but may be shared on your candidate profile.

20. What does federal cannabis legalization mean to you?

21. From your perspective, what are the most important hurdles for Alaska's legal cannabis industry?

22. Do you have any plans to write a bill or co-sign to one that includes marijuana legislation? If so what legislation would you propose?

23. Do you have concerns about Alaska's legal cannabis market? If so, what are they?

24. Thank you for participating, check the "Evaluation Complete" button to receive your bonus participation points! *

Mark only one oval.

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