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## **Biden-Harris Have Chance to Win Alaska for First Time in Half Century**

Former Vice President Joe Biden and US Sen. Kamala Harris are within striking distance of becoming the first Democratic ticket for president and vice president to win Alaska since Lyndon Johnson in 1964. That's according to a series of recent public opinion polls which show the pair within one to four points of President Trump.

"Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are campaigning to keep Americans safe, rebuild our economy, protect and improve health care and take action to address climate change, all issues Alaskans care strongly about," said Veronica Slajer, the Biden-Harris volunteer campaign coordinator in Alaska. "Alaska hasn't seen this much enthusiasm for the presidential ticket and other statewide Democratic candidates in years."

The Biden-Harris ticket is strongly supported in Alaska by thousands of volunteers who have posted signs in at their homes and businesses, participated in virtual town halls, posted hundreds of messages on social media and written guest columns and letters to newspapers.

In the latest poll, Biden is polling at 46 percent to Trump's 50 - within the margin of error – in a poll released Oct. 6 by Alaska Survey Research headed by Anchorage pollster Ivan Moore. Moore's poll was conducted among 676 likely voters between Sept. 24-Oct. 4.

A national poll in Alaska by Hardstad Strategic Research conducted Sept. 20-23 showed Biden behind by just 1 point, 46-47. A national Public Policy Polling poll in July showed Trump with just a 3-point lead in Alaska, 48-45. In June, Moore's polling showed the race essentially tied at 48 for Biden, 49 for Trump.

Since Statehood in 1959, Alaska has voted for the Republican presidential ticket in every election except 1964 when it voted for Democrat Lyndon Johnson over Republican Barry Goldwater. In 2016, Trump barely won a majority in Alaska with just 51 percent.

Alaska's Biden-Harris campaign effort is comprised of thousands of volunteer supporters. After Biden secured the Democratic nomination in June, his Alaska supporters have distributed and posted more than 3,000 signs, billboards and posters from Barrow to Metlakatla. The state has hosted 25 virtual Town Halls and community events in which hundreds of Alaskans have participated featuring national speakers such as former US Labor Secretary Robert Reich and US Sen. Chris Coons. The Alaska Biden-Harris Facebook page includes 6,500 members and likes.

This Saturday from noon-2 p.m., Alaskans for Biden-Harris will participate in a "Sign Rodeo" to distribute campaign signs along with other statewide and legislative candidates. The Anchorage rodeo will be held at the IBEW Local 1547 offices at 3333 Denali St.; other locations and information is available at <https://alaskansforbidenharris.com/>.

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