

IMPACT SUMMARY

- 2023 -



A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year at AKPIRG, we've focused on building strong teams. Our organization continues to grow, and we've developed systems and practices to stay connected and foster meaningful working relationships with each other. Below are a few AKPIRG highlights from 2023 – each of our programs has accomplished a lot, and we're so excited to share some of our wins with you. And, be sure to check out our upcoming 2023 Annual Report for a full breakdown of our year!

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Executive Director

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

- We held a Payday Jubilee, a campaign to combat predatory lending and end the cycle of debt by paying off the payday loans of our neighbors.
- We created the only grassroots Alaskan platform opposing the Kroger-Albertsons merger, signing on over 400 Alaskans and hand-delivering the petition to each member of the Alaska congressional delegation.

GOOD GOVERNMENT

- We worked to raise awareness of corrupt changes made by the Governor and Attorney General to the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act and successfully built a strong public record of over 120 public comments opposing the policy change.
- AKPIRG published several op-eds calling out corrupt behavior from our public officials in 2023 circulated statewide by multiple media outlets.

622

petition signatures gathered

21

loans paid off for Alaskans

76

media hits

5

new full-time staff

22

public comments & testimonies

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BROADBAND ACCESS

- Through generating over 100 public comments, AKPIRG and Native Movement stopped the elimination of a telecommunications subsidy which would have tripled phone prices in rural Alaska.
- Broadband Specialist Brittany Woods-Orrison gained notoriety as a national expert on digital equity, contributing to national reports such as the Visions for Digital Equity, and consulting for the 2023 Indigenous Connectivity Summit, an international convening of Indigenous leaders held in Anchorage this year.

ENERGY DEMOCRACY

- We spoke out against severe rate hikes of electricity bills, offering support to affected communities and serving as a trusted voice for media outlets.
- AKPIRG turned out dozens of Alaskans at the Alaska Supreme Court hearing on the BP-Hilcorp sale, demonstrating the public's strong interest in transparency and in the future of our energy systems.

LANGUAGE ACCESS

- We finalized and began distributing the Alaska Native Language Translation Protocols, an extensive collection of best practices for those seeking language translation services, and for the language experts providing those services.
- In Kodiak, our team launched a class on the citizenship test, taught in both English and Tagalog; arranged for a visit from US Citizenship and Immigration Services; and conducted a robust Get Out The Vote campaign for local elections.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ALASKA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP!



The AKPIRG team at our Nov. 2023 staff retreat in Anchorage.

Our work would not be possible without the support of the donors, partners, and action-takers that make up our community. We are proud to collaborate with so many fantastic organizations and individuals in Alaska that are working to ensure a healthy, just, and sustainable future.

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