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The Alaska Judicial Council announces that it has posted on the Internet detailed evaluation information concerning the judges who will be on the ballot this fall. The Council is a citizens commission created by the Alaska Constitution. Part of the Council's duties include evaluating the performance of judges. The Council's Internet address is:

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The Council unanimously has recommended that the voters vote "YES" to retain all of the judges on the ballot this fall. To help voters make informed decisions, the Council has posted its non-confidential information on the Internet. A summary of the information will be included in the voter pamphlet sent to every voting household about 30 days before the election. Further, the detailed information on the Internet also is available in printed form by contacting the Council.

The information available to the public on judges on the Internet is unprecedented -- both in Alaska and nationwide. Data includes:

1. detailed survey results of all Alaska attorneys;
2. detailed survey results of all Alaska peace and probation officers;
3. survey results of all jurors who served with the judges in 1994 and 1995.
4. all comments made by the jurors;
5. survey results of all court employees (other than judges);

6. the complete CourtWatch report sponsored by Victims for Justice;
7. a transcript of comments concerning the judges from the Council's public hearing.
8. all non-confidential public written comments;
9. a memo detailing how many peremptory challenges were filed against each judge on the ballot; and
10. a memo detailing how often the judges on the ballot were disqualified.

Please feel free to contact the Council's executive director, William Cotton, for more information.