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## **Democrat Diane Benson gaining on Rep. Young**

Fairbanks – At the Tanana State Fair in Fairbanks, the League of Women Voters were conducting a Straw Poll on the upcoming congressional race. They asked 249 registered voters who were likely to vote in the upcoming November general election how they would cast their vote. The choices were leading Democratic candidate Diane Benson and incumbent Rep. Don Young. The Straw Poll results were not surprising to the Benson Campaign; with Benson gaining 47% of the vote with Rep. Young receiving 53%.

“While this was not a scientific poll, it does tell voters two important things about this congressional race.” stated Kris Pierce, Campaign Manager for Diane Benson.

“First it tells voters that Diane Benson is a real challenger for this congressional seat; and secondly it tells Rep. Young that he will not be able to ignore his Democratic challenger. Diane Benson is not a warm body sitting in the Democratic slot for this race, she is running to win. This is a wake up call for all Alaskans; finally there is someone that is standing up for ALL ALASKANS in this fight.” Pierce continued.

Benson has made two campaign trips up to the Fairbanks area thus far and seems to be making a major impact with voters.

“Our message has been reaching the voters; there is a better alternative for representation in Washington DC. Diane Benson will be a Representative that will be visible and available to Alaskans in areas such as Fairbanks, Barrow, Nome, St. Paul Island and Homer as well as Juneau and Anchorage.” stated Pierce.

In 2004, Representative Young carried House District 10 (which includes Fairbanks) with 68% of the vote.