District 36 Race Too Close To Call

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Alaskans went to the polls yesterday in the state Primary Election, voting on everything from races for U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate seats to state House seats and four ballot measures.

The only local race that was contested was the Democratic primary for state House representing District 36. At this point, with only an unofficial tally that doesn’t include absentee and questioned ballots, and with 12 of 14 precincts reporting, the race between Andy Lundquist and Dave Kaplan is too close to call.

Lundquist has 483 votes for 51 percent of the total, while Kaplan has 460 votes for 48 percent.

Check out precinct-by-precinct voting in District 36 in this PDF .

Late last night, Lundquist told KMXT he feels good about his chances.

(Dist 36-1 :07s “…but I’m confident.”)

Kaplan was also up late keeping an eye on election returns, and said he’s taking a wait and see approach.

(Dist 36-2 :22s “…that’s for sure.”)

With an unknown number of absentee and questioned ballots still left to be counted, Lundquist and Kaplan could be headed for a recount, which is triggered automatically if the tally comes to within 20 votes. Both say they're fine with that.

(Dist 36-3 :33s “…vote is counted.”)

Whoever emerges victorious will have a tough battle in front of them. The Republican candidate for state House, Alan Austerman, who ran unopposed in that party’s primary, received 1,056 votes, 113 more than both Democrats combined.

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