

Adams names a who's who from villages for campaign

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North Slope Borough Mayor Jacob Adams has announced the appointment of a campaign committee comprised of a who's who of prominent leaders from communities throughout the borough.

Adams also announced that he intends to open administrative liaison offices in the Borough villages so that village residents have some contact with the borough administration and will have input in the government.

Adams faces his long-time political ally Eugene Brower in the Oct. 6 election. Brower announced his candidacy two weeks ago, stating he chose to run because he felt Adams did not live up to the ideals of former Mayor Eben Hopson. Eben Hopson, Jr., who returned to Alaska living in Ireland, is Brower's campaign manager.



NSB mayoral candidate Jacob Adams and Barrow mayor/campaign treasurer.

The Adams campaign committee will include Brenda Itta, former state representative from

Barrow, as campaign manager. Itta also served in the North Slope Borough liaison office in Washington D.C. when Eben Hopson was borough mayor. She also has served as an administrative aide to former Sen. Ernest Gruening.

Nate Olemaun, Jr., who became mayor of Barrow in 1978 when Adams left the post, will serve as campaign treasurer.

Warren Matumeak of Barrow was named campaign committee chairman and Lennie Lane, president of the Borough Assembly,

and Thomas Tapagiak from Nuiquist are vice chairmen.

Others serving on the committee are Dempsey Bodfish and Walter Nayakik, both of Wainwright; Roosevelt Paneak and Riley Morrey of Anaktuyuk Pass; James Aiken from Atkasuk, and Robert Aiken, both of Barrow; Joe Kaleak of Kaktovik and Allen Upicksoun of Point Lay.

Adams announced the committee at a press conference held in Anchorage on Wednesday. He said the committee will "not only work on my re-election but will also be advisors, counselors, supporters and consultants for the duration of my administration."

Itta said the advisory campaign committee was formed because each member of the committee had strong feelings about the problems facing the Inupiat people. "Each of us had been pressed to run for the mayor and instead of yielding to the pressure we decided to get our heads together and come up with common goals.