

House District 32

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AGE: 56

PLACE OF BIRTH: Guthrie, Oklahoma

NAME OF SPOUSE: Jim Powell

OCCUPATION: Attorney

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 56 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Juneau 1988 to present
Anchorage 1981 – 1988
Juneau & Palmer 1960 – 1981
Palmer 1956 – 1960

EDUCATION:

Juneau-Douglas and Palmer High Schools,
1970-1974, Diploma;
Stanford University, 1974-1978, B.A., Political Science;
University of Santa Clara School of Law, 1978-1981, J.D.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Alaska House, 1998-2012; Minority Leader 2007 to present. Previously Minority Whip. Committees have included: Finance, Budget & Audit, Resources, Oil & Gas, Judiciary, Health and Social Services, Fisheries, Economic Development, Trade & Tourism and BP/ ARCO Merger. Assistant Attorney General, 1990-1998; Counsel, Alaska State Senate Judiciary Committee, 1987-1988; Assistant Public Defender, 1982-1986.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Private Law Practice; past president Alaska Bar Association

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 2

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family, reading, gardening, playing mandolin

STATEMENT:

Thank you for voting. I am running for the newly-created House District 32. I welcome the opportunity to serve the communities of Petersburg, Kupreanof, Gustavus, Tenakee, Skagway, Douglas and downtown Juneau. During the last six years I have led the House Democratic Caucus as Minority Leader. I have worked hard to keep a strong economy going in Alaska. I focus on issues that will strengthen Southeastern Alaska and our state, from preserving a fair oil tax to supporting our fisheries and renewable energy, as well as resource development. We must keep the capitol in Juneau as a strong hub for all of Southeast Alaska.

In the last two years my caucus and I have led on education issues, from pre-Kindergarten through trade school or college. We must assure that all of Alaska's students have access to an excellent education, and I will continue to work hard to do that. Other goals for the next two years include: building a gasline; continuing to invest in our marine highway system (including more new vessels); improving health care laws to better serve Alaskans; and staying strong on maintaining Alaskans' control of our oil wealth.

If you have questions, email me at bethkerttula@gci.net or go to my website at: www.votebethkerttula.com

Thanks, and I would appreciate your vote.