

Senate District E

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AGE: 60

PLACE OF BIRTH: Seattle, Washington

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Nathan, Adrienne, Laura

OCCUPATION:
Licensed Massage Therapist, Substitute Teacher

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 31 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Unalaska: 1981-1984
Afognak Island: 1984-1986
Kodiak: 1986-1989
Wasilla: 1990-2012

EDUCATION:
Helen Bush Prep School, 1967-69;
Lincoln High School, 1969-70
Seattle Community College, 1979-80
Brenneke School of Massage Therapy – 1989-90,
graduated.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Unalaska School Board, 1983-84
Unalaska Municipal Health and Human Services
Board Secretary

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Owner, Therapist; Wasilla Center for Therapeutic
Massage: 1991 to present.
Board Member, Valley Women's Resource Center

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Former member (3 years) Rotary Club

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Reading, Gardening, Quilting, Kayaking

STATEMENT:

I was taught by my parents and have always believed that I should give back to the community in which I live. This principle of service has guided my personal and professional life since I was a child.

I have lived in Alaska since 1983 and in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley near Wasilla since 1990. I was involved directly with the Matanuska-Susitna schools the entire time my three children were students. Three years ago, I intensified my involvement by becoming a substitute teacher. Clearly, supporting public education is very important to me.

As a recent cancer survivor, I care about the provision of easily available and affordable health care, including readily accessible mental health services for any who require help. Our Veterans and seniors deserve not only our thanks and respect but also the care they need to thrive within our society.

As a successful business owner, I understand the pressures of operating in a slack economy. I will work diligently to promote business opportunities and the responsible development of our resources—especially value-added products designed and built by Alaskans.

Our natural resources, such as gas and oil, belong to the people of Alaska, not multi-national corporations; we should be fairly compensated for the extraction of these resources.

Solutions to the problems we face as a state (and nation) need to be cooperatively developed. I look forward to working with fellow senators to meet the challenges facing Alaska.

Thank you for your vote on November 6.

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