

Daniel “Dan” H. Ortiz–Non-Affiliated-House District 36

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Age: 56

Spouse’s Name:

Lori Keil Ortiz

Children’s Names:

Molly, Louisa, Samuel

Occupation:

Retired High School Teacher

Length of Residency in Alaska:

47 years

Alaskan communities lived in:

Hydaburg 1959–1960

Wasilla 1960–1961

Ketchikan 1969–2014

Education:

Ketchikan High School – Class of 1976

Pacific University, 1976

Seattle Pacific University 1977–1981, Bachelor of Arts – History

University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire – Master of Science in Teaching (MST) – History

Business and Professional Positions:

High School History and Economics teacher, Debate Coach, Cross Country, Track and Basketball Coach, Negotiator and Professional Rights and Responsibilities Mediator for Ketchikan Education Association

Service Organizations Membership:

Ketchikan Dribbler’s League

Special Interests:

Parenting, teaching and the after hours commitment to coaching have filled my time in my thirty-two year career at Ketchikan High School

Other (bio Only):

Member, Holy Name Church, 2013 – American Legion AK State Educator of the Year, VFW AK Teacher of the Year

Statement:

I believe that getting elected is still an undertaking that can be achieved by ordinary citizens with the resolve and initiative to work hard while enlisting the help of friends and supporters. I am a non-partisan independent. I pledge to listen to and faithfully represent the best interests of District 36. My “party” will be all the people of Hydaburg, Hyder, Ketchikan, Loring, Metlakatla, Saxman and Wrangell. Government by the people, and for the people, is still a simple, but revolutionary concept.

As a forty year resident of southeast, and as an educator and a student of social studies and economics, I understand our local economy and the limited, but important role that government can play in facilitating business and commerce opportunities in our region and statewide. I understand the fiscal realities facing the state, and that state investment will be forced to occur on a smaller scale. Therefore, my legislative goals begin with the following:

- To make new investment more purposeful and better focused
- To treat our youth as our greatest state asset
- To protect and enhance the Alaska Fishing Industry
- To increase the hydroelectric power capacity in southern southeast
- To promote a commitment to reinvigorate the Alaska Marine Highway
- To maintain and support the responsible growth of tourism
- To promote the responsible development of our natural resources as a primary source of future jobs and economic development
- To support the development of a natural gas pipeline for Alaska
- To curb wasteful government spending

