

Dean Westlake—Democrat-House District 40

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Age:

54

Place of Birth:

Noorvik, AK

Children's Name:

Dennis, Autumn-Rose, Tallon

Occupation:

Director Village Economic Development, NANA Corporation

Length of Residency in Alaska:

Entire life.

Alaskan communities lived in:

Noorvik, Kiana, Red Dog, Kotzebue, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Galena (1960-2014)

Education:

Kiana and Noorvik public schools followed by Sheldon Jackson, the Municipal Police Academy and numerous FBI and Law Enforcement Leadership Courses.

Political and Government Positions:

Northwest Arctic Borough Assemblyman

Business and Professional Positions:

Kotzebue City Planner, Cook Inlet Tribal Council; Family Assessment Division, Galena Office of Children's Services, Kotzebue Police Force (served 16 years).

Service Organizations Membership:

Kotzebue Boys and Girls Club (Board Member), Kotzebue Policeman's Association (Founder), Galena Village Tribal Council, Search and Rescue

Special Interests:

I am a hunter, canoer, and avid reader. I am a hell of a cook, like playing with my dog Jack, and love rooting for our Kotzebue High Huskies Basketball Team!

Statement:

Hi, my name is Dean Westlake. My family and I hail from the Kobuk River Valley.

I'm running for State House because now more than ever, we need a Representative to fight for our Arctic communities.

Oil and mining tax revenue makes up over 90% of the money in our State bank account. That revenue comes directly from District 40; from Red Dog Mine and the oil fields at Prudhoe and Kuparak.

I find it ironic that the State always finds funding to take resources out of our community, but never seems to have the money to improve schools, build affordable housing, and protect our subsistence rights to whale and caribou.

There is so much opportunity in the Arctic right now. We have a chance to increase oil production and bolster our shipping trade. Strong leadership can bring the benefits of that development back to our communities, our families, and our children.

I have spent my life working for stronger communities in the Arctic. We CAN achieve cheaper energy, stronger schools, and affordable housing now...

... But it's going to take a doer to get it done.

If you have any questions about what I stand for, please call me on my personal cell phone: 907-412-1234. During this campaign I have talked on the phone to hundreds of people in our community about solutions to our shared challenges, and I would be honored to talk to you as well.

