

Joe Blanchard II—Republican-House District 4

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Age:

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Place of Birth:

Lafayette, Louisiana

Spouse's Name:

Megan Blanchard

Occupation:

Teller at Credit Union 1

Length of Residency in Alaska:

19 years

Alaskan communities lived in:

Kenai (1996)
Soldotna (1996-2003)
Fairbanks (2003-Present)

Education:

Soldotna High School (1999-2003)-Diploma
University of Alaska Fairbanks-Associates of Arts Degree

Political and Government Positions:

Fairbanks North Star Borough-Assembly Member (2008-2011)
Fairbanks North Star Borough-Presiding Officer (2010-2011)
Alaska Municipal League-District 7 Delegate
Alaska Municipal League-2nd Vice President (2010-2011)

Special Interests:

Hiking, Space Exploration and Research, and Traveling

Other (Biographical Only):

My name is Joe Blanchard and I have lived in Fairbanks for my entire adult life. Fairbanks is where I met my wife Megan and bought a beautiful log cabin off of Goldhill Road where we live with our puppy Luna and our two guinea pigs.

Statement:

I came to Alaska when I was 10 because my family, like so many of yours, found opportunity and promise in the last Frontier. Now, with declining production from our oil pipeline and a runaway-spending spree in Juneau, the Alaskan dream is in trouble. Alaska needs strong leadership from folks who can reach across the aisle and cast aside partisan rhetoric without casting aside core convictions; legislators committed to increasing oil production and graduation rates while also ensuring that the freedom that beckoned many of us, some for countless generations, is not imperiled.

This is a time for Alaskans to come to terms with the true cost of state government. If the oil dried up tomorrow and it was up to each and every Alaskan to foot the bill of our current state budget we simply could not afford it. It took both Democrats and Republicans to get us to this point, making promises in the short term to win elections, without considering long term ramifications. Now more than ever we need leadership that examines our budgetary and economic future for the next generation, not just the next election.

I will vote for a balanced budget that does not raid our savings, protect public education from inadequate funding and vouchers, support policy that encourages oil development and increases production, and ensure that natural gas gets to homes that need it.

I would appreciate your vote Tuesday November 4th.

