

## **Michael “Mike” Fenster-Democrat-House District 24**

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**Age:** 62

**Place of Birth:** Portsmouth, Ohio

**Name of Spouse:** Jeanne Meinert

**Children’s Names:** Elias Fenster

**Occupation:** Retired

**Length of Residency in Alaska:** 33 years

### **Alaskan communities lived in:**

Anchorage 1981-present

### **Education:**

University of Alaska Anchorage – MAT, 1990

Montana State University, Bozeman, MT. Worked on MSME, solar engineering emphasis, 1979-1980

General Motors Institute BME, 1975

### **Business and Professional Positions:**

#### **STEM Coordinator:**

Anchorage School District: 2010-2013

#### **Teacher:**

South High School: 2003-2010

East High School: 1990-2003

Co-founder: Alaska Robotics Education Association

#### **Mechanical Engineer:**

CMH/MBA Consultants: 1983-1988

Alaska District Corps of Engineers: 1981-1982

Lower 48 Firms: 1975-1981

**Service Organizations Membership:**

Ushering in the Arts volunteer: 1993-present

Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage, Board Member: 1984-1986

Nordic Ski Patrol: 1981-1994

NSTA: 1989-present

NCTM: 1989-present

ASHRAE: 1974-1988

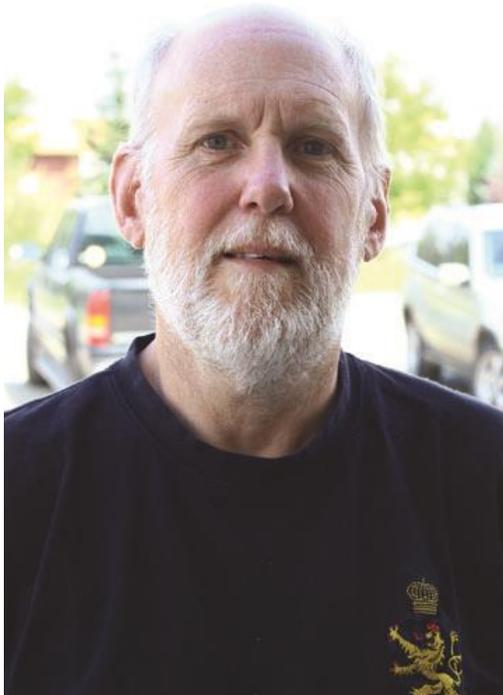
**Special Interests:** Nordic Skiing, Bicycling, STEM Education.

**Statement:**

Mike knows that the future of Alaska rests truly in the children. Our children - the students in our schools, the ones playing on our playgrounds, the ones growing up to take on more responsibility - will be those who lead our state in the challenges that we face decades from now. They will keep Alaska strong and viable. The Alaska constitution provides that public education must be funded by the state. We do have many worthy causes to fund with the proceeds from our mineral wealth. Mike intends to see that PK-16 [pre-Kindergarten to 4 years of college or career training] is funded before other items are considered. With early funding of PK-16 for the following year complete, the legislature can focus on other needs for the state.

Mike also agrees with others that all citizens in Alaska are equal, whether it be civil voting rights, civil marriage rights, or civil gender rights, we are all human beings deserving of the same considerations in Alaska. Treating everyone with the pride to call themselves Alaskan as equals is respectful equality.

A third issue of importance is a living wage for all Alaska workers. Alaska has the most diverse cost of living in a single state in the country. Workers in the larger communities and workers in the smaller and more remote villages must each be able to feed, shelter and comfort their families without a need to work several jobs. We can do this.



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