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Age:

65

Place of Birth:

Laos

Children's Names:

Baruch, Jessica, Brandon

Occupation:

Self-Employed since 1980: Northland Soy, Bernie Bungalow, 88Double Happiness,
SBA 1986 Alaska Small Business Person

Length of Residency in Alaska:

41 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Kotzebue, Eagle River, Anchorage

Education:

Illinois Institute of Technology; Loyola University of Chicago

Special Interests:

Long Distance Cycling; Crosswords

Other:

Educated by Dominican Sisters, Irish Christian Brothers and Jesuits College of Loyola of Chicago, Bernie has been a self-employed worker and independent achiever. Attracted by Alaska wilderness and distant boundaries, Bernie discovered Kotzebue in 1976. Northwestern Alaska is covered in tundra and frozen rivers trails along the lower Brooks Range between Ambler and Shungnak. From glorious northern lights winter to the midnight sun, muktuk, pilot bread, frozen caribou, sheefish and native cuisine; Alaskan spirit is now in his heart and belly. There's no turning back; Alaska is home.

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Forty-one years later in 2016, with a lifetime of quiet successes, 3 adult children, and 3 great businesses, Bernie is joining Alaskan future builders.

Statement:

Beginning with Russian fur traders in the 1750's, the 1896 gold rush and fish canneries in the 1920's, to timber harvest of the 1940's and the Prudhoe oil of 1970, Alaska has repeatedly relied on cyclic, boom and bust economies. Alaska's new 2020 economy needs to transition to stable, viable, job-based enterprises by protecting existing businesses and incubating new ones.

Congress is grid-locked; unable to govern with a budget sequestration guillotine hanging over itself. We must move beyond the political finger pointing for answers. Our conversation has to go beyond sustaining an oil-fed economy. Legislators and bureaucrats have gone soft depending on oil-related jobs. The new global economy of e-trade, software development, and pioneering AI research requires aggressive approaches. Alaska has to compete with other states for these jobs. Federal appropriations are subjected to partisan bickering; Alaskans must develop Alaska to transition from exporting jobs to importing jobs.

As an everyday worker like you, we want stability, steady growth, and affordable opportunities for a place we can call home. With no political party ties and obligations, I am like you; an independent Alaskan. Unlike career politicians, I will collaborate with everyone to help achieve an economy founded on sustainable job expansion. Let's aim for growth of tourism industry, infrastructure construction and a firm education foundation.

Vote Yes to the 2020 Economy.

Vote for an independent business voice for our Alaskan delegation.

Send Bernie to Congress!



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