

Tom Begich—Senate District J—Democrat

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Age:

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Spouse's Name:

Sarah Sledge

Occupation:

Strategic Consultant / Musician

Length of Residency in Alaska:

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Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Anchorage: 1960-1984, 1986-1997, 2000-present; Juneau: 1985, 1997-2000

Education:

Bard College: 1980-1982, BA History; UAA/ACC: 1978-1983, AA History, 1986, Education Coursework; University of Oxford: 1989-1990, Coursework in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Political and Government Positions:

Chair, Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee: 1991-1995, 2001-2003, 2016, 21 year member; Alaska Community Justice Coordinator: 1997-2000; Anchorage Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee: 2005-2011; Secondary Education Curriculum Committee: 1993-1994

Business and Professional Positions:

Owner, Alaska Research Associates/TRG: 1983-1999; CW Communications: 1999-present; Director, Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund: 1993-present; Government Affairs, Coalition for Education Equity: 2010-present; Director, Reclaiming Futures Anchorage: 2006-2009; Villages Services Director, Cook Inlet Tribal Council: 2002-2005; Restorative Justice Director, Alaska Native Justice Center: 2000-2002

Service Organization(s) Membership:

Anchorage Youth Development Coalition; Bartlett Democratic Club; NAACP; Alaska AFSCME Retirees, Chapter 52; American Federation of Musicians, Local 1000 AFL-CIO

Special Interests:

Music, writing, books, maps, travel

Statement:

Years of working in the fields of juvenile and restorative justice and in education have prepared me for being your State Senator. As an activist, a community organizer, and strategic consultant, I have spent a lifetime working in difficult situations and helping bring people together to resolve community problems – like those facing us today. It is what I do best.

Our state is facing the most important crisis in its young history and we must re-commit to a strong education system, a sustainable budget, and a future full of opportunity for our children, families, and communities. That means a vibrant economy, a sustainable use of resources, and schools where children thrive. I'll work to ensure that future.

Now is the time for making tough decisions, determining what level of government service we should provide and a fair and equitable way to pay for it. This is not the time for sidestepping the hard choices. This is not the time to leave Alaskans without hope.

Only with leaders willing to talk frankly about the difficulties we face and truthfully about the opportunities we have will Alaska move forward and create opportunities for all.

I can – and will – do that. With your support, I will be that leader.

You can learn more about my positions on the issues – and a little more about me – on my web site: www.tombegichforalaska.com.

I'd appreciate your vote on November 8th.



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