

Sheila Finkenbinder—House District 35—Republican

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Age:

70

Place of Birth:

Miami, Florida

Spouse's Name:

Ken Finkenbinder (deceased)

Children's Names:

Katrina, Kristopher

Occupation:

Retired

Length of Residency in Alaska:

25 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Sitka, 1990-present

Education:

Mercer Island High School graduate
University of Washington, BA, Drama & Elementary Education
Multiple business seminars and workshops

Political and Government Positions:

Legislative Aide, Representative Peggy Wilson, 2011-2012

Business and Professional Positions:

Sitka Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director, 2008-2010; Sitka Works/Sitka Business Resource Center, Founding Director, 1997-2008; Owner/manager of several small businesses.

Service Organization(s) Membership:

Sitka Chamber of Commerce; Sitka Historical Society, Treasurer; Sitka Republican Women, Past President; Sitka Woman's Club, Past President; Sitka Maritime Heritage Society; Cape Decision Lighthouse Society; KCAW Raven Radio; Alaska Marine Safety Education Association; American Legion Auxiliary; The Heritage Society; Habitat for Humanity; The Trust for Public Lands; Smithsonian Foundation; NRA

Special Interests:

Walking/hiking, gardening, road trips

Statement:

I'm running for the District 35 State House seat to ensure the people of Southeast Alaska regain effective representation and greater influence in the Legislature.

With a small population relative to the rest of the state, we need Representatives who can chair committees and be at the table when the hard work is done. My background as a small business owner, founder and leader of organizations, and my work in the legislature, has prepared me to stand up for the needs of our Southeast communities.

The primary priority this year is balancing the State's budget. I'm not afraid to make tough, but fair, decisions to help make that happen. And, with decreased funding to communities; my attention to detail, critical thinking, and creative problem solving skills will be key to resolving the complicated issues and needs of Southeast Alaska.

I will strongly advocate for growth of the Alaskan economy through intelligent development and management of our natural resources; support for affordable energy; and a reliable, sustainable transportation system. The care and protection of our Veterans is our responsibility, and I take it seriously (as a Vietnam Vet widow). I'm also a supporter of quality education and training so that younger and older Alaskans develop the skills to keep Alaska on a growth trajectory.

Southeast Alaska needs a strong legislative team – a Senator and two Representatives working together. When elected, I will have a seat in the Majority. Your issues and concerns will have a strong voice and will be heard.



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