

Neal W. Foster—House District 39—Democrat

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Age:

44

Place of Birth:

Nome, Alaska

Occupation:

Corporate Director and Real Estate Investor

Length of Residency in Alaska:

44-years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Nome 1972-1991 and 1997-current
Anchorage 1994-1997

Education:

Nome-Beltz High School 1986-1990
Stanford University 1991-1994 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
University of Alaska Anchorage 1994-1997 Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance
Oxford University Study Abroad 1993

Political and Government Positions:

Alaska State Representative
Nome City Council
Alaska Workforce Investment Board

Business and Professional Positions:

President Bonanza Fuel
President Banner Wind
President GBS, LLC
Vice-President Sitnasuak Native Corporation

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Director Sitnasuak Native Corporation
Director Bering Straits Native Corporation
Director Siu Alaska Corporation
Economic Development Specialist Kawerak
Owner Foster Properties

Special Interests:

Flying my airplane, camping, Ironman Triathlons, traveling to the villages

Statement:

My vision for Rural Alaska is one in which individuals have opportunities to grow & better themselves while doing so in communities that are vibrant and healthy places to raise families.

Realizing this vision means that we must overcome some challenges. A lack of jobs means many families cannot achieve economic prosperity. The high cost of energy, food, and goods contribute to poverty and business failure. Continued lack of water & sewer plagues entire communities. And drug & alcohol abuse often leads to imprisonment, sexual assault, domestic violence, and suicide. Adding to these challenges is the fact that limited funds are available as the State wrestles with low oil prices and a substantial deficit.

But Rural Alaskans are tough and resourceful. The indigenous populations survived the past 10,000-years in Alaska's extreme environment. We made it through \$10 oil in 1986, 1998, and 2009. And we will continue to overcome our challenges and work toward a better Rural Alaska just as we have in the past.

To that end I will continue to fight exhaustively against the elimination of power-cost-equalization (PCE) funding. This program assists almost every rural household and for many puts over \$1,000 into their pockets annually. I sponsored water & sewer legislation with the goal of getting systems into communities sooner. I have supported measures to treat folks with alcohol problems rather than imprison them. And I will continue to fight against those who would balance the budget on the backs of Rural Alaskans.



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