

Tom Johnson—Senate District L—Non-Affiliated

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Age:

63

Place of Birth:

Springfield, Illinois

Spouse's Name:

Sue Johnson

Occupation:

Health Safety and Environmental Specialist

Length of Residency in Alaska:

44 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Fairbanks, Barrow, Nuiqsut, Kenai, Anchorage, and Valdez

Education:

Rockford, West High

Military Service:

USAF 1972-1974, Alaska Army National Guard 1977-1985

Business and Professional Positions:

Over 25 years of progressive experience as health, safety and environmental professional. Practical experience includes the last 15 years as field safety officer for environmental and construction projects throughout remote Alaska, including the North Slope during winter months. Experience also includes project oversight as superintendent or Q/C on a variety of federal projects (Corps of Engineers, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, and U.S. Coast Guard). Continuing education covers a comprehensive range of topics on environmental, health and safety. Including TapRooT. Conducted over 300 courses in the company of diverse audiences with

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varying educational, cultural, and occupational backgrounds.

Service Organization(s) Membership:

Commonwealth North

Special Interests:

Education and the welfare of Alaska

Statement:

The important thing to remember is we need to work together as a community to prepare the way for our children to be successful in their journey through life. I advocate implementing a vocational track and a college preparatory track for students. Both tracks would give students an overview of basic, English, Mathematics, Communications and Problem solving skills and would better prepare students to pursue vocational education or a college. We need to shape our education system to fit the diverse needs of our children, implementing specialized tracks allow students to tailor their education to fit their desired career paths.

In times of fiscal crisis we have to look at sustainable means to maintain our state obligations, while also streamlining government. Combining relative agencies under one department would save costs and consolidate resources. This would be accomplished through facilitating the rank and file workers to identify the road blocks and areas of improvement within the departments. We have to use creative problem solving to improve the efficiency of government. The best way to accomplish this goal is to embrace the creative problem solvers within the rank and file.

Alaska is a resource rich state. Diversifying our resource development creates necessary economic stimulant in our state, while ensuring we continue, to provide for the energy needs of everyday Alaskans. From alternative energy to more traditional means, we have to make sure that our resources are developed in an efficient manner that benefits all Alaskans.



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