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Age:

58

Place of Birth:

Palmer, AK

Spouse's Name:

Tracy

Children's Names:

Alene, Valerie, Dennis

Occupation:

Shop Steward

Length of Residency in Alaska:

54-Had to leave with my parents from 8th to 11th grade.

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Born in Palmer, lived 1958-1964, Anchorage 1964-71, Palmer 1975-present with a little time away for college and short stints in Chicago and Albuquerque.

Education:

Palmer High, Wenatchee Valley College, Mat-Su College.

Business and Professional Positions:

Honest working man

Service Organization(s) Membership:

Palmer Lions Club currently. Previously Mat-Su Softball Associate, Valley Golf Association, Palmer Little League

Special Interests:

Little league Umpire, former Palmer High Football coach, Palmer Lions Club, Palmer Playground, Golf, Halibut Fishing, House projects, Dogs.

Statement:

I am an independent running for office because I'm tired of politics as usual. Party politics and special interests have too much control in Juneau. Alaskans are left out.

I am frustrated with the legislature's inability to deal with our state's critical financial situation. Important decisions are not being made because Legislators have worried too much about keeping their elected position rather than doing their jobs.

So where do we start? Help me get elected to the State House. The 90 day session has been treated like a part time job, working Monday through Thursday and then flying home on the state's dime for weekend coffee. I'd like to see the Legislature work more like a slope job – legislators sent to a remote location to work and getting that work done. It is not unreasonable to work 7 days a week while in session; that is what legislators have been elected to do.

Alaskans are being asked to sacrifice during this period of financial crisis, and so should elected officials. How much staff is needed in the Legislature and in the Governor's Office? Government staffing cuts, pay, travel, and hiring freezes should all be in effect. Elect me and I will lead by example. I'm not tied to special interests or party machines; however, I am strongly committed to the best interests of my community.

Elect me and I will fight for; working men and women, public education, protecting the permanent fund, smaller government and your personal rights.



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