

**Marcus Sanders—House District 17 Representative—Alaska Republican Party  
Primary Candidate**

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**Age:** 36

**Place of Birth:** Anchorage, AK

**Spouse's Name:** Erikia

**Children's Name(s):** Malachi, Avant, Faith

**Occupation:**

Educator, Anchorage School District  
Pastor, Greater Friendship Baptist Church

**Length of Residency in Alaska:** Lifelong, 36 years

**Alaskan Communities Lived in:** Anchorage, lifelong

**Education:**

East High School '01  
Wayland Baptist University '18

**Military:** Swear into Alaska National Guard as Chaplain, August 2018

**Position Statement:**

I'm Marcus Sanders.

I'm a husband, a father, an educator, a pastor, and a mentor. I'm proud to say that I have lived in Anchorage my entire life,

I went to school here, I got my first job here, I married here. For the past few years, I've been the safety, security, and discipline specialist at Wendler Middle School, teaching and mentoring kids -- many of whom had a similar upbringing to me.

My parents worked hard to provide for me and my brothers and sister, but they still encouraged me to better myself through quality education and community engagement. I was told in school that I'd never amount to anything -- that all I'd ever become was a

worker at a fast food restaurant.

I refused to let that message discourage me.

If we are going to get serious about our community's problems, we have to be ALL IN.

I'm not running for office because I want to become a politician -- truthfully, I don't. I enjoy teaching and mentoring. But I am desperate to help solve the problems in our community -- the rising crime, lack of opportunity, and, in many cases, a total lack of quality mentors available to kids. I don't ever want a child in Midtown to be told what I was told growing up. They deserve better than that.

I don't expect to have your trust and support by default, but I will do everything I can to earn it. Let's take Alaska back!

