

Elvi Gray-Jackson—Senate District I—Alaska Democratic Party Primary Candidate (D)

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Place of Birth: Newark, New Jersey

Children's Name(s): Ramon

Occupation: Retired.

Length of Residency in Alaska: 36 Years.

Alaskan Communities Lived in: Anchorage – 1982 to Present

Education:

Barringer High
Fashion Institute of Technology
University of Alaska Anchorage – Associate of Arts

Political and Government Positions:

Anchorage Assembly – 2008-2017
Chair
Vice-Chair

Business and Professional Positions:

National League of Cities –Board of Directors and Finance/Investment Advisory Committee - 2012-2016

Special Interests: Cooking, Gardening, and Fashion Designing

Other:

In 1982, I moved to Alaska from New Jersey with my young son, Ramon. As a single parent, we experienced the challenges of life in a new city. I made a career of public service, initially working as an executive secretary in the Public Transit Department, followed by Administrative Assistant, Senior Budget Analyst and Director of the Anchorage Assembly's Budget and Legislative Services Office. In 2008, I was elected to serve the Midtown District and served for nine years. My ability to listen, assist and **represent the interests** of constituents is my most valuable contribution to the community.

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Position Statement:

My first priority has always been **representing the people of Anchorage**. Now, more than ever, we need people in Juneau that are focused on **working together** and putting Alaskans first. I will use my budgetary expertise to work to develop **a comprehensive and sustainable fiscal plan**. While serving as Director of the Assembly Budget and Legislative Services Office and as a member of the Anchorage Assembly, I developed a reputation as a champion of fiscal responsibility. I am committed to **keeping our community safe** by ensuring that an adequate number of police officers, firefighters, and other emergency service personnel are able to do their jobs effectively. It is also important that the Legislature **revisit SB 21** in order to retain those statutes that have worked and remove those that have not worked. Public safety includes ensuring that all citizens have access to sufficient healthcare which requires funding for Medicaid. **Maintaining and improving our infrastructure** is vital for economic growth which will also provide **sustainable jobs** for the hardworking men and women of Alaska. Our children are the most important investment we can make – they are our future. For that reason, it is essential that the **Base Student Allocation is inflation-proofed and appropriations are forward funded** in order to avoid unnecessary teacher layoffs. In addition, we must adequately **fund the University of Alaska system**.

