

**Richard J. Wein—House District 35 Representative—Alaska Republican Party
Primary Candidate**

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Age: 68

Place of Birth: Brooklyn, NY

Occupation:

Assemblyman for the City and Borough of Sitka
Retired Physician/Surgeon

Length of Residency in Alaska: Sitka 2001 to Present

Education:

Passaic High School
Columbia University B.S.
Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism M.S.
Tufts University School of Medicine M.D.

Political and Government Positions: Assemblyman-- Sitka

Business and Professional Positions:

Prior Positions:
SEARHC--Surgeon
Sitka Community Hospital--Surgeon
General Hospital NJ Director of Surgery (125 Surgeons)
General Hospital President and Chief of Staff (525 Physicians)
General Hospital Board of Trustees
Atlantic Health System Board of Trustees

Service Organization(s) Membership:

Fellow of the American College of Surgeons
Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery
Chamber--Sitka
Elks
Multiple memberships

Special Interests:

Hiking
Trying to catch a fish
Attempting to achieve the rank of polymath

Other: I came to Alaska to give back and I hope I was successful

Position Statement:

I'm not just any candidate running for the Alaska's State House. Throughout my career, I have been an effective, thoughtful leader not only as a physician/surgeon, but also to my community as a citizen advocate and Assemblyman for Sitka. My life has revolved around problem solving and working with people—taking complex information, synthesizing it, and crafting workable solutions for everyone.

Whether the issue is fighting for the Alaska Marine Highway; stopping the job loss; insuring Fish and Game has the necessary tools it needs; utilizing our state resources smartly for the benefit of our citizens; restoring the Permanent Fund; targeting the achievement gap in our educational system; achieving security for our citizens, especially in our rural areas; supporting issues special to the Native community; and really, really balancing the budget...the solutions are there! Of note, being the only trained physician/surgeon in the State House, my contribution to healthcare policy will be unique and powerful, especially since healthcare costs are beginning to overwhelm our resources.

Missing out on our current rising national economy, Alaska is at a crossroad. Our state ranks both first and last in the wrong things, and we can't just sit back any longer and ignore the obvious. We need to change the way we do business. Dealing with the same problems year in and year out doesn't work anymore. New hands on the rudder are needed, if we are to change our course with new approaches and fresh ideas.

