

Jennifer B. Johnston—House District 28 Representative—Alaska Republican Party Primary Candidate

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Jennifer Johnston is a 42-year Alaskan, mom to three and grandma to six. Jennifer and her husband Allan moved to Fairbanks in 1976 and South Anchorage in 1988, where they have lived, raised kids and worked ever since. As a former small business owner, outdoor educator and public servant, she has the experience to put Alaska back on track.

During her time on the Anchorage Assembly, Jennifer was an advocate for sustainable budgets and the fiscal reforms she championed helped end growing deficits and increase Anchorage's bond rating to AAA. She built on this experience during her first term in the Legislature by advocating for innovative solutions to broken state programs and for millions in targeted budget reductions.

Jennifer and her husband are founding members of the 49th State Angel Fund Network, exemplifying her belief when government's role is limited, an entrepreneurial spirit can thrive and solve problems efficiently.

Position Statement:

Real leadership, teamwork and honesty are needed to help our economy rebound, solve our state's fiscal situation and return our community's safety. Let's break the "boom and bust" cycle, and realize our current challenges are opportunities for growth.

We need a private sector perspective when evaluating improving our government. While the rest of the world embraces the efficiencies and cost-savings of computer-based data entry, applications and service delivery, we're still stuck on pen and paper. A business with a revenue shortfall would be looking to streamline, but state government still allows the same service to be duplicated by sometimes three to four departments. Our current fiscal gap presents government with the opportunity to enter the 21st century, and embrace change that will leave us more accessible, efficient and cost effective.

Getting a better bang for our buck also applies to the need for innovation and solutions for our state's public safety. While progress was made this year to target loopholes in our laws that allowed dangerous offenders to continue to commit crimes, more work needs to be done to ensure that we're not just throwing money at the problem. Instead of accepting the status quo, we need to be working to see data-driven solutions enacted to truly combat addiction and criminal behavior.

Unlike previous years, there is momentum building now to help our state grow into a great place to live. These decisions won't be easy or popular, once done we'll wonder, "what took us so long?"



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