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Age: 34

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Spouse’s Name: Khalial Withen

Children’s Name(s): Zara Fields Withen

Occupation: Union Organizer

Length of Residency in Alaska: 6 years

Alaska Communities Lived in: Anchorage

Education: BA, Economics at University of Virginia

Political and Government Positions:

Congressional aide, local government aide, Special Assistant/Workforce Development Coordinator to the Labor Commissioner, Communications - Alaska Democratic Party, Governor's Fellow.

Service Organization(s) Membership:

Anchorage Youth Court, Anchorage NAACP

Special Interests: Backcountry sports, spending time with family

Other:

I grew up working on Democratic campaigns and progressive causes, and have worked as a Congressional aide, as a staff person to Governor Walker's Labor Commissioner Heidi Drygas, as a union organizer, and for multiple Democratic campaigns. My policy experience includes the areas of workforce development, energy, and transportation. I have written a regular outdoor column for the Anchorage Press since 2013. I live with my wife, Khalial Withen, and our daughter Zara in South Addition. I have volunteered with many local non-profits including the Knik Canoers and Kayakers, the Alaska Center, and Bike Anchorage.

Position Statement:

My policy priorities are:

- 1) Fight crime with expanded staffing of police, prosecutors, support staff, behavioral health/substance abuse counselors, as well as sentencing reforms.
- 2) Create good jobs and raise wages with capital investment, support for public education and public employees, through expanded training and workforce development programs, and through reforms to increase workers' bargaining and political power.
- 3) Continue improving quality of life in Anchorage with expansion of trails, bike lanes, good sidewalks, support for downtown redevelopment, and connectivity between all neighborhoods in the district.

The federal government—including the Trump Administration and far-right radicals on the Supreme Court—have declared war on America's middle class and our democratic institutions. We have to fight back and protect workers' jobs, wages, and collective bargaining rights at the state level. We have to fight back by protecting Alaskans' civil rights--including voting rights, reproductive freedom, and LGBTQ equality--and voice in the democratic process. We have to fight back for local control over our resources, including protection of Bristol Bay from the Pebble Mine that Trump is hell-bent on approving over Alaskans' objections. In the midst of these daunting policy challenges, we also must fight back against the opioid-fueled crime wave that threatens Anchorage's economic future. Accomplishing these goals requires strong partnerships between the state legislature and local government.



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