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Children's Name(s): Balin, Stanley

Occupation: Stay-at-home mom

Length of Residency in Alaska: 4 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in: Palmer (NOV 2014 - present)

Education: B.S. in marketing from University of Maryland University College - Europe

Military: Six years active duty U.S. Army - 68Q (Pharmacy Specialist) with one deployment to Iraq, where I met my husband, Adam. Adam grew up in the Butte and graduated from Palmer HS. He brought me home to Alaska after we completed our military obligations. Nine years and two kids later, he's still my favorite battle buddy!

Political and Government Positions: I represent District 2 on the Mat-Su Borough Planning Commission.

Business and Professional Positions: Former marketing director at Algone.

Service Organization(s) Membership: I served on the non-profit board that operates Turn-A-Leaf thrift store as well as the only Reentry program in the valley - Valley Charities, Inc. I volunteered with Family Promise Mat-Su as an overnight host and meal provider. I partner with the Mat-Su Opioid Task Force to educate our community and prevent crime.

Position Statement:

Palmer is an awesome community! As a mom of two kiddos growing up in Alaska, I will keep what makes us special by continuing to develop our strengths and assets. For

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example, it is time to do more than talk, decade after decade, about the potential of value-added agricultural processing. It is time to start investing and turn ideas into action. I am especially excited to work with the developing industrial hemp pilot program and catapult Alaska to the forefront of this new industry! I am also committed to leading the way in addressing our challenges.

Our government has become out-of-touch with everyday Alaskans. The elites make a show out of asking us what we want with public hearings and work groups, but rarely take action on what we say. As both a borough planning commissioner and addiction recovery advocate, I have witnessed entire communities being ignored in favor of an establishment with a long history of cronyism and backroom deals. There is even evidence of Alaska legislators refusing meetings with citizens who did not donate to their campaign.

Alaskans need a leader who will do more than put on a show and pretend to listen. I am currently developing draft legislation that would require some elected officials to create opportunities for their constituents to be heard. My "Face Time Bill" would hold our elected leaders accountable to the people, and empower communities with the ability to drive conversations and build pressure through mandatory minimum face time.

