

**James L. Chesbro Jr.—House District 8 Representative—Alaska Democratic Party
Primary Candidate (D)**

Other:

- I arrived in Alaska, July 3rd 1977 and have lived here for 41 years.
- Palmer high and went to their vocational training in Construction trades.
- 1 1/2 years in Youth Conservation Corps and Young Adult conservation Corps. Wonderful programs, taught me a true appreciation for the environment.
- Worked as a carpenter, farmer and then a framing contractor for 8 years.
- Mat Su College and studied agricultural and horticulture for 3 1/2 years. While there, I work as a ground keeper and assistant to the Dean of Agriculture.
- Worked at Air Photo Tech. For the year following the Exxon Valdez spill.
- For the last 27 years I have worked for Anchorage Parks and Recreation. Starting with 15 years with the Horticulture Section as a gardener then operator of heavy equipment and foreman of turf and operators.
- Transferred to parks maintenance and work as a Maintenance Foreman.

Position Statement:

I am committed to Improving the lives of my neighbors and Alaskans everywhere. Here are three important steps to move everyone forward.

Investing in a robust Pre-Kindergarten through Post Secondary Education System gives young children a step up in school, challenges all children to gain the knowledge and abilities necessary for the 21st century, and assists adults in updating skills for their jobs and their lives. A strong education is key to a rosy future for Alaskans.

Developing an infrastructure to meet current needs and future growth makes everyone's life easier. The Knik, Big Lake, and Meadow Lakes areas are growing rapidly. Building well-planned, safe transportation and trail systems, expanding medical and commercial services, and growing new industries help residents work, play and take care of themselves near home.

Promoting good paying local jobs give our residents more family hours and provide ways for entrepreneurs to be successful. Good jobs now mean secure futures for workers and fewer elderly Alaskans in poverty. Port Mackenzie is set up as an industrial area. Let's finish the job of making it work for Alaskans by completing that railroad.

Alaska is my home and yours. I will work to ensure that all Alaskans can share in the bounty of our beautiful state.