

Mark Begich—Governor—Alaska Democratic Party Primary Candidate (D)

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Age: 54

Place of Birth: Anchorage

Spouse's Name: Deborah Bonito

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Occupation: President/CEO, Northern Compass Group

Length of Residency in Alaska: 54 years

Alaska Communities Lived in: Anchorage

Education: Stellar Secondary

Political and Government Positions:

Anchorage Assembly 1988-1998
Mayor, Anchorage 2003-2008
U.S. Senator 2008-2014

Business and Professional Positions:

American Institute of CPA's Board of Directors
National Association of Home Care and Hospice

Service Organization(s) Membership:

Assets Inc., President of Board
Gang Reduction Implementation Task Force, Co-Chair
Anchorage Delinquency Prevention Policy Board, Co-Chair

Other:

In 2003, Mark was elected as Mayor of Anchorage, and oversaw the biggest building boom Anchorage saw in a generation, balanced the city budget, earned top bond ratings, grew the economy, strengthened relations with Alaska Natives and other minority groups, and reduced crime.

In 2008, Mark was elected to the United States Senate where he broke down bureaucratic barriers and built an impressive record of accomplishments on issues such as fisheries, travel & tourism, transportation, resource development, tribal and Alaska Native interests, the Arctic, education, veterans, commerce, housing and more.

Position Statement:

When more than half of Alaskans believe we are headed in the wrong direction, it is time for change.

That is why, as Governor, I would:

1. **Constitutionally Protect a Sustainable PFD:** Using a Percentage of Market Value (POMV) formula, I would constitutionally protect the PFD estimated currently between \$1600-\$1800 a year – to grow from there. I would dedicate remaining funds for pre-K-12 education freeing up general funds previously used for education – this year that amount estimated at \$1.6 billion.
2. **Create Long-Term Fiscal Stability:** In addition, my PFD plan to protect the PFD and secure long-term education funding, I believe we must (a) reform delivery of government services (b) move away from paying cash for capital budgets and instead using general obligation bonds (c) only after implementing the above, we may have to review, revamp, or add new revenues if we still have a deficit.
3. **Keep Alaska Families Safe by Reducing Crime in Urban and Rural Alaska:** There are multiple things we can do to get smarter and tougher on crime, but to begin we must address drug epidemic and substance abuse issues, increase coordination between state and local government efforts, and reform the village public safety officers and village police programs.
4. **Harness Alaska's True Potential Through Economic Development & Job Creation:** We must diversify our economic portfolio, create a stable regulatory environment, train our workforce so we can fill Alaska jobs with Alaskans first, and identify new opportunities and industries for growth.



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