

## **Janice Park—Senate District M—Alaska Democratic Party Primary Candidate (D)**

### **Other:**

I am a paralegal and former Realtor. I attended University of California with a four day old son, earning a BSN. I later enrolled in Cal State Northridge Public Health Master's program. In 1992 I drove to Alaska with a trailer, bringing my toddler and cat; and lived in this district now for 17 years.

I owned Alaska Water Systems from 1994 to 2010; with 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Water Store 1999-2007. I volunteered with Alaska Theater of Youth and Holy Rosary Academy; and as an officer of Abbot Loop Community Council for 4 years, and Abbott Loop District 25 Democrats for 6 years.

During my divorce, I fought for my house over 2 years in Alaska's Supreme Court while attending UAA's Paralegal program, writing and arguing my case. I prevailed on property distribution issues benefiting all Alaskan women. I currently assist women with domestic violence and child support issues pro bono.

### **Position Statement:**

As a small business owner, I understand the importance of a balanced budget. I will work toward that goal in the legislature. The Permanent Fund must be protected, if necessary by an amendment to the Alaska Constitution. The PFD strengthens our economy and creates jobs. Unfortunately, the Republican majority in the legislature has spent Alaska's future to pay back their obligations to big oil. This must stop.

I am strong advocate for public education and support for full funding for public schools. Alaska's children are its most precious resource. The most cost-effective use of state funds is investment in programs for pre-K and early childhood education.

I support community based health programs, including women's health choices. Outreach must include mental health; and substance abuse treatment to help those who would otherwise commit crimes to support their addictions.

Alaska must also invest in its university system to promote education for the good paying jobs of the future in technology, education and healthcare services. As the general population continues to age, we must provide an economy where our youth can build futures here. New high tech clean energy jobs will help to promote sustainable growth.

Senate Republicans' response to Alaska's fiscal crisis is to tap the PFD and shortchange our children's future. Other attacks on fair labor, without new efforts to diversify Alaska's economy can only leave us bankrupt. I am beholden only to Alaska, not to special interests. Let's work together to build a stronger Alaska! Thank you for your vote.



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