

House District 15

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AGE: 48

PLACE OF BIRTH: Anchorage

NAME OF SPOUSE: Donna

OCCUPATION: Attorney

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 48 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Anchorage: July, 1964–Present, except for:
Juneau: (January–May of 1990 and 2003)
Lower Kalskag: (August, 1991–May, 1994)
Fairbanks: (November, 1997–September, 1998)
Kenai: (September, 1998–June, 1999)
Kotzebue: (December, 1999–May, 2001)

EDUCATION:

West High (1982); Whitman College (BA History, 1986);
UAA (Master of Arts in Teaching, 1992); Penn State-
Dickinson School of Law (JD, 1997).

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Municipal Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals (2005-2006); Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission (2006-2008).

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Internship (Sen. Ted Stevens); Legislative Aide (17th and 23rd Alaska Legislatures); public school teacher (Kuspuk School District, Kalskag); superior court judicial law clerk (4th and 3rd Judicial Districts, Fairbanks and Kenai); Assistant District Attorney, 1999-2001, Kotzebue); Associate Attorney (Law Offices of Dan Allan & Associates, 2003-2008 and Law Offices of G.R. Eschbacher, 2008-2012); Adjunct Instructor of Constitutional Law, 2003-2008, (UAA).

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Backpacking, baseball, fishing, skiing, competitive running/swimming

STATEMENT:

Reading through the Official Election Pamphlet, you're likely to hear about a whole mess of problems with the "situation" in Alaska. I have lived in Alaska for 48 years, serving as a teacher, a prosecutor, and a public servant in communities all over the state. And to be honest, I cannot find a lot to complain about. This State is beautiful, filled with incredible people, and absolutely remains the land of opportunity.

However, our government is having some difficulties. I have learned that whether you're working with students, prosecuting criminals, or trying to advance smart development—it is never enough to just sit and complain. I want to go to Juneau because I'm ready to work toward solutions to our shared challenges.

And we certainly have challenges in government. Our State capital budget now exceeds \$3 billion and is unsustainable. Our oil production (barrels per day) has fallen more than 300% and we have no gas line to replace this reduction in revenue. And our government has yet to establish a practical tax policy for oil and gas development in Alaska; one that keeps our wells producing *and* puts Alaska's resources to work for Alaskans.

Achieving solutions to these problems will require a common sense work ethic. We need leaders who take the time to listen to everyday Alaskans, who prioritize smart decisions over political decisions, and who are honest enough to stand by their goals.

I believe that together, we are better than our problems. Thanks for your support.

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