

House District 33

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OCCUPATION: Teacher

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 42

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Ketchikan (1969 to present)

EDUCATION:

- Ketchikan High School, 1986
- University of Alaska Southeast, BLA-Social Science, 2005, M. Education Technology 2008, MAT Teacher Certification 2011

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

- Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District 2006-09, Vice Chair 2007-08
- Ketchikan City Council 2009 to present

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

- Chapter President, APEA 1998-1999

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

- Ketchikan Public Library Advisory Board
- Tongass Federal Credit Union Supervisory Committee
- Alaska Science Consortium

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Outdoors, science, clocks, family, hockey, Debate

STATEMENT:

Like many of you, I have different roles during the day. I am a father, husband, teacher, community participant and product of Southeast Alaska. Because of these roles, I have a vested interest in the future of our region. Just as I have done when serving my community on the school board and city council, I believe in working together to solve our issues. There are many issues, but I feel these three are the most important for us to become a successful region and state:

- more quantities of affordable energy
- an equitable, world-class education
- a robust economy

We need affordable energy for our future that will allow us to raise and educate our children and develop a robust economy.

We need an equitable and world class educational system for our children from Preschool through graduation and prepares them to contribute to and grow Alaska.

We need a robust economy, built and developed by Alaskans, to fund and maintain it. This economy should build through our natural resources, not around them.

People have asked why I am willing to put my name out for the opportunity to serve in public office. My response is a selfish one: I enjoy it. I enjoy working with and learning from people of all points of view to create a better community for us to enjoy and live in.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with and serve you to shape our region's future.

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