

Senate District J

Elizabeth “Liz” Vazquez, Republican



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AGE: 60

PLACE OF BIRTH: New York, New York

NAME OF SPOUSE: Mark Davis

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Amelia Davis

OCCUPATION:
Retired Administrative Law Judge

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 29

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage 1983-present

EDUCATION:
University of New York BA 1974
Cornell Law School JD 1977
Alaska Pacific University, MBAs 2005 and 2006

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Attorney Advisory U.S. Department of Treasury
Assistant Attorney General State of Alaska
Quality Assurance Coordinator

Administrative Law Judge
Commissioner, Municipal Budget Commission
Chair and Commissioner Anchorage Equal Rights
Commission
Municipal School Budget Commission

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
Resource Development Council

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:
Downtown Anchorage Rotary

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Skiing, reading, boating, music

OTHER:
Liz Vazquez is a former administrative law judge, Assistant Attorney General, and state prosecutor active in her community. She and her husband have lived in Alaska for 30 years and in West Anchorage for 15 years. Their daughter was born in Anchorage. Liz was the first in her family to go to college. She graduated from Cornell Law School and has two Masters of Business Administration from Alaska Pacific University.

STATEMENT:
I have been in Alaska for 30 years, and have been active in our community and was twice elected to serve on the Board of Directors of Chugach Electric Association. As Chair of Chugach Electric, I instituted a conservation program, testified in favor of the Susitna dam, and worked to foster cooperation among the Railbelt utilities. I worked with the Mayor to achieve savings by having Chugach and Municipal Light and Power jointly build a new power plant that will save consumers millions of dollars. I set up a Blue Ribbon Panel that studied the operations of the Association and made recommendations to improve service and value.

As a former administrative law judge I have the knowledge, skill, and temperament to weigh the issues, listen to all sides and made decisions. As the chair of Chugach Electric I demonstrated that I could get things done, even in an organization that reflected many viewpoints.

As a resident and citizen, I have watched the gridlock in Juneau. I am running for Senate as a person who has the experience and knowledge to understand complex legal and regulatory issues, such as oil taxes, energy, and health care reform and arrive at solutions based on logic and not rhetoric. As a conservative, I believe that government should not over regulate and discourage economic growth. Government should provide essential services, such as education and public safety, and should do so in a cost effective manner, cognizant that the funds being spent are public revenues.

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