

# Senate District R

## Gary L. Stevens, Republican



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**AGE:** 71

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** McMinnville, Oregon

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Rita

**CHILDREN'S NAMES:** Anna, Matthew, Natalie

**OCCUPATION:** Professor (Retired)

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 42 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Kodiak 1970 to present

**EDUCATION:**  
Taft High 1959  
Linfield College 1963 BA  
University of Oregon 1965 MFA  
UCLA 1966 Graduate School  
University of Oregon 1984 Ph.D.  
Harvard 2005 Kennedy School of Government

**MILITARY SERVICE:**  
US Army; 3 years; 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant; Intelligence Officer;  
Army Commendation Medal

### **POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Senate President – 4 years; Majority Leader; Rules Chair;  
Finance; Mayor, Kodiak Borough; Mayor, City of Kodiak;  
President School Board; Senate: 10 years; House: 2 years

### **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Professor, University of Alaska, 25 years; General  
Manager, Northern Processors; Registered Agent, Trans  
Pacific Fisheries; CEO, Happy Clam Food Distributors;  
Teaching Assistant, University of Oregon; Director Kodiak  
Oral History Project

### **SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Rotary, Elks, American Legion, Pioneers

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Alaska History and Art

### **OTHER:**

Governor, Rotary International, President Alaska Historical  
Society, Board Member: Alaska Humanities Forum,  
Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Alaska Aerospace  
Corporation, Senate Presidents Forum, Council of State  
Governments, National Conference of State Legislatures

### **STATEMENT:**

I am running for re-election to the Alaska Senate. It has  
been an honor and a pleasure to serve you in District R  
for 12 years. I have been Senate President for the past 4  
years and Majority Leader before that. I have enjoyed my  
8 years in Senate Leadership and have learned enormous  
lessons about how the legislature works and how best to  
assist the communities I represent. Redistricting has led  
to enormous changes in District R and I look forward to  
meeting, listening to and learning from every community  
in this new district.

My priorities include excellence in education, finding  
solutions to the high dropout rate in our schools and low  
graduation rate in higher education, maintaining a healthy  
economy and well-paying jobs, continuing to add to our  
savings accounts for future needs, moving ahead on oil  
and gas development, protecting our fishing and tourism  
industries and support for our veterans and seniors.

I have served as an elected public official for over 25  
years, as Borough Mayor, City Mayor, School Board  
President, as well as a state legislator. That experience  
has given me an abiding understanding of the needs of all  
levels of government here in our district.

I believe in the importance of family values. Rita and I  
have been married for 38 years and we have three grown  
children; Anna, Matthew and Natalie.

I promise to continue to provide this district with the best  
representation I can in the Alaska Senate.

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