

Position Sought: Senate District D Senator
Name and Political Affiliation: Ben Carpenter, Registered Republican
Residence Address: Nikiski, AK
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1175
Kenai, AK 99611
Email: ben@carpenterforalaska.com
Website: www.bencarpenterforalaska.com

Biographical Information

Age: 49
Place of Birth: Omak, WA
Spouse's Name: Aমেয়ে Carpenter
Children's Names: Breanna Cooper, Wyatt Carpenter, Jenna Smith, Melanie Carpenter
Occupation: Small business owner, Legislator
Length of Residency in Alaska: 34 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Nikiski 1985-1993, 2013-present
Anchorage 2016-2018
Juneau 2018-2024

Education:

Nikiski Jr./Sr. High School Graduate
DeVry Institute of Technology - 2 years
Weber State University Graduate

Military Service:

USAF 1997- 2003, USAF Reserves 2001-2003 (Staff Sergeant/E-5)
UT Army National Guard (ROTC) 2003-2004 (Cadet/E-5)
USA 2004-2013, Alaska Army National Guard 2013-2018 (Major/O-4)

Political and Government Positions:

Alaska House of Representatives, District 8, 2018-Present
Chairman of House Ways and Means & Legislative Budget and Audit Committees
Co-chair House Victims Advocate Selection Committee
Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board of Directors (Ex-Officio)
Member of the 2021 Fiscal Policy Working Group

Business and Professional Positions:

Cook Inlet Gardens, Inc., President
Alaska Peony Market Cooperative, President

Service Organizations Membership:

NRA Member

Special Interests:

Leadership Development
Organizational Improvement
Entrepreneurialism

Position Statement

Raised in Nikiski, Ben served 13 years on active duty with the USAF and USA, with six deployments to the Middle East. He retired from the Alaska Army National Guard after 21 years of military service. Ben has proudly represented District 8 in the State House for six years.

Married 29 years, Ben and Ameye are blessed with four children and 3 grandchildren. They own and operate a commercial peony farm in Nikiski and lead a farmer's co-op. Ben and Ameye are active in 4-H and their local church. As precious time allows, Ben enjoys shooting and motorized sports, and walks on the beach hunting agates.

Ben has consistently advocated for a long-term fiscal plan that prioritizes economic growth. The disconnect between our economy and the budget is real and costly! We can fix it by changing our spending and revenue structures so legislators care about economic growth.

Abundant supplies of natural gas and coal are both reliable and cost-effective, but regulations have made them less so. Our capacity for hydroelectric and geothermal power is underdeveloped. We need a realistic energy policy that corrects these oversights. Developing reliable and cost-effective energy will provide jobs and economic growth.

Our schools are critical to economic growth, and they are in disarray. Parents need control and responsibility over the classroom. Our charter schools are modeling exactly how to do this with success. We need to duplicate what works. Teachers will be better supported when parents have responsibility for the outcomes of our schools.

Current Photo



The views expressed in this statement are from the candidate and not endorsed by the Division of Elections. The text of this statement was provided and paid for by the candidate in accordance with AS 15.58.030 and 6 AAC 25.690.