

House District 15 Representative

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SPOUSE'S NAME: Andrew

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Andrew John, Roman

OCCUPATION: Substitute teacher

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 56 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage 1968-1991, 1999-2003, 2008-2024
Fairbanks 2006-2008
Juneau 2003-2006, 1991-1999

EDUCATION:
Romig Middle School
West High School, Class of 1986
Harvard University – B.A., Class of 1990
University of Alaska Southeast – M.A., Class of 1997

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Alaska State Senate; Alaska State House; Vice-chair Pacific Northwest Economic Region; Governor's Office deputy director of communications; legislative aide Alaska State House; Legislative Director, MOA

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Classroom teacher, Service High and Juneau-Douglas High School; Teacher, Nine Star High School Completion Program; Public relations executive, Bradley/Reid Communications.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Alaska Outdoor Council; National Rifle Association; Alaska Airmen's Association; National Federation of Independent Businesses, Girl Scouts of America Lifetime Member.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family, youth literacy, flying, swimming, weightlifting, water polo

OTHER:

Alaska High School Athletics Hall of Fame; Co-Nect Schools Excellence in Education finalist; NCAA Division I All-American; Member, U.S. National Swimming Team; Alaska's first Olympic Trials Qualifier in swimming. 2013 Associated Builders and Contractors Legislator of the Year, 2014 NFIB Guardian of Small Business.

STATEMENT:

I'm a lifelong Alaskan and am running to put my experience to work for you. I want to help make living in Anchorage affordable and provide opportunities for a better future.

My priorities are:

- **Energy security** for our businesses and families
- **Safe neighborhoods**
- **Developing Alaska's economy**
- **Parental rights** in education
- **Making Alaska the most attractive place to live, work, and raise a family**

Energy security

Affordable energy to heat our homes and keep our lights on is at risk with an impending natural gas crisis. I will use my experience to help through solutions that will keep our energy affordable for families and businesses.

Public Safety

If our neighborhoods aren't safe, nothing else matters. That's why **I led the effort to toughen sentences, ended pretrial "catch and release", and restored judges' discretion to keep dangerous criminals in jail.**

Economic Development

I fought an income tax to keep Alaska's economy working and **I introduced groundbreaking legislation to help businesses grow and ensure good jobs exist.**

My legislation:

- **put Alaska in the top five states for innovation;**
- **brought Uber and Lyft to Alaska,** creating hundreds of new jobs;
- **enabled equity crowdfunding in Alaska,** giving our small businesses new sources of funding.

Fiscal Conservative

Our state spending is unsustainable. I believe in a strong private sector and in smaller, smarter government.

As your voice in Juneau – I'll always listen to you. Please call me at 227-5276.

I would be honored to have **your vote on November 5th.**

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