

Position Sought: House District 9 Representative
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Biographical Information

Age: 43
Place of Birth: Orange, CA
Spouse's Name: Leah Ellis
Occupation: President, Brewer
Length of Residency in Alaska: 18 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:
Anchorage (2007-2012)
Girdwood (2012-present)

Education:
Eastlake High School, Redmond, WA (1996-1999)
Bellevue College (2001-2003)
Siebel Institute of Technology (2012 - 2013)

Military Service:
United States Marine Corps, Infantry Mortarman (1999-2001)

Business and Professional Positions:
President, Midnight Sun Brewing Co. (2020 - present)
Board President, Brewer's Guild of Alaska (2019 - present)

Service Organizations Membership:
National Ski Patrol
Alyeska Volunteer Ski Patrol (2012-2023), Senior, CPR and Toboggan Instructor
Ducks Unlimited member
Master Brewer's Association of the Americas

Special Interests:
Spending time in the wilderness skiing, rafting, hunting, fishing, and foraging with my wife and two dogs

Other (Biographical Information):
I moved to Alaska in 2007 with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and served as a social worker at Bean's Cafe.

Awards:
Alaska Journal's Top 40 under 40 award (class of 2020)
Rookie Ski Patroller of the Year
Volunteer Ski Patroller of the Year

Position Statement

The future of Alaska is ours to create and we need strong leaders who are fully invested in the long term success of our State.

As the President of Midnight Sun Brewing and the Brewer's Guild of Alaska, I spent the last six years successfully working on legislation to improve regulations on beverage manufacturers and grow hospitality businesses. I advocated on behalf of thousands of Alaskans throughout the Covid pandemic at local, state, and federal levels. I have a proven history of working across the political spectrum for businesses and individuals statewide. Experience matters, hard work matters, and District 9 needs a representative that will not just listen, but deliver.

During my years of working on legislation, I was concerned to see a lack of progress on the following:

Economy: Out-migration of working age residents has left thousands of jobs unfilled. While state leaders focus on filling open state jobs, I believe we need to institute broad based solutions to attract workers to all industries.

Energy: Without reliable, affordable sources of energy, our economy cannot grow. The state must develop a practical strategy to get north slope gas to Alaskans. While I support growing our renewable energy portfolio, we should first focus on developing renewables in rural communities and securing a baseline energy source for the railbelt.

Education: Every child should graduate high school prepared to either enter the workplace or higher education. I support increased school funding, but we need to work to achieve better results for our investment

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