

House District 20 Representative

Andrew T. Gray. Registered Democrat



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PLACE OF BIRTH: Pasadena, TX

SPOUSE'S NAME: Joseph Reto

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Waylon

OCCUPATION: Physician Assistant;
Legislator

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 8 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Anchorage 1998-1999
Anchorage 2017-2024

EDUCATION:

BA in English, UT Austin
MS in Physician Assistant Studies, Baylor College of Medicine

MILITARY SERVICE:

Alaska Army National Guard 2014-2023, Physician Assistant
Deployed to Kosovo 2019-20, Meritorious Service Medal recipient

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Alaska State House Representative for HD 20, 2023-2024
Board, Campbell Park Community Council, 2021-2022

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Physician Assistant, Alaska Urgent Care

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants, 2017- present
American Academy of Physician Assistants, 2010 - present

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Yoga Teacher, Alaska Club, 2017-2021
Anchorage Opera Chorus, 2017-2022
Alaska Chamber Singers, 2022 - present

OTHER:

Prior to becoming a physician assistant, Andrew traveled the world as an English teacher, yoga instructor, and classical singer. He co-founded Anchorage Action, a non-partisan grassroots organization that opposes corruption in local government. He hosts the East Anchorage Book Club podcast that focuses on Alaska politics.

STATEMENT:

As a Freshmen legislator, I shepherded two important pieces of legislation across the finish line. The first requires that all people released from prison have a valid photo ID. This enables these folks to gain meaningful employment and adequate housing. The second requires that all points-of-sale of alcohol post a warning that alcohol can cause cancer, including colon and breast cancers.

I believe everyone is entitled to a home they can afford and a financially stable future. My office hosted a town hall for renters and one for mobile home owners, two groups often marginalized in this discussion. I will continue working to incentivize new home construction, transitioning short term rentals to long term rentals, and making major infrastructure improvements to our mobile home parks.

From protecting foster children from unnecessary psychiatric facility admission to raising the age of consent from 16 to 18, I will continue to make Alaska safer for all our children. I will always advocate for increased education funding and a return to a defined benefit retirement system for all our state workers, including our teachers.

During my first term in the State House, I co-chaired the Freshmen Caucus, a diverse group of new legislators including Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. We avoided partisan disagreement to tackle big problems: the pending natural gas crisis, increased investment in renewable energy, and the rapid rise in unregulated artificial intelligence. The friendships established through this group will continue and together we can cooperatively move Alaska forward.

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