

Position Sought: House District 21 Representative
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Biographical Information

Age: 53
Spouse's Name: Michael
Children's Names: Noah, Nathan
Occupation: Civil & Environmental Engineer

Length of Residency in Alaska: 27 years

Education:

American Embassy School - New Delhi, India
Hillsborough High School - New Jersey
Rutgers University - Bioenvironmental Engineering
University of Michigan - Master of Urban Planning

Political and Government Positions:

Representative - Alaska State Legislature
Co-chair - Anchorage Delegation
Co-chair - Food & Farm Caucus
Executive Board - Northeast Community Council
Chair - Anchorage Health and Human Services Commission
Chair - On-Site Water and Wastewater Technical Review Board

Business and Professional Positions:

Central Environmental, Inc. - A Bering Straits Native Corporation
MOA Solid Waste Services, Garness Engineering Group, Alaska Native Tribal
Health Consortium, Anchorage Health Department

Service Organizations Membership:

Solid Waste Association of North America, Alaska Chapter - Vice President and
Instructor
Winterberry Parent Guild
Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School - XC Run & XC Ski Booster Clubs

Special Interests:

Harvesting local foods from Alaska's rivers and mountains, as well as my own
backyard
Cheering my kids at XC races
Fiber arts

Position Statement

It's been my privilege to serve as your representative these past two years.

I'm fighting for a better Alaskan future. One where it's easier to build a family, make a living, and afford to live.

That means restoring sufficient public education funding for all our kids, no matter what kind of school they attend—my own kids attended a mix of charter schools, homeschool, and our local high school.

That means investing in our state government so it can facilitate economic development instead of standing in the way. In my career as an engineer, I've seen up close how underfunded state agencies hold up permits and licenses with outdated and inefficient processes, and I'm grateful to be in a position to help make things work better.

That means keeping costs of living low. From putting my professional background to work in lowering energy costs, to co-chairing the Food Strategy Task Force that makes food more accessible and local foods more available, to working to restore the governor's vetoes that cut revenue sharing with Anchorage.

My experience informs my values. An emphasis on health from working for health organizations; a focus on education from being an involved parent; and a dedication to East Anchorage from living, working, and raising my kids in the community.

My values are reflected in my work. I am here to make Alaska better for my family and yours.

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