Michael W. “Mike” Risinger – House District 14 Representative – Petition Nominee

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Occupation: Educator

Length of Residency in Alaska: 35 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:  
Anchorage, 1983-2016  
Eagle River, 2016-Present

Education:  
Pacific University, Bachelor of Business Administration  
University of Alaska Anchorage, Master of Arts in Teaching  
Defense Information School, Basic Public Affairs Specialist Course

Military:  
Alaska Army National Guard, 134th Public Affairs Detachment, 2016-Present

Special Interests:  
Rescue dogs, photography, rowing, learning, problem-solving

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Position Statement:
I’m Mike Risinger and I take the view that politicians should represent their constituents, not their party. I don’t have to agree with your ideas to respect and consider them while designing innovative solutions that strengthen Alaska. I’m your independent candidate to represent Eagle River.

As an educator with over 15 years of experience, I’ve seen firsthand the price our children pay because of Juneau’s budget cuts. I respect our education professionals. I will push for educators to have academic freedom and for appropriate education funding.

In order to balance our budget, we need to tax our current industries appropriately while remaining a competitive market. We rely too heavily on one industry, tying Alaska’s fate to theirs. We need to diversify our economy by encouraging growth in multiple economic segments, so we don’t have to cut services to our youth, our elders, and our citizens experiencing disabilities every time the price at the pump drops.

We need to build robust and customized energy systems that increase Alaska’s self-sufficiency and protect the environment. Energy and heating costs can be crippling. I will support our communities as they work towards locally sustainable energy solutions so people can keep their houses warm and the costs low, all while creating new jobs.

I will work to increase civil rights for all Alaskans. This includes reforming the health care system, protecting the reproductive rights of women, protecting and increasing voter rights and protecting workers’ rights, including collective bargaining.
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