Geran Tarr – House District 19 Representative – Democratic Nominee

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Age: 45

Place of Birth: Ohio

Occupation: University Faculty, Legislator

Length of Residency in Alaska: 22 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:  
Anchorage 1998-present  

Education:  
University of Alaska Anchorage, Master of Public Administration  
Ohio University, Bachelor of Science, Botany, Environmental Studies, Women's Studies

Political and Government Positions:  
Co-Chair, House Resources Committee,  
Co-Chair, Joint Armed Services Committee,  
Member, Health and Social Services, Fisheries and Military and Veterans Affairs (2019) Committees  
Airport Heights Community Council (former leadership and current member)  

Business and Professional Positions:  
University Faculty, Biology Department, UAA  
Executive Director, Alliance for Reproductive Justice  
Public Policy Consultant  
Chief of Staff, Alaska Legislature

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Service Organization(s) Membership:
Women in Government, Board Secretary
Alaska Resilience Initiative

Special Interests:
community building, volunteer work, gardening, snowboarding, golf, yoga, hiking, fishing, camping, subsistence harvesting

Other:
2020 Hugh Malone Award from Alaska Democratic Party
2019 Alaska Association of Conservation Districts Legislator of the Year
2018 Alaska Farm Bureau Legislator of the Year
2018 National Conference of State Legislatures Women in Politics Making a Difference Award

Position Statement:
Leaders should work for the people. I never forget who I work for - the people of Mountain View, Airport Heights, and Russian Jack. We need effective leaders, people who will take tough votes, and offer a vision for the future. I offer that leadership, have a proven track record of standing up and taking on tough issues, and I have a vision for Alaska where we don't lead the nation in domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. There is a path to prosperity for our state and it starts with caring for our people and overcoming these painful realities that are holding us back. A consistent approach with a dedicated leader is necessary.

I use this approach and we are making progress every year. First there was Erin’s Law to reduce our unacceptably high rates of child sexual abuse followed by the multi-year Rape Kit Reform Initiative that is creating lasting, systemic change. With our reforms every rape kit will be tested and testing that took years is now required to be done in one year. There is more to do, and I will not stop until these reforms are accomplished.

As Co-Chair of the House Resources Committee, I have pushed to put Alaska first in our resource development policy and led efforts to expand sustainable uses of our public lands that offer billions in economic opportunity. I'm committed to stabilizing our economy and the PFD. I'm working hard to earn your vote!
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