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Age:

59

Place of Birth:

Whitefish, Montana

Spouse's Name:

Helen

Occupation:

General Contractor

Length of Residency in Alaska:

37 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Anchorage 1979-1980
Sterling 1980-1995
Kenai 1995-present

Education:

Flathead High School – Kalispell, Montana
Miscellaneous college courses at Flathead Valley Community College, Kenai Peninsula College, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

Political and Government Positions:

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly : District 1 representative
Oct 2006-Oct 2012; Oct 2015 to present

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly : President
Oct 2010-Oct 2012

Alaska Municipal League : Board of Directors
2010-2011;
2015 to present

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Board of Equalization:

: Member
2010 to present

Special Interests:

Aviation (pilot & certified flight instructor), Diving, Hunting, Golfing

Statement:

During my tenure as a board member with the Alaska Municipal League one of the things I hear frequently is that legislators who have not served at the local level have a disconnect from their communities and don't fully understand the impacts to their communities of the decisions they make or do not make.

I have served at the local level for the last 10 years as an assembly member, as a member of the board of equalization, and as a contractor I am engaged every single day with members of our community. I hear and know their concerns and issues.

As a state legislator, I will know the impacts of the decisions I will make on our communities.

The decisions I make will always be made with the intent of bettering our communities and moving us forward in a positive manner.

I don't gravitate towards special, but rather towards, the best public interest.

I've always been known for fact finding, gathering information and being prepared for the issues. I'll continue to do the same in Juneau.

I believe our budget issues are serious but not dire. I also believe they will be substantially resolved and we will move forward with a balanced budget next legislative session.

I do not support any NEW taxes or tax increases at this time. I do support a change in the Permanent Fund earnings (SB 128) and a continued reduction in state spending, specifically the state operating budget.

I would appreciate your support.



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