

Mary E. “Beth” Wythe—House District 31—Republican

Age:

56

Place of Birth:

Walla Walla, Washington

Spouse’s Name:

John Wythe

Children’s Names:

Katelyn & Kevin Wythe

Occupation:

HEA, 1986 to present; Human Resources (HR) since 1988

Length of Residency in Alaska:

Resident of Homer, Alaska since 1973

Education:

- MPA, University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) – 2015
- BBA/HR with Legal Studies Minor, UAS – 2013
- Accounting certification from Cannon Business College, Oahu, Hawaii-1983
- Homer High School Graduate – 1978

Business and Professional Positions:

Civic Service:

Current:

- Christian Community Church Member
 - Mission Committee Member
- City of Homer Mayor – October 2012-present
 - Public Safety Building Review Committee 2014-present

Past:

- Homer City Council- October 2004-2012
 - Mayor Pro Tempore – 2010-2012
 - Homer Permanent Fund Committee
 - Liaison to Homer EDC
 - Port & Harbor Improvement Committee
 - Water & Sewer Rates Task Force
 - Et al.
- Girl Scouts – Life-time Member/Past Troup Leader
- Kachemak Swim Club Parent Volunteer/Board Member
- USA Swimming – Alaska Board of Directors

Statement:

For almost 12 years I have had the privilege of representing the City of Homer which has prepared me well for the current financial situation facing us at the State level. The

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financial integrity of the City has been a large focus of my attention and actions that I have promoted have resulted in:

- General fund reserve balances compliant with governmental accounting standards;
- Budget reductions;
- Establishment of the Homer Permanent Fund;
- Reinstatement of the Economic Development Commission;
- Reduction of property taxes; and,
- Providing for non-resident facility and system users to contribute to those expenses through sales taxes.

I am accustomed to getting things done with a full-plate. I raised a family while working full-time; Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, sports, music, boards, chaperoning, fundraising. With the children grown, I turned my energies to community representation and continuing my education. Armed with experience and education, I am ready to focus my attention on working for the residents of District 31.

It is long past time for our State representatives to focus on the future of Alaska. Reviewing the budget and working with Alaskans to ensure that services are being provided that are viable and sustainable is the starting point for right-sizing government. Oil and gas are great contributors to our economy, but we have become far too dependent on them. No economy should have only one engine. It's time to focus less on PFD reform and more on government reform. With your support and my commitment we can have a brighter future.

