

Richard W. Best—House District 11—Non-Affiliated

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Age:

47

Place of Birth:

Kenai, Alaska

Spouse's Name:

Vonda Best

Children's Names:

Shania Best, Sienna Best

Occupation:

Semi-retired, Mechanical Field Engineer

Length of Residency in Alaska:

47

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Nikiski 1969-1996, Anchorage 1996-1999, Palmer 1999-present

Education:

Kenai Central High School 1983-1988 – diploma, High Tech Institute 1989-1991- AAS,
Architectural Design

Political and Government Positions:

3 years Palmer Planning and Zoning, 11 years Palmer City Council, 4 years Deputy
Mayor

Business and Professional Positions:

Semi-retired Mechanical Field Engineer with over 30 years of Oil/Gas, Construction and
Mining experience

Service Organization(s) Membership:

Palmer Pioneer Cemetery Board of Directors, Alaska Municipal League Board of Directors, District 11 Republican Party

Special Interests:

Family, Fishing, Camping, Baseball, shooting, classic cars and riding motorcycles

Other:

I am a lifelong Alaskan, raised on the Kenai Peninsula and now raising my family in Palmer. My wife Vonda and I value and appreciate the quality of life we enjoy and share with our two daughters. We are very proud of our community and are committed to working hard to build a positive future for all of us.

Statement:

My candidacy is based on economic development, government efficiency, access to recreation and resource development, quality education, and public safety. Alaska is resource rich. I believe with investment in transportation infrastructure, private industry capitalizes as well as public, private partnerships. Our state needs to lead the charge for long-term investments to diversify our economy.

Government efficiency is critical, I advocate for strong local support and industry relationships to reduce the size of our government. Alaskans need a comprehensive plan and a cost benefit analysis to ensure we are getting our money's worth.

Alaska and its natural bounty also belongs to all Alaskans. Smart management of fish and wildlife, and access to our lands for resource development should be determined by Alaskans. We have the ability to develop these resources in a meaningful and sustainable way through collaboration.

Lastly, education and public safety are essential for our future. Alaskan children and their parents should be able to choose the educational opportunities best for their family. We have a quality system, but we can do better.

Public safety is also essential for a thriving community. I support public safety and believe punishment should be proportionate to the crime and rehabilitation is a viable alternative to incarceration for non-violent crimes. As our economy declines and our communities change, we will need to be diligent in looking at innovative ways to deal with social issues and work closely with our local governments to protect our lives and property.



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