House District 1 Representative

Grant Echohawk, Nonpartisan

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AGE: 49

PLACE OF BIRTH: Fairbanks, AK

OCCUPATION: Business Loan Specialist

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 19 yrs

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Fairbanks - 1975 - 1978, Metlakatla - 1978-1987, Ketchikan - 1987-1988, Metlakatla 2018-2018, Ketchikan - 2018-Current

EDUCATION:
Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Member: 2021 - Current

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Member: 2021 - Current

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Tongass Federal Credit Union: Business Loan Specialist
Ketchikan Tribal Business Corporation - Board Treasurer

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
KRBD Public Radio: Board President 2019-2021, Ketchikan Wellness Coalition: Board Treasurer 2020-2022, Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council: Program Development Committee 2019-2021 & Diversity and Inclusion Committee 2020-2022, Ketchikan Public Library: Library Advisory Board 2023 -Current

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Exploring the Tongass National Forest, traveling throughout Southeast Alaska, and enjoying the arts and music scene in Ketchikan.

OTHER:
I have had the privilege being born and raised in Alaska which has given me a unique perspective on how critical cooperation, collaboration, and community are as a foundation of prosperity for the entire community. I am running to bring those principles to the Alaska House of Representatives.

STATEMENT:
My name is Grant EchoHawk, and I am honored to be running for Alaska's House District 1. I was born in Fairbanks, raised in a fishing family in Metlakatla where I spent many summers on a gillnetter and exploring Annette Island as a child and now make my home in beautiful downtown Ketchikan.

Although I originally had no aspirations of being in the political arena, I was driven to take the experience and knowledge I have acquired and use it to assist the community wherever I can. The arts, education, economic development, and programs that have a direct benefit to the community that I call home are very important to me, and the driving force that led me to serve on various boards and committees that introduced me to the local nonprofit network and other institutions of knowledge and learning, and inspired me to run for, and get elected to, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough assembly.

As I near the end of my term as a Ketchikan Gateway Borough assembly member, my goal is to serve the communities of House District 1 with the same dedication of service over politics, adherence to high ethical standards, and equal representation to every member of our communities. Part of the commitment to House District 1 is to advocate for a permanent increase to the Base Student Allocation, for robust support programs for our most vulnerable, and for strong economic growth by focusing on our small businesses and entrepreneurs.

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