

House District 40 Representative

Saima Chase, Registered Democrat



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AGE: 44

PLACE OF BIRTH: Kotzebue

SPOUSE’S NAME: John Chase

CHILDREN’S NAMES: Clara, Coltrane, Jani, Isadora

OCCUPATION: Tribal Emergency Manager

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 44 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Kotzebue from birth to 2000.
Anchorage from 2000-2005.
Kotzebue from 2005- current

EDUCATION:
Kotzebue Middle High School
University of Alaska Fairbanks - NEMAA Grad

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Current Mayor of City of Kotzebue.
Youth representative for the State of Alaska EMS Council, 1996-2003. State Fetal Demise Team, 2001-

2004. State of Alaska Sexual Assault Response Team, 2000-2005

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Past Fire Chief for the Northwest Arctic Borough, past Search and Rescue advanced coordinator for the Northwest Arctic Borough.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Governor’s Council on Human and Sex Trafficking
Governor’s Safety Council
City of Kotzebue City Council
State of Alaska EMS Council

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Supporting responsible development with due process, including meaningful tribal and village consultation, and ensuring directly impacted residents have the loudest voice. Improving public safety throughout HD 40 — especially in our smallest villages — including fire, search and rescue, and emergency response, not just law enforcement. Honoring and protecting our subsistence way of life.

STATEMENT:
Uvaṇa Ikrik - Saima Chase, and I am asking for your support to represent you in Juneau. As an Iñupiaq woman born and raised in Kotzebue, I understand firsthand the daily realities facing families across the North Slope Borough and Northwest Arctic Borough — the crushing cost of goods, unaffordable fuel, and aging infrastructure that our communities deserve better than.

Real change starts at the local level, and years of working with village governments, tribal organizations, boroughs, and community members across our region — including my work in emergency management and public safety — have given me a deep understanding of how these systems work and where they need support. Those relationships and that trust from constituents is not something you can build overnight, and I will bring that directly to Juneau on behalf of ALL residents of District 40.

Our children deserve better too — school funding shortfalls and how those dollars are being managed are directly impacting students in our classrooms, and that must be addressed.

District 40 deserves a representative who shows up, speaks up, and answers only to the people of this region — not outside interests. I will not take a backseat. I will fight for what our communities need, and I will be accountable to you every step of the way. District 40 deserves a representative who knows this region from the ground up — and I am ready to be that voice.

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