

Position Sought: House District 15 Representative

Name and Political Affiliation: Mia Costello, Registered Republican

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Biographical Information

Place of Birth: Anchorage, Alaska

Occupation: Legislator

Length of Residency in Alaska: Lifelong Alaskan

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Anchorage: 1968-1991, 1999-2003, 2008 to present

Fairbanks: 2006-2008

Juneau: 1991-1999, 2003-2006

Education:

Northern Lights ABC School

Romig Middle School

West Anchorage High School

Harvard University

University of Alaska Southeast Master's in Teaching

Political and Government Positions:

Alaska State Senate; Alaska State House; Vice-chair Pacific

Northwest Economic Region; Governor's Office deputy

director of communications; legislative aide Alaska State

House; Legislative Director, MOA

Business and Professional Positions:

Classroom teacher, Service High and Juneau-Douglas High

School; Teacher, Nine Star High School Completion Program;

Public relations executive, Bradley/Reid Communications.

Service Organizations Membership:

Alaska Outdoor Council; National Rifle Association; Alaska

Airmen's Association; National Federation of Independent

Businesses, Girl Scouts of America Lifetime Member

Special Interests:

Family, youth literacy, flying, swimming, weightlifting, water polo

Other (Additional Information):

Alaska High School Athletics Hall of Fame; Co-Nect Schools

Excellence in Education finalist; NCAA Division I All-American; Member, U.S.

National Swimming Team; Alaska's first Olympic Trials Qualifier in swimming.

2013 Associated Builders and Contractors Legislator of the Year, 2014 NFIB

Guardian of Small Business.

Position Statement

I'm a lifelong Alaskan and am running to put my experience to work for you. I want to help make living in Anchorage affordable and provide opportunities for a better future.

My priorities are:

- **Energy security** for our businesses and families
- **Safe neighborhoods**
- Developing **Alaska's economy**
- **Parental rights** in education
- Making Alaska the most attractive place to live, work, and **raise a family**

Energy security

Affordable energy to heat our homes and keep our lights on is at risk with an impending natural gas crisis. I will use my experience to help through solutions that will keep our energy affordable for families and businesses.

Public Safety

If our neighborhoods aren't safe, nothing else matters. That's why **I led the effort to toughen sentences, ended pretrial "catch and release", and restored judges' discretion** to keep dangerous criminals in jail.

Economic Development

I fought an income tax to keep Alaska's economy working and **I introduced groundbreaking legislation to help businesses grow and ensure good jobs exist.**

My legislation:

- **put Alaska in the top five states for innovation;**
- **brought Uber and Lyft to Alaska,** creating hundreds of new jobs;
- **enabled equity crowdfunding in Alaska,** giving our small businesses new sources of funding.

Fiscal Conservative

Our state spending is unsustainable. I believe in a strong private sector and in smaller, smarter government.

As **your voice in Juneau – I'll always listen to you.** Please call me at (907) 227-5276.

I would be honored to have **your vote on November 3rd.**

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