

Position Sought: Governor

Name and Political Affiliation: Meda DeWitt, Nonpartisan

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Biographical Information

Age: 46

Place of Birth: Klawock Alaska

Spouse's Name: James Paoli

Length of Residency in Alaska: Lifelong

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Klawock, Sand Point, Wasilla, Anchorage

Education:

A graduate of East High and the King Career Center '97, I am a 750-hour massage therapy certification holder, and I hold associate degrees from the University of Alaska in Science, Human Services, and Alaska Native Studies, a Bachelor's Summa Cum Laude, and a Master's from Alaska Pacific University.

Business and Professional Positions:

President and Board Chair of Yak-Tat Kwáan, Inc., founder of Haa Jooní, LLC, adjunct faculty at UAA and APU, ICWA cultural expert, and formerly a statewide manager in conservation.

Service Organizations Membership:

Co-founder Alaskans Take a Stand and Stand Up Alaska and serve on the boards of AKv3 and Glacier Preservation Institute.

Other (Biographical Information):

I love this state, and I know how to lead it. As a Native Corporation president, I drove a multimillion-dollar turnaround, stewarded 23,000 acres into sustainable growth, built coalitions across Tribes, science, and government, and kept my focus on what Alaskans pay for: energy, food, healthcare, and jobs.

Position Statement

Alaska is the best place in the world. We hold abundant lands, waters, and wildlife, and one of the strongest constitutions of any state, one that protects privacy and freedom, requires sustained yield, and manages our wealth "for the maximum benefit of its people." We have every opportunity we need to thrive.

Almost a decade of divisive politics and poor management have held us back, pitting Alaskans against Alaskans and leaving families paying more for less. I am running for Governor as an Independent because we are stronger together. As a coalition builder, I will bring Alaskans to the table to lower costs, restore stability, and catalyze growth:

Lower energy and heating bills by unifying the Railbelt grid, developing affordable renewable power, and easing the Cook Inlet gas crunch.

Stabilize our budget and protect our Permanent Fund Dividend by closing oil and gas tax loopholes and setting a sustainable spending cap.

Strengthen schools: stable funding, free nutritious meals, expanded support, and after-school activities.

Recruit and retain workforce by restoring a defined-benefit pension that keeps teachers, troopers, and nurses here.

Health and safety: expand health care, prioritize data transparency, end catch-and-release policies, and invest in rehabilitation.

Strengthen food security by protecting our fisheries, subsistence, and investing in agriculture and food hubs.

Climate adaptation for communities facing erosion, flooding, and rising costs.

This is our home, from the Arctic to Southeast, urban and rural, and our future belongs to all of us. Together, let us build the Alaska we know is possible.

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