

House District 17 Representative

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OCCUPATION: Union organizer, legislator

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 14 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage, 2012-present

EDUCATION:
Bachelor’s degree in economics

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Legislator representing Downtown Anchorage and surrounding neighborhoods, 2019-present

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Outdoors writer, Anchorage Press, 2013-2022
Organizer, Laborers Local 341, 2018-present

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Alaska Performing Arts Center, Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Singletrack Advocates, Alaska Trails

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Backcountry skiing, whitewater paddling, wilderness exploration, Haida mythology

STATEMENT:
It has been a privilege to serve in the leadership of the Alaska House of Representatives. We are the only state in America with bipartisan governing majorities, and sustaining bipartisan coalitions is critical to ensuring we can address the most pressing policy issues facing our state.

We need structural reform so school districts have stable, predictable funding that keeps pace with inflation. Providing erratic state funding after districts have already made their budgets is destructive, unacceptable, and the primary driver of outmigration.

Strong bipartisan coalitions are also necessary to tackle affordable energy costs and the dire need to modernize retirement for teachers, police, firefighters, and other public servants.

These are the most important bills and appropriations I’ve introduced over the last eight years:

- Protect the Pioneer Homes
- Protect electrical and plumbing apprenticeship programs in state law
- Restore BSA school funding and ban cell phones in schools
- State funding and school bonds to rebuild Inlet View Elementary,
- State funding to re-open the Downtown Library (in progress now)
- State funding for multiple segments of the Alaska Long Trail
- Fundraising to build a kids’ bike pump track at Valley of the Moon Park
- State funding a new roof for AWAIC
- Connect the Ship Creek and Fish Creek trails with the Coastal Trail (Ship Creek connection under construction this summer, Fish Creek expected by 2028)

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