

House District 40 Representative

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AGE: 35

PLACE OF BIRTH: Utqiagvik

SPOUSE’S NAME: Fritz Frier

CHILDREN’S NAMES: Dontae, Rowan, Maevyn,
Jeffrey, Arlene

OCCUPATION: State Legislator

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 35 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Sitka (2.5 years), Utqiagvik, Juneau (as needed as legislator)

EDUCATION:
Mt. Edgecumbe High School

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Representative, State House of Representatives, District 40
North Slope Borough School District Board of Education
President

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Assistant Director of Human Resources, Arctic Slope Native Association
Executive Director of Human Resources, Ilisaġvik College
Director of Human Resources, North Slope Borough School district

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Voice of the Arctic Inupiaġ
Ilisaġvik College Board of Trustees,
Nunaaqiuraat Tumitchianjit - Footprints of our Community
Alaska Association of School Boards

OTHER:

Uvaġa Niayuq, taniksifiga Robyn Frier, Utqiagvigmiuguruna, Aakaġa Fannie Kuutuug Akpik, asii Aapaġa Joseph Kinjtaġ Akpik. Aqpikkuyaaglu Pikutquayaaglu.

I am from Utqiagvik. My grandmother was Fannie Kuutuug Akpik, and my grandfather was Joseph Akpik. I come from the Akpik and Piquk families.

STATEMENT:

Representing the North Slope and Northwest Arctic has given me the opportunity to turn our district’s priorities into action. I’ve worked on issues that are central to Alaska’s economy including responsible resource development, education funding, and protecting essential jobs and industries.

I was raised by an educator, and it was her dedication to shepherding our language and culture to the next generation that inspired my passion for public service. I know the importance of education in bringing our communities together and setting the direction of our future. Ensuring students and educators have the resources they need to succeed will always be one of my top priorities.

Our people use subsistence hunting to sustain ourselves physically, and to connect with the traditions of our ancestors. Sustaining that lifestyle means investing in the people that carry it forward. I will continue working to ensure our communities have access to the financial resources to rebuild community buildings and construct much-needed infrastructure.

I support the responsible development of our resources. Our district provides wealth for all of Alaska, and our people have proven to be responsible stewards of these resources. We must support resource development that increases community revenues. Our schools, roads, and public systems rely on it.

The North Slope and Northwest Arctic need serious investment to address the threat of erosion, high energy costs, and lacking public safety presence. I will continue advocating on these crucial issues and make sure the state serves all Alaskans, including those in our most remote communities.

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