

Position Sought: House District 39 Representative

Name and Political Affiliation: Neal W. Foster “Quannaq”, Registered Democrat

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Biographical Information

Age: 54

Place of Birth: Nome, AK

Occupation: State Legislator

Length of Residency in Alaska: 54 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:
Nome 1972 – 1994 and 1997 – Current
Anchorage 1994 – 1997

Education:
Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, University of Alaska Anchorage
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Stanford University
Legal & Political Philosophy, Study Abroad at Oxford University
Nome-Beltz High School, Valedictorian

Political and Government Positions:
Alaska State Representative 2009 – Current
Nome City Council 2008 – 2009
Alaska Workforce Investment Board 2003 – 2009

Business and Professional Positions:
Vice-President of Operations, Sitnasuak Native Corporation (President of Bonanza Fuel and Banner Wind) 1998-2009
Economic Development Specialist, Kawerak 1997-1998
Director, Sitnasuak Native Corporation 2003-2018
Director, Bering Straits Native Corporation 2006-2018
Director, Siu Alaska Corporation 2008-2017

Service Organizations Membership:
Tribal Member, Nome Eskimo Community
Pioneers of Alaska 2007-Current
Director, RuralCap 2010-2012

Special Interests:
Flying, camping, hiking, and picking berries with my aunt Iris.

Position Statement

As the #1 ranking legislator in the 40 member House of Representatives next year, I will be well positioned to fight back against urban districts that constantly try to steal our funding. There are only 4 rural districts, and the only way to overcome 36 urban votes is to occupy influential positions. As the co-chair of the powerful finance committee, I have a proven record of sticking up for rural Alaska.

I've stopped attempts to destroy rural Alaska's electric assistance program. If this were dismantled, then every rural household would pay upwards of \$3,500 more per year for electricity.

In the finance committee, I got the full \$3,800 PFD into the House budget. The Senate put a \$1,000 PFD into their budget, and it ended up at \$1,200. Despite this, I will keep fighting. My position on finance puts us in the best position for future success (like in 2022 when I secured the largest ever PFD totaling \$3,284).

In a major win, I secured funding to start the Alaska Heating Assistance Program. This could get many rural families over \$4,000 and is paid out like the PFD. I fully funded the senior benefits program to pay our elders \$3,000. And I am fighting to get subsistence seats on the Board of Fish so families can put food on the table while living a traditional lifestyle. It has been an honor serving you, and I would appreciate your vote to continue fighting for affordability in rural Alaska.