

Senate District E Senator

Cathy Giessel, Registered Republican



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PLACE OF BIRTH: Fairbanks, Alaska

SPOUSE’S NAME: Richard

CHILDREN’S NAMES: Peter, Beth, David
(plus 7 grandchildren)

OCCUPATION: Advanced Nurse Practitioner,
Registered Nurse

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: lifetime

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Fairbanks
Anchorage since 1974

EDUCATION:
Lathrop High School
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor - BSN
University of Alaska, Anchorage - MSN

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Alaska Republican Party positions prior to 2010
Alaska Board of Nursing 2003-2010
State Senate 2011-2020, 2022-present

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Numerous nursing positions: clinics in Anchorage, rural Alaska.
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, 2000-present; recognition-
Fellow 2006 National Council of State Boards of Nursing - board
member 2009-10, Exceptional Leader award 2010

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Alaska Behavioral Health - board of directors; Alaska Miners
Association;
Christian Health Associates, volunteer; public school-based clinics;
Alaska Health Fairs, volunteer; Alaska Nurses Association, member;
Alaska Nurse Practitioner Association, member; Support Industry
Alliance member; Commonwealth North, member;
Common Ground, member; Resource Development Council, member

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family, dog, hiking, fiber arts, reading

STATEMENT:

Here are elements of my North Star: Alaskans’ interests first;
Character matters; Balance principle & collaboration.

I always put Alaskans’ best interest first in making decisions.
I’m a lifelong Alaskan, and all parts of our state are important to me.

Character means integrity, courage, and hard work. This describes
my public service in the Senate. You can continue to expect this.

Principles & collaboration are required for meaningful public policy.
Principles define my positions on issues.
Collaboration means listening to other Alaskans’ views and trying
to find middle ground.
I don’t trade my vote for a favor from someone else.

What does this mean in practice?
Resource development prioritizing benefit to Alaskans over out-of-
state corporations. We need outside businesses, but “Alaska Hire”
matters. Our resources provide paychecks for Alaskans and revenue
for government services.

Education: All Alaska kids deserve an excellent education, smaller
class sizes, extracurricular programs, and great teachers. We need
not just K-12, but also early education and technical, university.

Budget: A balanced budget is required. That means hard decisions,
prioritizing what provides greatest benefit to the people of Alaska.
We must hold government agencies accountable to getting their
work done well. I support return to a very limited pension retirement
for public employees. Strong government function supports private
sector businesses.

You are central. Communication matters. I send a weekly email
newsletter, hold community meetings and respond to email.

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue serving you.
With gratitude, Your State Senator, Cathy Giessel

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