

# House District 20 Representative

Andrew T. Gray, Registered Democrat



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**AGE:** 51

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Pasadena, TX

**SPOUSE’S NAME:** Joseph Reto

**CHILDREN’S NAMES:** Waylon

**OCCUPATION:** Physician Associate

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 10 Years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Anchorage 1998-1999  
Anchorage 2017-2026

**EDUCATION:**  
BA in English, UT Austin  
MS in Physician Assistant Studies, Baylor College of Medicine

**MILITARY SERVICE:**  
Alaska Army National Guard (2014–2023)

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Co-Chair of the House Joint Armed Services Committee  
Chair of House Judiciary Committee  
House Military & Veterans’ Affairs Committee - Member  
House Health & Social Services Committee - Member

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Physician Associate, Alaska Urgent Care

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**  
Alaska Academy of Physician Associates, 2017- present  
American Academy of Physician Associates, 2010 - present

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Yoga Teacher, Alaska Club, 2017-2021  
Anchorage Opera Chorus, 2017-2022  
Alaska Chamber Singers, 2022 - present

**OTHER:**  
Prior to becoming a physician associate, Andrew traveled the world as an English teacher, yoga instructor, and classical singer. He co-founded Anchorage Action, a non-partisan grassroots organization that opposes corruption in local government. He hosts the East Anchorage Book Club podcast that focuses on Alaska politics.

**STATEMENT:**  
Over the last two years, I focused on practical results: safety for our children, stronger families, more housing, and a healthier workforce.  
This year I passed legislation to protect children in state custody by requiring prompt judicial review when foster youth are placed in psychiatric facilities so children are not hospitalized longer than necessary. The age-of-consent reform I sponsored as HB 101 passed as part of a larger crime package, raising the age from 16 to 18 while preserving close-in-age protections for peers. We passed HB 110, allowing Alaska to join social-worker licensure compacts and bring more qualified professionals into mental health, schools, public assistance, and child-protection work. Housing remains one of Anchorage’s biggest challenges, I passed a bill that gives municipalities optional tools to respond locally: converting short-term rentals to long-term housing, supporting mobile home park renovation, helping low-income renters, owner-occupied homes, and first-time homebuyers. I will keep fighting for affordable housing, safer neighborhoods, and safer streets.  
I have also helped pass practical reforms: valid photo IDs for people leaving prison so they can find housing and employment, and clear alcohol cancer warnings at points-of-sale so Alaskans have honest health information. I will continue fighting for strong public schools, a defined benefit retirement system for public workers, responsible energy development, renewable power, and good local jobs. I am running again because East Anchorage deserves leadership that has a record of protecting children, lowering costs, and making Alaska more livable for everyone.

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