

Position Sought: Governor

Name and Political Affiliation: Matt A. Heilala, Registered Republican

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Biographical Information

Age: 56

Place of Birth: Anchorage, AK

Spouse's Name: Stacey Heilala

Children's Names: Lauren, Ryan

Occupation: Doctor of Podiatric Medicine and Surgeon

Length of Residency in Alaska: 56

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Kenai Peninsula (1969-1988); Anchorage (1988-2026)

Education:

Graduated from Soldotna High School. Earned BS in Biology. Earned Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine. Earned MBA from ASU. Residency via NVPRP at Georgetown University and Fairfax Hospital.

Political and Government Positions:

Alaska State Medical Board (2021-2025)

Business and Professional Positions:

Commercial fisherman in Cook Inlet at age nine. By 18, Matt was skipper of own boat in Bristol Bay. He practiced podiatric surgery for 30 years. Matt built businesses in fisheries, medicine, real estate, and private equity, employing hundreds of Alaskans.

Other (Biographical Information):

Matt married his high school sweetheart Stacey. They have two children and four grandchildren, all living in Alaska.

Running mate Jesse Sumner is a former legislator and home builder in Mat-Su. He holds a degree in Physics from UC Santa Barbara.

This team is running to build Alaska for the next generation.

Position Statement

Alaska's economy ranks near the country's bottom. Other candidates running to fix it have either run a government department or presided as elected officials furthering the status quo.

There's a difference between managing a bureaucracy and building something real.

As someone who has worked in Alaska's waters and created private-sector jobs, I know what government can and cannot do. Government doesn't build things or create jobs; the private sector does.

As Governor, permitting reform is Job #1. Every agency will be asked "How do we make this happen?" not "Why can't we?" I will advance responsible resource development in oil, gas, mining and timber, secure the Alaska gas line, and send a clear message: Alaska is open for business.

I will fix Alaska's finances without new taxes, audit every agency, and protect the Permanent Fund for future generations.

On education, 78% of Alaska's fourth graders are not reading at grade level. This is unacceptable. I will demand measurable results and parental choice. Our kids are worth it.

As a lifelong fisherman, I know what Alaska's fisheries mean. They feed families and sustain coastal communities. From the Yukon River to Southeast, fisheries aren't just an industry. They're a way of life.

I came to this race to build, not to preserve what isn't working. Alaska should be the best place in America to live and raise a family.

If you don't have an economy, you don't have a community.

I'm Matt Heilala. Together we will build an Alaska for the next generation.

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