

Governor

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AGE: 37

PLACE OF BIRTH: Sitka, AK

OCCUPATION: Former state representative,
business owner

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 37 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Sitka (1989-2024), Anchorage (2025-present)

EDUCATION:
Sitka High School, Yale College (left without degree)

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Alaska State Representative, 2013-2023

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Eagle Scout

OTHER:
My name is Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins - but most people call me JKT. I'm from Sitka.

When I was 23, Southeast Alaska's longtime representative voted to give oil companies a massive tax break while our schools and roads crumbled. I dropped out of college, knocked on almost every door across Southeast, and beat that incumbent by 32 votes.

I represented a rural, Trump-voting district for ten years. I earned the support of independents and Republicans by working across the aisle to support our public schools, provide affordable healthcare, protect our fisheries, and lower everyday costs so Alaskans can afford to live in the state we love.

STATEMENT:
Alaska needs change. Prices are rising, schools are closing, and our friends and neighbors - young, old, and in between - don't see a future for themselves here. As governor, I'll work across party lines to get our state back on track.

My top priorities are supporting our schools, protecting our fisheries, and lowering everyday costs.

On education: the current governor has defunded our schools for nearly a decade. Our kids are paying the price, with school closures, massive class sizes, canceled sports and music, and some of our best teachers leaving for the Lower 48. We need to fully fund - and forward-fund - public schools, which are the heart of all of our communities. Also, let's get cell phones out of classrooms.

On fisheries: Alaska needs a "fish first" governor. That means reducing bycatch, making sure Alaskans (and not Lower 48 trawl interests) are calling the shots for our fisheries, and defending salmon habitat by stopping the Pebble Mine.

On lowering costs: let's protect Medicaid expansion and expand telehealth so Alaskans can get high-quality care no matter where we live. Let's cut red tape that gets in the way of building more homes. Let's lower electric bills by making utilities cooperate and building cheap and clean renewable energy. And while we're at it, let's make childcare affordable for working parents by reforming burdensome regulations that make it so difficult to start new childcare businesses and nonprofits.

A better Alaska is worth fighting for. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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