

House District 21 Representative

Donna Mears, Registered Democrat



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SPOUSE'S NAME: Michael

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Noah, Nathan

OCCUPATION: Civil and Environmental Engineer

EDUCATION:
American Embassy School - New Delhi, India
Hillsborough High School – New Jersey
Rutgers University - Bioenvironmental Engineering
University of Michigan - Master of Urban Planning

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Co-chair – House Energy Committee, House Community & Regional Affairs Committee, Anchorage Delegation, Food & Farm Caucus
House Committees - Resources, Health & Social Services
Executive Board – Northeast Community Council
Chair – Anchorage Health and Human Services Commission
Chair - On-Site Water and Wastewater Technical Review Board

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Central Environmental, Inc. - A Bering Straits Native Corporation, MOA Solid Waste Services, Garness Engineering Group, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage Health Department

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Solid Waste Association of North America, Alaska Chapter – Vice President and Instructor
Winterberry Parent Guild
Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School - XC Run & XC Ski Booster Clubs

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Harvesting local foods from Alaska's rivers, mountains, and my backyard
Cheering my kids at races
Fiber arts

STATEMENT:
It's been my privilege to serve as your representative in the Alaska State Legislature.
I'm fighting for a better Alaskan future. One where it's easier to build a family, make a living, be safe, and afford to live.

That means restoring sufficient public education funding for all our kids, no matter what kind of school they attend—my own kids attended a mix of charter schools, homeschool, and our local high school.

That means investing in our state government so it can facilitate economic development instead of standing in the way. In my career as an engineer, I've seen up close how underfunded state agencies hold up permits and licenses with outdated and inefficient processes, and I'm grateful to be in a position to help make things work better.

That means every Alaskan should be able to count on help arriving when they call for it, which is why I'll keep working to support our first responders and invest in the crime prevention that keeps our neighborhoods safe.

That means keeping Alaska affordable. I've used my engineering background to help lower energy costs, co-chaired the Food and Farm Caucus to make local food more available and affordable, and fought to restore the revenue sharing with Anchorage that the governor's vetoes took away, because building a family in Alaska shouldn't be as hard as it's become.

I live, work, and am raising my kids in East Anchorage, and I'm here to make Alaska better for my family and yours.

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