

Position Sought: House District 36 Representative

Name and Political Affiliation: Rebecca A. Schwanke, Registered Republican

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Biographical Information

Age: 50

Place of Birth: Fairbanks, AK

Spouse's Name: Corey Schwanke

Child's Name: Caden Schwanke

Occupation: Legislator, Small Business Owner, Consultant

Length of Residency in Alaska: 50yrs

Alaskan Communities Lived in:
Fairbanks (1976-1978; 1994-2001 attended UAF), Tok (1978-1991), Juneau (1991-1994), Anchorage (2001), Tazlina (2002-present)

Education:
Tok School/Juneau Douglas High School (1994), UAF BS Natural Resources (1998), UAF MS Wildlife Biology (2001)

Political and Government Positions:
Legislator House District 36 (2024-2026)
Copper River School District - Board Member (2018-2024)

Business and Professional Positions:
Business Owner (Talarik LLC), Professional Wildlife and Policy Consultant, Licensed Assistant Big Game Guide, Former State Wildlife Biologist (ADF&G)

Service Organizations Membership:
Alaska Trappers Association, National Rifle Association, Alaska Wild Sheep Foundation, Copper Basin Shooting Club (board), The Wildlife Society, Alaska Outdoor Council, Safari Club International-Alaska, Sportsmen's Alliance, ADF&G Hunter Education Instructor

Special Interests:
Family, hunting, fishing, trapping, youth hockey

Other (Biographical Information):
I am a born-and-raised rural Alaskan. Having lived in District 36 most of my life between Tok and the Copper River Basin, I believe in self-sufficiency through hunting, fishing, and agriculture. I want to maximize our economic potential without destroying the natural resources we rely on.

Position Statement

FOOD SECURITY

Utilizing, enhancing, and encouraging Alaska-grown resources whether wildlife, fish, or agricultural will strengthen Alaska's future. I will work to improve Alaska's wild food abundance, our ability to process and distribute what we produce, and work to fortify the supply-chain for foods we must import.

FISCAL POLICY REFORM

It is time to cap spending and increase private investment in Alaska. State spending must be prioritized to maximize our return in terms of capital, resource conservation, and responsible industrial development. A significant portion of our statutory PFD is being spent for services for some, at the expense of all our children and elders. It is time for accountability.

FAMILY RIGHTS

Family rights in education and cultural development are essential. Every child deserves a safe, healthy, and caring home. I will work hard to ensure Alaska is a safe place for children and families.

AFFORDABLE ENERGY

Sustainable and responsible energy development projects are critical to providing affordable energy to our rural communities for years to come. I will work to establish new energy infrastructure as well as increase transmission potential. The more we can connect Alaska's communities, the more we maximize safety, affordability, and resilience.

QUALITY EDUCATION

We need creative and engaging educational opportunities so that our students will choose excellence and strive to exceed national standards. Rural Alaska has some incredibly resourceful and talented young people. It is time to take a step forward in education, providing all students quality educational opportunities and career-path immersion.

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