

House District 5 Representative

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AGE: 57

PLACE OF BIRTH: Bellingham, WA

SPOUSE'S NAME: Brett Simpler

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Krista Simpler, Tosha Simpler

OCCUPATION: Retired public school teacher

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 36 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Kodiak, AK (1996 - Present)
Cordova, AK (Summers 1981-1993)
Fairbanks, AK (1989-1992, 1995-1996)

EDUCATION:
Oak Harbor High School, 1987; Central Washington University, 1987-1988; Skagit Valley Community College, 1989; University of Alaska-Fairbanks, 1989-1992, Bachelor of Ed.; Kodiak Community College, 1996-present, continuing education credits; Cambridge College, 2000- 2001, Master of Education; University

of Alaska-Anchorage, 2026, Graduate Certificate in Leadership

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Director, NEA-Alaska, 2022-present; Teacher, Arlington, WA, 1994-1995; Teacher, Kodiak, AK, 1996-2026

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Lifetime Girl Scout; Isle Bells, Member; Kodiak Arts Council; Member, Kodiak History Museum; Member, Alutiiq Museum, Member

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Boating, Fishing, Playing music, Creative arts, Reading, Hiking, Beach walks

OTHER:
I'm a 5th generation Alaskan, living and working in the district. My Mom's side of the family is from Cordova, and my husband's family goes back 70 years in Kodiak. I would be honored to represent our district and work with leaders across Alaska to move us forward.

STATEMENT:
Growing up in a commercial fishing family in Cordova and spending three decades teaching in Kodiak has given me a deep appreciation for the people who live here. This is a true working-class district, made up of people that I've spent my career working alongside. I care deeply about our community, and I am running because I believe our district deserves steady, practical representation from someone who understands the lives of the people who live here.

My top priorities are achieving a sustainable and balanced fiscal solution for Alaska, strengthening public education, ensuring consistent and reliable Alaska Marine Highway service to coastal communities, addressing food insecurity, and supporting strong fisheries management during the current seafood industry crisis.

As an educator, I know how important it is to invest in students, support educators, and make sure every child has access to a quality education. I will also fight for the basic infrastructure our communities depend on, including stronger ports and harbors, reliable ferries, safe roads, water and sewer improvements, affordable housing development and reliable energy.

I believe in listening first, working hard, and bringing people together to solve problems. In the legislature, I will work across the aisle, stay focused on the needs of this district, and advocate for our communities in a way that delivers real results for working families and Alaska's coastal communities.

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