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**OCCUPATION:** Environmental Specialist

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 34 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Anchorage, Alaska 1989 to Present

**EDUCATION:**  
University of Alaska, Anchorage, BS Natural Science  
Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, BA Government  
Tabor Academy, Marion Massachusetts, High School

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Waste Working Group, American Petroleum Institute, 2019- 2026  
Huffman O’Malley Community Council, 2017- 2026, Past Board  
Chair and various positions

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**  
Federation of Community Councils, Anchorage 2021-2024

**OTHER:**  
My name is Gretchen Stoddard, and I am proud to call South Anchorage home. My husband and I have raised our family here, and like so many Alaskans, we want our children and grandchildren to inherit a state filled with opportunity, safe neighborhoods, and a strong economy. I believe in honest government, fiscal responsibility, and protecting the opportunities that make Alaska unique. Together, we can build a future where our economy grows, our schools prepare students for success, and government remains accountable to the people. I would be honored to earn your vote and your trust.

**STATEMENT:**  
Alaska’s future depends on a healthy private-sector economy. Our state is blessed with wonderful people and abundant natural resources. We should responsibly develop our oil, natural gas, mining, timber, fisheries, and other industries while maintaining the high environmental standards that Alaskans expect. Responsible resource development creates family-wage jobs, strengthens local businesses, and provides the revenue necessary to fund essential public services without placing unnecessary burdens on taxpayers.

Government also has a responsibility to spend taxpayer dollars wisely. Every tax dollar should be treated with respect, programs should be regularly evaluated for effectiveness, and unnecessary bureaucracy should be reduced. Government exists to serve the people, not the other way around.

Education is one of the most important investments we make, and it is critically important. Simply spending more money is not enough. Parents deserve transparency, teachers deserve support, and students deserve schools that prepare them for college, skilled trades, military service, or the workforce. Success should be measured by outcomes, accountability, and student achievement.

I believe Alaska works best when government partners with the private sector instead of standing in its way. We should encourage innovation, support entrepreneurs, improve infrastructure, and create an environment where businesses can grow and families can thrive.

My approach is simple: common-sense leadership, responsible development, fiscal discipline, and accountable government. I will work to protect Alaska’s economy, strengthen our communities, and ensure state government delivers results efficiently and effectively. Together, we can build a stronger Alaska that preserves our values, expands opportunity, and leaves the next generation with an even brighter future.

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