

House District 8 Representative

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OCCUPATION: Certified Public Accountant
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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 15 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Ketchikan, 2011-2012
Sterling, 2012-2019
Kenai, 2019-2021
Soldotna, 2021-current

EDUCATION:

University of Vermont, Bachelor in Economics
Southern New Hampshire University, Master of Science
in Accounting

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

State of Alaska, AMHS, Oiler and Deckhand, 2011-2015
CPA Since 2020
Self-employed owner and CPA at Savage Accounting
Inc, 2021-current

OTHER:

After a decade-long career at sea, I came ashore to start a family in Sterling. I earned my CPA credential and opened my own firm where I provide local and remote accounting and tax compliance services to businesses and individuals. I have a vision for the Kenai Peninsula and Alaska where we overcome our statewide budget insecurity and start to truly thrive.

STATEMENT:

Our schools have seen chronic under-funding and flat lined Base Student Allocation formulas that have caused an education crisis on the Kenai Peninsula. It is time for permanent formula reform that embeds permanent changes directly into state law. We need to prevent the State pushing the burden of school funding onto the Borough and, ultimately, property taxpayers.

Funding our schools doesn't require raising taxes on Kenai Peninsula families; rather, it requires the State to develop multiple diverse revenue streams. Alaska's recent budget debates posed a direct choice between subsidizing out-of-state corporate profits or funding local communities. Alaska cannot just slash our budget in order to achieve prosperity. Instead, we need to stabilize revenue.

We know that Cook Inlet gas has nearly run out, and we are facing ever-rising costs to heat our homes. Add that to the housing shortage, reduced access to affordable healthcare, higher grocery costs, and higher cost of getting all goods to the Kenai Peninsula, and our families are being stretched too thin on our stagnant wages. School closures are forcing parents into homeschooling arrangements and leaving fewer hours in the day for work. It is time for a systemic solution for Alaskans that lets us afford to live and thrive in the State we all choose to call home. We love it here, and we deserve a state government that fights to reduce and remove the rising costs of basics like groceries, healthcare, and housing.

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