



2018 Official Candidate Statement
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Candidate: Mayor
Beth Weldon



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Age: 53

Occupation: Business Owner

Spouse's Name: Greg Weldon

Children's Name(s): Cody and Tyler

Place of Birth: Juneau, AK

Length of Residency in Juneau: 53 years

Education: BS in Fisheries, University of Washington

Political and Government Positions: Former Assembly member, Aquatics Board Member, JDHS Site Council

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Business and Professional Positions: Owner/operator F/V Seven C's 1986-1992
Retired Division Chief, Capital City Fire/Rescue 1992-2012
Business Owner, Glacier Auto Parts 2012 - present

Service Organization Memberships: Juneau Glacier Valley Rotary Immediate Past President, Volunteer for JDHS Hockey, Glacier Swim Club, and JDHS Track and Field

Special Interests: Reading, Hiking, walking with my dog Chloe

Other: Other background includes CBJ Supervisory Academy, Aurora Fire Officer Development Program, National Fire Academy Leadership II, Former Instructor in EMS, Fire Service, Marine Ship Board Firefighting, Aircraft Rescue Firefighting, and Emergency Medical Dispatch

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less.]:*

I am a lifelong Juneau resident and fourth generation Douglasite. I graduated from JDHS and University of Washington. I captained the gillnetter F/V Seven C's. I currently own a small business with my husband. We celebrated our 22nd anniversary this summer and have two very active sons.

I started with Capital City Fire/Rescue as a volunteer in Douglas and became part of the paid staff in 1992. I was the first female officer in the department and retired as a Division Chief. During my career, I received seven awards for service.

I have enjoyed serving my community as an CBJ Assembly member (2016 -2018), Glacier Valley Rotary Immediate Past President, and volunteer for JDHS Hockey, Glacier Swim Club, JDHS Track and Field, CBJ Aquatics Board, JDHS Site Council, Juneau Ski Club Board, and JDHS Wrestling.

My Assembly committees were: Public Works, Lands, Human Resources, Finance, and the Mining Subcommittee.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less.]:*

As a small business owner, the economic health of Juneau is very important to me. So is the quality of our schools educating our youth. These are two of the reasons that prompted me to run for, and win, a seat two years ago on the Juneau Assembly. This experience provided me the opportunity to see first-hand the challenges and rewards of supporting a balanced budget, investing in our infrastructure, funding education, finding solutions to housing demands, and promoting job growth.

With the issue of public safety being a prominent concern, I am proud of having voted to increase JPD staffing and fighting to add six 24/7 firefighter positions to address increased calls. I also advocated for a new attorney to prosecute misdemeanor crimes and collect unpaid sales taxes.

When the Mayoral seat on the Assembly came open, I, as a seated Assembly person, felt I should, and could, step up. Being an Assembly Member provided great insight to CBJ workings, and I strongly believe I would be an excellent Mayor. I am open-minded, do my research, ask hard questions, listen to community input, and have the time and energy to devote to the job. Charter rules required I resign from my District 2 seat when I filed for the Mayoral seat. That was unfortunate as I had to miss some important Assembly votes due to the timing, but the work I did up to that point, shows my intense interest and desire to make Juneau a great capital city.