




2018 Official Candidate Statement
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Candidate: District #2 Assembly
Don Habeger



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Age: 62

Occupation: Small business owner/contract consultant – Juneau Reentry Coalition. Entrepreneur – Appanage, LLC.

Spouse’s Name: Carol Habeger

Place of Birth: Minnesota

Length of Residency in Juneau: 39 years

Education: BA Behavioral Science

Political and Government Positions: Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Administration;

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Director, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing; Legislative Aide.

Business and Professional Positions: Business Owner; Regional Vice President, Government and Community Relations, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd; Port Manager, Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska, carpenter, car salesman, State employee, and teacher in a private school setting.

Service Organization Memberships: Present & Past: Juneau Chamber of Commerce, Mayor's Task Force on Public Safety, CBJ Ad Hoc Utility Advisory Board, Alaska Travel Industry Association Board, Alaska Chamber of Commerce Board, AK Hazardous Substance Spill Technology Review Council, Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority, Love INC Board, and Capital City Republicans.

Special Interests: Entrepreneurship – product development – olfactory and gustatory chemoreception.

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

In 1978 my wife and I came to Juneau as summer interns for the Alaska Youth Village. A year later we returned to Juneau. We have been here thirty-nine years.

Our two sons were born and raised in this community. Our boys have not been under our roof for quite some time now, but Juneau is clearly home and we intend to stay. Having grandchildren living in Juneau might have a lot to do with that.

My vocational life spans fifty years. I started when I was twelve as a newspaper boy: six days a week, up at 4:30 am to run the route, for four years. I learned a lot about working with others and being responsible. This beginning was parlayed into leadership roles for the private, public, and now the nonprofit sectors. A well-suited leadership skill set for an Assemblymember.

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

I am running for the Assembly District 2 seat because I care about the welfare and success of my family, our friends, and our neighbors (including those I haven't yet met), i.e. our community.

Being involved in the legislative process in five US states and the nation of Canada as a VP of Government & Community Relations and as an Alaska division director and deputy commissioner, I have the experience and the leadership aptitude to be an effective community representative.

My priorities will be fiscal stability, economic development and job growth, and retainment and strengthening essential public services. Today's and future CBJ issues will be assessed and decisions rendered based on this issue paradigm.

Fiscal stability is a balanced budget: revenue and expenses are at equilibrium. Ensuring that essential services are funded to the maximum extent possible, that deferred maintenance of existing facilities is adequately funded, and prioritizing community services and new investments as necessary. It also includes holding the line on property and sales tax increases, especially given our community's lack luster economy. Economic development and job growth is ensuring the Juneau Economic Development Plan (Feb. 2015), is the paramount filter through which public decisions are made. Particular focuses of interest are *enhancing essential infrastructure, attract and prepare the next generation workforce, protect and enhance Juneau's role as Capital City, and build on our strengths.*

Public services priorities are public safety, streets, education, hospital, landfill, and sewer and water utilities. Public safety includes reentry services are spoken for.