



2018 Official Candidate Statement  
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Candidate: Mayor  
**Saralyn Tabachnick**



**Name:** Saralyn Tabachnick

**Office Sought:** Mayor

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**Age:** 61

**Occupation:** Executive Director, AWARE, Inc.; Counselor, Wellspring

**Spouse's Name:** Partner: Swarupa Toth

**Place of Birth:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Length of Residency in Juneau:** 31 years

**Communities Lived in:** Pittsburgh, 28 years  
Seattle, 2 years

**Education:** University of Pittsburgh  
1978 Bachelor of Arts in English  
1982 Masters of Education in Counselor Education

*The views expressed in this statement are from the candidate and are not endorsed by the City and Borough of Juneau. The text of this statement was provided by the candidate in accordance with CBJ Code 29.07.055.*

**Business and Professional Positions:** Chair, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, currently Treasurer  
Board Member: State-wide Foraker Group Operations Board, Member Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee  
Member: Rasmuson Foundation Sabbatical Committee  
State of Alaska Licensed Professional Counselor  
State of Alaska Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor

**Special Interests:** Yoga, Meditation, Walking, Ping-pong, Poker, Reading, cooking

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

I was born in Pittsburgh, PA. After graduating from the Pittsburgh Public School system in 1974, I attended the University of Pittsburgh. I earned my undergraduate degree in 1978, and worked in real estate for several years before (and during) returning to school to earn a Master's Degree in Counselor Education in 1982.

In 1987, I moved to Juneau. I have worked at AWARE since that time, and served as Executive Director of AWARE since 2002. I am excited about the opportunity to serve as Juneau's next Mayor. I believe that my experience working with some of Juneau's most vulnerable citizens, in combination with my experience growing and leading a multi-million dollar social service agency, uniquely positions me to lead the City and Borough of Juneau to a more robust and vibrant future. Please visit my website [www.saralynformayor.com](http://www.saralynformayor.com) and Facebook page: Saralyn for Mayor.

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

During my tenure as AWARE's Executive Director, AWARE transitioned from an agency serving victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence to an enterprise providing comprehensive services. Under my leadership, we worked as a community to identify needs and gaps in services. These included services for men who abuse power and control in their relationships to prevention efforts, transitional housing for those leaving AWARE's emergency safe shelter to gender-inclusive emergency safe shelter. Our intervention and prevention programs are models for the State, and the teamwork of the AWARE staff has been instrumental to our success. My experience working with Juneau's most vulnerable populations fuels my fearless compassion, and my vision for Juneau as a thriving, 21st century, Capital City where people of all ages - across all cultures and lifestyles - enjoy rich, year-round, fulfilling and secure lives. This happens when we work together, listen to differing views, identify and implement solutions, and evaluate and adjust as needed. I am dedicated to serving all the residents of Juneau. My unique leadership skills and the strong foundation I've created at AWARE are examples of what I will bring to the CBJ, if elected Mayor.