

2018 Official Candidate Statement City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

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## Candidate: Areawide Assembly Tom Williams

Name:	Tom Williams
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Occupation:	Financial Officer, Ward Air, Inc. Debbie & I also operate a vacation rental, Alaska Northern Sands
Spouse's Name:	Debbie Williams
Place of Birth:	Moscow, Idaho
Length of Residency in Juneau:	41 years
Education:	B.A of Business Administration, Washington State University
Political and Government Positions:	Government Experience: 18 Years including 4 Years Alaska Senate Finance Committee Staff, 8 Years Department of Revenue Division Director, 6 Years Legislative Audit Auditor CBJ Board Positions: 3 years CBJ Airport Board & 2 Years CBJ Harbor Board Chair
Business and Professional Positions:	Certified Public Accountant 1981 – 2017

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	Private Sector Experience: 25 Years including 15 Years Ward Air, Inc.'s CFO & 3 Years Aero Services, Inc.'s CFO
Service Organization Memberships:	Community Service: 3 years Love, INC Board, 4 years Territorial Sportsmen Board, & 7 years Southeast Alaska Regional Air Show Board
Other:	Hunting, fishing, boating, hiking, cycling, kayaking, traveling & reading.

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

Juneau is a great place to live and work for a whole variety of reasons. That is why I have made my home here since June 1977, serving our community in a number of different ways.

The financial health of the Juneau is critical to keeping our community a great place to live and work. The decisions made by our Assembly almost always affect the short and often long term economic health of our community. It is important we determine to the best of our ability what the long term effect today's decisions will have before we make them.

There are some decisions that will have a very positive effect on Juneau's long term health. These include ensuring Juneau remains Alaska's Capital city, finally getting road access to the rest of Alaska, building a North Douglas crossing, and ensuring we maximize transportation competitiveness, all of which I strongly support. We also need to pro-actively maintain our existing facilities and before investing in additional local facilities we must determine the long term cost of maintaining those additional facilities.

While the financial health of our community is critical, so is our public safety. We must find more effective ways to deal with the upswing in crime that our community has experienced over the past few years.

As a member of the Assembly I would focus on ensuring we make sound and responsible short and long-term financial decisions for our community and explore ways of more effectively reducing crime in the Borough.

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