

2019 Official Candidate Statement
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska
Alicia Hughes-Skandijs
Candidate: District 1 Assemblymember



Name: Alicia Hughes-Skandijs

Office Sought: District #1 Assemblymember

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Age: 34

Occupation: Grants Administrator

Place of Birth: New York City, New York

Length of Residency in Juneau: 15 years

Communities lived in and dates of residence: Hamlin, West Virginia, 1985-2004
Juneau, Alaska, 2004-2019

Education: Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, University of Alaska Southeast

Political and Government Positions: District 1 Assemblymember

Business and Professional Positions: Grants Administrator, State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

Service Organization Memberships: Steward, Alaska State Employees Association Local 52

Service Organization Memberships: Board member, Alaska Folk Festival
Former board member, League of Women Voters

Special Interests: Walking my dogs on our beautiful trails, hiking, camping, live music, cross country skiing, and stand-up comedy.

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

Fifteen years ago I moved to Juneau. I immediately fell in love with the people, thriving arts scene, and outdoor culture here, and knew that this was this was my home. I attended UAS and received my BS in Mathematics, and was proud to be the student speaker at my graduation.

After graduating, I worked as a server and a substitute teacher in our school district before entering state service as a Grants Administrator for the Department of Health and Social Services. I became a union steward, the treasurer for the local executive board, and a contract negotiator. I went on to represent the Alaska State Employees Association by serving on the Central Labor Council.

I live in North Douglas with my sister, my mother, two dogs and a cat. I love being 5 minutes away from front row seats to the Aurora!

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

The State's current fiscal climate means that more cost is being shifted to the municipality. It's important to me that the assembly handles that cost shift strategically to smooth out the immediate impact it has on the citizens. I believe it's of the utmost importance that we create a sustainable city budget to ensure the continued well being of the borough, while minimizing loss of services where possible.

I support our infrastructure and the wonderful tradespeople who keep our town running by building it from the ground up. Between catching up on deferred maintenance, new expansions, and potential projects, I hope to be a part of keeping our experienced construction and trades workers employed here at home instead of losing them to out of town jobs.

With an aging population, it is vital that we plan for the future and safeguard our senior citizens' access to safe and affordable housing and services. As a member of the Lands Committee I supported the city's purchase of a land parcel that will be developed to bring another assisted living facility to our community, providing both skilled care to seniors and local jobs in the healthcare industry.

I look forward to continuing the important work the Assembly does in ensuring that public safety and opportunity keep Juneau a welcoming home for our young families, growing senior population, and everyone in between.