

**2019 Official Candidate Statement  
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska  
Emil Robert Mackey  
Candidate: School Board Member**



**Name:** Emil Robert Mackey

**Office Sought:** School Board Member

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**Age:** 39

**Occupation:** Career Educator and State Employee

**Spouse's Name:** Dayna Mackey

**Children's Names:** Emil Robert Mackey IV

**Place of Birth:** Little Rock, Arkansas

**Length of Residency in Juneau:** 6 years (Since 2013)

**Communities lived in and dates of residence:** Little Rock, Arkansas (1970-1989; 1991-1992; 1997-2000)  
Jonesboro, Arkansas (1989-1991; 1992-1995)  
Magnolia, Arkansas (1995-1997)  
Fayetteville, Arkansas (2000-2007)  
Fairbanks, Alaska (2007-2009)  
Kotzebue, Alaska (2009-2013)

Juneau, Alaska (2013-Present)

**Education:**

Ph.D. in Public Policy, University of Arkansas, 2008  
Masters in Curriculum Design and Instruction, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2013  
Masters in Public Administration, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1999  
Bachelors of Science in Education, Southern Arkansas University, 1997  
Bachelors of General Studies, Arkansas State University, 1995  
Parkview Fine Arts Magnet School, 1989

**Political and Government Positions:**

**Professional Experience**

State of Alaska, 2013-2019

- Researcher, Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Insurance Specialist II, Alaska Division of Insurance
- Retirement and Benefits Specialist I, Alaska Division of Retirement and Benefits

Transportation Security Administration (2008-2009) University of Alaska, 2007-2008 and 2009--2013

- Tech Prep Coordinator, University of Alaska Southeast
- Village Outreach Coordinator, University of Alaska Fairbanks - Chukchi Campus (Kotzebue)
- Resident Director, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- RAHI Counselor/Tutor
- Adjunct Instructor for UAF Programs of Political Science, Alaska Native Languages, and Education

University of Arkansas, 2000-2007

- Financial Aid Advisor
- Career Services Employer Outreach Coordinator
- Resident Director
- Academic Tutor/Counselor for Men's and Women's Athletic Departments
- Arkansas Division of Youth Services, 1999- 2000

Prior Public Service

- Juneau Board of Equalization, 2018 - Present
- Juneau School Board, Member, 2015 - 2018
- Chair, Policy Committee, 2017 -2018
- Facility Committee, 2017 - 2018
- Social Studies Curriculum Committee, 2015-2016

- Native Education Committee, 2015-2016
- Juneau International Airport Board, 2013 - 2015
- Arkansas Integrated Justice Task Force, 1998 - 1999
- Clinton School of Public Service Advisory Board, 1998 - 1999
- Clinton Presidential Library Three Bridges Subcommittee, 1997 - 1999
- University of Arkansas Curriculum Committee, 1997-1999
- President of the Graduate Students Association, University of Arkansas Little Rock, 1997 - 1999
- Americorps/VISTA Volunteer for Southwest Arkansas Community Development Corporation, 1996 - 1997

**Business and Professional Positions:** Independent Insurance Property Adjuster (2003-2004)

**Service Organization Memberships:** Alpha Phi Omega  
Mt. Juneau – Gastineau Masonic Lodge  
Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club

**Other appropriate information:** Former Steward for ASEA

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

My full name is Emil Robert Mackey, but most people just call me "Mackey.". I am a trained educator that has lived in Juneau since 2013 and have loved every minute of it. I live with my wife, Dayna, and my son Emil Robert Mackey IV who was born in Juneau in 2017.

I moved to Alaska from Fayetteville, Arkansas in 2007 while completing my Ph.D. in Public Policy dissertation through the University of Arkansas School of Public Policy. Since moving to Alaska, I have lived in Fairbanks (2007-2009), Kotzebue (2009-2013), and Juneau (2013-Present). My experience living and working provided me with life-changing experiences and education facing the diverse people and communities of Alaska. In 2013, I completed a Masters in Curriculum Design and Instruction from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 2013.

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

I believe that Public Education is a civil right and should be available to every child in Alaska for free. As per Article VII, Section 1 of the Alaska State Constitution: "The legislature shall by general law establish and maintain a system of public schools open to all children of the State." I fully support the equal protection of all students, including LBGTQ. I also understand the implications of the Molly Hooch Settlement and will advocate for an equal and adequately funded public education for all Alaska children.

### **Position Statement cont...**

In general, I support:

- Prioritizing safety and cost-saving improvements over aesthetics in our buildings and properties. I will continue to champion classroom safety, repairing or replacing the Riverbend roof, and addressing deferred maintenance.
  - Small class sizes as close to 20 per classroom as possible. I am particularly concerned that the student-teacher ratio for grades 3-5 are exceedingly high and need to be a focus for reduction.
  - Tlingit language and cultural programs, continuing to strengthen our placed-based curriculums, and fully fund culturally responsive academic support programs to effectively educate all students.
  - Quality Pre-K tends to lead to improved literacy and math outcomes, improved social behaviors, and significant achievement gains among minority and economically challenged populations.
- Due to space restrictions, this is an abbreviated list. Please visit my website at [www.emilmackey.com](http://www.emilmackey.com) for a more exhaustive and detailed list of my positions and priorities.