

# 2019 Official Candidate Statement City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

## Greg Smith

### Candidate: District 1 Assemblymember



**Name:** Greg Smith

**Office Sought:** District #1 Assemblymember

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**Age:** 35

**Occupation:** Legislative staff

**Place of Birth:** Juneau, AK

**Length of Residency in Juneau:** 24 years

**Communities lived in and dates of residence:** Juneau – birth until 2002  
Corvallis, OR – 2002-2011  
Portland, OR – 2012  
Kahului, Hawaii – 2013  
Juneau – 2013-current

**Education:** B.S. Environmental Sciences, Oregon State University

**Political and Government Positions:** Legislative Aide, Alaska State Legislature: 2017-current

**Political and Government Positions:** Sustainability Program Assistant, Oregon State University 2008-2011

**Business and Professional Positions:** Owner, Evergreens Herbs and Produce: 2013-2015  
Assistant, JM Walsh Company: 2014-2016  
Crewmember, F/V Shannon D: 2016-2017  
Contractor, United Fisherman of Alaska: 2016  
Owner, Smith Solutions: 2014-current

**Service Organization Memberships:** Board Member, The Glory Hall: 2019-current  
Commissioner, Juneau Commission on Sustainability: 2015-2017  
Volunteer Coach, I Toowu Klatseen (Boys Run): 2015  
Mediator, Benton County Mediation Services: 2011

**Special Interests:** Running, hunting, gardening, fishing, foraging, skiing, hockey, audiobooks,, reading, scuba diving, biking

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

I was born and raised in Juneau and graduated from JDHS. I went Outside for school, and then worked at Oregon State University in energy and resource conservation and efficiency. Since returning home to Juneau, I have worked as a commercial fisherman, agricultural entrepreneur, and small business owner providing consulting support to local businesses, nonprofits, and campaigns. The 2019 legislative session was my 6th session. I am currently chief of staff to Representative Andi Story.

I believe my legislative and small business experience, work ethic, and collaborative spirit will allow me to serve you well on the Juneau Assembly.

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

My roots are in Juneau. I was born here and I love this place. I want our community to continue to be a great place to raise a family, start a business, and spend one's retirement. I've been fortunate to meet hundreds of people across our community in my work with local candidates and as a legislative aide. Our neighbors want good jobs, safe neighborhoods, great schools, a secure capital, and an affordable, healthy, and sustainable quality of life. These will be my priorities on the Juneau Assembly.

As an assembly member, I will work on immediate issues while keeping a long-term vision in mind. State budget uncertainty requires prudent local spending while protecting cash reserves. Job and population losses are reducing economic activity; we need to support local development, attract outside investment, and keep the cost of living down.

Reducing crime means investing in police and prosecutors, as well as helping our neighbors struggling with addiction.

As we grapple with issues facing us now, we must keep in mind what we want our community to look like in 50 or 100 years.

Developing consensus and effective solutions requires engagement. Our local government must be accessible and responsive, and work with the community to create jobs and maintain a high quality of life for all residents.

You can see from my background, I have the experience, energy, and effectiveness to work with others to get things done. I would be honored to earn your vote October 1st.