

2020 Official Candidate Statement
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska
Maria Gladziszewski
Candidate: Areawide Assemblymember



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Office Sought: Areawide Assemblymember

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Occupation: Deputy Director, Division of Wildlife Conservation, Alaska
Dept. of Fish & Game

Spouse's Name: Eric Kueffner

Place of Birth: Chicago, IL

Length of Residency in Juneau: 31 years

Education: M.A. in Science, Technology, and Public Policy – George Washington University; B.S. in biology – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Political and Government Positions: Juneau Assembly, 6 years; Juneau Planning Commission, 11+ years, including 3 as chair; CBJ AJ Mine Advisory Committee member

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

In addition to the above, Maria Gladziszewski (Glad-ih-chef-ski) has held the following positions: lecturer/naturalist (in Glacier Bay, Katmai, and Grand Canyon National Parks) as well as for private tour companies; staff to the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology; analyst for the Alaska legislature (in its non-partisan research bureau); CBJ Special Projects Officer (tackling issues as varied as tourism policy, human/bear conflicts, and solid waste management); President, Perseverance Theatre Board of Directors. In her spare time, Maria enjoys acting (Theatre in the Rough, Perseverance, Juneau Lyric Opera) as well as gardening and all types of outdoor activities including hiking, sailing, hunting, fishing, and camping.

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

I have been honored to serve on the Juneau Assembly for two terms and I look forward to continuing to work on behalf of the entire community. If re-elected, I pledge to use my proven problem-solving and consensus-building skills to serve everyone who lives in our town.

Since coming to the Assembly six years ago, I have worked hard to foster a collaborative decision-making environment. If we hear and respect everyone's voice, we get better government and more enduring solutions. I work for all of Juneau, not just those who agree with me, or voted for me. I believe that when we listen to each other and work together, we improve our quality of life and build a stronger community.

The pandemic has challenged us all—but I'm confident that we will work through this and come out stronger on the other side. These next months will not be easy but I know that if we work together and be kind to each other that we will ensure that Juneau continues to be a great place to live, raise a family, and retire.