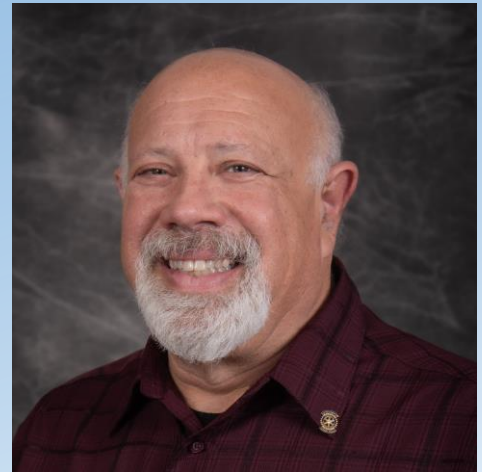


**2020 Official Candidate Statement
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska
Kenny Solomon-Gross
Candidate: District #1 Assemblymember**



Name: Kenny Solomon-Gross

Office Sought: District #1 Assemblymember

Residence Address: 7522 Vista Del Sol Drive, Juneau

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Age: 57

Occupation: Vice President of Operations for Gross-Alaska Inc.

Spouse's Name: Raquel Solomon-Gross

Children's Names: Shane, Zac, Jerick

Place of Birth: Chicago, IL

Length of Residency in Juneau: 20 years

Communities lived in & dates of residency: Juneau 1980-88 and 2007-present

Education: High School Diploma, professional education in crisis management, training, human resources, and customer service

Political and Government Positions: Board member of the Bartlett Regional Hospital
Member of the CBJ Board of Equalization
Juneau Homelessness Task Force

Business and Professional Positions: Board member and Vice President of Gross Alaska Inc.
Vice President of the Downtown Business Association
Employee development trainer – Caesars Entertainment

Service Organization Memberships: Board member of the Bartlett Regional Hospital
Foundation
President of Glacier Valley Rotary Club
Youth Exchange officer for Glacier Valley Rotary Club
R.O.P.E.S. Mentor for Dzantik'i Heeni middle school

Special Interests: Movies, bike riding, hiking, sports

Other appropriate information: Soccer coach, Baseball coach, Basketball coach,
PTA board member

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

I am a long-time Juneau resident whose family operates a multi-generational business, **Gross Alaska Theatres**. I am a husband and father who raised two sons by myself before meeting my wife Raquel and her son five years ago. I have an appreciation of the challenges and rewards of being a parent.

I serve as the Vice President and General Manager of Gross Alaska Inc. I started my career with the theatres in 1981 and then expanded my horizons by moving to Las Vegas where I worked my way through the casino and gaming industry. I started as a casino dealer and worked my way to being the casino manager at Caesars Palace. I returned to Juneau in 2007 to join my sister in running the family business.

Juneau is an amazing community in which to live, work and raise a family, which drives me to want to serve on the assembly.

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

Juneau has recently faced an unprecedented amount of uncertainty. There will be more difficult choices ahead of us. My years of experience in crisis management, community, and government boards (including Bartlett Regional Hospital) schools and parenting gives me a unique perspective that will allow me to bring a proactive approach to finding solutions to Juneau's challenges.

The Assembly must listen to the community's concerns and lead Juneau forward without being driven by fear. The CBJ's budget has been hugely impacted by COVID and is a top assignment for the assembly. Sales tax has been reduced by over 20% because of COVID. CBJ needs to meet community needs without raising property taxes. With my experience, I will bring new ideas to help solve the coming financial hit the city will face.

Maintaining and expanding our infrastructure is key to any recovery. Roads, sewers, schools, and other infrastructure must be maintained and expanded. I support fully funding education. I believe in supporting our first responders with training and proper staffing levels.

Our social service agencies do amazing work, but we are not meeting the needs of the homeless. I believe we must do more to support and improve their outcomes by taking better care of our most vulnerable through improvements to mental health, housing, and treatment.

This is an amazing community in which to live, work and raise a family. This drives me to serve on the CBJ Assembly to ensure that we preserve this incredibly unique lifestyle for every citizen.