

**2021 Official Candidate Statement
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska
Kelly Fishler
Candidate: Assemblymember District 2**



Name: Kelly Fishler

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Age: 32

Occupation: Student, Homemaker

Spouse's Name: Matt Fishler

Children's Names: Claire, 5 and Kris, 2

Place of Birth: Des Moines, Iowa

Length of Residency in Juneau: 2 years

Communities lived in & dates of residency: Anchorage, 18 years total '90-15, Utqiagvik 18 months '93-95, Valdez 2 ½ years '15-17, Juneau 2 years.

Education: Alaska Military Youth Academy, finishing a bachelor's in Public Administration spring of 2022 through UAS and Liberty University.

Military Service: US Navy 2007-2013, Alaska Air National Guard 2013-2018.

Political and Government Positions: Legislative staff during the 2021 regular session.

Business and Professional Positions: Coast Guard Station Juneau Ombudsman

Special Interests: Community economic stability and sustainability, job creation and entrepreneurship, and addiction recovery.

Other appropriate information:

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

Kelly was born in Iowa, but grew up in Anchorage. Upon graduation from the Alaska Military Youth Academy, she joined the US Navy and deployed twice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn. She joined the Alaska Air National Guard and began working for Ravn Alaska as a flight attendant, where she met her husband who is in the US Coast Guard. Since then she has been raising their children and going to school for her undergrad in Public Administration, and will then pursue a master's in Public Policy next year. Her intentions for her degrees are to find ways to partner with the poor and disadvantaged to rise above the poverty line and provide for their families, keep homelessness from becoming permanent wherever possible, and offer ways to increase food security and sustainability in cities.

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

Juneau is a special place with incredible people. I am willing to dedicate as much time and effort as it takes to ensure our community has the opportunities and resources we need to build a safe and stable future here for our kids. I will work towards keeping taxes low and avoid unnecessary spending. I will advocate for small businesses and responsible economic development. I have the necessary skills for the position of an Assembly member, which is reflected in how I take on challenges and work until I find solutions that last. If elected, one of my goals is to explore options for lowering Juneau's high cost of living through local business startups that can meet local needs with locally owned or sourced products. This includes locally grown produce, which has multiple benefits for our community such as affordability, sustainability, food security, and health through better nutrition. Most of all, I am dedicated to listening to the residents of our community and continually advocating for their voices to be heard *and* valued. This is of great importance to me, as a veteran I have put my life on the line to protect and defend our country and the rights we have. That includes the right of free speech, especially when there are differing opinions. I will always value what others have to say, because by working together we can find solutions that no one else would come to by listening selectively.