

2021 Official Candidate Statement
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska
Michelle Hale
Candidate: Assemblymember District 2



Name: Michelle Bonnet Hale

Office Sought: Assemblymember District 2

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Age: 60

Occupation: Custom framing store owner

Spouse's Name: Jim Hale

Children's Names: Jamie Hale, Harry Hale, Katie Arledge, Ben Hale, Mary Hale

Place of Birth: Juneau

Length of Residency in Juneau: Approximately 45 years

Communities lived in & dates of residency: Juneau 1961 to 1972
1980 to 1982
1987 to 2011
2014 to 2021
Craig 1972 to 1974
Tokeen 1974 to 1979

Seward 1979 to 1980
Ketchikan 1980
Lafayette, Louisiana attending college 1982 to 1987
Valdez 1989-1990

Education: Master of Science, Software Development Management,
University of Maryland
Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, University of Southwestern
Louisiana
High School Diploma, State of Alaska Centralized Correspondence
Study

Military Service: None

Political and Government Positions: Assembly Member, CBJ, 2018 to 2021
Director, Division of Water, Alaska Department of Environmental
Conservation 2011 to 2017

Business and Professional Positions: Co-owner of Picture This, custom framing shop
Owner of H. Bonnet & Co., art prints and memorabilia
Lab Manager, Montgomery Laboratories, Juneau 1991 to 1997

Service Organization Memberships: Rotary

Special Interests: Family, Dogs, Gardening, Spirituality

Other appropriate information: I am keenly interested in Juneau.

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

Born in Juneau, Michelle Bonnet Hale moved with her family when she was 11 to Craig and then Tokeen, on a remote island off Prince of Wales Island.

She worked in the family businesses from the age of 12, fishing, buying fish, working in the store and at the gas dock. She still holds a hand troll permit.

She attended and graduated high school via home schooling and, when she was 19, returned to Juneau. Her 30-year career has been in water quality.

With a business partner, Michelle recently purchased the custom framing shop Picture This. This venture and her continuing assembly work are keeping her very busy.

Michelle is married to the delightful Jim Hale, and they share a duplex with her mother. She has five stepchildren and two dogs.

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

The work of the Assembly is critical at this time as we rebuild our economy, care for all of our residents, and maintain a robust public health response to the threat of Covid. My understanding of the Assembly process is exactly what is needed, as is my experience with the budget, economic recovery and development, child care, and homelessness.

My accomplishments during my first Assembly tenure include:

- Taking the lead on a drop in CBJ's mill rate, resulting in a small but important reduction in property taxes.
- Being part of the remarkable Assembly that has shepherded Juneau thus far during the Covid pandemic, taking important steps like instituting a mask mandate, and funneling significant CARES Act money directly to the businesses in need.
- Chairing the Public Works and Facilities Committee, addressing infrastructure needs like street maintenance, wastewater treatment, and solid waste.
- Taking on difficult issues like fireworks, working with the Assembly to arrive at a compromise that improves the fireworks situation in Juneau although it is likely that more action will be needed.

The term most often used to describe me is "thoughtful." I do my homework, I listen to diverse opinions, and I draw upon my lifetime in Alaska and my professional background to make solid and well-considered decisions.

Serving on the Assembly has been the best job of my life. I would be honored to serve Juneau for a second term.