

2021 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Paul Roy Kelly

Candidate: Assemblymember District 1



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Age: 37

Occupation: Analyst/Programmer

Place of Birth: Anchorage, AK

Length of Residency in Juneau: 4 years

Communities lived in & dates of residency: Anchorage: 33 years
Juneau: 4 years

Education: B.S. Computer Systems Engineering, studying for my MPA

Political and Government Positions: I am completing my first term as a member on the Juneau Board of Education, and finishing my second year as the Board's Clerk. I work at DOT&PF as an Analyst/Programmer.

Service Organization Memberships: I served 3 years on the AFSCME/ASEA Local 52 Juneau Chapter E-board and served on the Contract Negotiating Committee for the GGU in 2018

Special Interests: Hiking, XC and downhill skiing, reading, writing

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

My name is Paul Kelly. I'm a lifelong Alaskan. All four of my grandparents moved to Alaska following WWII. I grew up on Dena'ina lands in Anchorage and moved to Juneau in 2017 to work as a Legislative Aide. I loved Juneau and decided to make it my home year-round. Currently, I work as an Analyst/Programmer for DOT&PF.

I graduated from Dimond High in Anchorage and obtained a B.S. in Computer Systems Engineering from UAA. I am working towards my Master's in Public Administration at UAS.

I'm a member of AFSCME/ASEA Local 52 where I've served on the local Juneau chapter E-board and assisted in negotiating the last contract between GGU state employees and the Walker administration.

For the last three years, I've served on the Juneau Board of Education. For two of those years, I was the Clerk, a member of the Board's leadership.

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

My top three priorities as your next Assembly Member representing District 1 are:

- Ensure a strong Public Education for our students
- Find solutions to reduce Homelessness
- Help our economy recover from COVID

As a school board member, I recognize that education is a rising tide that lifts all boats. That is why as a new Assembly member I will continue to vote to fund education to the cap, support RALLY, and fund pupil transportation.

In such a compassionate community as Juneau, it's tough to see so many people without a roof over their heads. It's hard to see so many people battling alcoholism, drugs, and mental illness. And as a new homeowner myself, I can relate to the difficulty finding suitable housing at an affordable price. To battle homelessness in Juneau, we need to treat all these causes and not just the symptoms. As your Assembly member, making progress on homelessness will be a top priority for me.

Juneau's economy is diverse; from mining, government, tourism, fishing to construction there are many opportunities for good paying jobs. To build up our economy's resilience, we need to expand tourism to include more independent travelers, and highlight cultural tourism. Many residents are concerned about capital creep. I will be a leader in the effort to encourage sustainable development that focuses on building communities within Juneau.