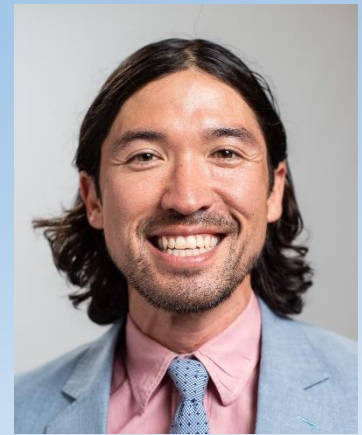


2022 Official Candidate Statement City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Greg Smith

Candidate: District 1 Assemblymember



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Age: 38

Occupation: Legislative Staff

Place of Birth: Juneau, Alaska

Length of Residency in Juneau: 26 years

Communities lived in and dates of Residency: Juneau – birth until 2002
Corvallis, Oregon – 2002-2011
Portland, Oregon – 2012
Kahului, Hawaii – 2013
Juneau – 2013 – current

Education: B.S. Environmental Sciences, Oregon State University

Political and Government Positions: Legislative Aide, Alaska State Legislature: 2017-current
Sustainability Program Assistant, Oregon State University: 2008-2011

Business and Professional Positions: Owner, Evergreens Herbs and Produce: 2013-2015
Assistant, JM Walsh Company: 2014-2016
Crewmember, F/V Shannon D: 2016-2017
Contractor, United Fishermen of Alaska: 2016
Owner, Smith Solutions: 2014-current

Service Organization Memberships: Board Member, The Glory Hall: 2019-2021
Commissioner, Juneau Commission on Sustainability: 2015-2017
Volunteer coach, I Toowu Klatseen (Boys Run): 2015
Mediator, Benton County Mediation Services: 2011

Special Interests: Running, hunting, gardening, fishing, foraging, skiing, hockey, audiobooks, reading, scuba diving, biking

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

My roots are in Juneau. I was born here and I love this place. After graduating from JDHS, I went Outside for school, and then worked at Oregon State University in energy and resource conservation and efficiency. Since returning home to Juneau, I have worked as a commercial fisherman, agricultural entrepreneur, and small business owner providing consulting support to local businesses, nonprofits, and campaigns. The 2022 legislative session was my 9th session. I am currently chief of staff to Representative Andi Story.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you and our community on the Juneau Assembly for the past three years. My experience, work ethic, energy, creativity, and collaborative spirit helps me advance and achieve our community's goals and priorities.

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

In my past three years on the Assembly, I believe I have been an active leader in helping move community priorities while listening to diverse perspectives. I've listened to you and our neighbors and know we want good jobs, safe neighborhoods, great schools, a secure capital, and an affordable, healthy, and sustainable quality of life. These have been my priorities on the Juneau Assembly.

I am proud of the work the Assembly and staff have done on key community priorities: we created incentives for and eased regulations on building housing, especially downtown. We made targeted grants to encourage senior housing and improve social services, focused on maintaining city and school infrastructure, and protected budget reserves all while keeping tax rates flat. City-funded programs increase access to childcare and improve the quality of care and instruction.

There is still more to be done. Housing is unaffordable for many and we need to encourage construction while ensuring housing stock is available for our neighbors that live and work here. Removing sales tax on food would help those in our community with lower incomes. By continuing to manage tourism, we can improve the quality of life of residents while improving the experience of our visitors. We must do our part to reduce the harmful impacts of a rapidly changing climate.

I love our community and enjoy working on ways to keep it a great place to live. I would be honored with your vote on Tuesday, October 4th.