

# 2023 Official Candidate Statement City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

## Joe Geldhof

Candidate: Assembly District 1



**Name:** Joe Geldhof

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**Spouse's Name:** Corine Geldhof

**Children's Name:** Claire Geldhof and Katja Cross

**Place of Birth:** Camp Cook Army Hospital (now Vandenberg Air Force Base)

**Length of Residency in Juneau:** 43 years

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts from Adrian College in Michigan;  
Doctor of Jurisprudence (Law Degree) from University of New Hampshire

**Political and Government work:** Assistant Attorney General for 11+ years. Commissioner for Judicial System, Crow Nation Tribal Court System in Montana: Service as Associate Justice for Crow Tribal Court System.

**Business and Professional Positions:** 30+ years working for various individuals, businesses and non-profit organizations in Alaska and other states as lawyer.

**Service Organization Memberships:** Juneau Adult Hockey Association, Navy League of the United States, President of condominium association and member of the Church of the Holy Trinity

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**Special Interests:**

Ice Hockey, hiking, canoeing and horseback riding.

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

Corine and I move here in 1979. I am proud to call Juneau my home. I've loved Juneau and many of the people who call this wonderful place home since we moved here. My work as a lawyer is about service. I've successfully completed a number of public interest cases as a lawyer, including a case that stopped the State of Alaska from borrowing a billion dollars via a bogus bond proposal that would have used public funds to pay back a flakey oil & gas exploration tax credit scheme that was so obviously flawed, the legislature finally croaked the credit program. I've worked successfully in a number of jurisdictions in America, including and most importantly Alaska, to address impacts that follow from large-scale industrial tourism.

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

I have significant experience with public and private financing for projects, including housing. I will listen to the needs of the citizens of Juneau. I will act in the best interest of the citizens of Juneau if elected. What I will not do is be a "rubber stamp" for whatever schemes the senior management staff cook up and present to the Assembly as being the best way to conduct the business of the City & Borough of Juneau. I will be especially vigilant about adopting a fair, market-driven method for assessing property in Juneau. My goal is to increase the efficiency of public decision-making by our local government and stop wasting funds on endless studies that don't yield good value for our citizens.