

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

Paul R. Kelly

Candidate: Assembly Areawide



Name: Paul R. Kelly

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Age at the date of Election: 39

Occupation: Analyst/Programmer

Fiancée: Supanika Ordóñez

Children's Names: Timothy and James Ackerman

Place of Birth: Anchorage, Alaska

Length of Residency in Juneau: 6 years

Communities lived in & dates of residency: Anchorage: 33 years
Juneau: 6 years

Education: B.S. Computer Systems Engineering - Graduated May 2016 from UAA
Completed 12 credit towards a Masters in Public Administration at UAS since Fall 2019

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In my undergrad, I was a member of the UAA Chapter of Engineers Without Borders and the Society of Women Engineers; taking leadership roles in both clubs

Political and Government work: I was elected to and served on the Juneau Board of Education from 2018-2021

Business and Professional Positions: 2013 Independent application developer
2019 Uber and Lyft driver

Service Organization Memberships: I served 5 years on the AFSCME/ASEA Local 52 Juneau Chapter E-board (2 as President), and served on the Contract Negotiating Committee for the GGU in 2018

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

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 the Department of Education and Early Development.

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

I'm a member of the Juneau Chapter for AFSCME/ASEA Local 52 where I've served on the local Juneau chapter E-board (currently as president) and assisted in negotiating the last contract.

For three years, I served on the Juneau Board of Education. For two of those years, I was the clerk, which is a board leadership role.

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

My top three priorities as your next Areawide Assembly Member are:

- Ensure a strong Public Education for our students
- Find solutions to reduce homelessness
- Help build our economy

As a former 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 extent state law permits.

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 homeowner myself, I can relate to the difficulty finding suitable housing at an affordable price. To battle homelessness in

Position Statement (continued):

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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 and 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.

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