

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

Emily Mesch

Candidate: Assembly Areawide



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Age at the date of Election: 37

Place of Birth: Hadera, Israel

Length of Residency in Juneau: 4 years

Communities lived in & dates of residency: Downtown (March 2019-October 2021)
Mendenhall Valley (October 2021-present)

Education: The Sagemont School, Weston, FL
Reichman University, Herzliya, Israel - BA in Business Administration

Military Service: Israel Air Force, Budget Office - 2 years, Sergeant

Political and Government work: State of Alaska -
Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing (2019-2020)

City and Borough of Juneau -
Public Information Office (2021)
Shéiyi X̄aat Hít Youth Shelter (2022-2023)
Juneau Human Rights Commission (2021-present)

Business and Professional Positions:

Tourism-
Goldbelt Tram (2023-present)
Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska (2018)
Alaska 360, Dredgetown (2017-2018)

Customer Service-
Xerox (2016-2017)
GlassesUSA (2015-2016)
DLA Marketing (2014-2015)

Service Organization Memberships:

Congregation Sukkat Shalom, board member (2019-present)
Southeast Alaska LGBTQ Alliance, board member (2019-2022),
president (2022-present)

Special Interests:

Billy Joel

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

Born in Israel, grew up in Florida, and moved back to Israel for college. I earned a BA in Business Administration, served two years in the Budget Office of the Israel Air Force, and watched my mom live out the last years of her life before moving back to the US.

I've lived in Alaska since 2017, and I've spent that time working to become a part of my community, and to make Juneau my home. I've worked for the state, for the city, and for private business. I've volunteered my time for several local organizations. In 2021, I bought my first house, a home in the Mendenhall Valley, and I intend to keep working to improve Juneau, this city that I call home.

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

Juneau is a wonderful city, well-positioned for the future. But we are not without our challenges. We need to look at our physical and social infrastructure, and make a priority list for upgrades to our downtown facilities, to our electrical grid, to our waste disposal options, and more, and we need to act to ensure that we're not caught behind the 8-ball when one of those systems reaches a critical point.

We need to navigate a difficult relationship with the state government, which hasn't been reliable for the funding that it has promised us, and we need to make sure that, regardless of what the state government does, Juneau has the resources to serve its residents.

In working with the State of Alaska, I understand how the state government functions. In working in CBJ's Public Information Office, I've seen the birds-eye-view of the city. And in working at the Shéiyi X̄aat Hít Youth Shelter, I've gotten a pretty good on-the-ground view of the struggles that people in our city face.

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Position Statement (continued):

They're difficult problems, but they are solvable problems. We can solve them.