

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

## JoAnn Wallace

Candidate: Assembly Areawide



**Name:** JoAnn Wallace

**Office Sought:** Assembly Areawide

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

I was born and raised in Fairbanks, Alaska, and have lived in Juneau since 1982. After graduating from high school in 1982, I moved with my family to Juneau. I attended the International Air Academy in Vancouver, Washington in 1983 and went to work for Alaska Airlines in 1985. I retired from Alaska Airlines in 2018 after 33 years. During that time I also worked as a Realtor in the Juneau market. I have been with Re/Max of Juneau for 17 years and am still active in selling real estate. My husband and I have two grown children each and together we share 10 grandchildren. My husband and I love to travel and can be seen walking or riding bikes around the community of Juneau.

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

I raised two kids in the Juneau School District and was very active in the Parent Groups at Glacier Valley and Riverbend Elementary Schools, serving as President, Vice President and volunteer. In 2021 I served as a board member for the Southeast Board of Realtors. In 2022 I worked with my fellow realtors to get the non disclosure of home sale prices on the local ballot. The measure was successful. My husband and I recently started attending the CBJ Assembly meetings, and it has been an eye-opening experience. I decided to run for office because I have concerns about over-taxing and over-regulating of our city and the lack of transparency. I am pro development and pro business. We need to make the permitting process easier and more flexible which will help with our housing shortage. The recent surge in property taxes and utilities make it very challenging for the average citizen to live here. I am hoping we can find ways to reduce costs. I have kids and grandkids in the community and want them to be able to afford to live here.

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