

# 2024 Official Candidate Statement

## City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

# Beth Weldon

### Candidate: Mayor



**Name as it appears on the ballot:** Beth Weldon

**Office Sought:** Mayor

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**Age:** 59

**Occupation:** Local Business Owner

**Children's names:** Cody Weldon, Tyler Weldon

**Place of Birth:** Juneau

**Length of Residency in Juneau:** 59 years

**Communities lived in & dates of residency:** Juneau and Douglas since 1965

**Education:** B.S. in Fisheries from University of Washington

**Political or Government Work:** Mayor, Assembly Member

**Business or Professional Work:** Business owner, Glacier Auto Parts 2012- present; Current President, Alaska Municipal League; Retired Division Chief, Capital City Fire/Rescue 1992-2012; Owner/Operator F/V Seven C's 1986-1992

**Service Organization Memberships:** Juneau Glacier Valley Rotary member and past President; Former Juneau Ski Club Board Member; former volunteer for Glacier Swim Club, JDHS Wrestling, Hockey and Track and Field; former Volunteer Firefighter 1989-1992

**Special Interests:** Reading, jigsaw puzzles, hiking/walking with my dog Gunner

**Other appropriate information:** Other background includes CBJ Supervisory Academy; Aurora Fire Officer Development Program; National Fire Academy Leadership II; Former Instructor in EMS; Fire Service; Marine Ship Board Firefighting; Aircraft Rescue Firefighting; Emergency Medical Dispatch; Alaska State Firefighter Association, Juneau Chapter Board

**Biographical Information** *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

I am a lifelong Juneau resident and fourth generation Douglasite. I graduated from JDHS and UW and owned/operated the gillnetter F/V Seven C’s before starting my 20-year career with Capital City Fire / Rescue where I retired as a Division Chief. I was their first female officer and earned seven service awards.

My two sons were very active in sports, and I was a volunteer for many of their activities including the ski club, swim club, wrestling, hockey, and track and field. My husband, Greg, and I were together 30 years before his untimely death this spring. I continue to run the business we’ve owned for 12 years.

My love for public service inspired me to run for the Assembly. After serving about 1.5 years, I ran for Mayor and have enjoyed being Mayor for two terms. I am also the current President for the Alaska Municipal League.

**Position Statement** *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as “a”, “and”, and “the” will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

I’ve had the privilege to serve as Juneau’s mayor the past two terms. I was at the helm during the unexpected challenge of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent glacier outburst flood. *My fire department experience served me well during these times of crisis.* Maintaining our economic health during the pandemic was paramount to me. I helped steer aid to childcare providers to keep them open and to businesses to help them continue to pay their workers. I, with the Assembly, worked hard to put funds where they were needed most.

As a small business owner, Juneau’s economic vitality is important to me. To that point, we are working to help with the lack of housing through creative ways using grants and loans. The quality of our children’s education, childcare needs, the challenges of homelessness, and maintaining our city’s infrastructure, such as water and sewer service and roads, remain vital to providing a solid foundation for our community.

Tourism is a growing industry, especially for our younger entrepreneurs. Recognizing its importance while striving to ensure community concerns are addressed is critical. Keeping Juneau a welcoming Capital City is essential, and my involvement with the Alaska Committee and Capitol Fund Committee is beneficial to our community.

My time as Mayor has provided me the opportunity to see the challenges and rewards of addressing these issues, all while maintaining a balanced budget. I have added a sense of stability and collaboration to the Assembly and hope to continue this work.