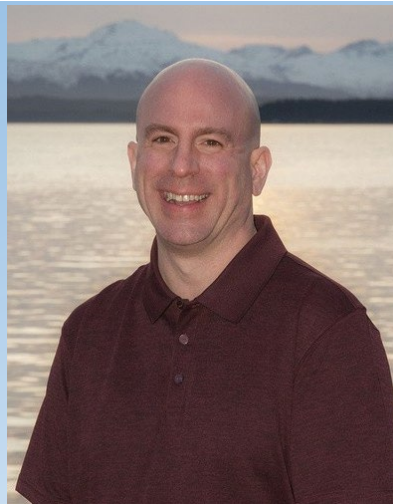


2025 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Wade Bryson

Candidate: Assembly District 2



Name as it appears on the ballot: Wade Bryson

Office Sought: Assembly District 2

Statement: This year marks 30 years of living in Juneau. I was raised in Nashville, TN, and attended Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). I dropped out of college to move to Juneau, having never crossed the Mississippi River until the day I left for my new home. My dad wrote the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the road out of Juneau. After five years, my parents returned to Nashville, but I knew I could never leave.

My wife, Christine, and I have been married for 22 years, and together we have raised five children: Liz, Elena, Hayden, MaryEllen, and Tessa. Liz, Elena, Hayden, and MaryEllen graduated from Thunder Mountain High School, while Tessa attended Juneau-Douglas High School and was a senior during the transition year. Liz graduated from the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS), and MaryEllen is currently attending the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA).

I started working at Subway as a clock-in employee in 2001. My wife and I have owned and operated the local Subway restaurant for the past two decades. We also run residential and vehicle rental businesses. Additionally, I am a partner and co-founder of the Juneau Bike Doctor.

In 2018, I published a book titled "Minimum Wage to Millionaire," which tells the story of my transformation from a "less than successful" individual to who I am today. I have given motivational speeches based on the book's insights to hundreds of students and inmates through the Success Inside and Out program. Since 2008, I have hosted Problem Corner in various capacities. Dennis Egan trained me and took over as host when he became a Senator. Hosting a live call-in show involves skills and responsibilities similar to those required for serving on the Assembly.

I have been on the Glory Hall board of directors since 2021. In this role, I have employed and housed patrons of the Glory Hall, which has given me a greater understanding of the homeless situation and its impact on service providers. My first career was in the tourism industry; I spent a season on the Mendenhall Glacier near the Suicide Ice Basin and was a river rafter with ATA for over 20 years. This experience has provided me with valuable insights into the Mendenhall Glacier Outburst Flood (GLOF) events.

Serving on the Assembly is the most challenging and rewarding responsibility I have undertaken. I have navigated through the pandemic, the school board and hospital crisis, and the GLOF events. I have volunteered for every assignment and have engaged with every topic that comes before the Assembly. Furthermore, I have served on every task force assigned by the mayor.