

2025 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Greg Smith

Candidate: Assembly District 1



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Greg Smith
Office Sought:	Assembly District 1
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Age:	41
Occupation:	Communications Director
Place of Birth:	Juneau, AK
Length of Residency in Juneau:	31 years
Communities lived in:	Juneau - birth until 2002 Corvallis, Oregon - 2002-2011 Portland, Oregon - 2012 Kahului, Hawaii - 2013 Juneau - 2013-current
Education:	B.S. Environmental Sciences, Oregon State University
Political or Government Work:	City and Borough of Juneau Assembly: 2019-current. Communications Director, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute: 2023-current. Special Assistant to the Alaska Commissioner of Commerce, Community and Economic Development: 2022. Legislative Aide, Alaska State Legislature: 2017-2022. Sustainability Program Assistant, Oregon State University: 2008-2011.

Business or Professional Work:

Owner, Evergreens Herbs and Produce: 2013-2015
Assistant, JM Walsh Company: 2014-2016
Crewmember, F/V Shannon D: 2016-2017
Contractor, United Fishermen of Alaska: 2016
Owner, Smith Solutions: 2014-2022

Service Organization Memberships:

Member, Navy League - Juneau Chapter: 2024-current
Member, Juneau Yacht Club: 2022-current
Board Member, The Glory Hall: 2019-2021
Commissioner, Juneau Commission on Sustainability: 2015-2017
Volunteer coach, I Toowu Klatseen (Boys Run): 2015
Mediator, Benton County Mediation Services: 2011

Special Interests:

Running, hunting, gardening, fishing, foraging, skiing, boating,
audiobooks, reading, scuba diving, swimming

Biographical Information: My roots are in Juneau. I was born here and I love this place. After graduating from JDHS, I went Outside for school, and then worked at Oregon State University in energy and resource conservation and efficiency. Since returning home to Juneau, I have worked as a commercial fisherman, agricultural entrepreneur, and small business owner providing consulting support to local businesses, nonprofits, and campaigns. I worked in and around the Alaska legislature for nine sessions.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you and our community on the Juneau Assembly for the past six years. My experience, work ethic, energy, creativity, and collaborative spirit helps me advance and achieve our community's goals and priorities.

Position Statement: I am seeking a third term on the Juneau Assembly so I can keep doing my best to serve you and our neighbors in this incredible place we call home. My community experience, knowledge, and relationships help me do this.

The past three years have been a time of significant stress and challenges for Juneau: inflation's impacts on the cost of living and housing, increasing threats and damage from natural disasters, growing tension related to tourism, and uncertainty related to state and federal funding.

The Assembly was aware of these challenges and took action to address them. We protected hundreds of homes from catastrophic flooding, relaxed regulations and invested millions to spur housing development, and negotiated the first-of-their kind cruise passenger and ship limits. Recent mill rates have been some of the lowest in the past 30 years.

We put forward, but eventually dropped, our sales tax exemption plan once the substantially similar citizens initiative was certified for the ballot. I support this initiative because it reduces the cost of living in Juneau. The seasonal sales tax ballot measure is necessary to make up for the \$8-9 million revenue loss, while also allowing all residents to benefit financially from tourism.

While I understand the intent of the mill rate cap initiative, doing so now, in a time of significant uncertainty, is something I can't vote for. I look forward to the honor of serving you further on the Assembly.