

2026 Official Candidate Statement City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Joyce M. Niven

Candidate: Assembly District 2



Name as it appears on the ballot:	Joyce M. Niven
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Occupation:	Consultant, Retired Housing Developer
Spouse:	Steven
Children:	Jennifer and Nicole
Length of residency in Juneau:	35 years
Communities lived in:	Anchorage 1987 -1989 Juneau 1989 - present
Education:	Bachelor's in business and finance
Boards:	Mayor's task force on short-term housing, 2025 Juneau Housing First Collaborative D.B.A The Glory Hall, Co-chair
Professional work:	Vice President, Interim President and CEO, Controller, and Senior Accountant, Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority Director of Mortgage Lending, Haa Ya̋aawu Financial Corporation
Service Organization Membership:	Haa Ya̋aawu Financial Corporation Loan Committee Juneau Moose Lodge 700 Juneau Elks Lodge 420

Special interests:

Gardening, yoga, volunteering, baseball, exploring Juneau with my dog and husband

Biographical information:

I grew up in Tacoma Washington and attended Western Washington University in Bellingham. After graduation, I moved to Anchorage for a few years before making my way to Juneau. I am grateful to have called Juneau home for the last 35 years; to have raised my incredible kids here, to have had an amazing career and a life rich with friends and family. I have spent the last 25 years advocating for and advancing housing in Southeast Alaska through grant writing, compliance, and program management as the Vice President of Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority. I know the ins and outs of what makes housing work (and what does not). I want to continue giving back to the community by serving on the Assembly, doing what I can to help generations of people continue to afford to call Juneau home.

Position statement:

I am running for Assembly because I care about Juneau and about Juneau's future. I believe in our town, and I believe in what we can accomplish. Together, we can build a community of opportunities where people can thrive - a community where families can afford to stay, workers can build good lives, small businesses can grow, and every resident feels heard and represented. I have built community connections, developed experience, and the fundamental knowledge to make our community a place we all love to be, where both young people and older adults can afford to live.

My priorities are:

- To ensure the city budget is balanced and transparent and reflects the needs and values of our community.
- Supporting a balanced and diversified economy that is responsive and respectful of our community values.
- Increasing the availability of affordable housing opportunities for everyone.
- To find a timely solution to mitigate and prevent damage from the Glacial Lake Outburst Flood, while keeping the community involved and informed.
- To improve the quality of life for the community, including waste management, education, recreation, and aging in place.