

Meet the Candidates

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Double Major - Anthropology & Art History

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Southernmost Illinois Delta Empowerment Zone - administered \$14million dispersement in loans and grants; survived Federal audit; gathered grant proposal information, handled after grant paperwork, handled 501(c)3 board correspondence

Purchased home on Adak in February 2016, moved to Adak in May

Adak Eagle Enterprises (AEE) is eligible for part of a \$55.7million funding stream to support improvements to broadband and mobile service in rural Alaska—which is known as the “Alaska Plan,” with possibly as much as 4G in 10 years. I would like to see AEE sign on for this future funding, as it takes a 10 year commitment, and encourage those in the community who see this as a benefit to support this effort. The FCC is taking comments for two months.

I would like to see Adak energy self sufficient, meaning renewable sources such as wind and biomass fuel. I would like to see Adak become nutritionally self sufficient—I don’t think 1% boxed milk, as even fortified, has the food value let alone flavor of whole milk. I don’t think potato flakes are a substitute for locally produced potatoes, which could be grown on the island, as well as other root vegetables. The coldness and isolation of the climate here would permit certified organic seed potatoes, for which the supply on mainland Alaska is limited. Although the city does not control the acreage necessary for sustainable agriculture, the city is in a position to encourage cooperative agreements with the Aleut Corporation to think beyond fish tickets. To this end, I think the city should encourage development of sustainable entrepreneurial efforts in small scale energy and agriculture.

To further Adak’s position as a potential maritime hub--fishery and marine supplies, general hardware and repair needs encouragement. I do see the desire for this occurring, but not much fruit yet.