



# Alaska State Legislature

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*Serving the Sand Lake, Spenard, and Turnagain Communities*

## December 2022 Community Council Update

**General Election Results** — The Division of Elections (DOE) finished counting ballots and certified the results.

In [Senate District H](#) (West Anchorage: Turnagain, Spenard, Sand Lake, and Campbell Lake), DOE has finished counting the majority of ballots and the results are in. I am honored and humbled by your confidence in electing me to serve as your Senator in the Legislature! And thank you to Senator Costello for her service in the Senate. My responsibilities as your legislator include representing everyone in Senate District H regardless of how you voted. Thank you for trusting me to serve and represent our community.

Visit <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/> to view complete election results.

**House & Senate Organization** — The first day of the [33rd Legislature](#) is Tuesday, January 17, and it's the start of a two-year legislature. Organizing is a deliberate process as the majority sets the agenda, prioritizes legislation, and decides who will be in leadership roles and in certain committees.

On November 25, the Senate Majority announced its organization of eight Republicans and nine Democrats. I was pleased to join the Senate Majority and look forward to serving as Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

I am hopeful that the House will organize in an efficient and timely manner. Many of you remember that the House took some time to organize in recent years, especially when there was not a clear majority. Our office will keep you updated on this process.

**Cut Your Own Alaska-grown Christmas Tree** — With the Christmas season fast approaching, now is a good time to trek into the woods to find an Alaska-grown tree to help celebrate the holidays.

Each household is limited to one tree, which can be no more than 15 feet high. There are no fees, and a permit is not required. Maps and information on Christmas tree harvesting in Southcentral Alaska—as well as information about how to care for your fresh-cut tree—are available at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/christmastree.htm>.

For a directory of area forestry offices, including addresses and phone numbers, go to <http://forestry.alaska.gov>. Answers to additional questions are available at the Department of Natural Resource's Public Information Centers in Anchorage (907-269-8400).

**Save the Date: Pre-Session Constituent Meeting** — Please join me for an opportunity to discuss the upcoming legislative session before we return to Juneau. More details in early January.

**When: Wednesday, January 11, 5:30 to 6:30 pm**