

Rep. Coulombe's November Newsletter

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Legislative & District Updates

Representative Julie Coulombe - District 11 - Lower Hillside

November 15, 2023

Dear friends and neighbors,

As we honored our veterans this past weekend, I want to extend a special thank you for your service - *every day of the year* - to those who have served and are serving now. My husband and two of my sons are veterans, and I couldn't be more proud!

With the amount of snow we've received over the past week, I hope everyone is staying safe. You can access immediate road conditions at the [Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Safety's Alaska 511](#) website, as well as view road cams, and see where road construction and closures are. You can also check the [Municipality of Anchorage's Street Maintenance and Snow Removal](#) website to find the snow plow map, track plowing and progress, and view a map of which roads are state or locally maintained.

I continue to stay busy with my work on the [Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission](#), the [Governor's Task Force on Child Care](#), the [Behavioral Health Roadmap Steering Committee](#), and the multiple tours and site visits of the State's infrastructure, facilities, agencies and organizations. I am constantly learning how our systems work and function together, and what I, as a member of the [Legislature](#), can do to help improve our state.

Assembly member Randy Sulte and I will be hosting a **constituent event on December 2nd** from 8-10am at Kaladi Brothers at 12350 Industry Way. Come join us and share your thoughts!

Continue reading for information on events occurring around our **city and district, and take a moment to take my District 11 Constituent Survey by scanning the QR code below!** We will be tabulating the results for you and sending out to those who provided email address mid-December.

If you have comments or questions, you can always call me at (907) 269-0222, or email me at rep.julie.coulombe@akleg.gov. You can also follow me on [Facebook](#) or [X](#) - I look forward to hearing from you!

Best,



Representative Julie Coulombe
[House District 11](#)



A promotional graphic for a "coffee chat" event. The background is a dark wood surface with coffee beans and ice cubes scattered around. The text "coffee chat" is written in a large, white, serif font at the top. Below it, the date and time "December 2 8:00 -10:00 AM" are displayed. Two polaroid-style photos are pinned to the wood: one of a man in a suit and one of a woman smiling. Below the photos, the address "Kaladi Brothers 12350 Industry Way" is written in a white box.

coffee chat

December 2
8:00 -10:00
AM

Assembly Member
Randy Sulte

Representative
Julie Coulombe

Kaladi Brothers
12350 Industry Way

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(Fin Sub)

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(Fin Sub)

Chair: (H) Education and

Early Development (Fin

Sub)

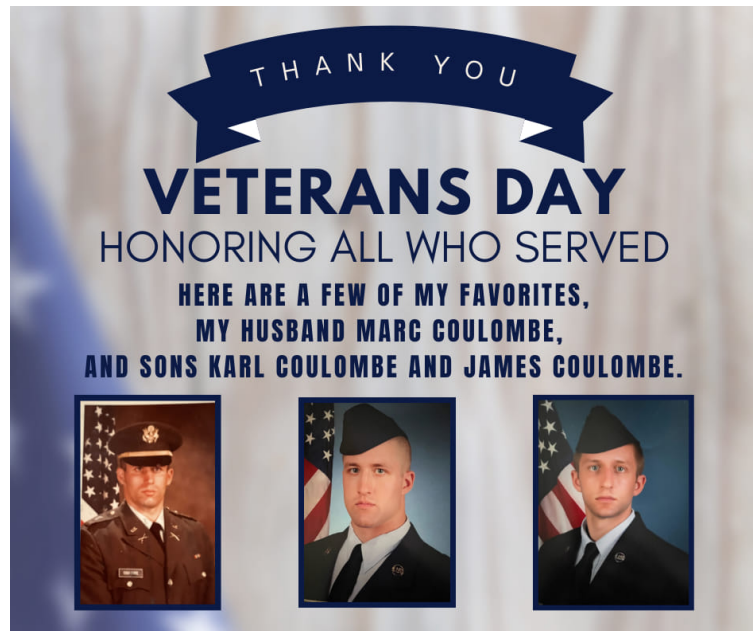
Member: (H) Finance

Member: (H) University of
Alaska (Fin Sub)

Boards and Commissions

Governor's Task Force on
Child Care

State Council for Interstate
Adult and Juvenile

**Western Alaska Trip**

Earlier this month I accompanied other legislators, leaders, and policymakers to Western Alaska. We visited Bethel and St. Mary's to meet with locals and learn about their needs in education, mental health, and local infrastructure. It was an enlightening and educational event. Thank you to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority for inviting me to attend!

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Behavioral Health RoadMap Steering Committee

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HALO
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Rep. Stanley Wright, Rep. Andrew Gray, Rep. Alyse Galvin and I attended a very informative meeting with the Alaska Army National Guard's Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) Program yesterday. It was a great opportunity to learn what the Guard does for Alaskans every day!

Welcome Representative Thomas Baker!

Last week Governor Dunleavy appointed Thomas Baker to the vacant House District 40 (HD 40) seat in the Alaska House of Representatives. District 40 is the northernmost state house district in the United States, stretching from the Kotzebue area east to the Canadian border. The seat was vacated last month after Josiah Patkotak resigned to become mayor of the North Slope Borough.



Representative Thomas Baker was sworn in by House Speaker Cathy Tilton. I look forward to working with him!



The 18th annual [Alaska Jewish Gala](#) last weekend was a resounding success and a great time! We were joined by Jewish community dignitaries, as well as Mayor Bronson, and Senators Sullivan and Murkowski.

The fundraiser benefits the Alaska Jewish Campus, which houses the Alaska Jewish Museum and Cultural Center, and its affiliated Gan Yeladim Early Learning Center, which enjoys a reputation as one of the best multi-cultural education centers in Anchorage for toddlers and preschoolers, serving all of Alaska's children regardless of their ethnicity or affiliation.





Late last month, Governor Mike Dunleavy outlined a proposal to increase energy security for Alaska’s Railbelt through increased Cook Inlet gas production. The announcement announced legislation his administration plans to introduce to increase production of Cook Inlet natural gas resources. The proposal will make investment and development in new production more attractive to businesses and unlock the significant resources still in the Inlet while the Administration continues work on long-term energy security solutions. Click on the photo above to watch the press conference.



I was a panelist during a discussion at [thread Alaska](#)'s 5th Summit on the Economic Impact of Early Care & Learning: Quality Child Care Creates Futures! This event brought together nearly 200 participants including businesses, elected officials, and community leaders for a discussion around the economic and social benefits of early care and learning in Alaska.



You can download and view the presentations and slides, reports, stories from stakeholders, and much more at the summit site:

<https://www.threadalaska.org/thread/business-community/economic-impact-summit/quality-child-care-creates-futures/>

I have learned a lot in my work on the Governor's Task Force on Child Care and by visiting child care facilities throughout Anchorage over the interim. I am particularly focused on how quality, affordable child care affects our economy. In short, parents who want to enter or

continue in the workforce need viable options their families can rely on. Please read this article published in the Alaska Beacon and send me your thoughts!



ANCHORAGE
 CHILD CARE &
 EARLY EDUCATION **FUND**

This is an amazing opportunity for folks to get involved!

To improve the Anchorage Municipality's child care and early education, the new Anchorage Child Care and Early Development Fund Implementation Team will develop a system for the Anchorage Municipality to use funds to meet immediate child care and early education needs in our community while building a more sustainable system for years to come. Get involved and help build a child care system that works for Anchorage and works for our kids and families. Learn more about this paid opportunity for parents and early child care providers by clicking the photo.

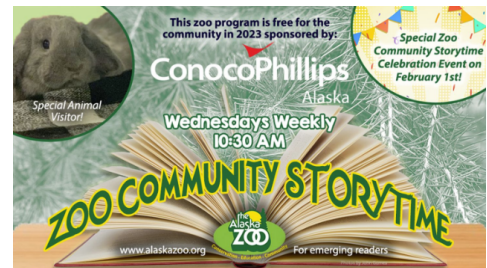


The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE), with support from the University of Alaska, hosted its first Alaska FAFSA Summit in October.

The **Alaska FAFSA Completion Initiative** website is now updated to include not only these presentations, but also the FAFSA Summit agenda, opening remarks from Senator Murkowski, and work session materials utilized during the Summit.



The Summit brought together education and workforce development stakeholders from secondary and postsecondary institutions, state agencies, community organizations, non-profits, and Alaska Native organizations to develop strategies to increase FAFSA completion through statewide initiatives and/or policies.



Join the **Alaska Zoo**'s weekly Zoo Community Storytime sponsored by ConocoPhillips Alaska! This program is free for zoo members and non-members alike on Wednesdays in the Zoo Gateway Hall located outside of

[Service High School](#) will host one of the oldest tournaments in Alaska State History. December 13th-16th 2023, teams from all over the State of Alaska and Southern California will be competing. Join them in supporting our local talent during this awesome event!

There will also be tryouts for the Service High Boys Basketball team November 29th and 30th. You can find information on open gyms and other opportunities to participate by following them on [FaceBook](#)!



the entrance. The program is held from 10:30am-11am.

- Animal books read by a zoo educator.
- Weekly on Wednesdays all year long.
- Program is from 10:30-11am.
- No registration! Just join us!
- Program is FREE for zoo members and non-members.
- An adult is required to attend with children, 1 to 5 ratio.
- Best suited for ages 7 and under but all ages of emerging readers are welcome!
- A special animal visitor starting in mid-January.

Find out more at their [FaceBook](#) page!



District 11 Constituent Survey!

If you live in House District 11, I want to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire and let me know what is important to you!

[If the QR code doesn't work for you, please click here!](#)

HALO and Community Council Schedule

The [Abbott Loop Community Council](#) generally meets on the last Thursday of each month and the meetings usually run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please check the schedule on the web page.

The [Hillside Community Council](#) generally meets on the first Wednesday of each month and the meetings usually run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please check the schedule on the web page.

The [Huffman / O'Malley Community Council](#) generally meets on the third Thursday of each month and the meetings usually start at 7:00 p.m. Please check the schedule on the web page.

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