

**District 2 (Chugiak / Eagle River) Candidate
for
Homeless Task Force Representation**

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Experience to be on the Homeless Task Force

1. Founder & CEO of Discovery Cove Recovery & Wellness Center (Outpatient Mental Health, Psychiatric, and Substance Use Treatment)
2. Leading Alaska with Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid addiction
3. Former Trustee of Alaska Mental Health Trust
4. State House Representative for Eagle River / Chugiak (2021-2022)
5. Legislator co-facilitator for the State of Alaska Poverty and Opportunity Task Force 2022
6. Involved in multiple outreach groups dealing with homeless (e.g. Rescue Mission, Access Now, American Red Cross, Cambodian outreach)
7. Knows many of the homeless people by name of Chugiak / Eagle River
8. Personally helped individuals get out of homelessness or threat of it to move toward security of employment, housing, and self efficacy
9. Other community involvement: coordinated the renewal of the racquet courts at Lions Park, Rotarian, Elk, Lion, American Legion, Birchwood Airport Association, ACF and Crossings Churches

Causes for Homelessness

1. Those who choose to stay homeless
2. Those who have been economically challenged by unfortunate events
3. Those who have precipitate mental healthy conditions
4. Those who have addiction to drugs or alcohol that led to homelessness
5. Those who have not been given an appropriate education to lead them to a good job
6. Those who are not given the opportunity to be in the workforce due to monopoly and manipulating trade training
7. Those who have been restricted by Department of Corrections while on probation to remain in Anchorage when they want to return to their village
8. Those who have come to Alaska from another state and stuck with inability to return
9. Those who have seasonal jobs and choose to be homeless rather have a residence
10. Those who cannot afford housing because the price of a residence which once cost ¼ of a persons monthly paycheck now cost ½ to ¾ of a monthly paycheck
11. Those who have made it an industry, whereby solutions to improve homelessness are passive aggressively thwarted as it would take away business
12. Those who are challenged by a “welfare state” operations whereby participants cannot excel because of significant financial restrictions without a titrated transition formula

Intervention of Hope to Help the Homeless

- It takes a village to give an individual a hand up and maintain expected societal norms
- Model of Purpose
- Differentiating interventions from Shackled to Unshackled – Locus of Control
- HB 108 (32nd session) – Secondary Concurrent Education – H.S. Diploma and Trade Certification
- Intervention for those involved with Corrections
- Supporting businesses with housing programs

I hear in our community a willingness to give a person a “hand up” to help them move forward in their life. By reaching out to others with expectations of a reciprocal response by the individual to reach out in return and accept the expectations (social norms) is a pragmatic transaction. Unconditional positive regard for others is a dichotomy with expected conditional behaviors. The concept of “pay it forward” starts with the willingness to receive and the expectation to return the gesture. For those who do not wish to accept social norms rather alter the social norms of our community are neither homeless nor community minded rather an intrusion of anarchy. I know that our community was not established nor resonates with anarchy.

Thank you for considering me to represent your wishes for our community regarding Homelessness.

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