



# Municipality of Anchorage

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## Anchorage Assembly

### PRESS RELEASE

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – PERSONAL STATEMENT REGARDING MY RESIGNATION

I regret to inform my constituents in West Anchorage that I must step down from the Anchorage Assembly. I recently learned that I have a serious health issue that will make continued service impossible. In order to provide West Anchorage with the representation it deserves, I intend to submit a letter of resignation effective June 12<sup>th</sup>—the date of the next regular Assembly Meeting—in order to begin the replacement process.

Assembly Chair Dunbar and I have spoken about this matter, and we believe that a resignation on June 12<sup>th</sup> will provide the Clerk's office with the necessary time to conduct an Anchorage Charter-mandated special election to select West Anchorage's next Assembly Member. I wish that I was able to serve the remainder of my term, or at least until the next regular election, but unfortunately that is just not possible.

Working on behalf of the people of West Anchorage has been an honor. My family and I have lived in the district for more than 30 years, and I had the distinct pleasure of watching both of my daughters graduate from West High School, just down the street from my home.

Elected office has been something of a second chapter in my life. The first chapter led me to the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Uniformed Services of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps. The second took me from the Anchorage Board of Equalization, to nine years on the Anchorage School Board—including three terms on the Association of Alaska School Boards—to finally the last four years on the Anchorage Assembly.

As I reflect on my time in office, I want to thank the community activists, municipal and school district employees, volunteers, friends, family members, and so many others that have helped me along my path. Though I cannot be there to do so myself, I urge my colleagues to continue fighting for education, public safety, fiscal responsibility, and a shared sense of community. I hope that they will continue to uphold the trust the voters have placed in them, and to guide the city with integrity and understanding. Thank you again to the people of Anchorage.

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