



# Municipality of Anchorage

## Declaration of Candidate for Interim Assembly Appointment

District 2 – Seat C – Chugiak, Eagle River, JBER  
Term ends April 25, 2023

I hereby declare my candidacy for an interim appointment to the Assembly for the Municipality of Anchorage, and agree to serve, if appointed, until certification of the April 2023 Regular Municipal Election. I do hereby swear (affirm) that:

- (1) I am a qualified voter of Anchorage, and
- (2) I have been a resident of **Assembly District 2** for at least one year, and
- (3) I am committed to remain a resident of **Assembly District 2** while in office.

It is further understood that I may request to withdraw my candidacy no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 by submitting a written notice of withdrawal to the Municipal Clerk in accordance with AMC 28.30.030D.

The following information may also appear on the municipal election website. Please write legibly.

<u>Robin Elise Dern</u> Candidate Name	<u>Robin Dern</u> Name as it should appear in front of Assembly
<u>17895 Yellowstone Drive</u> Residence Address, City, State, and Zip Code	
<u>Eagle River, Alaska 99577</u> Mailing Address, City, State, and Zip Code	
<u>907-694-5715</u> Phone Number	Office Phone Number & Fax Number
<u>robin.dern@icloud.com</u> Email Address	Website Address

I hereby swear (affirm) that the above declaration and all statements contained herein are true and correct.

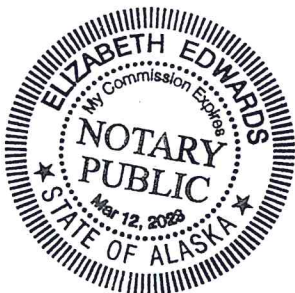
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Signature of Candidate

DATED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023

State of Alaska )  
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Third Judicial District)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska, personally appeared Robin Elise Dern known to me and known to be the individual named in and who executed the foregoing instrument and he/she acknowledged to me that he/she signed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein stated.



WITNESS my hand and official seal the day and year last written above.

[Signature]  
Notary Public in and for Alaska  
My Commission expires: 3/12/2023

# Robin Dern

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To the members of the Anchorage Assembly,

I have decided to apply for the current District 2 seat C opening for two reasons.

After looking over the resumes and statements of those who have applied to date, I am profoundly impressed at the collective level of accomplishment. It seems there are many excellent candidates, which is encouraging. However, I was disappointed that all but one missed an opportunity to establish their connection to their prospective constituents and the issues that matter most to them. As resident for 27 years, living in both Chugiak and Eagle River during that time, I determined that through applying I might, at very least, give voice to the people who live here.

Residents in this area are proud of where they live and grateful for the opportunity to support one another. They respect and appreciate the history and beauty of the Alaska Native lands they call home. They are resourceful and they are kindhearted. I have been continually impressed by their work ethic, ingenuity and helpful spirits.

They also have reasonable concerns. Lack of parking and access points for parks and recreational areas in their neighborhoods, the regularity of bus and rideshare services, overpass and bridge construction that doesn't leave people stranded due to earthquakes, inclement weather, or height clearance issues...those are all frequent topics of discussion. People here, as in other parts of the Municipality, want their children to learn and play in safe and welcoming environments that provide opportunities rather than obstacles. They want "Buy Local" to be the norm along with prudent tax spending. Service Members and Veterans who live and work in this district want to know they have an advocate in the Assembly, one who recognizes the unique challenges military members and their families face. Everyone here wants better solutions for snow berms, buried fire hydrants, drainage erosion and spotty internet connectivity. Being a compassionate community, they also want the Municipality to find permanent solutions for homelessness, food insecurity and care of those who are vulnerable.

The second reason for this application is perhaps a bit more personal. I noticed no woman has filed at this point. As someone who strongly believes that women should be equally represented in society, I am willing to add my name to the list if only to fill that void.

I hope you will take a few minutes to get to know me better by looking at my Instagram profiles, @penelopevoyaging @alaskastateparks @the.arcticdogs

My podcast and contributions to Google Maps, both Covid hobbies, hopefully lend confidence that I am eager to engage and learn from all people, a key element when endeavoring to speak on their behalf. You can find those links at [www.penelopevoyaging.pixpa.com](http://www.penelopevoyaging.pixpa.com)

In closing, please know I believe that the role of an Assembly Member should be less partisan and more get the job done. The agenda is bettering local community and striving toward smart local governance of municipal policy and responsibility. It is not easy work and time is best spent achieving goals.

The list below outlines some of my work and volunteer experiences that have prepared me to step into this role if chosen.

- Executive Director in local nonprofit sector for over 20 years
- United Jewish Communities Alaska Board Member
- FEMA State Set Aside (served as board chairwoman)
- Anchorage Schools Foundation (served as board co-chairwoman)
- Special Olympics World Winter Games (co-Volunteer Coordinator)
- Arctic Winter Games Volunteer
- CER Chamber of Commerce Ambassador
- ADL Pacific Northwest Regional Board Member
- ADL Trained Facilitator in No Place for Hate, Hate Crimes, Inclusive Policing & Response to Violent Extremism
- Eagle River Food Pantry Volunteer
- Anchorage School District volunteer and parent with children who have attended charter, homeschool, neighborhood & afterschool learning programs
- FBI & Anchorage Police Department Citizen Academy participant