

# ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

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# DRAFT 2025 PROGRESS REPORT

## 2024 Accomplishments continued

### PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE

*Committees: Public Safety, Health Policy*

- **Made the Mobile Crisis Team permanent** (AO 2024-113) and funded 24-7 service
- Added **body worn cameras to Municipal Use of Surveillance Technologies** (AO 2024-69)
- Passed legislation, pursued legal strategies and conducted advocacy and education **to fully restore the Eklutna River**
- Voters **approved Chugach State Park Access Service Areas and Park Bonds**
- Assembly-allocated ARPA funds enabled completion of **Coastal Trail Northern Extension** in Chugiak, **Mountain View Field House** groundbreaking, **Equity Center**, and **Girdwood Master Plan**
- Passed a **requirement for mandatory ID checks** at all alcohol-serving establishments (AO 2024-101)
- Passed resolutions **calling on MOA to improve animal care and control practices** and **calling on state to restrict the sale of unregulated diet pills** and supplements to youth
- Negotiated a deal to **preserve access to the Small Boat Harbor**
- Conducted an **Areawide Public Restroom Study to identify areas in need of public restrooms**

### ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

*Committees: Rules, Ethics & Elections*

- **Increased engagement in local government:** Held City Nerd Nites, Food for Thought and Assembly 101 trainings, made 20+ community presentations, hosted Assembly Energy Retreat
- **Met regularly with Congressional Delegation and Anchorage Delegation** of the Legislature
- **Upgraded Assembly Chambers A/V** with new streaming graphics and intermission music
- **Secured state legislative grants** for district capital projects and homeless shelter
- Developed a strategic **plan for equitable use of alcohol tax funding**
- Reorganized Assembly **committee structure to better align with municipal departments**

### QUALITY MUNICIPAL SERVICES

*Committee: Budget & Finance, Quality MOA Services*

- **Funded \$280K for employee retention initiatives:** equipment for telework, AFD wellness pilot program, and supervisor training through the Office of Equity and Inclusion
- Completed **employee survey and initial recommendations for retention & recruitment**
- Established **Legislative branch records and information mgmt program** (AO 2024-124)
- Title 28 revision: **enhance the security and efficiency of ballot return process**, allow use of secure portal for electronic ballot transmittal, and **empower Municipal Prosecutor to charge and prosecute election offenses**
- **Completed audit of 2022 MOA financials**

## 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

*Committee: Housing & Homelessness*

- Passed HOME Initiative (AO 2023-87) to **allow 'Two-Family Dwellings' in every residential zone**
- Required **hosting planforms to submit more detailed data** to better track STRs (AO 2024-81(S), AA)
- Developed process for **third party review for commercial development** (AO 2023-136(S), As Amended)
- **Reduce hurdles for rehabbing old buildings** by removing nonconformity fees (AO 2024-15)
- Relaxed open space requirements to **make new multi-family housing more affordable** (AO 2024-16)
- Provided \$1.3M to the Anchorage Affordable Housing and Land Trust for a **pilot project to rehab vacant and abandoned buildings for housing**
- **Removed duplication of requirements** for Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) (AO 2024-83(S), AA)
- **Removed barriers to ADU development** by waiving non-conformity issues (AO 2024-376)
- **Updated transit-supportive corridors** for tax incentives for multi-family housing (AO 2024-111)
- **Ended future use of special limitations** to create transparency for housing development (AO 2024-99)
- **Funded Emergency Cold Weather Shelter** for 2024-25 season
- Assembly-allocated **ARPA funds enabled the opening of new housing:** Providence's Q'et'en Qenq'a for ages 55+ experiencing homelessness and Cook Inlet Housing Authority's Ch'bala Corners II
- Funded **year-round shelter at the 56th Avenue Shelter**, including obtaining a \$4M state grant

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Committees: CEDC, Enterprise & Utilities*

- **Major advancements on Port Modernization:** determined design concepts for terminals and approved tariff surcharge increase for construction
- Funded the **first year of an online bidding system for MOA contracts**
- Convened community group to plan **start up of the Anchorage Childcare and Early Education Fund**, including a new board to oversee funding
- Changed code and provided funding for **In Our Backyard tiny home pilot project**
- Funded **tear downs of vacant and abandoned buildings** to repurpose for housing & other uses

### INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION

*Committees: Enterprise & Utilities, Transportation*

- **Held snow removal special meeting** with the Administration in August to plan for the season
- **Launched Pedestrian Safety Campaign** with October as Pedestrian Safety Month (AR 2024-296, As Amended) and pressured AKDOT to improve pedestrian safety on state roads
- **Supported the downtown protected bike lane pilot project**
- Supported funding for **repairs at Solid Waste Services to repair from a fire in landfill**
- Confirmed a director and budget to **activate the Anchorage Hydropower utility**