

PRESS RELEASE



Assembly Member Zaletel to Join Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness

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Today the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) announced that Assembly Member Meg Zaletel has been appointed as their Interim Executive Director. ACEH has partnered with the Assembly to provide its expertise on homelessness policy. In this role, Ms. Zaletel will now lead the community's efforts to address homelessness. Given her new role, and in extensive consultation with ethics counsel, Ms. Zaletel will no longer Chair or be a member of the Assembly's Committee on Housing and Homelessness nor will she participate in her capacity as an Assembly member on issues involving policy or appropriations related to homelessness.

Assembly Member Felix Rivera will become Chair of the Committee on Housing and Homelessness, a position he held previously. Vice Chair Christopher Constant and Assembly Member John Weddleton will continue as the members from the Assembly in the facilitation group working on the exit from mass care.

Assembly Chair Suzanne LaFrance said, "Ms. Zaletel has been the Assembly's subject matter expert with regard to homelessness for the past couple of years. Her being able to continue to act in that capacity at the community level is well deserved recognition of her expertise. Additionally, the Assembly has a deep bench of members who can step in to lead the Assembly on issues related to homelessness and I want to thank Mr. Rivera for his willingness to return to that role and Mr. Constant and Mr. Weddleton for continuing with the facilitation into the implementation phase."

"As the Assembly and Administration continue toward a unified plan addressing the challenges of homelessness from root to branch, Member Zaletel's expertise will continue to inform our efforts, helping to bring our adopted strategy to fruition," said Vice Chair Constant.

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