

PRESS RELEASE



Anchorage Assembly Members Dunbar, LaFrance and Quinn-Davidson Launch *A New Day for Anchorage* Jobs Plan

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Today, Assembly Members Forrest Dunbar, Suzanne LaFrance, and Austin Quinn-Davidson announced their jobs and economic initiative, ***A New Day for Anchorage*** at The Launch Company, a rocketry business in Ship Creek.

The event was followed by a tourism industry roundtable hosted by Visit Anchorage where Assembly members heard from Visit Anchorage and local tour operators on the positive impacts of federal aid funds and discussed ideas to make local tourism even more successful.

“We have a vision for Anchorage,” said Assembly Chair LaFrance. “One where everyone has a safe place to call home, where there is an abundance of opportunities for workers, where local businesses are thriving, where new industries and businesses can find a place to succeed, where vibrant arts and culture are all around us, and where residents are proud of their community and invested to stay for the long-term.”

Quinn-Davidson said “as Assembly Members, we are committed to a robust economy for our community and we have a plan to turn our vision into a reality. So today, we are excited to announce ***A New Day for Anchorage***, which promises to build our workforce, assist local businesses, support our families, invest in our infrastructure, and make government work for you.”

“This isn’t just a slogan – we’ve already started doing the work and in the next few weeks we will roll out key initiatives, such as extending the popular building permit fee holiday through 2022 and distributing another round of federal economic aid funding,” said Dunbar. “We look forward to sharing this plan with our Assembly colleagues, local businesses and community leaders so we can work together to create a new day for Anchorage.”

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A New Day for Anchorage

Anchorage Assembly Jobs Plan

Invest in Our Infrastructure

- Approved a robust bond package that creates jobs and improves our roads, parks, and schools.
- Continue to advance upgrades to the Port of Alaska to ensure delivery of goods throughout the state.
- Work with the Mayor and Congressional Delegation to maximize infrastructure funds coming to Anchorage.



Build our Workforce and Local Businesses

- Partner with local trades to build apprenticeship programs to meet the growing workforce demand.
- Increase workforce housing with targeted tax incentives.
- Grow our local tourism industry with destination marketing and cultural tourism support.
- Support entrepreneurs and new industry through projects like East Downtown Alaska Aerospace Innovation Tech Corridor.

Support Our Families

- Invest in high-quality Pre-K programs.
- Support childcare programs to benefit our youth and help parents return to the workplace.
- Continue successful direct family support programs with federal relief funds.



Make Government Work for You

- Jumpstart industry investment and restore vibrancy of community spaces through permit & planning fee waivers for construction, development, and events.
- Continue targeted community investments with final round of federal relief funding.
- Promote the use of municipal land to support economic development and quality of life.
- Incorporate lessons learned during the pandemic, including removing barriers to outdoor dining.