

PRESS RELEASE



ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY SHIFTS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

January 30, 2020

At its meeting on Tuesday, January 28 the Anchorage Assembly elected Forrest Dunbar to serve as Chair and John Weddleton to serve as Vice-Chair. Mr. Dunbar represents District 5 in East Anchorage, and Mr. Weddleton represents District 6 in South Anchorage. Former Chair Felix Rivera and former Vice-Chair Suzanne LaFrance are both running for re-election in April and indicated a desire to have more time to focus on their campaigns.

“Felix has done a tremendous job as Chair, and I hope to build on his work during these next several months,” Mr. Dunbar said.

“As I’ve stated elsewhere, I plan to serve only through the certification of the upcoming election, drawing upon on my experience as Chair in 2018 to hopefully minimize complications. I am also excited about working with Mr. Weddleton, who has long been a leader on the Community and Economic Development Committee, among many other places.”

While the Chair also typically serves as Chair of the Assembly’s Rules Committee, Mr. Dunbar has asked Mr. Rivera to stay on in that role in order to continue the work he has done in during the past nine months.

Other Assembly committee changes include: Assembly Member Fred Dyson will be the new Co-Chair of the Public Safety Committee, with Co-Chair Pete Petersen; and Assembly Member Meg Zaletel will be serving on the AMATS Policy Committee. All other Assembly committee assignments and liaison positions will remain the same.

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