

Katherine Jernstrom

Member for: 5 years
Occupation: Business Owner & Investor
Employer: Self-Employed
Education: B.A. Communications, University of Washington; Master of Public Administration, University of Alaska Anchorage
Nominated by: Nominating Committee
Incumbent: No
Declarations: None



Candidate Statement

As an entrepreneur, investor and business leader, I've spent years working to strengthen our economy and foster innovation. Low-cost and stable energy is the foundation of all economic development, and the industries of tomorrow want cheap, clean, and reliable power. High electricity costs strain families and they deter job creators.

Over the next few years, Chugach must navigate an evolving energy landscape. Declining local natural gas supply, flat load demand, and inadequate Railbelt infrastructure require us to ask: What should the future of our electric system look like? The answer lies in a diversified, modernized, and member-focused energy system—one that leverages smart investments, strategic partnerships, and innovative technology to create an energy system that benefits our families, businesses, and future generations.

Key Priorities:

1. Renewable Energy Integration – Expand and optimize renewable energy sources while maintaining grid stability and affordability.
2. Grid Infrastructure Improvements & Funding – Use smart funding strategies to invest in transmission infrastructure expansions and battery storage and develop demand growth opportunities.
3. Addressing the Impending Gas Shortage – Develop mid-term solutions that secure a stable, cost-effective energy supply while transitioning toward a more diversified energy portfolio.

I would be honored to have your vote. Learn more at KatherineForChugach.com.