



**City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska • Official Candidate Statement**

**Maria Gladziszewski**  
Candidate: Areawide Assemblymember

**Name:** Maria Gladziszewski

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**Occupation:** Assistant Director, Division of Wildlife Conservation, Alaska Department of Fish & Game

**Spouse's Name:** Eric Kueffner

**Place of Birth:** Chicago, IL

**Length of Residency in Juneau:** 25 years

**Education:** M.A. in Science, Technology, and Public Policy - George Washington University; B.S. in biology - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Political and Government Positions:** Juneau Planning Commission, 11+ years, chair for 3; CBJ AJ Mine Advisory Committee Member

**Other appropriate information:** In addition to the above, Maria Gladziszewski (Glad-ih-chef-ski) has held the following positions: lecturer/naturalist (in Glacier Bay and Katmai National Parks) as well as for private tour companies; staff to the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology; analyst for the Alaska legislature (in its non-partisan research bureau); CBJ Special Projects Officer (tackling issues as varied as tourism policy, human/bear conflicts, and solid waste management); President, Perseverance Theatre Board. In her spare time, Maria enjoys acting (Perseverance, Theatre in the Rough, Juneau Lyric Opera) as well as gardening and all types of outdoor activities.

**Position Statement:**

I'd like to use my proven problem-solving and consensus-building skills to serve the community on the Juneau Assembly.

With declining federal and state funding and limited local revenue, Juneau faces difficult choices ahead. I will ask tough questions and look at every line item in the budget in order to get the most out of every dollar the city takes in.

We need to keep our basic industries strong, including being the best Capital City, and provide infrastructure for government, tourism, resource and manufacturing businesses. We need to expand housing options for all Juneau residents including affordable rentals and homes and a continuum of choices for seniors.

Attracting new businesses requires stable taxes, fair and practical land use rules, and a place for those businesses to operate. From nearly 12 years on the Juneau Planning Commission, I know that flat buildable land is an increasingly rare commodity. We must identify and develop more land for industrial and commercial uses.

While serving on the Planning Commission, I worked hard to help foster a collaborative decision-making environment. I'm proud to say that there were only a handful of divisive votes because we listened to one another, worked together, and valued each other's perspectives. The final decisions were better for that, and I will bring the same approach to the Assembly.

I've spent my entire career getting things done in a non-partisan, practical way. That's the type of person Juneau should have on the Assembly, and that's why I'm asking for your vote.