

Background Info on our Candidates for RCCC Board - 2022

NOTE: Seven seats are available for the RCCC 2022 Board (four are 2-year seats; three are 1-year seats). Incumbents whose 2-year terms will be up after 2022 are Dianne Holmes; Judy Michael; Ann Rappoport (Co-chair); David Sterling (Secretary). Candidates for 2022 in alphabetical order are:

Matt Blakeslee

I was born and raised in Anchorage and moved within the boundaries of the Rabbit Creek Community Council during Elementary school. After working my way through the Anchorage Public School system, I left Alaska to attend college and graduate school at the University of Idaho. Both of my degrees are in Geological Sciences, and I currently work as an Engineering Geologist for a consulting company in Anchorage. I have worked on a variety of development projects across the state from the North Slope to Juneau. For the past six months, I have been an active member of the Land Use and Transportation Committee utilizing my professional skill set to support and advocate on behalf of the Rabbit Creek Community Council. My hope is to continue serving the council and all its community members. When not working, you can find me spending time with my wife Rachel and daughter Emersyn enjoying the numerous outdoor opportunities Anchorage has to offer.

Amanda Doughty (Social Media Committee)

I first moved into the RCCC area in 2018 and always saw the signs on the street about the Council's meetings but never knew what it was about. After months of digging around I determined how/where to attend my first meeting. In that meeting, I was quite surprised to find very little community members involved. I thought to myself, if I could not find out how to participate, others may not as well. With that said, I am interested in keeping community members informed on the business of RCCC, help community members understand the importance of their involvement and, perhaps, learn more about the RCCC.

Keith Guyer (Incumbent – Co-Treasurer)

I have lived at 162nd and Golden View since 1996. My wife and I raised our two daughters, who still live in the greater Anchorage area. I have been a member and supporter of the RCCC for as long as I have lived here. My background is that I am a Professional Geologist and worked performing environmental cleanup throughout Alaska. I am currently retired. My interest is to support the local community and to try and preserve, as much as we can, the semi-rural nature of the hill side. I would like to see more and younger members join the RCCC and volunteer to be board members, officers and/or committee members. We need representative and active participation by as many local people as we can get.

Carl Johnson (Incumbent – Co-chair)

Carl moved to Alaska over 20 years ago after graduating law school to clerk for the court system. He practiced law and worked for USFWS in resource management before opening up a small tourism business. In addition to being a small business owner he is a Navy veteran. He has been a resident of the Rabbit Creek area for 9 years and the co-chair of the RCCC for the

last year. Carl wants to continue as a board member because he loves the quality of life we have in south Anchorage, believes in citizen participation, and wants to ensure that local residents have a voice in the Rabbit Creek community.

Mike Kenny (Incumbent – FCC Delegate)

We've lived in the Turnagain Arm area from Hope/Sunrise to Huffman Rd. since 1970. We settled in just south of Little Survival Creek between Goldenview Dr. & the Old Seward Highway in 1985. I worked as a construction technical engineer throughout the State until 1992 when I became a business representative for Teamster Local 959. After retiring as secretary/treasurer in 2007 I became active in the RCCC and HALO, serving on the board in both organizations including a term as RCCC Chair Person. I also campaigned unsuccessfully for the Anchorage Assembly and the Alaska House of Representatives. I look upon the watersheds feeding Potter Marsh as treasures for the community and see the Rabbit Creek community as a Turnagain Arm community. As such there are differences between us and the Anchorage Bowl including the Hillside north of DeArmoun road. We must be vigilant of urban style dense subdivisions. We must be watch dogs while being lead dogs to the extent possible.

John Riley

Paradise Valley in the Rabbit Creek area has been my home for 36 years. I raised my family here where the draw many of us have to the Rabbit Creek area is its close proximity and access to the world class wilderness opportunities in Chugach State Park. I'm primarily interested in RCCC land use issues as they relate to retaining the natural features of the Rabbit Creek landscape and retaining access to the wilderness opportunities in Chugach State Park. My background is in the medical field including as a Physician Assistant and medical educator at UAA and UW.

Michelle Turner (Incumbent – Vice-chair)

I am a lifelong Alaskan, born in Anchorage and have been living in the Rabbit Creek area since 2013. By profession I assist companies (predominantly resource development, but also industry) in obtaining permits and authorization for them to carry out their activities, so I am familiar with land use planning and permitting policies and procedures. I want to be a board member because I value the quality of life we have here in Anchorage and on the hillside and want to make sure we maintain that as Anchorage grows.

Randy Saldivar

My family and I moved to Anchorage in 2018. I currently serve as the 176th Air National Guard's Logistics Readiness squadron commander here on JBER. Living here, one could quite easily fall in love with Alaska and that's exactly what has happened to our family. Anchorage is very diverse in its construct, urban in pockets yet it maintains the rural nature and ruggedness Alaska's known for. To keep that blend, active participation from vested community members is a must. Working with teams is always interesting and exciting for me when trying to work through simple and tough issues alike. Working with RCCC will enable us to get to know our neighbors as we seek solutions for our community's future. I'm fortunate to serve our great state as an Alaska Guardsman and I look forward to serving locally in the RCCC as one of its board members.