



# Federation of Community Councils

## Welcomes New Executive Director



Please help us welcome the Federation of Community Council's first Executive Director, Arianna Bellizzi! We are absolutely thrilled to have her on the team!

Arianna is a born and raised Californian who fell in love with the long summers, close-knit community, and everything that Alaska has to offer someone in search of home. While attending the University of San Diego, she had the opportunity to study abroad for three months and visit 15 countries before graduating with honors. She recently finished a successful career at BBC Studios, where she led a highly skilled team for five years, developing relationships with small communities across the state. Most recently, she has completed her certification in project management. Arianna has immersed herself in the Anchorage community, joining the Arctic Entries story coaching team, providing management experience for local theaters, and connecting with the LGBTQ+ community.

She brings a passion for community building, creative problem-solving, a pledge to strengthen voices, and a commitment to organizing and growing our capacity.

The FCC went through a transition period in 2023, which allowed the Transition Committee and Executive Board to propose a strategic reorganization, with an Executive Director at the helm, to focus on pursuing new opportunities to strengthen sustainability, cultivate lasting partnerships, and champion the Community Councils. The new Director position will emphasize building community, expanding membership, and inspiring others to pursue a shared vision of maximum community involvement.

During the 2024 budget cycle, the Anchorage Assembly increased funding for the FCC to secure a dynamic new leader to guide the organization through this transformation. The Transition Committee approached the hiring process focused on finding a candidate with creative problem-solving skills, management experience, meticulous attention to detail, a proven relationship-building track record, an ability to collaborate effectively with diverse groups, and an excellent communicator. When it selected Arianna, the committee gave significant consideration to skills, experiences, and expertise to guide the FCC through this next phase of growth.

Arianna will be responsible for the overall strategic and operational responsibility of the day-to-day functions, including administrative, operations, finances, and program activities.

Arianna can be reached at [ExecDirector@CommunityCouncils.org](mailto:ExecDirector@CommunityCouncils.org) and 907-277-1977. Please reach out, introduce yourself and welcome her to the team!

Cheers!

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