

Having met with each of the candidates and reviewed the answers they submitted to our candidate questionnaire; House District 27 of the Alaska Republican Party has given our full and unqualified endorsement to David Eastman to be our representative in the Alaska House of Representatives.

On behalf of the 5,478 Republican voters who live in House District 27, the District Committee met with both candidates on August 6th and voted to endorse David Eastman. The vote was 11 in favor and 2 against. The district committee also voted on whether to also endorse Jubilee Underwood in the race for state house and decided against doing so under the current circumstances. The result of that vote was also 11 to 2. The committee members felt strongly that with the current attacks and interference from those outside the district, they wanted to send a clear message that District 27 supports David Eastman as our legislator, and it is our decision who we want to represent us. The outside attacks and influence are not appreciated by the members of the District Committee, or the voters we represent.

David Eastman has faithfully represented us in the Alaska House of Representatives even though it has cost him and his staff in the capital dearly in doing so. He is the only Republican member of the state house who has never given up on forming a Republican Majority. He is also the only legislator whose staffer was fired when other valley legislators abandoned the idea of a Republican Caucus to form a bipartisan caucus in the house.

In the most recent legislative session, Rep. Eastman was a forceful advocate for the legislature to finally adhere to Article II, Section 16 of the Alaska Constitution. It did not escape our notice that, after being compelled to follow this provision of the constitution, Republican legislators immediately moved to remove Rep. Eastman from the House Judiciary Committee, of which he was the longest-serving member.

Alaskans who live in District 27 have been punished repeatedly for continuing to elect as our representative a candidate who accurately reflects the will of our district. Our legislative aide, Pam Goode, who served our district for years as a legislative employee, was fired because she worked for our district. Our sole voice in the legislative committee process has been removed, with the support of the other Republican valley legislators in the house. These decisions targeting the residents of our district demonstrate a corruption of our public process and an attack upon our ability to choose our own elected officials without being retaliated against by legislators in other districts. The District 27 Committee will continue to support our current legislator, and respect, and represent the will and interests of Republican's in our district.

Eli Graber,



Chairman
House District 27 Republican Party

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