

To: CBS Assembly members

From: Thor Christianson

Dear Assembly members,

I was sorry to hear about Phyllis Hackett resigning from the Assembly recently. After working with her for three years I have a lot of respect for her both personally and as an Assembly member. With that said, I wish to put myself forward to take her seat until the next election.

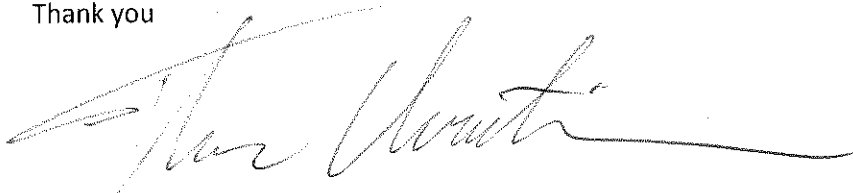
I am aware that most of you know me already, but a little about my history. I have served on the Assembly for three terms, from 1998 to 2004, and from 2010 to 2013. I was born here in Sitka, and have spent the vast majority of my life here. I have volunteered for many years at the Fire Department, although I am not active right now. I live on an island in Jamestown bay with my wife and two daughters. I work at Southeast Region EMS as the resource manager.

I believe that I am qualified to step in and contribute immediately. Having been recently on the Assembly will make it much easier to get up to speed. Most of the issues confronting the Assembly have their roots in events and decisions that came about in the last ten years or even farther back. The hospital is a good case in point. I was the hospital liaison for a number of years, including during the last fiscal crisis there, and I am quite familiar with the hospital and its strengths and weakness. As you all know, there is a steep learning curve for Assembly members, and I will not have to start at the beginning if you select me to fill in for Phyllis.

Finally, since I ran for Assembly this fall you all know that I am interested in serving once again. This is not something where I just saw that the seat was open and decided to try get in easily. I care deeply about Sitka, and want to be part of the solution for its challenges.

If any of you have any questions that you would like to put to me before the meeting this Friday, feel free to email me and I will answer to the whole Assembly and the clerk to avoid any open meetings conflicts.

Thank you



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