



# 2025 PRIORITIES

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## HOUSING ACTION

communicate the Assembly's housing vision, streamline codes and processes, and spur innovative attainable housing

## ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION

support infrastructure upgrades and affordable energy; improve road safety and ADA compliance; support Port of Alaska Modernization Project

## PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE

fund public safety, mental health & Crisis Now model; invest in outdoor and public spaces; prioritize neighborhood safety

## GOOD GOVERNMENT

monitor service delivery to ensure high quality municipal operations, support for MOA workforce & secure MOA's fiscal future

## 2025 GOALS

### HOUSING ACTION

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Committees: CEDC & Housing & Homelessness

- Pause and update **multifamily residential design standards** to encourage more housing
- Update code for **housing tax incentives**
- Support Building Services through **Title 23/IBC updates to encourage more alternatives**
- Continue to **make it easier to re-use/update buildings** by simplifying non-conformity issues
- Work with ASD, MOA Real Estate and HLB to **develop more housing options on MOA lands**
- Encourage an RFP for **housing development at Federal Archives site**

- Update B-3 **mixed use zone for more housing**
- Work with MOA Real Estate and partners to **find funds for new housing & demolition of abandoned buildings**
- Develop **pre-approved ADU design** program
- **Activate zoning in Transit-Supportive Development Corridors** for mixed-use infill development
- Pass improvements/fixes to **Site Access code** section in Title 21 after working group process
- Complete the **Targeted Plan Review for the Anchorage Comprehensive Plan**

### QUALITY MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Change this title to 'Good Government'?

Committees: Budget & Finance, Quality MOA Services

- Investigate MOA Intergovernmental Charges (IGCs) to **create more efficient budgeting**
- Launch community-wide conversation and education on **fiscal future of Anchorage**
- **Explore Rank Choice Voting** system
- Support **50th Anniversary of MOA unification**
- **Build MOA workforce pipeline**, including expand Youth Employment in Parks across departments
- Implement actions from the **findings of the Animal Control strategic plan** when it is released
- Update MOA public records production process

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committees: CEDC, IEUOC

- Update **Chugiak-Eagle River comprehensive plan** and transportation plan
- Resolution of support a **fast-track education certificate program at UAA**
- Bring **Project Anchorage sales tax proposal** to the ballot
- **Update Marijuana licensing code**
- Investigate strategies, tax updates and code changes to **support small business, creative and nightlife and tourism economies**
- Expand support for **Food Security Initiatives**

### HOMELESSNESS

Committees: Housing & Homelessness

- **Host community summit on homelessness**
- Support community members working to **develop a pilot for a work/living skills program for people experiencing homelessness**
- **Rethink the idea of warming centers** as a homelessness response to a community-wide response
- **Improve MOA response to illegal camping** in parks and vehicles
- Continue to track municipal appropriations for housing and **ensure a balance of funding between prevention, housing and shelter**
- Secure another hotel conversion to **increase permanent supportive housing units**

### ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Committees: Rules, Ethics & Elections

- Ensure **smooth transition with a large class of new members** after April election
- **Continue leadership training and succession planning** to prepare Members for leadership roles
- **Develop more manageable workload** by resetting relationship with Administration and being mindful of number of meetings and commitments
- Continue to **strengthen and protect Anchorage election** system
- Continue to develop **Assembly Aide and Youth Representative programs**, and onboard a third Assembly attorney
- **Continue to tie workplan into committee structure** for a seamless flow for work and review
- Secure three+ **MOA requests to state legislature**

### PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE

Committees: Public Health & Safety

- Develop a more comprehensive approach to **community involvement in policing**
- Reinvigorate TED plan for a **grocery store and other services at Tudor/Elmore**
- Continue **AFD collaboration on Wildfire safety**
- Finalize & **approve Girdwood Comp. Plan**
- Develop **funding streams for Girdwood and Chugiak-Eagle River cemeteries**
- Develop program for **licensing and inspections of massage establishments**
- Monitor and encourage RFP from Health Department for **Alaska Center for Treatment**
- **Identify steps needed to complete Crisis Now continuum** with AFD and APD
- Support **upgrade of Chugiak Senior Center**

### INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION

Committees: IEUOC, Transportation

- Continue to pursue **full restoration of Eklutna River and explore options for Pumped Storage Hydro**
- Support Administration in **securing contractor for Terminal 1 construction at the Port**
- Approve **six-year program (CIP) for Chugach State Park Access (CASA) bond**
- Integrate **LRSAs and RRSAs into annual community council capital project survey**
- Reinvigorate **discussions on Stormwater Utility**
- **Continue to promote safe streets** through Vision Zero and street safety interventions
- Continue to **track energy issues** and support the Administration, utilities and community partners on solutions and education

# ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

Christopher Constant, Chair · Meg Zaletel, Vice Chair

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# DRAFT 2025 PROGRESS REPORT

## 2024 Accomplishments continued

### PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE

*Committees: Public Health & Safety*

- **Made the Mobile Crisis Team permanent** (AO 2024-113) and funded 24-7 service
- Added **body worn cameras to Municipal Use of Surveillance Technologies** (AO 2024-69)
- Passed legislation, pursued legal strategies, and conducted advocacy and education to **fully restore the Eklutna River**, including a **landmark joint action with the Native Village of Eklutna** (Joint Resolution 2024-001)
- Voters **approved Chugach State Park Access Service Areas and Park Bonds**
- Assembly-allocated ARPA funds enabled completion of **Coastal Trail Northern Extension** in Chugiak, **Mountain View Field House** groundbreaking, **Equity Center**, **Girdwood Master Plan**, **vacant & abandoned property tear downs** and **AFD wildfire mitigation work**
- Passed a **requirement for mandatory ID checks** at all alcohol-serving establishments (AO 2024-101)
- Passed resolutions **calling on MOA to improve animal care practices, calling on state to restrict sale of unregulated diet pills** and supplements to youth, and creating the **Access for Youth Initiative**
- Negotiated a deal to **preserve access to the Small Boat Harbor**
- Conducted an **Areawide Public Restroom Study to identify areas in need of public restrooms**
- **Officially named Chitose Park on Sand Lake** to honor our sister city in Japan

### ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

*Committees: Rules, Ethics & Elections*

- **Increased engagement in local government:** Held City Nerd Nites, Food for Thought and Assembly 101 trainings, made 20+ community presentations, hosted Assembly Energy Retreat
- **Met regularly with Congressional Delegation and Anchorage Delegation** of the Legislature
- **Upgraded Assembly Chambers A/V** with new streaming graphics and intermission music
- **Secured state legislative grants** for district capital projects and homeless shelter
- Established Legislative branch records and information mgmt program (AO 2024-124)
- Reorganized Assembly **committee structure to better align with municipal departments**

### QUALITY MUNICIPAL SERVICES

*Committee: Budget & Finance, Quality MOA Services*

- **Funded \$280K for employee retention initiatives:** equipment for telework, AFD wellness pilot program, and supervisor training through the Office of Equity and Inclusion
- Completed **employee survey and initial recommendations for retention & recruitment**
- Developed a strategic **plan for equitable use of alcohol tax funding**
- Title 28 revision: **enhance the security and efficiency of ballot return process**, allow use of secure portal for electronic ballot transmittal, and **empower Municipal Prosecutor to charge and prosecute election offenses**
- **Completed audit of 2022 MOA financials**

## 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

*Committees: CEDC & Housing & Homelessness*

- Passed HOME Initiative (AO 2023-87) to **allow 'Two-Family Dwellings' in every residential zone**
- Required **hosting planforms to submit more detailed data** to better track STRs (AO 2024-81(S), AA)
- Developed process for **third party review for commercial development** (AO 2023-136(S), As Amended)
- **Reduce hurdles for rehabbing old buildings** by removing nonconformity fees (AO 2024-15)
- Relaxed open space requirements to **make new multi-family housing more affordable** (AO 2024-16)
- Provided \$1.3M to the Anchorage Affordable Housing and Land Trust for a **pilot project to rehab vacant and abandoned buildings for housing**
- **Removed duplication of requirements** for Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) (AO 2024-83(S), AA)
- **Removed barriers to ADU development** by waiving non-conformity issues (AO 2024-376)
- **Updated transit-supportive corridors** for tax incentives for multi-family housing (AO 2024-111)
- **Ended future use of special limitations** to create transparency for housing development (AO 2024-99)
- **Funded Emergency Cold Weather Shelter** for 2024-25 and some permanent operating funds
- Assembly-allocated **ARPA funds enabled the opening of new housing:** Providence's Q'et'en Qenq'a for ages 55+ experiencing homelessness and Cook Inlet Housing Authority's Ch'bala Corners II
- Funded **year-round shelter at the 56th Avenue Shelter**, including obtaining \$4M state legislative grant

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Committees: CEDC, IEUOC*

- **Major advancements on Port Modernization:** determined design concepts for terminals and approved tariff surcharge increase for construction
- Funded the **first year of an online bidding system for MOA contracts**
- Convened community group to plan **start up of the Anchorage Child Care and Early Education Fund**, including a new board to oversee funding
- Changed code and provided funding for **In Our Backyard tiny home pilot project**
- Funded **tear downs of vacant and abandoned buildings** to repurpose for housing & other uses

### INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION

*Committees: IEUOC, Transportation*

- **Held snow removal special meeting** with the Administration in August to plan for the season
- **Launched Pedestrian Safety Campaign:** October Pedestrian Safety Month and pressure on AKDOT to improve pedestrian safety on state roads
- **Supported downtown protected bike lane** pilot project, codified **e-bike & e-scooter regulations**, and opened door to new bike businesses
- Supported funding for **repairs at Solid Waste Services to repair from a fire in landfill**
- Confirmed a director and budget to **activate the Anchorage Hydropower utility**
- Increased **traffic calming to \$1M in bond**