

Sonya Smith Bio

I come from a very large traditional native family which encompass several rural villages here in Southeast. I enjoy the subsistence lifestyle. My professional background has been in home healthcare, I have worked in all the Pioneer homes in Southeast as a certified nursing assistant, I have specialized in youth advocacy, and long term sobriety. I know what it means to be a single parent and to work 2 jobs. I raised my son in Juneau who also lives and works here in Sitka.

I have helped to pioneer a youth group in Juneau for at risk youth that started out in a small government office and has grown into a statewide organization. I also have experience with tribal organizations, and volunteer when I can at a local church which I continue to be a part of on a regular basis.

As an assembly member I would like to serve the interests of all Sitkans and unify Sitka's diversity.

Sonya Smith Advocacy Statement

My name is Sonya Smith, my Tlingit name is Schuthlxnik, from the Kaachadi raven sockeye clan in Kake, Alaska. I have lived and worked in Sitka since December of '08.

My mission as an assembly member will be to address Native Right's, healthcare, employment and training programs, the high cost of living and youth advocacy in Sitka.

I am very concerned about our young families and retirees leaving town as well as a noticeable absence of the middle class. I plan to encourage and engage the community in an open dialogue. Every voice matters. Sitka, I will listen to you, I would be grateful for your vote on October 3rd.

