

Position Sought: Governor

Name and Political Affiliation: Les Gara, Registered Democrat

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Biographical Information

Age: 59

Place of Birth: Bronx, New York

Spouse's Name: Kelly

Occupation: Consultant, Fishing and Outdoors Writer, Former Attorney

Length of Residency in Alaska: 34 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:
Fairbanks 1988-89, Anchorage 1989-present.

Education:
Freeport High School, Boston University, Harvard Law School

Political and Government Positions:
Alaska Legislator 2003-2018; Assistant Alaska Attorney General, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Civil Prosecution.

Business and Professional Positions:
Minority Owner, Snow City Cafe; Owner Les Gara Consulting & Writing, write fishing and outdoors articles, consulted most recently with Big Brothers Big Sisters and Covenant House of Alaska

Service Organization(s) Membership:
Alaska Flyfishers Lifetime Member. National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (Foster Care Policy Non-Profit).

Special Interests:
Fishing, hiking, rafting and boating.

Other (Biographical Information):

Founder Foster Care volunteer initiatives including Laptops for Foster Youth; Foster Youth mentorship (Now run by Big Brothers Big Sisters); And FosterWear clothing discounts for foster youth (now run by State of Alaska)

Position Statement

You deserve a better future, with better schools, job training, a living minimum wage of at least \$15 an hour, and an economy that produces good jobs. People deserve the opportunity to succeed, whether born rich or poor. But over the past three years 20,000 more people have left Alaska than have moved here because they see no future.

Most of us have grown up with our own hardship. Mine was losing my father to a killer who broke into his office when I was six. I grew up in foster homes. But regardless of how you are born or raised, you deserve the promise of liberty and justice for all, and equal rights.

We should have a construction and community project budget that puts people to work and supports needs like renewable energy to lower energy costs and battle climate change. You deserve good road maintenance, a strong Marine Highway, and what's needed in rural and urban communities for success. We can afford that, and a stronger PFD instead of false PFD promises, by ending over \$1 billion in subsidies Alaska gives to the wealthiest oil companies in the world.

I believe in protecting our fish, support responsible development, but and oppose the Pebble Mine and the dumping of over 1,000 tons of dead halibut and salmon and crab by Outside factory trawlers.

I'm the only pro-choice candidate for Governor and will protect those rights.

I'll stand up for all of you, not just the wealthiest and most powerful.

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