



Declaration of Candidacy for Vacant Assembly District 1 Seat
City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska
Municipal Clerk's Office
155 S. Seward St., Juneau, AK 99801
Phone: 907-586-5278 fax: 586-4552
City.Clerk@juneau.org

CBJ Code provides for the following regarding the filling of vacancies on the Assembly:

11.10.040 Vacancies.

"(a) Except for a vacancy in the office of mayor, a vacancy on the assembly shall be filled by the assembly which shall appoint by majority vote of the remaining members a qualified resident of the election district from which the vacancy arose to be the acting assemblymember until the next regular election and a successor is elected. The person appointed by the assembly shall be compensated in accordance with CBJ 11.15.050(b)." ...

Individuals wishing to be considered for the upcoming vacant District 1 Assembly seat are asked to complete the below form and attach a letter of interest and resume and submit it to the Municipal Clerk's office at the above address by January 2, 2019.

I, T. Yvette Soutiere, hereby declare my candidacy for the District 1 Assembly seat, and agree to serve if appointed, and hereby swear (affirm) that:

- I am a qualified voter as required by law; and
- I am a resident of the City and Borough of Juneau, and will have been a resident for at least one year immediately preceding the date of this appointment; and
- I am a resident of Assembly District 1; and
- I am not an employee of Bartlett Regional Hospital, the City and Borough of Juneau or any municipal board, commission, committee or other group, except for the school district, nor any public body created by the Assembly; and
- If appointed, I will not hold any other compensated municipal office or employment or elected partisan political office while serving on the Assembly.
- If I am appointed, I agree to file the required Alaska Public Officials Financial Disclosure statement in accordance with AS 39.50.

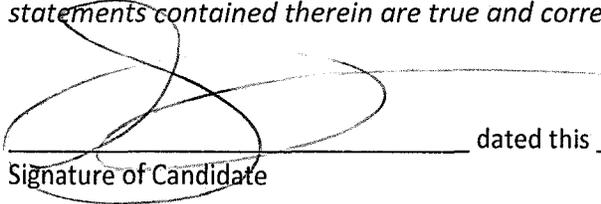
<u>Theresa Yvette Soutiere</u>	<u>907-388-0755 (home) / 907-586-4000 (work)</u>
Full Legal Name of Candidate	Phone Number(s)
<u>634 6th St., Juneau, AK 99801</u>	<u>[12 / 27 / 2014]</u>
Residence Address, City, State, and Zip Code	[Date at which residency began in CBJ]
<u>634 6th St., Juneau, AK 99801</u>	<u>yvettesoutierelaw@gmail.com</u>
Mailing Address, City, State and Zip Code	Email Address

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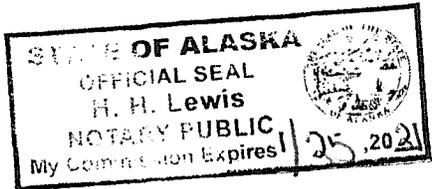
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I, T. Yvette Soutiere, hereby declare my candidacy for the vacant District 1 Assembly seat, and hereby swear or affirm that the above declaration and all statements contained therein are true and correct.

 dated this 10th day of December, 2018.
 Signature of Candidate

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this 6th day of Dec, 2018.


 H. H. Lewis #
 SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC FOR STATE OF ALASKA
 H. H. Lewis # 1/25/18
 Notary Public Printed Name & Commission Expiration Date



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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to express my interest in the soon-to-be-vacant District 1 Assembly seat. I have been a community member, residing in Starr Hill, since my arrival in Juneau in late 2014. I have chosen to apply for the open seat because there is a need for someone to continue the solid and informed representation Mr. Kiehl brought to the Assembly.

My husband and I were married in Juneau in 2010. It was then when I fell in love with this place and worked hard to return, to make this our home. Since my arrival, I have worked to become an involved community member, both in my own neighborhood and in the Greater Juneau area. Within the neighborhood, I have worked to ensure that our voices are heard, especially with regards to Chicken Yard Park. As an avid hiker, I find great joy in the trail system here – a true gem and delightful during any season. I am a member of Trail Mix as a way to give back and support this treasure. I am also a private pilot and frequently can be found at the airport.

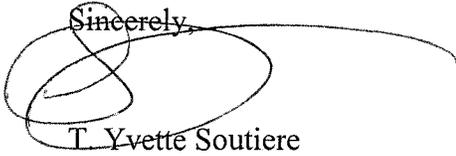
I have a background in science and worked in the ever-unpopular nuclear industry before attending law school from 2004 to 2007. During law school, I concentrated in environmental law, both domestic and international, focusing on toxic torts, RCRA and CERCLA (Superfund). These experiences make me uniquely situated to understand the balance between industry and the environment, both in a legal and ethical way.

For seven years, I worked for the State of Alaska as a public defender in Kotzebue, Nome, Fairbanks, and Ft. Yukon, followed by the Office of Public Advocacy as their sole criminal and parental representation staff attorney for Southeast; representing people in Juneau, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Petersburg, Klawock, Sitka, Haines, Skagway, Hoonah, Angoon, Yakutat, and Wrangell. Six months ago, I chose to leave state service in order to expand my practice areas, to focus on a wider population, and to concentrate on giving back to this community. Currently, I am a small business owner, having set up my own law firm here in Juneau.

As an attorney, it is essential to be able to think critically and quickly. Problem solving is key in this business and does not necessarily mean tossing money at a problem. Being a public defender means constantly being in the public eye, defending those accused of crimes in sometimes high-profile, high-stakes cases while many times, making extremely technical, though sometimes unpopular, arguments.

I am a strong candidate for this appointed position. I bring a unique set of skills to the table. My scientific and legal background ensures that I will make no decision until hearing and considering all the evidence community members and interested parties proffer and will make those decisions within the current bounds of the law. My defense background has given me a front-row seat with respect to the current, pressing issues of crime and homelessness and what has worked with respect to criminal defense reform as well as what still needs to be done. I have strong negotiation skills and the ability to hear, make sense of, and empathize with both sides in an issue. I have keen communication skills, both in a public forums and individually or in small teams. If you choose me to fill Mr. Kiehl's seat on the Assembly, I will represent my district with respect, intelligence, and dignity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

T. Yvette Soutiere